

# Miata Sounder



THE FIRST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES MIATA CLUB

April May June 2024

## New Members Welcome Drive

April 27, 2024 @ 10:30am

**Host: Tom Millar and Ross Scott**

**Location: The Habit Burger Grille, 1676 9th Ave NE, Issaquah, WA**

**Time: 10:30am-1:30pm**

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.

We will have an early lunch at The Habit, then have a driver's meeting in the parking lot 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 any 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. Just take the Highlands Drive exit off I90 East and take the first driveway on the left after NE Park Drive.

The plan is to start at 10:30 a.m. with lunch, social time and introductions. At around 11:30 or 11:45, 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 at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP so we (and the restaurant) can plan for you.

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# The President's Message

## By Tom Millar

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Ah Spring! I consider April to be the official Start of Spring, with trees and flowers coming alive with new growth and the promise of warmer days that lie ahead. I distinctly remember the Simon and Garfunkel song, "April Comes She Will" as I was in Coast Guard A school in Virginia and was set to graduate in April and able to come home and be with my girlfriend for a while. I digress. My lawn mower got underway with the first mowing of the lawn as well as the arduous task of weed pulling and applying moss control to the lawn. Despite the addition of many tasks with the onslaught of Spring, the season is my number one favorite. The season also ushers in our Puget Sound Miata Club's official driving time!

As for rides since our last President's Message, Ross and Nancy kicked it off with their Mid-Winter Interurban Fun Run in February which was a new ride for the club and through the grace of God

we experienced superb weather and a respectable attendance of twenty-two participants! We have also experienced continued good attendance at the First Tuesday North End Cruise in social event and Sean & Pam have had growing attendance at their Third Thursday - Coastal social event These two social events offer a terrific opportunity to get together during our club's quiet time. Both events feature rotating restaurant venues to provide a variety of culinary experiences.

April will feature our annual New Member's Drive which will be led by Ross and Nancy Scott. This is perhaps the highlight of the month with a beautiful drive starting with lunch and concluding at Boehm's Candies. Earlier in June, Dee and Duncan will be leading a contingent of Miata's to the MG Tulip Rayle starting in Burlington.

Bill Bell will be leading his new drive, Miata Madness Flash Drive. This also **Continued on Page 21:**

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# MG Club Tulip Rally

## April 20, 2024 @ 8:00am

**When: Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
**Where: New starting point: Mt. Vernon WalMart SuperCenter, 2301 Freeway Dr. Mount Vernon, WA 98273**

Event check-in 8:00 am. Drivers' meeting 9:30 AM, first car out shortly thereafter.

PSMC contacts: Dee Dahlke & Duncan Johnson

Email: [ToadHallWA@yahoo.com](mailto:ToadHallWA@yahoo.com) Cell/text 253-327-4368. This is the 41st running of the MG Car Club's

PSMC web site either.

If you have never been to the Tulip Rallye, this event is a gimmick rally where questions take the place of time/distance checkpoints. Open to all cars. All you need is a sharp eye and a sense of humor. Speed is not recommended! Cars (with driver and navigator) follow a convoluted route around remote "sports motor-ing" roads and you try to answer arbitrary questions about obscure things you see along the way, sort of a motorized scavenger hunt. Team with the rightest answers wins.

Each car club that enters 5 cars minimum will have a First Place finisher award. When you register please spell out Puget Sound Miata Club (no abbreviations) so the rally officials know who we are.

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. There are no refunds for registrations or regalia orders once they are received. For those who fail to make their online registration on time, don't worry! Day of show registration will be available at the Rallye starting point. Day of show registrations will not count towards club first place trophy counts.

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annual Tulip Rallye! Event online registration open as of February 19. Go direct to the MG Car Club web site at: <https://www.mgccnwc.com/tulip-rallye/> and follow directions there.

No PSMC tour to the event; just show up at the start and compete. No registration on our own

# Calago Drive May 4, 2024 @ 9:00am

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

**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.**

**Host: Bill Bell**

**Location: Jack in the Box, 4305 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA**

**Time: 8:00am-11:30pm**

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. See you there!



# MG Club Tulip Rally

**First Tuesday North-  
End Cruise-In Social  
May 7, 2024  
@ 5:30pm**

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If you are staying overnight there are many hotels in the Mt. Vernon and Burlington area to choose from. Book early as this is also Tulip Festival time in the area.

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.

**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 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 website so we can give restaurant an approximate head count. Drop-ins are also OK.

**PSMC  
3rd Quarter  
Business Meeting  
June 28, 2024  
@ 7:00pm  
The meeting will  
be a Zoom  
Meeting.**

**Detailing Day  
May 11, 2024 @ 10:00am  
Location To Be  
Determined  
Please Check the PSMC  
Miata Website  
for the  
Latest  
Information.  
https:  
Pugetsoundmiataclub.org**

# 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!**

**Third Thursday -  
Coastal  
May 16, 2024  
@ 12:00pm  
Location TBD,  
Please check the  
PSMC Website  
For Additional  
Information.**

**Viking Fest  
Parade  
May 18, 2024  
@ 12:00pm**

**Miata Island  
Hopping Drive  
June 15, 2024  
@ 8:30am**

**Host: Bill Bell**  
**Location: Burger King 19655  
7th Ave NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370**  
**Time: 12:00am**

**Host: Bill Bell**  
**Location: QFC, Hwy 532,  
Stanwood, WA**  
**Time: 8:30am-2:30pm**

The West Sound Parade Coordinator has informed me today they are needing six to seven vehicles for the Viking Fest Parade on May 18, 2024. The parade will start at 2pm. Since there are more royalty ladies that are needing cars, the coordinator stated there will not be a chaperone in each of the cars. The coordinator will accept all members and non-members for the parade. Poulsbo, WA is on the west side of Puget Sound between Silverdale and Kingston, WA. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the website.

The drive will cover Five Islands: Camano, Fir, Fidalgo, Pass, and Whidbey Island. Meetup will be at QFC in Stanwood, WA at the North-east side of the QFC parking lot at 8:30am. The driver's meeting will be at 9:00am and leave at 9:20am. This will be mostly a sightseeing drive around portions of the islands. There will be two bathroom stops. We will have the opportunity to purchase baked goods and drinks (Stanwood and Bow) while in transit to our new final destination at Double Barrel BBQ in Sedro-Wooley, WA.

Please bring pillows or cushions for the royalty lady to sit on and any decorations for your Miata. The weather forecast is currently sunny and in the 60's-70's.

Please bring a light 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 three - four hours depending on the amount of time at each stop. We will see you there!

We will meet at 12:00pm in the Burger King parking lot in Poulsbo, WA. The address is 19655 7th Ave NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370. We should leave by 12:45pm for the parade and it starts at 2pm. Thank you for your support!



**SkyRail Run  
June 29, 2024  
@ 8:30am**

**Summer Splendor -Back  
Roads of Snohomish County  
July 6, 2024  
@ 10:00am**

**Host: Bill Bell**

**Location: Starbucks, 13780 NE  
175th St, Woodinville, WA**

**Time: 8:30am-2:00pm**

If you want to enjoy a drive to Skykomish, WA on some back roads, see snow cap mountains, valleys, rivers, and being on a national internet railcam site, this is your drive. Meetup will be at Starbucks, 13780 NE 175th St, Woodinville, WA 98072 at 8:30am, driver's meeting at 8:45am, and leave at 9:00am on June 29, 2024. Starbucks has pastries, coffee, etc. There will be one bathroom stop in Duvall before heading to Skykomish.

We will be driving some twisties, valley, and narrow roads (drive slowly) and over railroad tracks to reach our destination at Skykomish. This is more of a scenic drive as we will be in the valleys and hills as seeing the mountains in the area.

Please bring a jacket, sunglasses, camera, water, sunscreen, etc. as we will be near the rivers, in the sunshine and hills. The drive will take less than two hours, and we will be eating in Skykomish, WA at the historic Cascadia Hotel. When we arrive in Skykomish, we will be on video and showing our PSMC Banner to the Skykomish railcam and hoping to take pictures with a train as it is passing by. We will see you there! Zoom Zoom!

**Host: Tom Millar**

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

**Time: 10:00am-2:00pm**

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. 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. 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 for a comfortably priced menu.

# Mid-Winter Interurban Fun Run February 10, 2024





# 2023 Pictures In Review





# 2023 Pictures In Review “Continued”





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## Upcoming Events — Something for Everyone!

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

Apr 18 Third Thursday - Coastal

Apr 20 MG Club Tulip Rallye

Apr 27 New Members Welcome Drive

**May:** May 04 Calago Drive

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 15 Miata Island Hopping Drive

Jun 28 PSMC board meeting

Jun 29 SkyRail Run

**Jul:** Jul 04 Kingston July 4th Parade

Jul 06 Summer Splendor - Back Roads of Snohomish County

Jul 10 Two Lanes to Oregon

Jul 11 Explore Oregon

Jul 13 Miata Fly-In

Jul 19 PSMC Gathering Planning Meeting

Jul 20 Miata Three Rivers Drive

Jul 27 Silverdale Whaling Days Parade

**Aug:** Aug 03 Great Northwest Gathering of Miatas

Aug 06 Special First Tuesday North-End Cruise-In Social

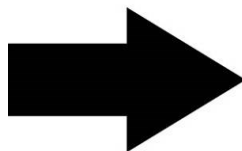
Aug 10 Olympic Drive Northwest

Aug 17 Whatcom and Skagit Counties Select Tour

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

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# The President's Message

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kicks off our parade events and Bill Bell is looking for participants to join in on the fun and support these events.

May kicks off with Bill Bell's Calago Ride. Detailing Day is in a state of flux as we find a site, with a couple of possibilities to ferret out. The second quarter of the year will end with Ross and Nancy's ever-so-popular Ride to Lunch.



This past Friday, April 5th, your PSMC Board of Directors met on our quarterly Zoom meeting to discuss standing items like club finances, membership, social media & communications activity, upcoming events, review and modification of our Event Calendar, upcoming events & planning and discussing other important items for the good

of the club. Your PSMC Board concluded that we are on track to have another great driving season full of fun rides including several new rides.

Speaking of new rides, we are always in the hunt for new rides and would encourage those who have never hosted a drive to consider doing so. There are seasoned members who would be more than willing to lend a hand in ride development!

As you may recall, if you attended our last Holiday Party last December, we introduced our new club lightweight jacket, modeled by 3 handsome gentlemen. As an update we are close to launching the sale of these jackets, being offered in various sizes and colors. The jackets will feature our new enhanced logo and we will be offering members the chance to have their names embroidered on them. I will have samples of all sizes to be displayed at most of our events so that members can try them on for proper size and fit. Payment will be at the point of sale, and we will be offering them on our website to order and pay via credit

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card. Pricing and other logistics will be forthcoming soon. On another note, about club apparel, we will be ordering new hats in both the trucker and ball cap styles. Get ready to "strut in style"!

In closing, Cindy and I want to wish you all a great Miata driving season. And remember also, "the best is yet to come". Keep on zoom-zooming!

Tom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom".

**Miata Fly-In  
July 13, 2024  
@ 9:00am in  
Monroe, WA**

**TWO LANES TO  
OREGON - 2024**

**Puget Sound to Tillamook Bay  
Jul 10-11, 2024**

**Starbucks, 6978 Kimball Dr.,  
Gig Harbor WA 98335**

**Host are attending the Willamette  
Valley Miata Club "Explore Oregon  
2024" at Tillamook, Oregon  
July 11-13, 2024.**

**Please check the PSMC Website for  
additional information.**

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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](http://www.pugetsoundmiataclub.org) or by sending your name, address, email, and a check for **\$35 (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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