

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

January/February 2019

MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

**-TIME: 10AM EVERY WEDNESDAY
IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH,
2019**

**-LOCATION: STARBUCKS, 132ND AND
MERIDIAN E., PUYALLUP, WA**

**-SOMETHING TO DO IN THE OFF-
SEASON!**

Fire up your Miata and have a cup of mid-morning coffee and some old-fashioned "bench racing" chatting-up fellow Miata drivers every Wednesday at 10:00 AM from January 2, 2019 through March 27, 2019 at Starbucks, 132nd & Meridian E., Puyallup, WA, USA.

OPEN EVENT. All Mazda MX-5 Miata sports cars welcome. Our club members, other-club members, non-club members, and just plain enthusiasts attend. Look for people wearing Miata hats. If you have a Miata or simply love them, this is a way to meet some fun roadsters and their people — when we actually stop driving for a bit — and find out what we all do. (If you don't like Starbucks there is a Black Bear Yogurt next door).

No agenda; whoever zooms in are the right people to attend and whatever happens is the only thing that could happen. There are also some fun back roads nearby for sports motoring.

(In the event of snow, ice, or other heavy weather, stay home.)

From Freeway 512 in Puyallup take the South Hill & Eatonville exit onto SR 161 (Meridian) southbound, go south to traffic light at 132nd St. and turn left. (Set your GPS to find 10219 132nd St E, Puyallup WA 98374).

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MG CAR CLUB ANNUAL 38TH TULIP RALLY

**April 27, 2019 @
8:30am Cascade Mall in
Burlington, WA**

Open to all makes, types of cars, and clubs!
Begin and end the rally at the Cascade Mall in Burlington, WA. Take exit 230 from Interstate 5 at SR 20. Proceed eastbound on SR 20, turn right onto S. Burlington Blvd at traffic light, turn right at another traffic light onto one of the three Cascade Mall Drives. The staging area is in the Southwest corner next to I-5. Check-in and day-of-event registration opens at 8:30 am. Drivers' meeting begins at 9:30 with first cars out at ~9:45 am.

It is a laid back and casual "gimmick rallye" where the challenge is to spot and record the answers to questions based on signs and objects found along the way while following turn-by-turn route driving instructions, devilishly laid out by the Rallyemaster, whose job it is to make you laugh as you attempt to find the answers to the rather silly questions, riddles, and trivia. NOT a traditional time-speed-distance event. Route is

entirely on public, paved roads, no off-roading. Suitable for all vehicles and driver skill levels. No special knowledge nor equipment is needed to enjoy your car, your companion, the company of fellow enthusiasts and incredible roads and scenery. Typically the best scoring car from each participating club (which enters 5+ cars) wins a prize. Details for 2019 TBA. (If enough PSMC cars show up, we'll have a team.) Full info and pre-registration at <http://www.tuliprallye.org> Please check PSMC website for additional information.

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Hosts: Dee Dahlke (with her '99 and '16 "Road Dancer" Miatas) & Duncan Johnson (navigator and lot boy.)
For info: e-mail ToadHall-WA@yahoo.com or home phone 253-845-2424 (during event call Duncan's cell 253-327-4368).

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An Open Letter

To our members, present and past, and all Miata Enthusiasts,

The year 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the launch of the Miata on the American motorsports scene and brings about the time for a special celebration.

In the spirit of giving back for 30 years of driving fun, creativity, exploration of our beautiful Pacific Northwest and countless hours of volunteer effort, the Board of the Puget Sound Miata Club is hosting a 30-for-30 **30th Anniversary Holiday Party** on **Saturday, December 7, 2019** at the Cedarbrook Lodge in Seatac. The Cedarbrook Lodge is a beautiful venue nestled in the woods near I-5. It is known for its excellent hospitality and a delightful chef-inspired farm-to-table menu. There will be a block of rooms set aside for those who wish to make it a weekend.

This will be a perfect time to reconnect with old friends, make some new ones, tell stories, and share all of the memories that we have made on the road.

Once our plans are finalized, we will be sending out all of the details so you can plan, make your reservations, register, and pre-pay. We promise an entertaining evening and a celebration that you will not want to miss.

If you have questions or ideas, please email event coordinator, Karen Cooper, at klperry@comcast.net.

END-OF-THE-DRIVING SEASON LUNCHEON PICTURES



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President's Message

By Charlotte Fellers

Greetings Fellow Travelers, and Happy New Year!

As we begin another year of travels in our cars, I am reflecting on what has passed and what is yet to come. We have a few events planned for these dreary, dark winter months. One of the most fun events is the weekly Coffee in Puyallup with Dee Dalhke and Duncan Johnson (Wednesdays at the local Starbucks). This event has gained traction in the past few months, so it is continuing. If you live near Puyallup, you may want to stop in and see what all the fuss is about.

Another wintertime event is the First Tuesday collection of Miatas held in Bothell each month. Again, this event attracts some North Enders who enjoy getting together for dinner and talking "all things Miatas." Hosted by past president Ross Scott, you will surely enjoy this event if you attend. (Details for both are on our website).

Finally, we have an occasional meetup in Renton on the Third Thursday at Cheers Bar and Pub right in downtown Renton. This meeting is also a dinner meeting and is hosted off and on by our Treasurer, Sean McGriff and his wife Pam, or by Charlotte Fellers, President. Come on down and join us for one of these evening events.

We are entering YEAR 30 for the Miata! Our board is busy planning a big blowout for our club's 30th

anniversary. We are the first Miata club established in the U.S. after the Miata came out and we are proud to be a part of this milestone celebration. Our event is planned for December and board member Karen Cooper is heading up our committee. You can see some early announcements in this newsletter but be looking for others on a regular basis as plans are finalized. We are also hoping you will suggest some things you'd like to see at our party that would bring us all joy and memories. Get on board and be a part of this important anniversary celebration.

This has been an uneventful January for me. I was thinking back to last year when I didn't have sewer service (tree roots had clogged my sewer line) and then a month later, a flood in the kitchen (without a kitchen for almost four months). Things are peaceful here in Auburn this year, for which I am extremely thankful. I enjoyed my December trek to Wichita to visit my family and thought I'd share a tourist attraction that is worthy of visiting in case you are ever in the area.

My brother and I drove an hour down the road from Wichita to the city of Hutchinson, Kansas, where there is a salt mine that is open to visitors. It's called "Stratica" and when you get there, you don a hard hat and are

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taken in a freight elevator 650 feet underground. Exhibits are set up for about a quarter-mile of already-mined corridors. The exhibits explain how the salt mine was formed, and discovered in 1887 by a developer drilling for oil so he could provide new development to the area. Instead of striking oil, he discovered the rich salt deposit. The mine has been open for tours since 2007 and includes a train ride deep into the mine and then a "dark ride" that shows just how ambitious it is to mine salt. We spent about three hours in the mine. One of the most interesting aspects of the mine is that it serves as a depository for original prints of hundreds of movies and television programs. The day we visited a pallet arrived with original prints of the television show "Friends", wrapped in cellophane. Who knows where they are all stored, but they explained that the contracts with Hollywood production companies is a perfect one because the temperature in the mine is stable and with the mine being 650 feet below the earth's surface, it's a pretty safe place to store the prints. There were several costumes from recent Hollywood productions to view as well. All in all, it was a very interesting place to visit.

We'll have our Winter Board meeting on Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. with lunch provided by the board. If you wish to attend, please email Board President Charlotte Fellers for directions. This is a good time to put some events on the 2019 calendar and to step forward

to take advantage of some fun times planning our next big bash in December for our 30th Anniversary Party.

Happy Driving!

PSMC BUSINESS MEETING AND CALENDAR DISCUSSION

When: January 26, 2019

11am-2pm Location: Auburn, WA

Hosts: PSMC Board of Directors

Where: President's House in Auburn.

[Email](#) for directions if you plan to attend.

Kick off the new year by attending the first meeting of the new board of directors and help steer our club into new roads and adventures!

We will have lunch provided by the board, followed by the final opportunity to set the calendar for 2019. Also, we will kick off the planning for our 30th Anniversary Bash in December this year, when both the Miata and the PSMC turn 30. Being the first Miata club organized in the United States is a big deal.

We are the pace-setters! So come and be a part of the fun! If you have been thinking about hosting a drive and have some great ideas, bring them!

We have lots of open dates on our calendar and we'd love to help you organized, planned and get that drive on the calendar. All members are cordially invited to attend and give your input to the club's operation. Remember, the club is only as strong as it's dedicated members.

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

(The year at a glance — check website or future Sounders for updates)

January: Jan 23 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

Jan 26 PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

Jan 30 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

February: Feb 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Feb 06 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

Feb 13 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

Feb 20 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

Feb 21 Third Thursday Cruise-In

Feb 27 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

March: Mar 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Mar 06 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

Mar 13 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

Mar 20 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

Mar 27 MIATAS AND MORNING COFFEE WEEKLY ZOOM-IN

April: Apr 02 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Apr 18 Third Thursday Cruise-In

Apr 27 MG CAR CLUB 38TH ANNUAL TULIP RALLY

Apr 28 New Members' Welcome Drive

May: May 04 Detailin' Day

May 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

May 16 Third Thursday Cruise-In

May 18 Viking Fest Parade

May 23 OMAK TO KELOWNA ROAD RUN

June: Jun 01 PSMC Board Meeting

Jun 04 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Jun 08 Drive to Lunch II

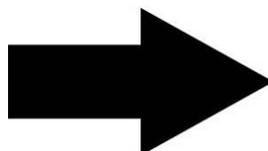
Jun 29 Fathoms O' Fun Parade

Additional Events Will Be Added At Any Time. Please check back at:

<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/page-1624266>

Miata Helpful Links

<https://www.miata.net/>



NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME DRIVE

Hosted by [Ross Scott](#) and [Allan Ohlsen](#)

April 28, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. at the Kidd Valley in Gene Coulon Park, Renton, WA

Please join us for a social time, no-host lunch, at Kidd Valley in Gene Coulon Park in Renton, followed by a great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads. Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward to meeting you, explaining "How we do it" and answering questions.

This event is designed for the new member, but all are encouraged to join in. Please plan to come to this fun event and meet some terrific people that enjoy the Miata experience as much as you do. The plan is to start at 11am with lunch, social time and presentations. At around 12:15pm, we will gather in the parking lot for a "drivers' meeting" before heading off for a one-hour adventure of fun roads. It should end by 3 p.m. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social February 5,
2018 at 5:30pm at
[McMenamin's Mill Creek](#)
13300 Bothell-Everett Highway
#304, Mill Creek, WA**

**Third Thursday Cruise-In
February 21, 2018 at 5:30pm
[Cheers Bar & Grill - Renton](#)
201 Williams Avenue South,
Renton, WA**



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MEMBERSHIP

The club operates as a non-profit organization and relies primarily on volunteer services. However, sponsorship of events, the publication and mailing of the newsletter, and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. **The Sounder is emailed as a PDF Link.** Make your Miata experience more enjoyable and join the club and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support!

Club membership is available by going to our website at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$30 (annual chapter dues)**. Puget Sound Miata Club

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If you would like to contribute an article or you took photos of an event you'd like to share, remember these guidelines:

- Send 3-5 of your best photos, not 20-30.
- Send us your JPEGs since we need to Photoshop them anyway.
- When sending news items, use one space at the end of sentences, not two. It saves space in the publication.
- Send all written materials in Arial and as attachments, i.e. word doc or docx or file text.
- The deadline is the 15th of the next month. Please observe it!

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Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403

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