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Newsletter of the Puget Sound Miata Club The Oldest Miata Club in the World



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## PSMC's Loss; Heaven's Gain George Lazur, Director at Large

1945 - 2006



### A Celebration of Life: In Loving Memory of George Lazur

Sunday, March 12, 2006, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Renton Community Center, located at 1715 Maple Valley Hwy, Renton

Gayle says that "George always loved a good party," so that's what she is going to do: have a "party" to celebrate George's life. And of course, what would the party be without their "Miata Family" there?

So, please, come and join Gayle as we gather around to remember George, pay our respects and to share the stories of this wonderful man.

George's Memorial will be held at the Renton Community Center on Sunday, March 12, 2006 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided along with hot and cold hors d'oevers and a sandwich buffet. There will also be a silent auction featuring some of George's collector cars and other auto related memorabilia in order to raise funds for donation to the Evergreen Chapter of ALS.

In lieu of cards and flowers, Gayle requests that you make a donation to the Evergreen Chapter of ALS.

If you plan on attending, please send your RSVP to Bonnie Lohkamp at [blohkamp@comcast.net](mailto:blohkamp@comcast.net) or leave a message for her at (425) 347-0361 as soon as possible. They will need to get an accurate headcount for the caterers.

**For more on George, please see page 10**



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## upcoming events

# Magical Miata Mystery Tour

Saturday, April 1, 2006

10 AM Driver's Meeting

Don Armeni Boat Ramp at Alki Beach, Seattle

Hosted by Dale & Regena Weber and Mark & Dannie Brandt



Image from [www.thebeatlessongs.com/magical\\_mystery\\_tour.htm](http://www.thebeatlessongs.com/magical_mystery_tour.htm)

Roll up; Roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 Roll up and that's an invitation, roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 The Magical Miata Mystery Tour is waiting to take you away.  
 Waiting to take you away.

Roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 Roll up; we've got everything you need, roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 Roll up, satisfaction guaranteed, roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 The Magical Miata Mystery Tour is hoping to take you away.  
 Hoping to take you away.

Roll up; roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 Roll up, and that's an invitation, roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 Roll up for a surprise lunch destination, roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 The Magical Miata Mystery Tour is coming to take you away.  
 Coming to take you away.

Roll up; roll up for the Mystery Tour.  
 Roll up; at Alki Beach Don Armeni Boat Ramp.  
 Roll up and ready to go by 10am even if it's damp.  
 The Magical Miata Mystery Tour is ready to take you away.

Ready to take you away.

# First Friday Formal

April 8, 2006 @ 7:30 PM

Johnny's Dock, Tacoma

Hosted by Mike & Lily Springer



Dinner will be at Johnny's Dock, 1990 East "D" Street, Tacoma. Seating at 7:30 pm. The setting is a view of a yacht basin and the new skyline of Tacoma on the other side including Union Station, and the Glass Museum. For a photograph of the restaurant, dinner menu and directions they have a website: [www.johnnysdock.com](http://www.johnnysdock.com) <<http://www.johnnysdock.com>> . After dinner the night owls can take a moon light drive (I hope!) to our dessert destination.

Please reserve by April 1st either on the club website "Reserve By" page: [www.ps-miata.com](http://www.ps-miata.com) or email: [springerphoto@comcast.net](mailto:springerphoto@comcast.net) Maximum number will be 10 couples

Hope to see you there, Mike & Lilly Springer



## upcoming events

### Nominating Meeting & Chili Feed

April 8, 2006 @ 12 Noon  
Fugitt/McKnight Residence,  
Port Orchard



This year's Nominating Committee, Maury Fugitt and Randy Umemoto, are working hard to solicit nominations for PSMC Officers and Directors for the 2006-2007 year. Current eligible board members will be contacted to see if they plan to run again; however, there are a number of Director at Large positions vacant because some folks have reached the maximum four consecutive terms allowed in the by-laws. Additionally the position of President (all the power you could want, in just one office) will also be vacant after the current term.

Information on what each position's duties are can be found in the PSMC Constitution in the Member's Only section of the club website: [www.ps-miata.org](http://www.ps-miata.org). Nominees may, but are not required to, submit a one-paragraph summary of qualifications and reasons for seeking office to the President by the tenth day of May, preceding the election.

Please keep in mind that just because an incumbent officer or director is crazy enough to run for another term you are not precluded from entering your name as a nominee for any elected position. You may enter your name with the Nominating Committee (Maury at [president@ps-miata.org](mailto:president@ps-miata.org) or Randy at [membership@ps-miata.org](mailto:membership@ps-miata.org)) or at the Nominating Meeting.

The Nominating Meeting and Chili feed will be held at noon Saturday April 8, 2006 at the home of Maury Fugitt and Sandy McKnight in Port Orchard. Maybe, just maybe, there will be a short drive around rural Port Orchard and Olalla following the meeting.

Directions to the meeting:

From Tacoma or Bremerton take the Mullinex exit off of State Route 16. Go west on Mullinex Road 2.2 miles until you come to the first stop sign on Olalla Valley Road. Turn right on Olalla Valley Road and go .5 miles and turn left on Ebbert (careful here this is a blind corner!). Go another .5 of mile and turn left on Raven Ridge Place SE. Go another .3 of a mile to Glacier Ridge Place. Maury and Sandy's house is right on the corner, park creatively.

From the Southworth Ferry Dock take first left after leaving the dock area, Sedgwick Road. Go 2.3 miles and turn LEFT on Banner Road (There is a right on Banner Road .1 of mile prior to the left, but if you take this right you will be terminally lost). Go 2.1 miles and turn right on Olalla Valley Road. Go 1.2 miles and turn right on Ebbert. Go another .5 of mile and turn left on Raven Ridge Place SE. Go another .3 of a mile to Glacier Ridge Place. Maury and Sandy's house is right on the corner, park creatively.



### The All City Rally XXVI

Sunday, April 23, 2006

Hosted by Corvettes  
de Olympia

Article by Duncan  
Johnson



The twenty-sixth annual running of this 75-mile gimmick type Road Rally will be Sunday, April 23, 2006, rain or shine. Start any time between 9:00 AM and noon from Gould Chiropractic Center, 704 South Lilly Rd., Olympia, Wash. Take exit 109 (Martin Way) off Interstate-5, west on Martin Way, left on Lilly Rd., over freeway bridge and left into start. Finish and awards will be at a food-and-drink establishment in the Olympia area.

This is an Open Event for ALL street-legal vehicles. **Current registration and proof of insurance required at the start!** Put them in your car now, thank you very much. Cars also get a brief safety/tech inspection (lights, horn, signals, seat belts, etc.) The rally is sponsored by Corvettes de Olympia, co-sanctioned by Northwest Region, Sports Car Club of America. Many Miata teams have participated (with varying success!) for the last few years. Cars with driver & navigator follow a confusing route around country roads and try to find the answers to obscure questions about things you see along the way (sort of a motorized scavenger hunt). The teams that get the most answers right win trophies at the finish. It's not a show, not a speed event, and uses all paved roads.

The All City Rally is a fun way to get out on the back roads and start the South Sound motorsports "season" with other cool car enthusiasts. There are dash plaques for every car, and dual trophies (driver and navigator) for the top five teams, plus the dreaded Dead Last But Finished award. Great huge piles of door prizes are given away (one ticket with your entry and you may buy lots more.) Your entire entry fee (\$15/car) goes to the Corvettes de Olympia Scholarship Fund for students in the automotive curriculum at South Puget Sound Community College. Last year CdeO awarded \$1500 in scholarships and the college matched the amount!

MORE RALLY INFO? Call the rallymaster Mark Twardzicki at (360) 459-1528 or e-mail [MarkTwardzicki@att.net](mailto:MarkTwardzicki@att.net).

Check the web site <http://www.corvettesdeolympia.org> for flyer and optional pre-registration form early in 2006.

### Remember

You can now get your Sounder via email instead of snail mail. It's easy, just send an email to [sounder@comcast.net](mailto:sounder@comcast.net)



## upcoming events

### Detailing Day & New Members's Day

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Hosted by PSMC Board

All Puget Sound Miata Club Members...Bring your Miata to Coop's in Maple Valley for a Miata Spa Day to get ready for cruising season!



If you are a new member, you won't want to miss this opportunity to meet with other Miata owners, chat about past and future events, and discover the secrets of keeping your Miata happy.

If you have been thinking about joining, this is the perfect time to jump in! With your registration, you will be able to benefit from this annual Spring ritual.

A team of PSMC volunteers will be on hand to assist you with the spa treatments, which include washing, steam cleaning, vacuuming, and waxing. The PSMC Buff Guys will run the buffers to bring that paint job to a beautiful shine.

All you need to bring is four soft bath towels to dry your beautiful car after its wash. The club will provide wash and wax products, hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks (non-alcohol).

The Dent Guy will be there to smooth out those pesky door dings, and Roger Cantaloube will repair or replace windshields.

Please **RSVP** on our website so we can plan for you.

Directions to Coop's:

**From the North:** I-405 southbound; Take "Enumclaw/Renton" exit' Left at second light onto Hwy 169 (Maple Valley Hwy); Drive about nine miles; Right at light onto SE 231<sup>st</sup>; Stay in left lane and go up the hill to SE 210<sup>th</sup>; Turn left into Coop's (sign on the left)

**From the South:** I-5 north: Take Hwy 18 exit North Bend/Auburn: Take Maple Valley/Renton exit; Left over overpass on SE 231<sup>st</sup>; Stay in left lane and go up the hill to SE 210<sup>th</sup>; Turn left into Coop's (sign on the left)

### Search for Madonna

May 4-8, 2006

Hosted by the San Diego Miata Club and Dustin & Andrew Locke



As many of you already know, Andrew & I have been working with the San Diego Miata Club to get a joint event between the two clubs going. The event will be the San Diego Miata Club's Annual "Search For Madonna" event, which takes place in San Luis Obispo California at the infamous Madonna Inn. The event itself will be May 6th, 7th and 8th, but Andrew and I plan to lead a caravan to the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo, leaving Washington on May 4th. We will take a leisurely three-day drive to reach our final destination. This will give us the opportunity to take in some of Oregon and Northern California while on the way. For the night of May 4th, we will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Ashland Oregon. They are offering a rate of \$85-89 dollars for the evening. You may make reservations at (888) 465-4329. The night of May 5th we will be staying at the Capitola Inn in Capitola California. You may make reservations with them at (800) 660-2713. On the morning of the 6th, we will depart the Capitola Inn and take a leisurely Coastal Route and arrive at the Madonna Inn around Noon-1pm (which is right around the time the San Diego folks will be arriving).

The Madonna Inn features 109 uniquely Themed Rooms and are offering the Miata folks a discount. We hope you have been already been booking your rooms (arriving May 6th, departing May 8th) as the more interesting rooms tend to book early. I encourage you to look at the rooms on their web site and find the one that looks the best to you. You cango to [www.madonnainn.com](http://www.madonnainn.com) for room information as well as reservation information. Make sure to mention that you are with the Miata Club, doing so will get you a bit of a discount for the Sunday Night rate. Once you have made your reservation, PLEASE, E-mail me at [sapphixae@yahoo.com](mailto:sapphixae@yahoo.com) OR call me (425-822-6894) and let me know which room you reserved as well as your names and the year and color of your car. We will composite a list of all Miata Club (SDMC & PSMC) members and what rooms they are in for games as well as for the Room

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Coming July 27 - 30, 2006

### Central Oregon Covered Bridges & Pinot Noir

Event Coordinators: Ray & Elsje Houghton & Paul Jaeger/Dawn Hayes

The Miata version of "Sideways" is moving further south into Oregon. We plan to chase down those Pinot noirs wherever we can find them in the South Willamette valley. This may mean running across some of those famed "Covered Bridges" so bring your cameras.

We have reserved a block of 20 rooms at the Best Western Dallas Inn and Suites, Dallas, Oregon to use as a base for our endeavors. The rate is \$72.00+tax. To reserve your room contact the hotel at (503) 623 6000 and mention either my name (Ray Houghton) or the group reservation for the Puget Sound Miata Club. **YOU MUST RESERVE BY JUNE 15th OR THE ROOMS WILL NOT BE HELD. PLEASE RSVP TO HOSTS.** We are currently in the planning stage so watch for further updates on the web and in future sounders. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Please **R.S.V.P** to the website or to Ray and Elsje Houghton by **June 15<sup>th</sup>** at (425) 483-6741 or [Raymond.Houghton@verizon.net](mailto:Raymond.Houghton@verizon.net) or Paul Jaeger/Dawn Hayes by **July 1<sup>st</sup>** at (425) 349-1729 or [Couggy81@aol.com](mailto:Couggy81@aol.com).



## upcoming events

# Kelowna Topless Sun Run 2006

May 25 - 28, 2006

Hosted by the Okanagan Valley Miata Club, BC



It's time to register for this exciting international event! Even if you are not driving up with Maury and Sandy, you need to register for the event itself with the Okanagan Valley Miata Club as soon as possible as this event usually books up early.

Go to the website at [www.okmiataclub.com](http://www.okmiataclub.com) and click on the link for the Topless Sun Run. You will find all the information you need about the weekend's activities and three options for registration and clothing purchases.

Once you have registered for the event, consider making it a more relaxed weekend by driving up with Maury and Sandy. We will be leaving Thursday at 3:00 pm from Monroe, making our way over Stevens Pass and stopping the night at the Lake Pateros Motor Inn ([www.lakepaterosmotorinn.com](http://www.lakepaterosmotorinn.com)) in Pateros, WA. The hotel is right on the lake and all rooms face the water. Since it will be the Thursday night before Memorial Day Weekend, the town isn't busy and we will have a relaxing night at the hotel. After we arrive and check in, we'll make our way along the lake to Camperos Mexican Restaurant in Brewster, about 10 miles away for some outstanding Mexican Food.

In the morning, we'll make a stress-free start, since we're already halfway there! We will head up to Kelowna on the eastside of Lake Okanagan and will arrive at the hotel in plenty of time to check in, relax, and explore before the official weekend activities begin. Your return trip will be at a time and highway of your choice.

If you want to join us, please make your reservations early: [www.okmiataclub.com](http://www.okmiataclub.com) for Topless Sun Run and Best Western Kelowna instructions [www.lakepaterosmotorinn.com](http://www.lakepaterosmotorinn.com) for motel reservations on Thurs. May 25 [zoom.zoom@yahoo.com](mailto:zoom.zoom@yahoo.com) **RSVP** via e-mail or on the PSMC website

If you have any questions e-mail us at [zoom.zoom@yahoo.com](mailto:zoom.zoom@yahoo.com) or call Maury or Sandy at 360-769-2497.



From the 2003 Topless Sun Run, Photo contributed by Maury Fugitt.

# Run for the Roses

June 9-11, 2006, Portland, OR

Hosted by Dale & Regena Weber



Portland, Oregon is having its annual Rose Festival in June. That's right, the city of Portland is throwing a party & we are going! Right smack dab in the middle of Portland's Rose Festival is the Portland Rose Cup Races held at the city owned Portland International Raceway. A popular weekend with West Coast racing enthusiasts for more than 40 years, the 2006 Rose Cup Races features Sports Car Club of America's Regional and National Championship point races with more than 400 amateur drivers in varied classes of race cars. One of those drivers is PSMC member Mark Brandt who will be competing in the Sports 2000 class. There will also be a Spec Miata class. Races are held throughout the weekend with the Rose Cup Race starting at 1:40 p.m., Sunday, June 11.

We intend to leave the Seattle area Friday morning, June 9<sup>th</sup> with our first destination being a visit to the Brandt's Pit area at Portland International Raceway (PIR). In the late afternoon we will check into our hotel. We have selected the Downtown Embassy Suites which is a wonderfully restored old hotel that is situated right in the middle of the Rose Festival activities as our base! The room rate is \$164 for a room with a King Bed. The rate for a room with 2 beds is \$184. Both include a full breakfast. Parking is an additional \$14 - \$22. If you would prefer to stay somewhere else we have a list of alternate lodging that is near a MAX station so you can still enjoy the group festivities. After you RSVP contact us & we will help you with making your room reservations.

Saturday is full of options! Some of us will catch the light rail MAX to PIR for the races. Others will enjoy the Rose Festival Parade at 10am which will be just a few blocks from the hotel. They then can enjoy the Saturday Market, shopping & art museum. In the evening we will regroup for dinner downtown & perhaps enjoy the waterfront village. And you have got to experience Voodoo Donuts in the evening!

Sunday also has its share of options. Some will want to return to PIR for the Rose Cup. Others will want to explore the Rose Festival festivities & downtown attractions before heading home. Some may want to take a detour through part of the Columbia River Gorge on the way home.

For more info, contact the Weber's @ [dale.regena@verizon.net](mailto:dale.regena@verizon.net) or call (425) 422-8430.



Mark Brandt at Portland International Raceways on October 29, 2005. Photo by Carl Hatfield.

## event aftermath

# Where Eagles Soar - Or Not!

Article by Cindy Smith; photos by Tom Smith

One little, two little, er . . . three? little eagles. Well, actually, we were told on the Second Sloppy Saturday Run by the Brandts that there were five. However, some of the folks, who actually drove up to New Halem, actually saw eleven. But I am getting ahead of myself.

As typical for January, the day of the "Walk Softly and Carry a Big Stick Tour (aka. The Skagit Valley Eagle Tour) dawned cold, grey and wet, which was a big improvement from last year. No slipping on ice, no having to worry about chaining up (hey guys, we do have chains for the 2000 Emerald Mica; when all you have are Miatas parked in the garage, you have to be creative), no snow flurries and it wasn't so wet that one brave soul (Joe Beretti and his son Mike) even had his top down, although by the time we left Howard Miller Steel Park, I believe his top was up. This was, after all, the second rainiest January on record.

But again, typical for PSMC, that didn't stop a large group of friendly Miataphiles (ooh, that word just doesn't sound right! Sounds like a bunch of lecherous old farts crooning over and caressing little toy cars. Hmmm, maybe the word is right after all!) – now where was I? Oh yes, a little rain – or a lot for that matter – doesn't keep this group indoors when there is a run planned, so the turnout was very impressive, and so many new faces. Very Cool!

After a brief driver's meeting and a round of quick introductions started by yours truly, who forgot which Miata Tom and I had brought – doh! – Dale and Regena led our merry little group through the Skagit River Valley to Howard Miller Steelhead Park in Rockport, where Dannie and Mark Brandt were waiting with steaming cups of hot chocolate and wonderful chocolate chip cookies that Regena had baked. Spotting scopes were set up and the fire was crackling. The only thing missing were the eagles.

Now to be fair, I did spot two as we drove through Concrete and there were two north of the bridge and one did come soaring over the river while we stood huddled around the fire. And the nice Heron across the river did stand still long enough so we at least had a big bird to look at through the spotting scope. But as the park ranger informed us, what with the second rainiest January on record, the river was too high for good pickin' for the eagles, so if we wanted to see any more than the lonely two at the bridge, we would have to make tracks for New Halem.

While a few of us stayed huddled around the fire, Charley and Nancy Drake led those more adventurous up to New Halem, where they reported spotting nine more eagles (eleven total, I believe). Back at the home front, Regena started craving roasted marshmallows but realized all she brought were the



At Bob's Burgers and Brews in Burlington.

teeny, tiny ones for the hot chocolate. Well, you know what they say about necessity being the mother of all inventions. Needless to say, marshmallows were roasted.

The Drakes and group made it back to "base camp" by the rendezvous time and we scurried into our warm cars for the drive to Darrington (birthplace of the infamous Toots\*) and some of the best pie you'll ever have the pleasure of devouring. It was a great way to end a great day – eagles or not. Of course, any day spent zooming along the backroads with all my friends is a great day for me.

Thanks Dale, Regena, Mark and Dannie for a great excuse to get out of the house for awhile and for all the little touches that make this a grand event!

See you all next year!

\*Toots is my four year old Appaloosa mare that has character that won't quit! I've had her since she was eight months old, and after relaying various stories of her antics, many of my Miata friends ask me how Toots is before asking how I am!

*A little ingenuity, a little roasting stick and a whole lot of success!*



*People can get wet, but you gotta keep them spotting scopes dry!*





## event aftermath

# Second Sloppy Saturday Aftermath Or Rather Slopless in Seattle

By Allan Ohlsen

What was supposed to be a normally wet and sloppy second Saturday in February turned out to be a very nice top-down-day as a baker's dozen or so intrepid club members went in search of wet and sloppy roads in east King county.

Our journey began at the famous XXX Root Beer drive-in in Issaquah where most enjoyed burgers, onion rings and that great XXX root beer. In looking at all the Miatas it was clear that some were in need of a wash, but others were all shined up for a great day of hitting the back roads with our tops down.

After eating and socializing, Sean and Pam McGriff lead us on a quest for slop with Tom and Cindy Smith acting as backdoor. Feeling like a little kid wanting to jump in every puddle I found; filled with anticipation, we took off.

Halfway through the tour it was clear, NO SLOP. We drove along East Lake Sammamish Way to Redmond, NO SLOP. Then we went east on back roads through the Snoqualmie river valley to Fall City, NO SLOP. We passed caution signs that said "Water over roadway" but all the roads were dry and the sun was out. In Fall City we took a break and for some judging on who had the "slopiest" Miata. We all conferred that the Smith's, in their 2000 Emerald Mica won hands down. Personally, I think they pre-sloped for the occasion. After the break we headed back to the XXX where our little drive ended. Although no slop, it turned out to be a great day for a little spirited romp on some nice twisties with friends.

Photos from top to bottom:

a. The gang at Triple X in Issaquah; photo by Allan Ohlsen

b. Time for a break at Fall City; photo by Maury Fugitt

c. And the winner of the dirtiest car goes to Tom & Cindy Smith; photo by Allan Ohlsen.



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Tour!

We will have several events planned during the course of the weekend. Of course they are all optional and you do not have to do any one thing(s). Here is the schedule as it sits: **Saturday Evening:** Some folks will head for an evening tour of the Hearst Castle. **Sunday Morning:** A short run to Morrow Bay for the Annual Morrow Bay Car Show. **Sunday Afternoon:** There will be two different runs to choose from. We will have a Wine Tour of local Wineries lead by my parents OR a Run through some of the San Luis Obispo Back Roads. And **Sunday Evening:** This will be the Annual Miata Club Dinner. Once dinner is over, we will return to the Madonna Inn for the Annual Room Tour (by far the most entertaining and hilarious event)!!!

Andrew and I hope to see many of you signing up for this event! This truly is a wonderful event and by far and away my most favorite Miata Activity of all time!! Let's show those San Diego folks our PSMC spirit this year!!

Again, please contact me and let me know which rooms you have reserved!!!



The Show Boat Room. Image from [www.madonnainn.com](http://www.madonnainn.com).

The Jungle Room. Image from [www.madonnainn.com](http://www.madonnainn.com).





## autocross

# A Quick Start to 2006

By Denise Williamson

We've barely started 2006, and the autocrossers of PSMC have been busy already. First up was the first WWSCC Slush event, "Dawg Sled". January 22 was actually fairly dry in Everett, so everyone really lucked out on that one. Cisco Castro was there in his very green Miata, competing unopposed in IB. His best time was 42.339. Open Street had eight competitors, including Dieter Beldi (38.467) and Bob Bundy (40.987, in a Mazda 323 GTX). Enrique Garcia decided to run against six other people in ST2 (33.645 CSP indexed), while Dave Conover and his turbo ran in Novice (41.949). Hey, Dave, I don't think you're a Novice any more! J Glen Hernandez and Alan Dahl ran in PRO1, which had 22 drivers. Glen ran an indexed 31.158 in a Mini Cooper S (GS), while Alan cautiously tried out his new '06 MX-5 for two runs and got an indexed 37.074 (CS).

The next event was on January 28. "Coneheads" is the annual SCCA/WWSCC awards banquet. Congratulations to the following drivers, who participated in enough events to place in year-end points:

**Tim Irwin**



Tim won third place overall in the SCCA Street Tire class. He ran in seven SCCA events and one WWSCC event. Photo by Glen Hernandez.

**Enrique Garcia**



Enrique placed third in the WWSCC OS class. He attended six WWSCC events, four SCCA events, and two BSCC events. He also placed sixth in STS2 at the Packwood SCCA National Tour and sixth in STS2 at the Solo II Nationals. Photo by Denise Williamson.

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**Alan Dahl**



Alan placed seventh in the WWSCC PRO1 class and sixth in the SCCA SPAX Class. He attended eight WWSCC events, eight SCCA events (won #2 and 8), and one BSCC event. He also placed first in HS at the Packwood SCCA National Tour (NT), tenth in CS at the San Diego NT, first in HS at the Fontana ProSolo, first in HS at the Atwater ProSolo, first in HS at the Wendover ProSolo, second in HS at the ProSolo Finale (by 0.046), and tenth in HS at the Solo II Nationals. He made it to Round 3 at the Atwater ProSolo, round 2 at the Wendover ProSolo, round 1 of the ProSolo Finale, and won the Hawk Super Challenge at the Fontana ProSolo. Photo by Denise Williamson.

**Denise Williamson**



I placed first in the WWSCC WST1 class by attending six events. Photo by Glen Hernandez.

**Rickey Carlson**



Rickey placed fourth in the SCCA SM2 class. He attended six events. Photo by Glen Hernandez.

**Tom Slipp**

Tom placed first in the BSCC SC class, and seventh in the SCCA NS4 class. He ran in five BSCC events (won #5) and six SCCA events.

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**Glen Hernandez**



Glen placed second in the SCCA SPAX class (missed first by 0.098) and placed first in the WWSCC PRO1 class. He ran in eight SCCA events (won #6) and eight WWSCC events (won #3, 5, and 7). He also placed first in DS at the Packwood SCCA National Tour (NT), first in DS at the San Deigo NT, first in DS at the Atwater NT, second in DS at the Fontana ProSolo, third in DS at the Atwater ProSolo, second in DS at the Wendover ProSolo, second in DS at the ProSolo Finale (by 0.087), and third in DS at the Solo II Nationals. He made it to round 2 at the Atwater ProSolo, round 1 of the Wendover ProSolo, and round 1 of the ProSolo Finale. Photo by Denise Williamson.

**Brett Wilson**



Brett placed third in the SCCA SM2 class, second in the WWSCC OS class. He attended six SCCA events (won #6), seven WWSCC events (won #1 and 3) and one BSCC event. Photo by Glen Hernandez.

**Dieter Beldi**



Dieter placed first in the WWSCC OS class, second in the SCCA SM@ class, and first in the BSCC SP class. He attended eight SCCA events (won #5 and 7), eight WWSCC events (won #2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8) and six BSCC events (won #3, 4, 6, and 7). He also placed third in SM2 at the Packwood SCCA National Tour. Photo by Glen Hernandez.

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## March Autocross

For details see [wwsc.org](http://wwsc.org)

- 4-5 SCCA San Diego NT at Qualcomm Stadium
- 7 BSCC Monthly Meeting at Tony's Pizza
- 11-12 SCCA Los Angeles ProSolo at California Speedway
- 12 CSCC WWSCC Slush #4 at Boeing Everett Plant, Everett
- 14 NWR/SCCA Solo Committee Meeting at Red House in Renton
- 19 BSCC Event #1 at Bremerton Motorsports Park, Bremerton
- 20 WWSCC Council Meeting at Rogue Brewery, Issaquah



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**Cisco Castro**



Cisco placed first in the WWSCC IB class. He attended six events (won #8). Photo by Denise Williamson.

### SPECIAL MENTION

Special Mention goes out to none other than Dieter Beldi. He **again** won the WWSCC "Worker of the Year" award. This is a prestigious award that is voted on by his peers. To my knowledge, no one has ever received this award more than once.

Special Mention also goes to Cisco Castro. He donated many coveted items (from the Everett Harbor Freight, of course) to the Coneheads Raffle on behalf of PSMC. His donations helped in raising \$1125.00 plus a big box of food for Northwest Harvest, thus making the Coneheads' Banquet Raffle a great success!

Got a hankering to autocross? In March, there are three events: a Slush event in Everett, a BSCC event in Bremerton, and a NOVICE SCHOOL in Bremerton (see [bscc.net](http://bscc.net)). For details on the events, see [wwsc.org](http://wwsc.org)

# A Face That Will Be Missed

By Cindy Smith

[I promised Gayle that I would write something up for the Sounder as we lost George to ALS on January 20<sup>th</sup>. I'm probably not the best to do him justice as my time as his friend was too short, but I'll do my best.]



What can I tell you about George? I can tell you that he was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 8, 1945 to George and Barbara Lazur; that he served his country during the Vietnam Era as a Captain in the US Army, receiving the Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Bronze Star. I can tell you that he fell in love with California during his stint at Fort Ord and decided to stay in the area after his years of military service were over. I can tell you that he worked in the insurance field; in fact, he met Gayle when she was working as a Kelly temp at the insurance agency where he was a claims manager. They were married on August 9, 1986 in Lake Tahoe, CA, which was also the last place they were able to vacation together in September 2005. I can tell you that George and Gayle moved to Washington on April 15, 1996 and that he was working as a Market Conduct Examiner in the Office of the Insurance Commissioner for the State of Washington when he retired in October 2005. And I can tell you that he was an avid car enthusiast; the list of cars he owned goes on forever and ranges from a Alfa Romeo Giulietta to an AMC AMX in Big Bad Orange to a Ford Zephyr to a BMW 325iT. His favorite of all, though, was the Corvette, which, unfortunately, he never had the opportunity to own; however, he did collect a much smaller version of the car, which he proudly displayed in his home in Edmonds. That's not to say he didn't love the Miata. Over time he owned four, buying his first in 1989 (a Red), to be followed by the Merlot Mica, a 10AE and finally a 2001 Crystal Blue. He

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and Gayle joined PSMC in 1996, hosted a Miata Fun Run in Edmonds and he became a Director at Large in 2002. And finally, I can tell you that he was diagnosed with ALS July 2002 and his time on Earth was not long enough, for at 5:30 AM on Friday, January 20 2006, George Lazur passed away peacefully in his sleep after a long, hard battle with ALS (Lou's Gehrig Disease).

All these facts, though, are just that: facts, milestones that we all go through in life, and while those facts may tell you where George has been and what he has done, they don't tell you what kind of a man he was. In my short time of knowing him, I found George Lazur to be an inspiration in the face of adversity; he was kind, loving, warm, generous, strong and had a heart of gold. He never once lost his sense of humor during his trials and tribulations with ALS, even to the point of telling jokes and giving Gayle a hard time right up until the very end. ALS may have slowed his body down, but it didn't slow him down. He and Gayle continued to show up to numerous PSMC events, planning meetings and were always one of the first to volunteer or show up to help at PSMC Hosted events. His strength and determination to live life to its fullest (which he did better than some able-bodied adults I know) amazed me. He will go down in my book as a character I will never forget. My life was enriched by my having known him and his absence from it now will be forever missed.

In lieu of flowers and cards, it has been requested that donations be made to the ALS Foundation. Help find a cure in George's Memory.



## New Faces

We hope to meet you at an event soon!

By Randy Umemoto



Dawn & Jay Mercer	Lakewood, WA	94 Red
John Hewitt	Marysville, WA	90 RED
Lissa & Dave Mayer	Kent, WA	06 RED
Thom & Judy Rhom	Renton, WA	91 Silver
Paul & Jane Hutt	Olympia, WA	99 Black
Neil Henry	Puyallup, WA	99 Black

## Familiar Faces

Try a new Miata Event this year!

Steve & Linda Birman	00 Emerald Green Mica	5 yrs
Grant & Vicki Levens	90 Red	3 yrs
Kathy Jerman	94 Blue	3 yrs
Dawn Hayes & Paul Jaeger	01 BRG	4 yrs
Larry & Liane Long	99 Green	5 yrs
Tom Peetz	93 Silver RX7	13 yrs
Bill & Alma Staufenberg	91 BRG	14 yrs
Julianne Wasilausky	96 Starlight Mica	1 yr
David & Diane Henry	91 BRG	1 yr



# Zoomin' with the Prez

By Maury Fugitt

Puget Sound Miata Club lost a true Miata enthusiast last month with the passing of long time member George Lazur. I will miss his delightful sense of humor and his devotion as a Director at Large. I was impressed that his wife Gayle was at our planning meeting the day after George's passing ready to carry on in his place. I asked her to continue as Director at Large and she graciously accepted. The PSMC Board unanimously voted to donate \$500 to the ALS Association as a remembrance of George's contributions to PSMC. We will all miss you George.



Detailing Day is just around the corner and the usual suspects have volunteered to help with buffing, parking lot duties, Walmart greeters and chef. We can always use some extra help so let me know if you can help in some capacity. It doesn't have to be a day long thing, just an hour or two of parking duties or kitchen clean-up.

Wow, the weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will stick in our minds for while! What a nice break from the long rainy days of January! While it could have been a sloppy Saturday, it was anything but. Not to mention Sunday was a photocopy of the Saturday! Sandy and I were in ANKLBTR, our smurf blue 91, for almost the entire weekend. We seemingly zoomed to all corners of Puget Sound. By the time work rolled around on Monday I was glad to sit in a seat that wasn't moving!

There will be less than four months left until club elections when you read this. There are several vacancies for directors at large and the pleasure of being the Prez for the next year. The nomination procedures are outlined elsewhere in this issue. Please consider the experience of returning something to the club that provides you so many ways to enjoy your Miata.

Elsewhere there is also information about the Kelowna Topless Sun Run, the premier Miata event in Western Canada. The Okanogan Valley Miata Club always does a tremendous job of pulling off day trips of up to 140 cars at one time! Sneak out of work early for the long week end and come along with Sandy and me!

As I look down the calendar I see the next two events are the Wine and Chocolate Tour and Cheap and Cheezy. Never let it be said that PSMC doesn't offer a wide variety of club functions! Nuff said for this month, you all keep the shinny side up and keep zoomin' . . . Maury



## West Penn MC's Miata Mountain Mania

June 15 - 18, 2006

There are only 16 slots left. Registration deadline is March 17, 2006, or the first 100 cars, whichever comes first. So if you want to go, be sure to register today. For more information, visit our website at [www.ps-miata.org](http://www.ps-miata.org) or go to [www.westpennmiataclub.com/maniac.html](http://www.westpennmiataclub.com/maniac.html).



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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 monthly newsletter and operating supplies constitute a financial burden that must be met by the membership. Make your Miata experience more enjoyable-join and participate. To keep the club meaningful and solvent, we need your support.

To join go online at [ps-miata.org](http://ps-miata.org) or send your name, address and check for \$30 (annual chapter dues) to:

**Puget Sound Miata Club**  
3901 SW Hanford  
Seattle WA 98116

# 2006 Calendar

For details about these events or to **RSVP**, check out the Calendar at [ps-miata.org](http://ps-miata.org)

## March 2006

- 3-5 Cheap n Cheezy VIII at Long Beach, hosted by Ume-Coop-Gun Krewe
- 24-25 Miata Performance Driving School at Thunderhill Sports Park, Willows CA

## April 2006

- 1 Magical Miata Mystical Tour, hosted by Weber & Brandt (see page 2)
- 7 First Friday Formal, hosted by Springer (see page 2)
- 8 PSMC Nominating Meeting at , hosted by Fugitt & McKnight (see page 3)
- 23 All City Rallye XXVI, sponsored by CdeO and NW Region SCCA (see page 3)
- 29 Detailing Day, hosted by some very special volunteers (see page 4)

## May 2006

- 3-8 Search for Madonna Tour, hosted by Locke (see page 4)
- 13 Sequim Parade
- 25-18 Kelowna Topless Sun Run B.C. Canada, hosted by OVMC; caravan organized by Fugitt/McKnight (see page 5)

## June 2006

- 3 Shelton Parade
- 9-11 Portland Rose Cup Run, hosted by Weber (see page 5)
- 15-18 Miata Mountain Mania, hosted by WestPenn Miata Club
- 17 PSMC Elections, hosted by PSMC Board
- 24 Port Orchard Parade
- 25 Guns & Roses II, hosted by Fugitt & McKnight
- 30-2 Historics, hosted by Springer

Thanks to the following Miata dealers who provide PSMC member discounts (simply show your PSMC Card):

*Coop's Miata of Maple Valley (425) 432-9666*  
*Doug's Lynnwood Mazda (425) 774-3551*  
*Harbor Freight Tools (Everett store only) (425) 513-6213*  
*Pinnacle Mazda of Renton (425) 271-2700*  
*Russ Dunmire Mazda of Tacoma (253) 473-2440*  
*University Mazda of Seattle (206) 634-1191*  
*Whidbey Island Mazda of Oak Harbor (360) 675-2218*

## July 2006

- 4 Kingston Fourth of July Parade
- 8 Drive-in Movie Run, hosted by Locke
- 22 Miatas do LaConner - Bring Your Own Blanket, hosted by Mackey & Huckleberry
- 27-30 Pinot Noir Wine Tour in North Central OR, hosted by Houghton & Hayes/Jaeger (see page 4)
- 30 Chinatown Parade
- 30 PSMC Miatacross (Tentative Date)



## August 2006

- 12 Sundown/Twilight Run, hosted by Locke
- 19 Dog Day Afternoon, hosted by Mudie
- 20 Run Around the Bases II, Double Play, hosted by Dennis Thompson & Joanie Hughes
- 26 LeMay Car Show, hosted by Springer
- 27 PSMC Gathering, hosted by PSMC Board

## September 2006

- 3 South Bend Labor Day Parade
- 9 Mukilteo Parade
- 10 Run Round Rainier V, hosted by Sabel
- 23 Leavenworth Parade
- 24 North Cascade Hwy Run, hosted by McGranaghan

## October 2006

- 6-8 Backroads to Bavaria IX, hosted by CMNW
- 7 ALS Walk, hosted by Lazur
- 7 Shelton Oyster Fest Run (to follow after the ALS Walk), hosted by Ohlsen & Smith
- 12-15 Return to Tofino, hosted by Aycock, Bojarski and Friends
- 28 Haunted Places Tour, hosted by Smith

## November 2006

- 3 First Friday Formal, hosted by Ohlsen
- 5 Planning and Board Meeting in the Southend, hosted by PSMC Board
- 11 Veteran's Remembrance Run, hosted by Smith and Weber
- 19 Turkey Teaser, hosted by McGriff
- 25 Tacoma Holiday Parade

## December 2006

- 9 PSMC Holiday Party, hosted by PSMC Board
- 16 Holiday Light Run, hosted by Locke