

Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

January/February/March 2024

Mid-Winter Interurban Fun Run

February 10, 2024 @ 10:30am

Host: Ross Scott

Location: Starbucks at Thrasher's Corner, 20711 Bothell-Everett Highway

Time: 10:30am-1:00pm

Remember that car you last drove in August? Time to get it out of the garage and limbered up. Get the oil cir-



culating and warmed up to get the moisture out. It might rain, but look where you are living. The rain capital. This will be a short drive with no rest stop ending at the Buzz Inn Steakhouse at Harvey Airport in Snohomish. They serve breakfast all day. What could be better than that!

Hopefully it will be a nice day with stunning views of the Snoqualmie

River Valley and surroundings.

There will be no drive if it is freezing or snowing. I will notify all registered people via email if there is a change or cancelation due to weather. Being winter and all. But be brave, be there and have fun!

We will meet up at Starbucks at Thrasher's Corner at 10:30AM for a short drivers meeting and be on our way.

Not an epic endurance run, just a short fun sightseeing drive to lunch that is starting to take shape.

Ends: Buzz Inn Steakhouse at Harvey Airport in Snohomish.

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The President's Message

By Tom Millar

As we enter the depths of Winter, officially beginning with the Winter Solstice, better known as the shortest day of the year, we find ourselves in full swing with the Holidays and all the joy, and pressure, that goes along with this special season. I pen this message on Christmas Day as this is my opening to get this letter pulled together and sent off to Bill Bell for publication in our new Sounder. While our Winter thus far has brought us unseasonably warm weather and no snow to date in the lowlands. For the sports car enthusiast Winter provides our Puget Sound Miata Club members to take a hiatus from driving and prepare for the Spring when our club will once again come alive with activity. The build up to our beloved season begins the anticipation of gaining daylight with each passing day. Our 2024 driving lineup will provide us with lots of exciting drives and opportunities to push our beloved roasters with exciting new drives as well

as returning favorites.

January 5, 2024, at 7:00 pm the PSMC Board conducted our first of the new year Quarterly Board Meeting using a Zoom call meeting format. All Board Members attended except for two. As in the past, we fine-tuned our 2024 Events Calendar, including some new drives which will unfold as the driving season progresses. Ross and Nancy Scott will be featuring a new Mid-Winter Interurban Fun Run which promises a great experience these two ride creators are famous for! We have a challenge in the second quarter with establishing a location for our Detailing Day. If anyone has some thought about our Detailing Day logistics please let your Board know. Our primary challenges include a place with space, power, and cover. The Board also discussed the "New Members Drive" which serves as a formal kickoff for the new driving season. Part of the Board's agenda is to
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website for details.**

**Third Thursday -
Coastal
January 18, 2024
@ 12:00pm**

**Host: Sean & Pam McGriff and
Vem & Carol Aaro
Location: Copalis Cove Pub and
Eatery in Ocean Shores, WA-
Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm**

A new year brings another round of
3rd Thursdays meet and eat!

This month's location is Copalis
Cove Pub and Eatery.
798 Ocean Shores Blvd NW
Ocean Shores, WA 98569

We will meet at noon-ish for lunch
and swapping Miata and other
car stories.

Bring any car you want, just come
and hang out and have a great
lunch.

No need to register, show up if you
can. We hope to see you there!

**PSMC 2nd Quarter
Business Meeting
April 5, 2024
@ 6:00pm
The meeting will be
a Zoom Meeting.**

**First Tuesday North-
End Cruise-In Social
February 6, 2024
@ 5:30pm**

**Host: Tom Millar
Location: Midori Teriyaki, 1912
201st PL SE, Bothell, WA**
Let's get together over some great
teriyaki at Midori Teriyaki, 1912
201st PL SE, Bothell. (on the Bothell
-Everett Highway next to the former
Rock Wood Fired Pizza). This is a
change from our prior venue. Eat-n
-greet and socializing; no car show
(other than a neat row of parked
Miatas), no competition, no busi-
ness, no road run, etc. Open to all
Mazda Miata/MX-5 enthusiasts.

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

**MG Club
Tulip Rallye
April 20, 2024
@ 8:00am
Location
TBD**

New Members Welcome Drive April 27, 2024 @ 11:00am

Host: Tom Millar and Ross Scott

**Location: Meetup To Be
Determined**

Time: 11:00am-3:00pm

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.

Since the XXX Drive-in in Issaquah is closed, There will be a new venue

announced soon. We will have lunch in a restaurant then have a driver's meeting before our great drive on some scenic and fun twisty roads. Some of your PSMC Board Members will be on hand, looking forward to meeting you, 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 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 Candies for a treat. It should end by 3 p.m. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

**End at Boehm's Candies,
Issaquah, WA**

The new location to meetup will be posted when determined at the PSMC website: <https://pugetsoundmiataclub.org/PSMCEventCalendar>

Calago Drive April 13, 2024 @ 9:00am

Host: Bill Bell

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

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

This drive will be mostly a sightseeing drive around portions of Camano Island and Fidalgo Island, a stop in La Conner, WA for some pastries, and lunch in Anacortes. There will be three stops and will take around 110 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.

We will have a picture taken in the QFC parking lot. There will be one bathroom stop (La Conner) while in transit to our final destination at the Island Cafe in Anacortes. Please bring a jacket, sunglasses, camera, water, masks, etc. as we will be near the water and in the hills. See you there! Zoom Zoom!

Ends at: Island Cafe serves Breakfast and Lunch with bar in Anacortes.

Armed Forces Day Parade May 18, 2024 @ 8:00am

Host: Bill Bell

Location: Jack in the Box on Hwy 310, Bremerton, WA

Time: 8:00am-12:00pm

The West Sound Parade Coordinator has informed me they will need around six vehicles for the Armed Forces Parade on Saturday on May 18, 2024 in Bremerton, WA. The parade will start at 10am. Since there are more royalty ladies that are needing cars, the coordinator stated there will not be a chaperone in each of the cars and is open to all convertible car owners.

If you would like to join us, please sign up to give me an accurate number. Please bring pillows and/or cushions for the royalty lady to sit on and any decorations for your Miata. The weather forecast should be sunny and in the 60's as in the past.

We will meet at 8:00am in the Jack in the Box parking lot at 4305 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA. The location is on the south side of the Highway 310 and across from the Flagship Inn. We will leave around 8:30am for the parade.

Drive to Lunch

May 25, 2024 @ 9:30am

Host: Ross Scott

Location: Monroe Plaza across from Monroe Chevron, Highway 2 in Monroe, WA

Time: 9:30am-1:00pm

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

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!

**First Tuesday
North-End Cruise-
In Social,
March 5, 2024
@ 5:30pm
Midori Teriyaki,
1912 201st PI SE,
Bothell, WA**

Miata Three Rivers Fall Drive Pictures October 7, 2023



Miata Three Rivers Fall Drive “Continued”



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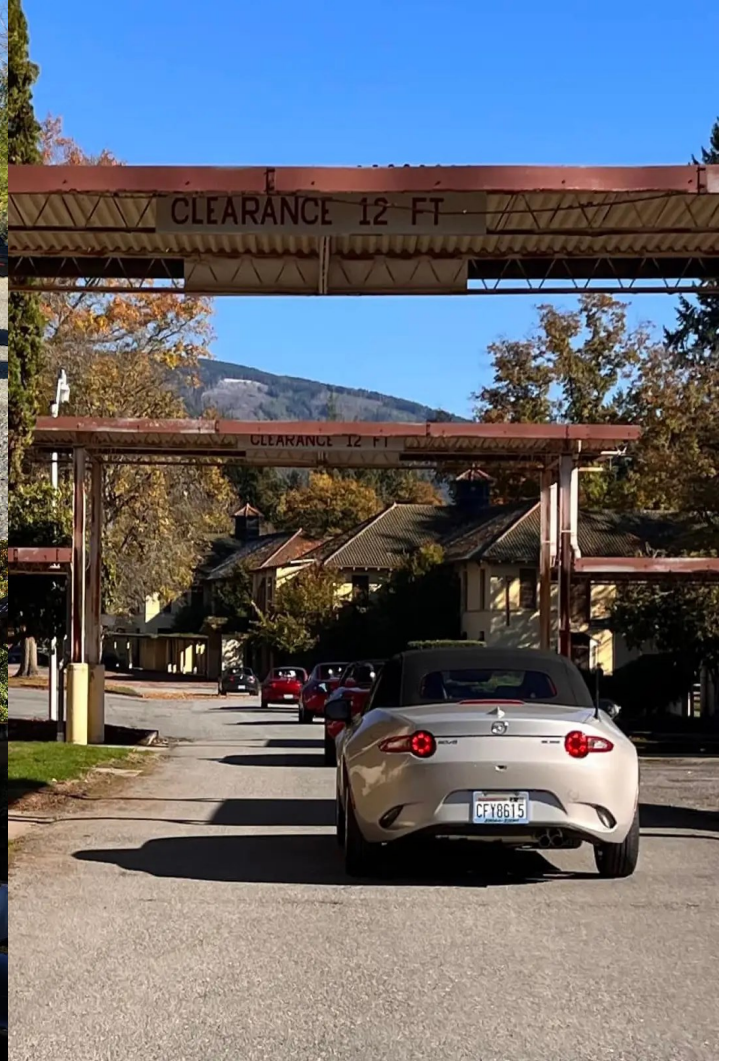
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Leaves to Lunch Pictures October 21, 2023



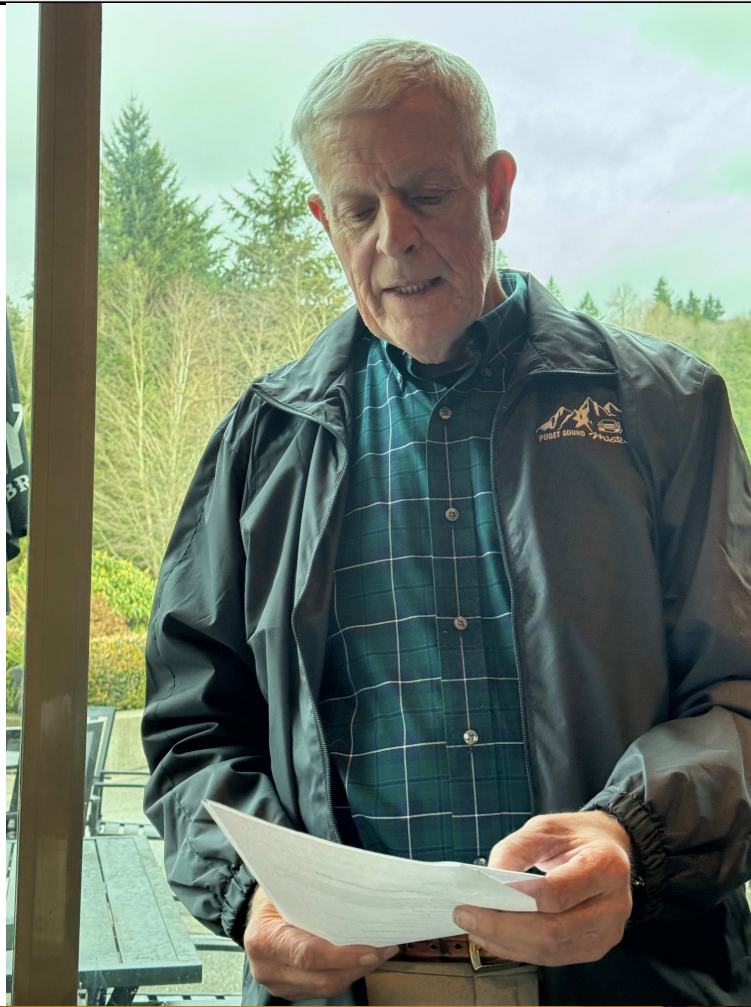
Haunted Halloween Drive Pictures October 28, 2023



PSMC Holiday Luncheon Pictures December 2, 2023



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Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

Jan 2024: Jan 18 Third Thursday-Coastal Cruise-In Social

Feb: Feb 06 First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

Feb 10 Mud Run-TBD

Feb 15 Third Thursday-Coastal Cruise-In Social

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

Mar 21 Third Thursday-Coastal Cruise-In Social

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

Apr 05 PSMC 2nd Quarter Business Meeting

Apr 13 Calago Drive

Apr 18 Third Thursday - Coastal

Apr 20 MG Club Tulip Rallye

Apr 27 New Members Welcome Drive

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

May 11 Detailin' Day

May 16 Third Thursday - Coastal

May 18 Armed Forces Day Parade

May 18 Viking Fest Parade

May 25 Drive to Lunch

Jun: Jun 08 Snoqualmie River Run

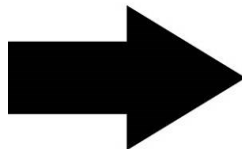
Jun 13 North Cascades Highway Over And Back

Jun 22 Miata Island Hopping Drive

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



The President's Message

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review topics like our membership rolls and the financial status of our club. Our primary focus during this, and all PSMC Board Meetings, is to deliver to our members exiting experiences and an enjoyable time! I want to say also that all members are more than welcome, and encouraged, to attend these meetings as we are always in the hunt looking to expand and enhance our club experience.

On a similar note, we are always welcoming of our members offering up their favorite drives to provide new and different ride opportunities. Remember, we have experienced folks in the club that can assist you in developing rides.

Even though we are in our “quiet time” of the year we have social events that take place throughout the Winter. These include our highly successful 1 st Tuesday events in the North end that features a revolving restaurant venue concept in the same complex. Sean and Pam McGriff are gaining momentum with their Third Thursday-Coastal event. Allow me to use this opportunity to

mention that we would love to have someone step up and host a similar event in our South Puget Sound vicinity. This is an amazingly easy job folks.

This past December 2nd, we came together for our PSMC Holiday Luncheon at the River Rock Grill in Renton. This venue has proven to be a winner for our club, even though our service has been a bit stressed this year and this is something we will work on for next year. Our agenda included recognition of all those who created and conducted rides over the past year as well as making other contributions of the club. With the smashing success of our hat sales campaign, Bill Snowden presented our new club wind breaker jacket prototype, featuring our embroidered enhanced club logo. Some of the sales and distribution specifics need to be further refined but you will hear more about this soon. The PSMC Board Members were introduced to the members with all board members returning from the prior year! Our ever-popular PSMC Holiday raffle concluded the events for

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the day. We invested a little more money this year to procure more prizes and folks walked away with some gems!

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

Tom

**First Tuesday North-End
Cruise-In Social,
April 2, 2024
@ 5:30pm
Patrona Cantina & Grill,
1912 201st PL SE,
Bothell, WA**

**Detailin' Day
May 11, 2024
@10:00am
Location TBD**

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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 **\$35 (annual chapter dues)**. Puget Sound Miata Club

Sean McGriff
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Renton, WA 98057

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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