MAZDA’S SUPERSTAR MIATA IS 30 YEARS OLD AND IT’S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

You are invited to the 30th Anniversary Holiday Party, hosted by the Puget Sound Miata Club and Coop’s Miata. This dressy casual event will be held at the Cedarbrook Lodge, 18525 36th Ave South, Sea Tac, WA., 98188, on Saturday, December 7, 5:30-11 p.m.

If you want to make it a weekend, you may reserve one of the Lodge’s well-appointed guest rooms or at several hotels within a short distance that can meet your needs.

You must be a past or present member of PSMC or a member of one of our sister Miata Clubs to attend.

Your Party Package will include a buffet dinner ticket @ $60.00, one drink ticket and one raffle ticket per person. Valet parking is included for banquet attendees in addition to self-parking for overnight guests. Fees apply.

Registered guest packages will be picked up at the door. There will not be tickets available the night of the event.

Please register and pre-pay as soon as possible, but no later than November 30, 2019 at www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org, on the Events Calendar 30th Anniversary Party on December 7, 2019. Seating is limited, formal invitation to follow. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Hello Everyone!

Happy Holidays are right around the corner and I wanted to let you all know that our deadline to register for the 30th Anniversary Party has been extended!

There are a few seats left and a few days left for you to register for our Holiday Anniversary Party to be held on Saturday, December 7th at Cedarbrook Lodge in SeaTac. If you want to join the fun, please register and prepay online, @ www.pugetsupoundmiataclub.org under Event Calendar.

Our Early Bird Reception will start at 5:30 pm in the “Lilly” and you may pick up your party packages at the door. Please park at Valet Parking, it is free for us, as it is included in the room rental and more secure.

As you meet up with old friends, we challenge you to an accounting of all the places in our world you’ve traveled in your Miata. Pin all the places you can think of, keep track of your pins, turn in your card at the end of the program and the person with the most wins a prize!

Don’t forget to bring a cash donation to put on the Giving Tree to benefit Treehouse, a Seattle organization that supports kids in foster care with what they need to be a success in life.

Our dinner buffet will begin at 7pm and the program at 8:15. People to recognize and thank, raffle tickets to draw and door prizes to give away and an open mic to share stories and memories.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Karen Cooper
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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.
Puget Sound Miata Club Elects
2020 New Officers and Board Members

The Puget Sound Miata Club Meeting was held on November 2, 2019 at Lee Johnson Mazda, in Kirkland, WA. The new Officers and Board Members take over in January 2020.

Board Member elections were held at the November meeting of the PSMC Board. The results of the election were unanimous as there was no opposition to the members who stepped up to serve.

Next year’s President will be one of our Past Presidents, Ross Scott of Bothell. Our new Vice-President, who hopes to train to become president will be Keith Medleau.

Tom Millar, a long-time board member, will be the recording secretary and serve as a regular board member. Tom also is a past-president. Treasurer will once again be Sean McGriff, who has served in this capacity for nearly 20 years. Another new face on the board, Glenn Hay-Roe will serve as our new membership chair. Bill Bell will continue as the Editor of the Sounder, and the manager of the PSMC Facebook page. Sean McGriff is the website administrator and Charlotte Fellers will continue assisting with website entries. Board members will be Bill and Karen Cooper and Bill Bell, all are Past Presidents; Dave Ferriby, and Patrick McNulty.

This club does not operate without great leaders. We have a number of them in the club who have stepped in to keep our club strong. Fresh ideas and new faces are always welcome on the board and at driving or social events. We hope to see you at one of them soon. Why not get more involved this year? You will enjoy meeting like-minded and fun people who enjoy driving the Great Miata!
Leaves to Lunch Aftermath

By Ross Scott

It was another perfect top-down day on October 26th for the first annual Leaves To Lunch drive. Early morning fog giving way to filtered sunlight in the afternoon. Yes it was 46 degrees F, but as I have said before, “It is easier to add clothes for warmth, and one can only take off so many to cool.” Besides, these cars have a heater out of a four-seater. I can almost see the heat waves rising out of the cockpit.

After a brief drivers meeting where season appropriate bags of season appropriate snacks were distributed, thanks to my lovely assistant Nancy’s creativity and tenacity, [the caramel-apple caramels were especially fun], the small group of Mazda’s finest departed Monroe at 10AM. Following roads that paralleled and sometimes followed the Drive to Lunch route, we cruised Lake Roesiger and wended our way north to Granite Falls for a brief rest stop, enjoying the beautiful fall leaves all the way.

Taking the Burn Road into Arlington, we followed Highway 530 to the Rhodes River Ranch for lunch with the horses. The food was very good and the view of the arena was fantastic. Everyone got commemorative magnets and a great drive through the leaves on 530 back to civilization.

Keep Zooming! Ross
Leaves to Lunch Pictures
I hope you all got your leaves raked, your shingles replaced and re-nailed, and the house buttoned up for the winter. It looks like the cold weather is here. I’ve had the Miata serviced and put back in the garage except for a weekly outing to keep it in shape. Yes, my friends, the end of the “driving season” has arrived.

I’m looking forward to the next year as we get some fresh voices and faces on our PSMC Board. I’ll be passing the reins to Ross Scott, who will serve as the next president of the PSMC Board of Directors. He’ll be joined by past president Tom Millar, who will serve as the recording secretary, vice-president Keith Medleau, and Treasurer, Sean McGriff. Board member Glenn Hay-Roe will be your new membership chair, so direct your member-related questions to him at glenn@hayroe.net. Serving as regular board members for the upcoming year are Dave Ferriby, Karen Cooper, Bill Cooper and Patrick McNulty. It has been an honor to serve the club the past two years, but I do look forward to a break from the details of events and planning.

Our big final event of the year will be on Dec. 7, when the PSMC will celebrate our 30-year anniversary as a club, which also coincides with 30 years of the Miata. We’ve received some fun “give-away” items form Mazda USA so I thought you’d like to see what you can take home from the party on Dec. 7. We will be giving away the Mazda-branded baseball caps and a Mazda-branded backpack. These backpacks have an unusual design and appear to work well for day hikes or short trips where you just need a lightweight backpack to carry your stuff. The club will be giving away a mobile battery jumper that also has a hookup to charge your electronics from the portable battery pack (see the photos of all three). We will have some other prizes to give away at the party, so I hope this teaser is enough to entice you to attend and celebrate with us. Cocktails at a no-host bar will commence at 5:30 and we’ll go into the dinner venue at 6 for some mingling and icebreakers before dinner. This will be a great time to honor our past presidents, our history, and toast the future of the club. Registration has been extended to Nov. 30, thanks to Cedarbrook Lodge (the venue for the event) so go ahead—register on the website and come join us!

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Next up will be our final calendar session to set up our 2020 drives. We do this at the January board meeting, which will be Jan. 11 at Lee Johnson Mazda in Kirkland. This venue provides us with a free meeting room that has comfortable chairs, tables, and sometimes, good parking. Lee Johnson has partnered with the club for years to host our board meetings and some events in the past. We are grateful to them for their continued support. Watch the website for other upcoming events. We will continue to have the First Tuesday get-together in Bothell for our North End members, hosted by Ross Scott. These folks meet at Cuore del Monte Pizza and Pasta on the Bothell-Everett Highway for social time. Give it a try if you are so inclined.

We still have quite a few open dates on the 2020 calendar for drives. If you have thought about a drive but never got around to it, now might be a good time to plan one and get it on the calendar. You can email a board member and let them know you want to do a drive and it will land on the calendar. If we happen to have a conflict, we’ll work around it. Alternatively, we’d love to have you join us in the Jan. board meeting so you can meet some of the board members who drive the club’s decisions. Two club dates that we’ve pre-arranged are the annual Detailin’ Day, held at Coop’s Miata in Maple Valley, on May 9 this year, and the Annual Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas, scheduled for August 8 at another of our partners’ property, Griot’s Garage in Tacoma. Be sure to mark these dates for some free food and fun times.

A terrific opportunity, and a unique one, presents itself in 2020 as we have a Leap Year on a Saturday. Are you interested in doing a “Leap Year Drive?” This is one that would only come around every four years, obviously. Maybe your birthday is on Leap Year. I think this would be a great way to celebrate it. What could be more fun than driving down the road in a Miata to celebrate your birthday? I have a cousin who was born on Feb. 29 and will age quite gracefully as a result. I think she is probably going on 11 this year.

That’s it for now. See you on the road!
2019 PSMC Parade Pictures Continued
First Tuesday at Coure Dell Amante
Pizza and Pasta Pictures
Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!
(The year at a glance — check website or future Sounders for updates)

December: Dec 03 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social
Dec 07 30th Anniversary Party
January 2020 Jan 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

The 2020 PSMC Events will be submitted online in January 2020.

Additional Events Will Be Added At Any Time. Please check back at:
http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/page-1624266

Miata Helpful Link
https://www.miata.net/
**Charity Donations Being Accepted**

Over the years the PSMC has made annual donations to various charities during the end-of-year celebrations. This practice was stopped a few years ago when we suffered from short-term cash flow issues, but now that the club is back on solid ground and going strong, we would like to start the practice again.

This year, the board has decided to collect cash donations for Treehouse, a charity that was founded in Washington state in 1988 by a group of social workers. The goal was to provide more support for foster children in an effort to get them to successful high school graduation and a plan for their futures. Over the years, Treehouse has grown into a non-profit organization that supports more than 7,000 children in all kinds of ways. Through their efforts, the graduation rate for foster children involved in the Treehouse program in King County has risen to 89 percent, compared to only 49 percent for foster children not involved in the Treehouse programs. This non-profit is run solely by donations from the community.

We will have a Cash Giving Tree at the 30th Anniversary Party so you can make an anonymous cash donation there. If you wish to donate but can’t make it to the party, you can mail donations to Karen Cooper, 20929 SE 232nd St, Maple Valley, WA 98038.

**Officers**

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- GLENN HAY-ROE, KEITH MEDLEAU, DAVE FERRIBY, KAREN COOPER, AND TOM MILLAR

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- Parade Coordinator: BILL HUGHES

**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

- Sean McGriff
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Thanks to the following Miata dealers and businesses who provide PSMC member discounts (simply show your PSMC Card):

- Coop's Miata of Maple Valley (425) 432-9666
- Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551
- Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403
- Louie Orrino at South Tacoma Mazda (253) 722-2888 / Cost plus 20%
- Milam Mazda of Puyallup (253) 845-1766 / University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191
- Miata Top Bob’s, (206) 782-8081

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!