

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Apr 17	Tech Session at Billco Motors	Sat Jul 31	Run with the Foxes Cruise
Sat May 1 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Smail Mazda	Sat Aug 7 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Moon Mazda
Sat May 1	Start-Up Cruise	Sat Aug 7	Whitmire Cruise
Sat May 8	Rally	Sat Aug 28	WPMC Picnic
Sat May 22	Friendship Farms Cruise	Thu Sep 2 6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at Monroeville Mazda
Sat Jun 5 9:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Baglier Mazda	Sat Sep 4	You Gotta Know When to "Roll" Em and When to "Fold" Em
Sat Jun 5	BeaveRun CarFest	Sat-Mon Sep 4-6	Topless in the Mountains
Sat Jun 12	Fallingwater Cruise	Sun Sep 19	Third Annual Golf Outing
Thu-Sun Jun 24-27	Miata Mountain Mania 2010	Fri-Sun Sep 24-26	Niagara On The Lake
Thu Jul 1 6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at Monroeville Mazda	Sat Oct 2	Horseshoe Curve Cruise
Sat Jul 10	Portage Cruise	Sun Oct 10	Alpaca Cruise
Sat-Sun Jul 24-25	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix	Sat Dec 4	WPMC Christmas Party





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BILCO TECH SESSION

BY JOE ZIMLIKI

The Tech Session this year will be centered on interior & top maintenance. Changing brake pads will also be discussed. Bilco has arranged for a Mazda Tech to be there. I'll see you there.

Place: Bilco Motors

Date & Time: Saturday, April 17 at 10:00 AM SHARP!

RSVP: Joe Zimlik - jzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762 by April 14

2010 SEASON START-UP CRUISE

BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

Are you ready for another season of zoomin the back roads? Come join us as we travel some of the Miata roads that will be featured at Miata Mountain Mania 2010. After Jim conducts the monthly meeting, we will hit the back roads. We will have a rest stop at Seven Springs so you can check out the site of the event.

Place: Smail Mazda

Date & Time: Saturday, May 1 at 11:00 AM

RSVP: Linda Zimlik - lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762 by April 22

SPRING RALLY

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

John McConaha is a patient and friend of mine that loves to do rallies. He has done two other rallies for us before. They are a lot fun. You will need a navigator and be open for some fun. John will supply packets with pens. You will then have all you need to travel some Miata roads on the hunt. There will be prizes and we will end up at a restaurant. Details follow.

Starting Place: Smail Mazda

Date & Time: Saturday May 8 at 9:30 AM

First Car Off: 10:00 AM

Need: Navigator

RSVP: Linda Zimlik - lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762 by May 3

TOPLESS in the MOUNTAINS - XVI

BY STEVE LAPP

Topless in the Mountains XVI will be from Saturday, September 4 to Monday, September 6. This is an event sponsored by the Trillium Club from Canada with an invitation to WPMC. This year's event will feature "Sporty" and "Cruising" groups to accommodate different driving styles.

To sign up for this event:

1. Contact Steve Lapp at slapp@westpennmiataclub.com or 412-366-3388 to confirm that space is available.
2. Steve will send you a registration form which you will complete and send to the Trillium leaders for this event.
3. Book your room at the Hampton Inn after your registration is confirmed.





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2010 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

We have a Tech Session the 17th of April and our first cruise will be May 1. Zoomin In The Mountains in East Tennessee has opened registration. There is a link to their website on our Calendar of Events page under Other Club Events.

Northcoast has extended an invitation to the West Penn Miata Club to join them for their annual picnic on July 24th. Details in a future Cruisin article.

Date change for the Golf Outing in September - It will be Sunday, September 19. Seven Springs cancelled the Chocolate Festival.

Miata Mountain Mania 2010 is making progress. Decorations for the banquet are done and we are working on the dance - Just three more months.

There was a rock slide at the Gap - "The Tail of the Dragon." Latest update follows.

ROCK SLIDE UPDATE March 29, 2010: The rock slide on US 129 is located between the Dragon and Happy Valley Road/Foothills Parkway. US 129 has been closed at the TN/NC State Line by Tennessee making the Dragon itself inaccessible. TDOT has posted a date of July 31 for reopening, but a bonus will be awarded the clean-up if completed by July 1. We will post the latest information here so keep in touch. The only alternatives are the Cherohala Skyway and US 441 through the Great Smoky Mountains. There are many great roads in North Carolina and the Cherohala Skyway is clean. Use this opportunity to run the Moonshiner28.

Here is the website to check on the opening of the Dragon for those of you interested.

<http://www.tailofthedragon.com>

CRUIS'N WITH JIM BY PRESIDENT JIM PFEIFFER

With the beautiful weather we have been having these past couple of weeks, I feel certain that, like me, most of you were out cruising the open highways in your Miata with the top down, putting the car through the test in preparation for our weekend cruises.

While I am on the subject of the Miata, I came across an interesting article regarding the upcoming 2011 Miata that might interest you. At the New York Auto Show last month the Mazda CEO announced that their first diesel powered vehicle in the U.S. would be similar in size to the popular Mazda6. The actual vehicle hasn't been disclosed but, coincidentally, the Miata (MX-5) is due for a refresh in 2011. This new motor is expected to bring a boost in fuel economy by some 15 percent while at the same time giving extra horsepower. Bottom line - if Mazda puts a higher power engine in the Miata with better fuel economy we can only see it increasing its popularity among the sports cars. I mean, who can resist a Miata anyway?

To keep the car we already have fit and in good running condition, plan to attend the tech session at Billco Motors on April 17th. A lot of useful information is passed along and any questions you may have regarding your Miata I am sure can be answered there.

So, put the top down on your Miata, hope for good weather, and we will see you next weekend at the Tech Session.

Zoom, zoom zoom.

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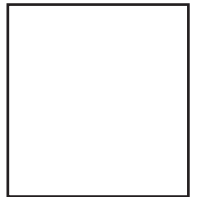
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