

Upcoming Events

Sat Aug 17	Gravity Hill & Peaches Cruise
Sat Aug 24	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Sep 7	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Sat Sep 14	West Virginia Twisties & Homemade Comfort Food Cruise
Fri-Sun Oct 11-13	Watkins Glen
Sat Dec 7	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

Gravity Hill & Peaches Cruise by Walt Dillen

First, note this cruise date has been changed to August 17. This cruise has something for everyone, great roads, good food, fresh peaches, and a mysterious road that defies nature. You are going to love it. Almost forgot, we'll stop for ice cream at the end of the event. Lunch will be at the Jean Bonnet Restaurant in Bedford, then on to the Boyer Orchard in New Paris, and then to Gravity Hill Road for a supernatural experience. Boyer Orchard will have peaches, apples, and possibly plums. They may also have sweet corn.

This cruise is rated **SPORTY** with a little **ZOOMIN** to keep it interesting, like 50% - 50%. The driving portion to the restaurant is 2 hours with a rest stop at 1.5 hours.

Date & Time: August 17th @ 9:00 AM.

Meeting place : 1100 Mountain Laurel Plaza (old K-Mart) Latrobe, Route 30.

Category: Sporty - Zoomin.

RSVP: Deadline August 12, to wldillen@comcast.net or 724-205-6044.

WPMC Annual Picnic by Ron Hoffman

Have you set aside Saturday, August 24, 2019 for our Club's annual picnic? If not, then mark your calendars now. As in past years, the picnic is a good time just to relax and enjoy conversation with other club members, not to mention great food and fun games.

The picnic will be held at the same time and location as in previous years, from 11:00AM to 4:00PM 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.

I need HELP!! I'm not that good at coming up with and organizing "fun" games so I can really use help coming up with games to play, organize, and run 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/>. Lawn games such as, but not limited to, corn hole, bocce ball and horseshoes are also good. Please get back to me: 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 17. Looking forward to seeing

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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)

The Laurel Highlands Miles of Smiles Cruise by Dave & Luanne Kopco

Please join Luanne and I for our very first West Penn Miata Club cruise on Saturday, September 7. We have picked some of our most favorite Miata roads in Westmorland, Cambria, Somerset, and Bedford Counties for your driving enjoyment. We are listing this as "sporty/zoomin" and there is no destination so put on your

driving shoes and plan on a day of "driving". Being in the Laurel Highlands also means some beautiful site seeing, for the passengers of course. We like country roads that are not lined and hope that you will enjoy them too. We will take one potty break before lunch and fit one more after lunch as well. Speaking of lunch, we will be eating at The Boulevard Grill, where the food is always great. There will be a flight of steps at the restaurant. They have limited us to 24 people so I am limiting the cruise to 12 cars. And of course, there will be ice cream at the end of the cruise. Please join us as we get to highlight some of the fun roads in our back yard for a change.

We will meet at 1100 Mountain Laurel Plaza, Rt. 30, Latrobe behind Get Go at 8:30am for a 9:00am start.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, September 2 to dlkopco@gmail.com or (814)421-0857

West Virginia Belly Buster Cruise by Don Hamm

Come take a leisurely cruise through the Western PA countryside. We will traverse state maintained roads consisting of some straights and a few sweepers leading us into more frequent and tighter turns as we close in on our quest of the ultimate comfort food buffet at Quinetts Restaurant in New Martinsville, WV.

Overview: mileage to restaurant 117 (3hrs) with midway stop at a Sheetz. Return via Ohio expressway 37 miles to I-470/70 (PA line) and 26 more to I-79 Washington PA

Date & Time Saturday, September 14, meet at 9:00 AM and depart at 9:30 AM after drivers meeting

Meeting Location: 3029 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA, Exit 54 off I 79 - This is behind the Get Go in Crossings, South Fayette Plaza.

Category: Leisure to Sporty

RSVP: 412-760-2432 or deljhamm@verizon.net





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Annual Fall Foliage - Watkins Glen & PA Grand Canyon by Joe & Linda Zimlik

This year we will be zoomin to Watkins Glen on some great Miata roads with spectacular scenery. When you say Watkins Glen, you immediately think of the International Race Track and wineries. You will drive your MX-5 on the 3.4 mile Grand Prix storied road course for 2 laps behind a pace car. After the 2 laps, you'll stop at the Start/Finish Line for a photo. Not only will you drive the speedway track, but you'll also drive the original street race course used 1948 - 1952.

You will be able to visit the many different wineries in the Finger Lake region and visit the beautiful Watkins Glen State Park. Within two miles, the glen's stream descends 400 feet past its breathtaking gorge with 200-foot cliffs, generating 19 waterfalls along its course. The gorge path winds over and under waterfalls and through the spray of Cavern Cascade.

On the way home Sunday, we'll visit the PA Grand Canyon. In 1968, the National Park Service designated 12 miles as a National Natural Landmark. The gorge is 47 miles long with its southern tip 1450 ft deep. Two parks have views of the gorge, and the best time to visit is autumn for the foliage. Following the Grand Canyon visit, we will continue home by way of more great Miata roads.

I have invited the Trillium Club to join us. We'll have a limit of 14 cars from our club. Once you have made the list for the cruise, I will send you hotel information so you can make your reservation. Reservations have to be made by September 11.

I have reserved a block of rooms in DuBois for those wishing to spend Thursday night there instead of leaving early Friday morning. Cost is \$79.90 for two double beds.

Date & Time Fri-Sun, October 11-13, meet at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place Sheetz #148 - 2120 Blinker Pkwy, Dubois, PA 15801

Car Limit: 14 (ONLY 2 SPOTS REMAIN!)

Cost: \$20 per car for the track, \$104 plus tax - 2 queen beds, \$114 plus tax - king suite for Watkins Glen hotel, \$79.90 plus tax for DuBois hotel for those wishing to spend Thursday night in DuBois

RSVP: lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com

Cruisin' Delight Cruise Review by Jack and Mary Jo Miteffer

It was a beautiful sunny Saturday July 13th morning when 11 Miatas met for Bill and Juliette's Cruisin' Delight Cruise, and just as advertised - we surely did what Miatas were built to do. We drove on some of the best Miata roads north of Pittsburgh seeing some of the best country vistas around. There was even an unexpected detour due to some of the heavy rains we had days before which Bill managed seamlessly.

After stopping at Baglier Mazda for a potty break we continued onward to the Waterhole Restaurant in Harmony for a fantastic lunch. Juliette had called in our orders beforehand and when we got there everything was ready and waiting for us. After lunch we traveled more excellent Miata roads and ended our 120 mile driving cruise at The Meadows Custard Stand in Cranberry Township for our ice cream treat.

Thank you Bill and Juliette for planning such a wonderful cruise. We know a lot of time and effort was put into the planning and we all surely appreciated it and had an extremely good time.

September Deadline

The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is September 9, 2019





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Swallow Falls & Simon Pearce Outlet Glassblowing Cruise Review by Walt Dillen

Let me start off by saying that the weather could not have been better; the Miata gods were smiling down on this cruise. Second comment, the roads were great, worth repeating "THE ROADS WERE GREAT"; Jack & Nancy really did their homework. We started in Mt. Pleasant and headed south to the great state of Maryland. Our first stop was the Simon Pearce Glass Factory & Outlet. We watched two real craftsmen blowing glass items, I believe cake plates. Very interesting, great skill, as the training period for this job is 3 to 5 years and requires great lungs. Headed to DEEP CREEK and the Black Bear Tavern for lunch. I think everyone really enjoyed their meal. I had a crab cake sandwich - OVER THE TOP. Unfortunately due to time constraints, we had to cancel our trip to the Swallow Falls. We did however stop in Oakland for ice cream, what more can I say? Just for the record I was born in the great state of Maryland. Once again a super Thanks to Nancy & Jack for a Miata-fun-day.

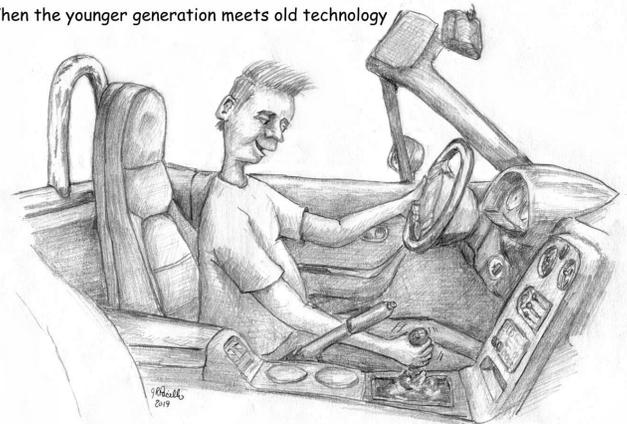
uphill by itself and water run uphill.

This time of year, I'm looking for cruises for next year. Please let me know if you have a cruise you would like to lead.

See you on our next cruise!

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

When the younger generation meets old technology



I think I found the joystick. Now where is the start-stop button

by Jim Pacillo

2019 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

The hot days of summer are here. Our annual WPMC picnic is at the end of the month. Hope to see as many as possible there, especially new members. The picnic is great place to socialize with fellow members. We ask you to bring a dish to the picnic and WPMC supplies the meats. Please contact Ron Hoffman as soon as possible so he will have an accurate count to order the different meats we supply. Also this month we have a cruise to an orchard with peaches and apples. This is followed by a trip to Gravity Hill to see your car move

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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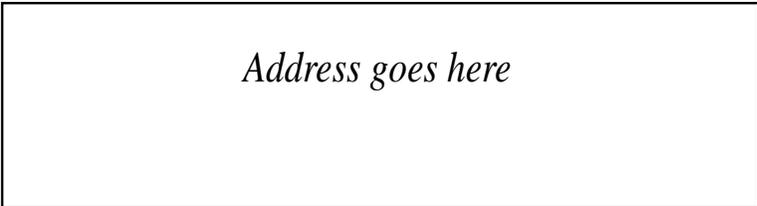
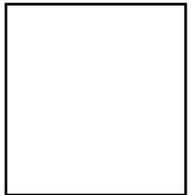
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