

## Upcoming Events

Sat Aug 11	Roadster Factory Cruise
Sun Aug 26	WPMC Picnic
Sat Sep 8	Johnstown National Flood Memorial Cruise
Sun Sep 16	J. D. Cellars Winery Cruise
Sat Sep 22	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Sat Oct 13	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 1	WPMC Christmas Party

## Cruise to the Roadster Factory

by Jack and Nancy Bartek

**P**lease join us Saturday August 11th for a mid summer's drive to the Roadster Factory located in Armaugh, PA. This is a window in time going back on the driving force behind the original Miatas. The Roadster Factory manufactures and imports replacement parts for British roadsters MG and Triumph. We are all set for a tour of the facility. On our way, we will experience the beautiful scenery of Cambria County and the Conemaugh Gap. There will be a restroom break about halfway to the Roadster Factory. After the tour, which will take about an hour, we will take the scenic route and head over to the 37 Grille located at the Chestnut Ridge golf course for lunch arriving at approx 1:30PM. The trip will wrap up with a visit to the Dairy Queen

which is not far from the restaurant.

**Date and Time:** Saturday Aug 11th – Meet at 9:00 AM, Depart at 9:30AM

**Meeting Place:** Giant Eagle, 5142 Route 30, Suite 140 Eastgate Plaza, Greensburg, PA

**Cruise Type:** Leisure to Sporty, We have a space limit of 30 people, or approx 15 cars.

**RSVP:** By Saturday August 4 th to Jack Bartek at abarte@aol.com or text 724-244-4582. If you sign up and do not receive a reply, please call.

## WPMC Annual Picnic by Ron Hoffman

**H**ave you set aside Sunday, August 26, 2018 for our Club's annual picnic? If not, then mark your calendars now. We usually hold the picnic on the last Saturday of August, but another group beat us out reserving it that Saturday, so Sunday it is. As in past years, the picnic is a good time just to relax and enjoy conversation with other club members, not to mention the great food and fun games. The picnic will be held at the same time and location as in previous years, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Maple Grove in White Oak Park. Reservations are required and we'd appreciate everyone bringing a dish to share and fill our food table. As in the past, the Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, condiments, soft drinks, water, and paper products.

As I mentioned in the July newsletter, this is my first time organizing and coordinating our picnic so I need a little help. I'm not that good at coming up with and organizing "fun" games. I'm an engineer by trade and not too "fun" according to my wife, Pat. I could really use some help coming up with games to play and running them at the picnic. I did find a website of suggested parking lot games for sports cars that might be of help. Go to: <http://funkhana.com/>

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Lawn games are also good. Please get back to me at rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-392-7932 if you can help with a game. I would really appreciate any help you can provide. We try to have a variety of food – appetizers, salads, covered dishes and of course desserts which always seem to be plentiful. Please sign up early if you really have a dish or dessert you must bring and “brag about” otherwise you may be asked to bring another dish if we start getting too much of one kind of food. Please RSVP to my wife Pat at pat.hof@hotmail.com or 724-392-7932 along with your food selection by August 19th. Looking forward to seeing everyone and having “fun”!!

## Directions to White Oak Park:

From Pittsburgh via the Parkway East (Approx. 11.2 mi. or 20 min.)

- Exit the Parkway at Forest Hills (Exit 8A) onto Ardmore Blvd. (Rte 30 East)
- Continue 8.8 mi. to Carpenter Lane (Sheetz on right)
- Turn right on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

From Irwin PA Turnpike Exit 67 (Approx. 7.5 mi. or 14 min.)

- Take the Pittsburgh Rte 30 West ramp
- Proceed on Rte 30 west 5 mi. to Carpenter Lane (Sheetz on left)
- Turn left on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

From Monroeville PA Turnpike Exit 57 (Approx. 10 mi. or 23 min.)

- Take the Monroeville Bus Rte 22 ramp
- Merge onto Bus Rte 22 West
- Immediately get into the left lane
- Turn left on Rte 48 south (Mossdale Blvd.) at Parkvale Bldg.
- Continue 5.8 mi. on Rte 48 to Rte 30
- Turn left on Rte 30 East - go 1.7 mi. (Sheetz on right)
- Turn right on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

## Johnstown National Flood Memorial Cruise by Larry Shockling

**O**n September 8, 2018, we will cruise from Murrysville through Westmoreland County into Indiana County on Miata roads, both curvy and sweeping, while also including a stretch of SuperSlab. We will have lunch about noon at a Hoss's restaurant, and then make our way to the National Flood Memorial in Sidman, which commemorates the horrific consequences of the bursting of the South Fork Dam on May 31, 1889. Exhibits and a life-size “debris wall” dramatically illustrate the flood wave that devastated Johnstown. A film ‘Black Friday’ chillingly recreates that day in 1889. Property damage, even back then, was \$17 million. The cleanup operation took years, with bodies being found months (and years) after the flood.

We will drive by several historic structures once part of the South Fork Hunting and Fishing Club which are also nearby. We will then make our way down into Johnstown, driving by the Stone Bridge with arches, that made the most harrowing experience for hundreds of people. Debris of all types swept down the valley and piled up at the bridge in a 45 acre mass, which eventually caught fire. More than 80 people died at the bridge. We will proceed through Johnstown and up the scenic valley alongside the Conemaugh River to the West bound SuperSlab 22W. We will be stopping in Blairsville at Scoop's Old Fashioned Ice Parlor. Their specialty is Penn State Creamery ice cream, a 1940 Vintage counter with vintage milk shake mixers, and 50's music. We finish up with a half-hour jaunt back to Murrysville on the SuperSlab.

Estimated arrival time: 5:30 PM - Total miles traveled: ~155.

Date and Time: Sept 8, 2018, Meet at 9:00 AM, Drivers mtg: 9:15 AM, Leave at 9:30 AM

Location: Sheetz #204, Rte 22 & School Rd in Murrysville

Cruise Category: Sporty - Cruise is limited to 12 cars.

RSVP: Larry Shockling at 724-327-6922 or Lshockling@westpennmiataclub.com by September 4th





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## J. D. Cellars Winery Cruise

by Rich and Leeanna Ryba

**J**oin Rich and Leeanna Ryba on Sunday September 16th, and take a ride on the "leisurely" and "sporty" side as we traverse the backroads to the J and D winery near Eighty Four, PA.

We'll get a great ride and a great catered hot buffet lunch for just \$15 per person. Of course there is ice cream at the end as we will be only two miles from the Spring House for our ice cream and conclusion of our cruise.

John will give a quick tour and explanation as to how his winery works and Dot will be there as the ultimate hostess. We need 30 people to make this work, so let us know as soon as possible, so we can finalize the plans.

Once we have confirmation of the number, we'll set the starting location and time. Email Rich at rryba@westpennmiataclub.com. Zoom Zoom!

## Let's Go Lago Cruise Report by Lee Platt

**W**e all met at Sheetz in Cranberry at 10:00. It was hot and muggy, but all of us were ready for a drive. We drove north on 19 on smooth roads, went through Zelienople, and a few other towns. The scenery was beautiful and we eventually arrived in the Meadville area. Lunch was at the Timber Creek Tap & Table. Service and food were both good and we enjoyed the camaraderie. The air conditioning was also appreciated in the 94 degree heat. We then traveled to the winery located by Lake Pymatuning. LAGO Winery was made from a building from the St. Louis World's Fair. It was an administration building (thus the sign in the barn) which was brought back to the 200 year old farm. Some partook of wine or beer then it was back on the road towards home. The group stopped at "The Corner" where they had some

wonderful ice cream to cool them off. We want to thank Ken and Karen Nagel for a very pleasant ride!

## Platts Go Cruisin Review by Brian and Sheila Bell

**S**everal energetic Miata enthusiasts met at the Clearview Mall in Butler, on Saturday, July 21, to embark on a very fun sporty cruise, on some of the best crooked, twisty, and windy roads that western Pennsylvania has to offer. We traveled through three counties, Butler, Clarion, and Jefferson, enroute to our scheduled stops of the day. Our first stop was in East Brady, where we stopped at the scenic overlook, overlooking the Allegheny River. From there we sped along through the small towns of Rimersburg and Redbank, on our way to Brookville, where we made a pit stop. We saw a flock of eight turkeys along the way, as well as a deer carcass with a happy birthday balloon, tied to its leg. Our next stop was the Iron Mountain Grille in Clarington, where we enjoyed a delicious leisurely lunch. When we went to leave, we discovered that our fearless leaders' car had a dead battery. Thank you to the Flasches, who provided the necessary jumper cables. Off we went, as we traveled through beautiful Cooks Forest, in the first rain of the day, and headed to Mazzanti's Beans and Cream in Butler, for our ice cream fix. Somewhere between Knox, West Sunbury, and Butler, the sunshine returned. We ate our ice cream, thanked the Platts for an awesome day of cruising, and bid our friends farewell. Thank you again, Lee and Don, for another fun day in the life of Miata cruisin!

### 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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## This Way That Way Cruise Report by Jack and Nancy Bartek

Everyone who signed up met in the Sheetz parking lot in Murrysville on a bright July Saturday morning. Those of us unfamiliar with this type of cruise were wondering where we were going. There was no guidance in the mysterious newsletter article. Then Linda and Joe informed us that we would ALL be cruise leaders for 10 minutes each. We could go wherever we wanted!!!! Wow! No rules, no routes, just free lance zoomin. Linda instructed all the co-pilots in performing the "Queens Wave" which is proper etiquette for greeting any unfortunate leader who, making a wrong turn, must double back in a U-Turn.

Now you might think we would find ourselves criss-crossing the roads close to the Sheetz where we started, but no, each leader driver and navigator did their best to find a new twisty road and we weaved our way back and forth, up hill and down dale. We even managed to locate a rest stop, and squeezed in a U-Turn (with Queen's Wave of course). It was a lot of fun. Once every driver had their chance to lead, Joe and Linda took over and brought us to a great little spot for lunch in Claridge PA, called the Schoolhouse Tavern. Dating from 1896, the building was originally the one-room Clarks Crossing Schoolhouse. Lunch was very nice, and the room was buzzing with chat and laughter while we all exchanged experiences of cruising with "No Particular Place To Go". We closed the day out with a trip to The Meadows Original Frozen Custard stand for some tasty frozen treats. Our hats off to the Zimlikis and all the cruise leaders and navigators for a wonderful day of fun, food, and great roads.

### September Deadline

The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is September 10, 2018



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## 2018 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

One more month of summer is left and we have to make sure we get our cruisin and zoomin in this season. The Roadster Factory is going to be a cruise the guys don't want to miss. There is a car limit so if you don't want to miss out, call Jack soon. Our annual picnic is at the end of August on Sunday the 26th. Please don't wait - let Pat and Ron know you are coming and what you will bring. It is a fun time and chance to socialize with our friends. See you at the picnic. Last Saturday, the people who attended This Way That Way cruise had a good time. As a group we did a great cruise.

There is a new event in October. We have been invited

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to join the British Car Festival. Details follow: The Shenandoah Valley British Car Club has decided to invite Miatas to the 37th Annual British Car Festival, October 5 and 6, in Waynesboro, VA. We have had upwards of 140 cars in the past. The festival will be held in a riverside park in Waynesboro, and it should be peak leaf season on the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive, which are just ten minutes from Waynesboro. There will be an informal dinner and brewery trip (with shuttle) Friday night and the show will be Saturday, with door prizes and class trophies. Last year we had about 140 cars. - Steve Fox Here's the link to the festival web page: <http://www.svbcc.net/carshow.html>

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

## Ragtop review

by Ron Hoffman, President

**W**e're now heading into the home stretch of Cruisin' Season 2018, believe it or not. We've already had 8 cruises with 5 more to go, including one this upcoming weekend, August 11th. Jack and Nancy Bartek will be leading this cruise. Sounds like another winner to me. I'll say it one more time because you most likely are tired of hearing it, but if you haven't participated in a cruise yet this year then "Shame on You" – what are you waiting for??? Also this month our annual picnic is on August 26th. Check out the details in this newsletter. The picnic is a great way to reacquaint yourself with club members you may not have seen for awhile.

I ran across a couple of good Miata news articles online this past week that I thought I would bring to your attention. They just came out the end of July. These talk about pricing for the 2019 RF models. I couldn't find anything about pricing for the soft-top models. Of course sticker prices always seem to go up (I've never seen them go down) and 2019 is no exception. Since Mazda has announced them, they are increasing the horsepower on the 2019 Miatas by 26 to 181 horsepower, the one article has equated the price increase to the increased horsepower. The cost is \$16 more per horsepower for the Club RFs and \$23 more per horsepower for the Grand Touring RFs.

The Grand Touring RF models, besides horsepower increase, also include some new upgrades:

- A new, standard tilt/telescoping steering column
- An aluminum steering column to save weight
- A new, standard rearview camera
- Available Traffic Sign Recognition
- Available Smart City Brake Support - low-speed automatic emergency braking

For more details and actual sticker prices, do a Google search on "2019 Mazda Miata" and look for the articles about pricing on the "Market Watch" and "Jalopnik" websites. The actual web addresses in the articles are way too long to duplicate here – Sorry.

I would like to extend a BIG WELCOME to anyone checking out our club website for the first time. I hope you like what you see and will join us for an event and experience first hand a new level of ZOOMIN' fun

Later!!





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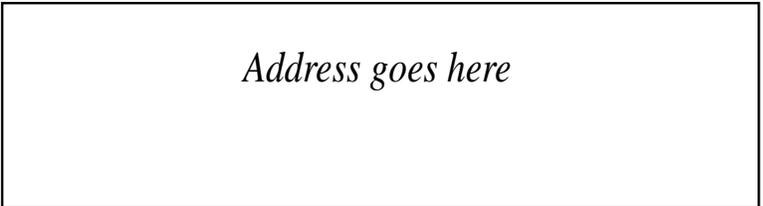
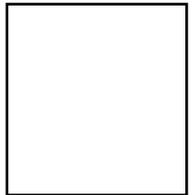
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