

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

April/May/June 2023

Detailin' Day/Concours d'Elegance/Swap Meet/Party

May 20, 2023 @ 10:00am

Host: PSMC Board

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 \$25 (or you can just join the club for \$35). **Continued on Page 9:**

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The President's Message

By Tom Millar

As I entered my four mile walk this morning I took notice of new daffodils making an appearance in my front yard. This is one of many signs that Spring is once again making its debut following a long cold Winter. I have always loved Spring and consider it my favorite season of the year.

It is indeed a time of renewal as flowers burst from the earth with a dazzling array of colors and grass awakens from dormancy providing a wonderful mowing experience, or maybe not. This also marks the time that our driving season is about to begin as we bring our Miata beauties out of storage and prep them for their 2023 road experience!

On an April Fool's Day Saturday your PSMC Board once again gathered via Zoom to conduct our PSMC's business. As a side note I'm pleased to report that our PSMC Board membership is the highest it has been in years! Once again we covered our typi-

cal business agenda including past meeting minutes review, club finances, membership status and other meat and potato issues.

Bill Bell brought up news regarding our beloved Miata. Bill reported that Mazda will likely develop a new Miata which will be a hybrid and will serve as a "bridge" to a full electric NE model. While none of this is set in stone it does provide a vision as to where the company may be heading.

As is our custom in these quarterly meetings we discussed past quarter rides/events which proved to be a short discussion given it was Winter.

During the month of April our biggest event coming at the end of the month is our New Member's Welcome Drive which requires advanced planning. Another larger event on the horizon is our Detailing Day at the end of May. Bill bell has posted some of his returning favorites
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website for details.**

Drive to Lunch

May 27, 2023

@ 9:30am

Host: 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!

Miata Power Day
May 6, 2023
@ 9:30am
Coop's Miata
20929 SE 232nd St,
Maple Valley, WA

**PSMC Business
Meeting and Calendar
Discussion
July 7, 2023 @ 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting**

**Great Northwest
Gathering of Miatas
August 5, 2023
@ 10:00am**

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

Join the PSMC Board for our third meeting of the year. We will meet as usual at 7:00PM, on Zoom. Once you RSVP, we can send you the Zoom link to join in the meeting. Bring your ideas and desires to the board. Should you desire to help out the club and be a leader, then show up! The Planning meeting part of the day will include updates on activities for the annual Gathering at Griot's Garage in Tacoma, coming up on Aug. 5. Hope you can attend and contribute your great ideas. You can find updated details on the calendar for the Gathering on August 5, so check there for that big club event..

**Host: PSMC Board of Directors
Place: Griot's Garage, Tacoma,
WA**

It's time again to mark your calendars to attend the annual Gathering of Miatas. As in past years, we have scheduled the cabana at Griot's Garage in Tacoma for our event this year.

If you have never been to Griot's in Tacoma, then you are missing out! It's a great place to stock up on your car polishing supplies. As one of our partners, Griot's Garage welcomes us every year to host our gathering in their parking lot. Additionally, they sponsor a one-hour tech program where they explain the use of the car maintenance supplies they sell and why they are
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**Two Lanes to
Oregon
July 13, 2023
@ 9:00am
Safeway in Enumclaw,
152 Roosevelt Ave,
SR 410,
See Website for Details**

**Explore Oregon
(Hosted by Willamette
Valley Miata Club)
July 13-16, 2023
@ 9:00am
Mt. Hood Oregon
See Website for
Details**

**Miata Three
Rivers Drive
July 8, 2023
@ 9:00am**

Host: Bill Bell

**Location: Safeway, Smokey Pt,
3532 172nd St NE, Arlington,
WA.**

If you want to enjoy a drive to Darrington, Rockport, Concrete, Sedro Wooley, and other small towns with many views, this is your event.

Meetup will be at the Safeway Parking Lot in Smokey Point, Arlington, WA at 9:00am and driver's meeting at 9:15am and leave at 9:30am on July 9, 2022.

While driving, we will be taking the other roads through some of the towns and you will see Mt Baker, beautiful landscapes, and Cascade Mountains with some twisties while driving. There will be one bathroom stop at 5b's Bakery & Eatery en-route, and one at Safeway and Double Barrel BBQ. Please bring a jacket, sunglasses, camera, water, sunscreen, etc. as we will be near the rivers, in the sunshine, and hills. The drive with a stop or two will take around 3.0 hours.

We will see you there!

Zoom Zoom!

**North Cascades
Highway Over & Back
August 26-27, 2023
@ 10:00am**

Host: Don Hutchins

**Location: Bob's Burgers and
Brew, 8822 Quil Ceda Pkwy,
Tulalip, WA**

Join us for a fantastic 2-day drive thru the American Alps, to Washington's best Cowboy town. This is a ride Susan and I have done every year since we've lived here, often more than once, by motorcycle in our younger days and by Miata now that we're on 4 wheels. We perfected it in recent years with the overnight stop in Winthrop.

We'll meet at Bob's Burgers & Brew, SE corner of their parking lot in Tulalip (I-5 exit 200) for a 10:30 Drivers Meeting with departure at 11:00. Route will be I-5 N to exit 208, then WA 530 E to a brief stop at the Oso slide memorial before our lunch stop, Moe's in Darrington. After lunch, the route is 530 N to WA 20 E at Rockport to North Cascades National Park, then continuing on 20 E to rest stop 1, Diablo Lake Vista Point to overnight in Winthrop. Room and board in Winthrop are regrettably on your own. We'll be staying at the HOTEL RIO VISTA, highly recommended! Be sure to get a room there, or elsewhere in Winthrop, before registering for the trip. The return route will be your choice. Please see website for additional information.

**Summer Splendor -
Back Roads of
Snohomish County
July 1, 2023 @ 10am**

**La Erie Pass Drive
May 13, 2023
@ 9:00am**

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.

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!

**PSMC Gathering
Planning Meeting
July 27, 2023
@ 5:00pm**

On Thursday evening, July 27, 2022 at 5:00 - 6:00 pm via a Zoom Meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize the event details for our upcoming Gathering on August 6, 2022.

The President's Message

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

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including Lake Erie Pass Drive and the Calago Drive.

Don Hutchins announced he will be creating an overnight drive to the western town of Winthrop, taking the beautiful national scenic byway, North Cascade Highway 20. This is one event you'll want to set up your overnight accommodations first thing as summertime in Winthrop is a happening event!

We continue to evolve in our ride/event process and our calendar deserves constant checkbacks.

Our 2001 SE in BRG will make its way out of Winter storage by the time the New Member's Welcome Drive in a couple of weeks and Cindy and I look forward to seeing everyone kick off this new Miata season! Until then, keep on "zoom-zoom'in"!

Tom

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social
May 2, 2023 @ 5:30pm
Patrona Cantina & Grill,
1912 201st PL SE, Bothell**

**Special First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social
August 1, 2023
@ 5:30pm
Burgermaster - 18626 Bothell-
Everett Highway, Bothell**

Hosted by Bill Bell

**Location: The Coffee Oasis -
Kingston Café, 11212 NE State
Hwy 104, 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 The Coffee Oasis, Kingston Café, Kingston, WA for coffee and a limited breakfast at 8:30am followed by the driver's meeting at 9:15am in front of the building. The drive begins at 9:30 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.

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social
September 5, 2023
@ 5:30pm
Burgermaster - 18626 Bothell-
Everett Highway, Bothell**

Whatcom and Skagit Counties Select Tour August 19, 2023 @ 10:00am

Host: Tom Millar

Location: Holiday Gas Station & Market, 887 Nevitt Rd, Burlington, WA

This ride will cover select scenic routes in both Whatcom and Skagit counties. This ride will take us down Highway 20, towards Anacortes, for a short distance. From this point forward, our fun begins. After visiting the iconic locations of Bow and Edison, we will begin the spectacular Chuckanut Drive, with all its splendid views and twisty-turns. This route is well noted in the travel magazines and is considered a "must see" in Washington State.

From this point we will navigate around Bellingham, passing Lake Padden, while proceeding to the Whatcom Lake Shore Drive. Lake Whatcom is truly a beautiful lake and this route affords the opportunity to enjoy qualities of this lake view drive.

After a short break at Sudden Valley, we will continue our journey, passing several small lakes before coming to the thriving metropolis of Alger. From here we will make our way to Bow where we will stop and enjoy lunch.

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 7th, at the Holiday Gas Station & Market. Located on Highway 20, 887 Nevitt Rd, Burlington, WA, right off I-5 at exit 230 on the left a short distance up the road.

Following a quick driver's meeting, we will begin our tour. Point of contact for the tour is Tom Millar at 425-623-8181.

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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.

Puget Sound Miata Club Past Years In Pictures



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Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

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 10 Olympic Drive Northwest

Jun 24 Miata Island Hopping Drive

Jul: Jul 01 Summer Splendor - Back Roads of Snohomish County

Jul 07 PSMC board meeting

Jul 8 Miata Three Rivers Drive

Jul 13 PSMC "Two Lanes to Oregon" Run.

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

Aug 26 North Cascades Highway Over And Back

Sep: Sep 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Sep 16 Kruze Kitsap

Oct: Oct 03 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Oct 07 PSMC Business Meeting and Calendar Discussion

Oct 20 Miata Reunion

Oct 21 Leaves To Lunch

Oct 28 Haunted Halloween Drive

Nov: Nov 07 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

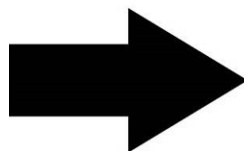
Dec: Dec 02 PSMC Holiday Luncheon

Dec 05 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

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

Puget Sound Miata Club website link:

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



Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas



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such good products. Their address is: 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma. You can check out their website at www.griotsgarage.com

We'll start off at 10 a.m. with the "Drive-In" to Griot's and to give you an hour to spiff up your car. Then the Tech Program begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch, which will be provided by your PSMC Board of Directors. **Please RSVP so we can have a head count for the food order.**

Update:



When arriving at the Gathering, please park in the following areas on the grass:

NA - South Side nearest Griot's Building

NB - North Side farthest away from Griot's

NC - West Side nearest the trees

ND - East Side nearest the street

Following lunch, you can view the Miatas and vote for the People's Choice winners.

Please bring something to sit on just like you would bring to a picnic! (i.e.: a folding chair or blanket). There is a large grassy area surrounding the bbq pits for this purpose.

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 Souder 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 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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Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551

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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