

# Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

October/November/December 2022

## PSMC Holiday Luncheon

### December 3, 2022

**Hosted by: PSMC Board**

**Time: 11:45am-2pm**

**Location: River Rock Grill Restaurant**

This year's Holiday luncheon will feature a change in venue, the beautiful River Rock Grill in Renton. The River Rock Grill features traditionally American offerings from sandwiches and salads to south of the border favorites like fish tacos and burritos. The



**RIVER ROCK  
— GRILL —**

restaurant is situated with nice views of the Maplewood Golf Course.

For this year's Holiday luncheon, you will be ordering off the restaurant's menu on a separate check basis. You are encouraged to check out their menu on line to get an idea of their offerings.

Following lunch, we will be recognizing club members who have contributed to the club by hosting drives, standing monthly dinner get togethers and other events throughout the year. We'll also take some time to recognize our PSMC Board

members. We'll also spend some time to highlight some of our upcoming 2023 rides and events. Finally, we'll cap off the event with a raffle, featuring many great prizes!

Please sign up early if you plan to attend so we can have an accurate count for the restaurant.

The address for River Rock Grill Restaurant in Renton is:

4050 Maple Valley Highway

Renton, WA 98058

(425)430-0311

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## The President's Message

### By Tom Millar

Warm summer breezes give way to cool winds and changing colors as I pen this latest President's Message. Summer fires and smoke are quenched by our first Fall rains, ushering in crystal clear air and a blazing change of color as the Fall season progresses. Cindy and I took in Rich Sawyer's Haunted Halloween Drive this past Saturday. Rich's first drive was a great success, filled with wonderful winding roads that took us through areas of rich changing colors, and the pizza joint at the end was marvelous. The ride proved to be a fitting end to a wonderful drive season for our club.

Our Fall rides, beginning in September featured some great new events including Bill Bell's Breakfast in Carnation, which included a wonderful drive through the backroads of Snohomish and King Counties. Jim Alexander launched his first drive with our club, Kruze Kitsap, was also very successful and drew a sizable crowd. I understand that

the Miata Mingle at Doug's Miata experienced a good turnout, with both Miata Clubs in attendance. Finally, Cindy and I led a small cadre of cars up and over Steven's Pass on our way to Lake Chelan. We were blessed with absolutely beautiful weather as we took in the historic hydroplane races and a memorable winery lunch. Ross and Nancy Scott hosted another successful Leaves to Lunch Drive near the end of October.

Our PSMC Board Meeting in early October began our planning process for our club's 2023 season. This meeting provides an opportunity to "rough-in" our Event Calendar for the new year. Yes, we will feature new rides as well as returning favorites. Bill Cooper is planning a new and improved Detail'n Day Event which will feature a swap meet, our ever-popular detailing crew who will, with your assistance, transform your winter-ravaged rides into a thing of beauty.

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## *Holiday Luncheon*

*Saturday, December 3, 11:45 AM - 2:00 PM*

Celebrate the 2022 PSMC season of great drives and good times with fellow club members at a no-host luncheon with great views of the Maplewood Golf Course!

### **River Rock Grill**

4050 Maple Valley Highway  
Renton, WA 98058

### **The Program:**

- Recognize club members for their contributions to many successful activities throughout the year: hosting drives, organizing monthly dinners, and more
- Recognize board members for their continuing efforts on behalf of all members
  - Highlight rides and special events planned for 2023
  - A raffle with many great prizes

Join us! Register soon so we can provide an accurate count to the restaurant. To register, [CLICK HERE](#) !



# PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

10am January 7, 2023

# MIATA STRAIGHT EIGHT!

By Dee and Duncan

**Host: PSMC Board of Directors**  
**Place: This meeting will be held on ZOOM. Once you pre-register, the Zoom link will be emailed prior to the meeting.**

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! This meeting will be the final opportunity to set the calendar for 2023.

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 get that drive on the calendar! We can help with organizing and planning too.

After we finalize the calendar, we'll have the usual board meeting to check on the budget, expenses of the club, and discuss any other business the club needs to address. 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 volunteers!

At the early October "Surf-n-Safari" meet sponsored by San Diego Miata Club there were nine orange 30th anniversary Miatas attending out of 55 cars total (and only 500 anniversary models in the whole USA.) At the final morning awards presentation eight of the special editions lined up for a photo opp in the host resort's parking lot. (One car had left early for home.) Dee & Duncan represented our club in her "Zatarah" roadster, only attendees



from the northwest. The meet was part of their 3347.5 mile vacation trip, one lap of the west coast on the back roads. In this photo, Dee's car is 3rd from left.

# PSMC Business Meeting,

10am April 1, 2023

# Zoom Meeting



# Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas Pictures

## August 6, 2022





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# 2022 Winners of the People's Choice Awards at the Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas



**Thane Sunde: Winner of the NA 1990-1997 Miatas**



**Allan Erstad: Winner of the NB 1999-2005 Miatas**



**Ross Scott: Winner of the NC 2006-2015 Miatas**



**Tyler Gaudioso: Winner of the ND 2016-2022 Miatas**

**Congratulations To All**



# Kruze Kitsap Pictures September 17, 2022





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# Mt. Baker Drive Pictures

## August 20, 2022





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# Breakfast at Carnation II Pictures September 17, 2022





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# Olympic Drive Northwest II Pictures August 13, 2022





# **The President's Message By Tom Millar**

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We will also have our famous home-made chili and corn board. Finally, Bill is planning a Tour d'Elegance which will determine the best rides in attendance.

Our January PSMC Board Meeting will focus on finalizing our Event Calendar for 2023. Like Rich Sawyer and Jim Alexander did this year, I would invite others to create their own special rides as this is the way we keep our club going. We especially need help in creating new rides in the south end. Remember, there are members that will assist you in planning your own unique event!

On December 3rd we will be gathering for our PSMC Holiday Luncheon at the River Rock Grill in Renton. This is a new venue for us that I have had to opportunity to enjoy on my own and I don't think you'll be disappointed. We will feature a short recognition presentation to recognize those who assisted in planning and executing this past year's events and as well as those who contributed in other ways. We will also feature a raffle with valuable prizes to keep it interesting. Please make sure you sign up early to get a seat!

I look forward to our new season following our Winter hiatus. Cindy and I would like to extend to all of

you best wishes to you and your family during this upcoming holiday season as well as all the best for the new year. In the meantime, keep on "zoom-zoom'in"!

Tom

## **Mahogany and Merlot Picture September 30, 2022**



**First Tuesday North-End  
Cruise-In Social  
The Rock - Wood Fired Pizza  
1918 201st Place SE, Bothell,  
WA  
5:30pm December 6, 2022**



## Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

**Dec:** Dec 03 PSMC Holiday Luncheon

Dec 06 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

**Jan 2023:** Jan 03 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Jan 07 PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

**Feb:** Feb 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

**Mar:** Mar 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

**Apr:** Apr 01 PSMC board meeting

Apr 04 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Apr 08 Engine Health Day

Apr 15 Calago Drive

Apr 29 New Members' Welcome Drive

**May:** May 02 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

May 06 Miata Power Day

May 13 La Erie Pass Drive

May 20 Detailin' Day/Cours D'Elegance/Swap Meet/Party

May 27 Drive to Lunch

**Jun:** Jun 03 PSMC board meeting

Jun 10 Olympic Drive Northwest

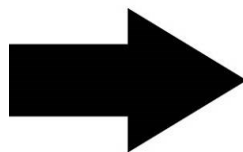
Jun 17 Summer Splendor - Back Roads of Snohomish County

Jun 24 Miata Island Hopping Drive

Jun 30 Annual Pacific Northwest Historic Car Corral

**Miata Helpful Link: <https://www.miata.net/>**

**Puget Sound Miata Club website link:  
<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/>**





# RAY HOUGHTON'S PASSING

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of long time PSMC member Ray Houghton. His zest for life and British wit kept us all entertained since 1997.

His passion for fine wine took us on



*Ray and Elsje Houghton at 2012's  
"Escape to Red Mountain" wine tour*

tours to the North Cascades, Walla Walla , the Willamette Valley, Red Mountain and many other adventures.

A celebration of Ray's life was held on October 1st at the Guardian Cellars Tasting Room in Snohomish, WA.

**First Tuesday North-End  
Cruise-In Social  
Midori Teriyaki  
1912 201st PI SE, Bothell, WA  
5:30pm January 3, 2023**



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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](http://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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