

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

January/February/March 2023

New Members Welcome Drive

April 29, 2023 @ 11am

Hosted by: Ross Scott and Tom Millar 11:00 A.M. at the XXX Root Beer Drive-in, 98 NE Gilman Blvd., Issaquah, WA

Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward to meeting you, explaining "How we do it" and answering questions.

Are you new to the Puget Sound Miata Club and yet to participate in a club event? Or perhaps you have been a member for the last two or three years, wondering what else your club has to offer? Maybe you're a long time member looking to meet new members, have fun and go for a great drive. Come check it out; this event is for you. Some of the goals of the PSMC is to see you get the most enjoyment from your Miata through club events and activities with like-minded people.

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 11:00 a.m. with lunch, social time and introductions. At around 12:30 or 12:45, we will gather in the parking lot for a "drivers' meeting" before heading off for a one-hour adventure of fun roads, ending up at Boehm's

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Meet at the XXX Drive-in in Issaquah, (No credit cards accepted), and have lunch together. Be ready for the largest burgers you have ever eaten, probably. Show up early to get good parking on the south side of the building. We will have lunch in the restaurant then have a driver's meeting before our great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads.

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The President's Message

By Tom Millar

Winter Solstice recently paid us a visit in the latter half December serving a reminder that the next few months will deliver wind, rain, and snowstorms. While great for skiers and snow boarders, sports car enthusiasts find themselves longing for warm and dry days to pursue their passion. Let your heart not be troubled as with each passing day our light returns providing a siren call of better weather to come and our 2023 ride schedule returning with a great lineup of events!

On January 7, 2023, the PSMC Board conducted our Quarterly Board Meeting using a Zoom call meeting format and everyone was invited to attend. The focus of this first board meeting of the year was to solidify our PSMC Calendar of Events for the new year. Items covered during this first of this year meeting included the board participants, club finances, the Sounder, our website, and social network activity. We reviewed old business items

to check our follow up on issues. Although we try to get everything included and finalized regarding our Event Calendar, we are consistently making changes and adding new rides throughout the year. I would invite all members desiring to submit a ride for this new year to attend the next meeting to discuss your thoughts.

While our Winter season is a slower time of the year for our events, I would like to point out that we have a vibrant social scene like our 1st Tuesday get together which includes a revolving restaurant venue and offers a great opportunity for "Miatallites" to meet and shoot the breeze. We do however need someone to step up and host a similar event in our south end, so please consider this and step forward! On December 3rd we came together for our PSMC Holiday Luncheon at the River Rock Grill in Renton. This venue is new for us

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website for details.**

**PSMC Business
Meeting and Calendar
Discussion
10am April 1, 2023
Zoom Meeting**

**First Tuesday North-
End Cruise-In Social
Feb 7, 2023
5:30pm**

Host: PSMC Board of Directors
**Place: This meeting will be held
on ZOOM.**

This meeting will be on Zoom for anyone who wishes to join us. Once you pre-register, the Zoom link will be emailed prior to the meeting.

This is a regular quarterly meeting of the board where general business will be discussed. Planning for upcoming club-sponsored events will take place, along with updates to the calendar. If you'd like to volunteer at Detailin' Day, please jump in--we can always use more volunteers!

We hope you can join us!

Hosted by Tom Millar

Let's get together and enjoy some south of the border cuisine at Patrona Mexican Cantina and Grill, 1912 201st Pl SE STE 207, Bothell, WA 98012 (on the Bothell-Everett Highway, in the same area as Rock Fired Pizza). Eat-n-greet and socializing; no car show (other than a neat row of parked Miatas,) no competition, no business, no road run, etc. Open to all Mazda Miata/MX-5 enthusiasts.

You don't have to be a PSMC member to attend. Please RSVP on this web site so we can give restaurant an approximate head count. Drop-ins are also OK.

**Engine Health Day
April 8, 2023 9:30am**

Host: Bill Cooper
**Location: Coop's Miata, 20929
SE 232nd St, Maple Valley, WA**

Join Bill and the rest of the PSMC at Coop's Miata garage and bring your car questions for some advice and other checkups. More details will appear online at the events calendar at pugetsoundmiataclub.org.

**Miata Power Day
May 6, 2023
9:30am
Coop's Miata
20929 SE 232nd St,
Maple Valley, WA
Please check the
PSMC Website for
updates and
additional details.**

Drive to Lunch

May 27, 2023

9:30am

Hosted by Ross Scott

Location: Monroe Plaza 19829 on Hwy 2 across from the Chevron station in Monroe, WA

Join me for a May flowers drive as we explore some interesting back roads in the north end of the Puget Sound.

This is a fun 50-plus mile drive along scenic back roads to lunch at the famous Rhodes River Ranch, located just outside of Oso, WA. It is on the second floor of a horse arena, with a glass wall for a view of the horses. There is no special event scheduled for this day, but people can be observed working their horses from time to time. The lunch menu is quite extensive and is moderately priced. There are gluten-free items on request.

From here, everyone can make their way home through Arlington to Highway 9, and from there, connect to I-5 if desired. Of course one can always trace the route in reverse, or get lost on the maze of parallel roads on return.

We will meet up at 9:30 AM across from the Monroe Chevron on Highway 2 at the east end of Monroe in the Monroe Plaza shopping center. Driver's meeting will be at 9:45 for

a 10 a.m. commencement of activities.

Meet at:

Monroe Plaza 19829 US 2, Monroe, WA at 9:30am

And end up at:

Rhodes River Ranch
22016 Entsminger Rd
Arlington, WA 98223
(360) 474-8313

This will be about a two-hour drive with one 20 minute rest stop spaced somewhere in the middle of the drive.

DIRECTIONS FROM I-5:

Take the highway 2 exit east in Everett. About 40 miles from the exit.

HIGHWAY 522:

Drive north on Highway 522 to the end in Monroe and take Highway 2 east.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Candies for a treat. It should end by 3 p.m. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

Calago Drive

April 15, 2023

9:00am

Hosted by Bill Bell

Location: QFC, 27008 92nd Ave NW, Stanwood, WA 98292

This new drive will be mostly a sightseeing drive around portions of Camano Island and Fidalgo Island, a stop in La Conner, WA for some pastries at Calico Cupboard in La Conner, and lunch in Anacortes. There will be three stops and will take around 100 minutes driving time with 20 minutes at two stops and 30 minutes in La Conner. Meetup will be at 9am QFC in Stanwood, WA at the Northeast side of the QFC parking lot. The driver's meeting will be at 9:15am and leave at 9:30am. There will be one bathroom stop (La Conner) while in transit to our final destination at the Island Cafe in Anacortes.

If we need to stop for gas, please let me know as we can stop at the Chevron Station when leaving La Conner. The price of the gas will be cheaper than other locations. Please bring a jacket, sunglasses, camera, water, masks, etc. as we will be near the water and hills. See you there! Zoom Zoom!

La Erie Pass Drive

May 13, 2023

9:00am

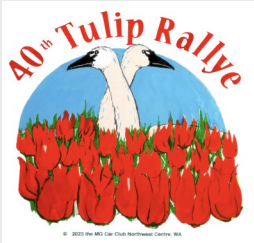
Hosted by Bill Bell

Location: Smokey Point Safeway, 172nd St NE, Arlington, WA

We will meet on the northwest side of the Safeway parking lot at 9:00am. The driver's meeting will be at 9:15am and leave at 9:30am.

This drive will take us to La Conner, over Deception Pass, Ala Spit Park, Mt. Erie, and Anacortes. This will be mostly a sightseeing drive over looking Puget Sound and at sea level. There will be two bathroom stops enroute to our final destination. We will have the opportunity to purchase baked goods and drinks in La Conner while in transit to our final destination at the Island Cafe in Anacortes.

Please bring a jacket, sunglasses, camera, water, sunscreen, etc. as we will be near the water, in the sunshine and hills. The drive with rest stops will take around 3.5 hours depending on the amount of time at each stop. We will see you there!



40th LaConner Tulip Daffodil Rallye April 22, 2023

Location: Cascade Mall, Burlington, WA;

Registration opens February 14. Go to: <http://www.mgccnwc.com/tulip-rallye/>

The MG Car Club is back for the 40th running of the LaConner Tulip Daffodil Rallye.

If you have never been to the Tulip Rallye, this event is a gimmick rallye where questions take the place of time/distance checkpoints so anyone should be able to compete successfully. All you need is a sharp eye and a sense of humor. Please note – speed is not recommended!

Each car club, (5 car minimum), will have a First Place finisher award. Non-club entrants can win in the 'open' class. Be sure you spell out Puget Sound Miata Club in your registration form (do not abbrev.)

The date for the event is April 22, 2023 and the starting point will be the Cascade Mall in Burlington at Exit 230 in Burlington, (same starting point as in past years).

Pre-registration will be \$20 for the event and \$30 for day of the show. T-shirt and sweatshirt regalia will again be available for purchase when completing your online registration.

For those who failed to make their online registration on time, don't worry! Day of show registration will be available at the Rallye starting point. Please note that day of show registrations will not count towards club first place trophy counts.

Event check-in begins at 8:00 am. The drivers meeting begins at 9:30 and the first cars will be sent out shortly thereafter.

Overnight accommodations are available at the Marina Inn in Anacortes, or the Holiday Inn in Burlington.

This year the Rallye is again supporting Food Lifeline, a charitable food bank that distributes food throughout the region. Host club is asking participants to contribute \$5 towards Food Lifeline during their registration process rather than bringing canned foods to the event as Food Lifeline can stretch their resources further by buying in bulk.

Important Information: Please note that there are no refunds for registrations or regalia orders once they are received.

PSMC Contacts are Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson, e-mail duncanjohnson@mac.com

Detailin' Day/Cours d'Elegance/Swap Meet/Party May 20, 2023 10am

Hosted by Bill Cooper

**Location: Coop's Miata at 20929
SE 232nd St., Maple Valley, WA**

This is a perfect opportunity to get your cars buffed and shined up, ready for the summer driving weather that is (hopefully) just ahead. We'll commence the activities at 10am (not a minute before).

This year's Detailin' Day will be at Coop's Miata in Maple Valley. Bill Cooper, a lifetime member of the club, has offered his property again to host this year's event.

One of our most popular events, the day provides all club members the chance to vacuum and buff their cars in preparation for summer driving.

You can show up at 10 a.m. with your Miata and start the process with vacuuming your car. After that, you can get in line for the buffing station, and follow that with a final coat of wax to bring your baby to it's finest shine. All supplies will be provided by the club and Griot's Garage in Tacoma, another of our sponsors for this event; all you need to bring is some polishing cloths for the final steps and your own elbow grease.

If you'd like to volunteer to help our expert buffers by buffing and polishing cars, no one would mind. We'll provide the supplies and buffing equipment and you can provide the elbow grease. Our longtime buffers, past and present, will be on hand to coach you through the process. Obviously, we do have a need for some additional volunteer buffers. You can contact Tom Millar at tmillar100451@gmail.com and he'll line you up and explain the process (and the perks) of being a volunteer buffer.

As in the past, if a non-member wants to detail a car, cost will be \$20 (or you can just join the club for \$30).

There will be awards for the cars voted as best. Bring your swap meet items. There will be an after-party for the volunteers that helped make this happen.

Lunch will be provided by the board in the form of homemade chili of varying kinds, cornbread, chips, and cold beverages. Please RSVP so we will know how much product to provide and how much lunch to bring. Also, please bring an outdoor chair to sit in so you will have a place to rest your legs after you finish all the work.

PSMC Holiday Luncheon

Dec 3, 2022

River Rock Grille, Renton, WA



2022 Year In Review



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The President's Message

**Olympic Drive
Northwest
June 10, 2023 8:30am**

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and featured a lovely golf course setting, with tasty food and an excellent wait staff. An informal straw poll was conducted amongst the participants at the end of the event with the results suggesting that we will revisit this restaurant in the future. Our agenda included recognition of all those who created and conducted rides over the past year as well as making other contributions of time and talent for the betterment of the club. Of particular note, Bill Bell was recognized as "Most Valuable Member" of 2022, signifying his contribution of a total of 10 rides! Bill was also recognized for his splendid work on our Sounder Newsletter and for providing a great photographic history of our club's events.

All of these folks were presented with a lovely certificate that was painstakingly created by Bill Snowden and his lovely, talented daughter. As lunch was winding down, we held our raffle which featured many prizes including restaurant certificates, wines, tools, and other useful items.

In closing, Cindy and I wish everyone in our club a magnificent and safe new year, and I look forward to seeing you 'all in the coming new year! Until then, keep on "zoom-zoom'in"! Tom

Hosted by Bill Bell

**Location: 8:30am SeaWolfe
Diner and Lounge, Kingston, WA**

If your looking for an Olympic Drive in the northern section of the Olympic Peninsula that has twisty roads and sightseeing areas, you have found it. We'll meet at the SeaWolfe Diner & Lounge, Kingston, WA for breakfast (Optional) at 8:30 a.m., followed by the driver's meeting at 9:30 a.m. in front of the restaurant. The drive begins at 9:45 and we will be driving Chicken Coop Road, Ediz Hook near the Coast Guard Station at Port Angeles and Salt Creek Recreation Area with a bathroom at each stop to our final destination restaurant around Port Angeles.

Please bring warm clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen, as we will be at sea level, in the hills, and a camera to take pictures of the beautiful areas of the Olympic Peninsula and maybe Vancouver Island. The drive with rest stops will take around 4 hours depending on the amount of time at each stop. You might want to bring a light snack for the road. We will see you there!

First Tuesday North-End

Cruise-In Social

March 7, 2023

5:30pm

**The Rock - Wood Fired Pizza
1918 201st Place SE, Bothell, WA**

Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

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 22 MG Club Tulip Rallye

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

Jul: Jul 8 Miata Three Rivers Drive

Jul 13 PSMC "Two Lanes to Oregon" run.

July 13-16: WVMC annual Explore Oregon meet @ Mount Hood. <http://www.oregonmx5.com>

July 15 Miata Fly-In

Jul 27 PSMC Gathering Planning Meeting

Aug: Aug 1 Special First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

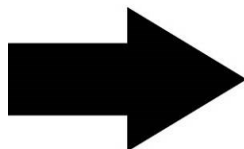
Aug 5 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Aug 19 Whatcom and Skagit Counties Select Tour

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

Puget Sound Miata Club website link:

<http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org/>



Summer Splendor - Back Roads of Snohomish County June 1, 2023 10am

Hosted by Tom Millar

**Location: Safeway Parking lot on
134th Place SE, Everett, WA**

Join us for a wonderful drive on the beautiful roads through the back country of Snohomish county! Having just completed the pre-run, you are in for a treat. Our journey will begin in the Safeway parking lot at 5802

134th Place SE, Everett, WA. Our meet up time will be 10:00 a.m. gathering with a projected 10:30 a.m. departure. This will afford everyone the opportunity to gas up, use the restrooms and pick up some coffee our other treats prior to our departure. From here we make our way over Seattle Hill Road and proceed through Snohomish Valley towards the town of Snohomish. Just before Snohomish we execute a right turn where the road narrows and we begin our twisties, truly experiencing the beauty and splendor of this county. We'll pass through working farmlands as our path takes us along the Snohomish River, passing through tree-canopied roads that provide both shade and beauty. When we arrive in Sultan we'll take a left onto Highway 2 and proceed towards Monroe. Our ride concludes at Tuscano's Italian Kitchen in Monroe, a wonderful family-owned restaurant which serves other car enthusiast clubs and provides a comfortably priced menu that is certain to please.



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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 or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$35 (annual chapter dues)**. Puget Sound Miata Club
Sean McGriff

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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 Photoshopped 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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Coop's Miata of Maple Valley (425) 432-9666

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Mazda of Everett (425) 353-3403

Lee Johnson Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191

Miata Top Bob's, (206) 782-8081

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