

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu May 4 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting	Sat Jul 29	Butler Cruise
Sat May 6	Volant & Combine Brothers Cruise	Thu Aug 3 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat May 13	SCCA 65th Cumberland Fire & Ice Majors Race	Sat Aug 5	Casa Narcissi Winery Cruise
Mon May 29	Butler Memorial Day Parade Sponsored by Baglier	Sat Aug 19	Meadowcroft Rockshelter & Historic Village Cruise
Thu Jun 1 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting	Sat Aug 26	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Jun 3	Swarmers' Cruisn'	Sat-Mon Sep 2-4	Topless in the Mountains
Sun Jun 11	Back Roads to Jean Bonnet Tavern	Sat Sep 9	Lunch in the Park & Harvest Festival Cruise
Sat Jun 17	Retro Cruise	Sat Sep 16	Laurel Highlands, Somerset, Bedford, Cambria County Cruisn'
Thu Jun 29 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting	Sat Sep 30	Johnstown Flood National Museum Cruise
Sat Jul 8	Presque Isle Annual Picnic - Make A Wish	Sat-Sun Oct 14-15	Annual Fall Foliage & Hocking Train Cruise
Sat-Sun Jul 15-16	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix		
Sat or Sun Jul 22 or 23	Cruising to Cruise		

MEMBERSHIP LIST

All members will soon receive a current membership list via e-mail. Please review your entries to insure all of your contact information is correct. Contact WPMC Secretary Mike Leone at mleone@westpennmiataclub.com with any corrections.





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Volant and Combine Brothers Cruise BY Pat & Ron Hoffman

Please join Pat and I on Saturday May 6th for the first drive of the 2017 Cruising Season to Volant and a late-afternoon lunch. Let's all meet at 11:30am at the Sheetz, Store #277, 12000 Perry Hwy in Wexford (North Hills) so we can be on the road by around noon. I am still not too familiar with all the roads around SW PA (moving back to Westmoreland County from Erie last Spring) so I asked Linda Zimliki to help me map out a route and she came up with cruise with lots of twists and turns!! This cruise is rated Sporty.

We will be heading first to the town of Volant by way of McConnells Mill State Park (including a covered bridge) for a 45-minute "pit stop". Volant (for those that have not been there before) is a quaint village town with lots of interesting shops and sits in the middle of Western PA Amish country. There is a good possibility that the Amish will have booths set up along the main street.

We will then head out to Hermitage and Combine Brothers Bar and Grille (www.combinebrothers.com) for lunch around 3:30pm. Combine Brothers specialty is Italian and they feed you HUGE portions. I suggest you bring along a cooler so you can take the left overs for the next two days of suppers!!

Since this is our first cruise this year, it will be a good opportunity to get reacquainted with one another and see what everyone has been doing since our Christmas party. Because of seating arrangements at the restaurant (plus I've never led a cruise of more than eight cars with ten turns!!), I want to limit the number of cars to 12 and approximately 24 people. Please RSVP to me, Ron Hoffman by email, rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or call me at 724-392-7932 if you will be joining us for this "Sporty" cruise by Wednesday, May 3rd. Hope to see you there!!

May Deadline

**THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE
MAY NEWSLETTER IS MAY 8, 2017**



SCCA 65TH CUMBERLAND FIRE & ICE MAJORS RACE BY Joe & Linda Zimliki

We have been invited back to Pittsburgh International Racing Complex for The Majors Race. The Majors Race is where America's best amateur drivers race. The event will be Saturday, May 13. Our Miatas will take the track for some Parade laps. You will be able to visit the Paddock. We will eat a prepared lunch in the Event Center consisting of a beef/cheese, turkey/cheese or ham/cheese sandwich, pasta or macaroni salad, chips, cookie & drink. Cost is \$7.25 per person.

One of our members, Mitch, is organizing a group to Go Kart at the Complex if you'd like to do this. It will not interfere with the Parade laps. These are not your ordinary go-karts. Their kart track is a .82 mile Wilson Circuit. A GX 270cc Honda 4-stroke Engine that makes 9.5 horsepower powers the karts. The karts can reach speeds up to 45 mph. The track will be rented for an hour at a group rate. For the hour he needs 20 people. He has 16 and needs 4 more. It will start with an explanation of safety rules then everybody will be separated into 2 groups. There will be a practice run for each group. The hour starts with a practice round. Then there will be 5 laps to qualify. In the remaining time everybody is on the track. We have a group rate at a cost of \$53 per person. Normal cost is \$22.50 for 10 minutes.

More information will be given as I receive it. We are accepting people for this event until May 9.

Meeting Date & Time: May 13 at 10:30 AM

Meeting Place: Parking Lot next to Super 8, 7099 Big Beaver Blvd, Beaver Falls, Pa 15010, Located off Pa Turnpike Exit 13, It is located a few mile from the Racing Complex

Costs: SCCA - \$25 per car, Lunch - \$7.25 per person, Go Karts - \$53 per person - if you decide to Go Kart

RSV: By May 9 to lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762



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BUTLER MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

Baglier Mazda has invited us again to participate in Butler's Memorial Day Parade. This event will be held Memorial Day morning. We participated last year. It is a very well organized and nice parade. Check out last year's photos on our website. This is an opportunity to honor our brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms. We will meet at Baglier and be led to the parade start. After the parade, one of Baglier's sales people will lead us on a cruise in the area. After the cruise, we will return to Baglier where a lunch will be provided for us. There will be give aways from Mazda... No, not a car!

They ask that everyone have a sign displayed on their vehicle thanking those that served. You can decorate your car if you wish. Hope we have a good turnout for this event. Time to show off our Miatas (MX-5) and honor the veterans.

Date & Times: Mon May 29th, 9:15 AM @ Baglier, 10:00 AM Line up starts, 10:40 AM Parade starts, 11:00 AM Moment of Silence

Meeting Place: Baglier Mazda, 630 Evans City Road, Butler, Pa 16001

RSVP: By May 22 to lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762

We'll make a half-way stop at Seven Springs Ski Resort for stretching and comfort. Before arriving at Jean Bonnet Tavern, there will be a brief stop for probably the closest encounter you'll ever have with one of the giant electricity-generating windmills that dot the Laurel Highlands. The hills will be in full greenery, and it should be a beautiful drive!

Date & Time: Sunday, June 11, 2017, Meet at 9:00 AM, Leave at 9:30 AM.

Meeting Place: Eastgate Shopping Center, 5142 State Route 30, Greensburg, PA 15601, just east of the Westmoreland Mall. Please assemble in the downward parking lane in front of AAA, just to the left of the Giant Eagle.

Gas: If you need gas before starting, proceed past the Eastgate Shopping Center, making a left at the next traffic light to a Sunoco station. Then return west to the next traffic light, making a left into the Eastgate Shopping Center.

RSVP: By Monday, June 5 to Scott Coatsworth at scoatsworth@comcast.net or 412-951-3340.

Cruise Type: Zoomin' (or not quite).

A DRIVE INTO HISTORY - JEAN BONNET TAVERN BY SCOTT COATSWORTH

This is a back road cruise through western Pennsylvania from Greensburg to Bedford, stopping at the historic Jean Bonnet Tavern (<https://www.jeanbonnettavern.com/>) or (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Bonnet_Tavern) for a ghost tour (<https://www.jeanbonnettavern.com/ghosts/>) and lunch, followed by an ice cream stop and a return trip via the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

CRUISE TYPES

LEISURE - A NICE DRIVE WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE COUNTRY SIDE - COMBINATION OF BELOW SPEED LIMIT & AT SPEED LIMIT

SPORTY - A SPEEDIER RIDE SO YOU CAN ENJOY THOSE CURVES - AT SPEED LIMIT

ZOOMIN - YOUR MIATA WILL BE MOVIN THROUGH A LOT OF CURVES WITH SPIRITED DRIVING





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WPMC STORE BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

We have license plate frames with the club's name and website printed on them. This is a good way to advertise the club. The cost is \$20. We also have shirts that can be embroidered with our logo or your Miata. Check out the WPMC Store on the website.

2017 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

We had a great Tech Session on Saturday and the cruises start in a few weeks. Our first cruise will take us to the town of Volant and a restaurant known for its huge portions. Next is the SCCA Majors Race where the Presque Isle and Northcoast Miata Clubs have been asked to join us.

There are also regional events by other Miata Clubs. They are listed on the Events page of the website after WPMC's events. I will also let you know through the newsletter. Don't forget to check them out. If you are interested in going to one of the regional events and want to know if anyone else is interested, please contact me. I will send an email to the membership to inquire.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Ragtop Review

BY RON HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT

It's now less than a month until we take our first cruise together!! Don't know about you but I am really getting anxious to re-bond with my Miata, "Little Guy". It's been a long dreary Pittsburgh winter as far as I was concerned even though it was milder than average. It made it even longer for me seeing Little Guy

with his winter cover on every time I walked out to the garage. But now the cover is off and all my favorite oldies CD's are loaded in the player. I am ready to start zoomin', are you??

Hope you had a chance to read the March 2017 newsletter and scan over the Upcoming Events or go to the Calendar of Events link on our club website. We have no less than 3 cruises/events planned every month, May through September, with a few on Sunday. The club officers have been hard at work planning this year's calendar, with special thanks to Events Chair, Linda Zimliki. Hopefully every club member will be able to participate in a few cruises. Everyone should make it a goal to participate in a couple more cruises than they took last year!!

I attended my first club sponsored tech session on Saturday, April 8th. I would like to thank Jack Bartek, Mark Tuite, and Steve Lapp for a very informative and knowledge packed session. If I learned anything at this tech session, it is that our club has some very knowledgeable members who know a lot about the mechanics of our favorite car. There is a good chance you will be able to get answers to a mechanical concern you may have by just asking around!!

I was alerted by another out-of-town Miata lover of an interesting video on YouTube. The video was produced by EveryDayDriver and is titled Driving All 4 MX-5 Miatas, Which is Best? The video compares all four generations and two test drivers rate them. Their comparison, evaluation and conclusion of which model was best is quite informative, granted it is just the professional opinion of two drivers. But I think it is worth watching -- it kept my attention. Hint, Hint: I also liked their conclusion!! I did have to chuckle a bit when the drivers mentioned this video showed all four generations together side by side, a real rarity. I guess they don't belong to a club of Miata lovers!! The link for this video is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6HFEaZi5mI>

I actually was able to "smell" Spring these last couple weeks so let's start cruisin'!! If you are visiting this site for the first just to check us out, Welcome!! I hope you can join us for an event so you can experience first hand a new level of Zoomin' fun.

Later!!





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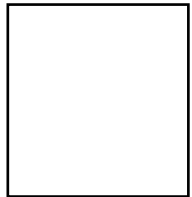
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