

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri - Mon Feb 16-19	Pittsburgh International Auto Show
Sat Mar 3 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Smail Mazda

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES BY LARRY SHOCKLING

**N**ow that we are into the new year of 2018, your old membership is obsolete, and must be renewed. Remember that membership is contingent on submitting a signed copy of the WPMC Terms & Conditions with your 2018 application. If you have already submitted a copy of the Terms & Conditions, you need not sign it again - once & done!

### RENEW NOW BEFORE THE MARCH 31st DEADLINE!

The WPMC Membership Application and Terms and Conditions can be downloaded at: <http://www.westpennmiataclub.com>. Click on the "Becoming a Member" link, and then on "Membership Application & Terms and Conditions". Both forms are also attached to this newsletter. We need a new Membership Application from you each year to assure that we have the correct contact information. Make your \$30.00 check payable to West Penn Miata Club and mail it, along with your executed forms, before March 31, 2018 to:

West Penn Miata Club  
116 Teton Dr  
Pittsburgh, PA 15239

**A**fter March 31st, the membership list will reflect those who have paid 2018 dues. Thanks for your continued support of WPMC and your participation in club events!

## 2018 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**A**re you dreaming of those sunny days when you are driving the country roads with your MX-5? It has been a cold winter but it will end. Mazda made a request of the MX-5 clubs to participate in a Polar Bear Run on New Years Day. We had nine brave cars willing to take the plunge and Mazda was going to send a photographer. I elected to cancel the event due to dangerously cold wind chills and Mazda cancelled the photographer as well. We'll consider it for next year.

**O**ur members had a good time at the WPMC Christmas Party and took a lot of prizes home. Mike "the DJ" played music that got some members on the floor to dance. Thanks to the Christmas Party Committee for planning and organizing this event.

**O**ur first event of the season, the Pittsburgh Auto Show, runs February 16 - 19. Spots remain for volunteers to work for free admission to show. Please contact Ron Hoffman.

**I**'m working on the schedule for this year. If you would like to lead a cruise, please contact me. If you don't have an idea for a destination, I can help. Look forward to hearing from you.

**T**he first monthly meeting will be March 3 at Smail in Greensburg. Members are welcome to attend, and we go out to lunch afterward. Hope to see you there.

**Z**oom Zoomm Zoommm!





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## TOY TRAIN MUSEUM

### REPORT

BY NANCY & BILL WILLIS

**E**ighteen of us met in the parking lot on Ridge Avenue on December 12th, and we walked to the mansion that houses the Toy Train Museum. When we first entered this beautiful mansion, we were taken into the parlor. In the parlor we saw a beautiful live 12 ft Christmas tree. The tree was decorated with Mercury ball ornaments from 1868. Some of these ball ornaments weighed 10 lbs.

**T**his private train collection has been in books, magazines, and TV. The collector, John, received his first Lionel train for his 2nd birthday. He now has one of every train made by Lionel, American Flyer, and Ives from 1860 - 1939. He has the prototype of Lionel's first steam engine produced in 1908. He out bid Niel Diamond and the Smithsonian to purchase this train.

**I**n 1934, financial troubles led Lionel into court ordered receivership to avert bankruptcy. That year the company was saved by the wind up car featuring Mickey and Minnie Mouse that operated on an 0 gauge track that sold for \$1. We saw this hand car in his collection.

**W**e ended our fantastic day at Max's Allegheny Tavern in Pittsburgh's historic Deutschtown neighborhood.

**T**hank you Linda & Joe for a great day!!!

## RAGTOP REVIEW

BY RON HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT

**H**ope everyone is keeping warm and healthy. This winter so far is a "bit" colder than the previous two winters. Probably not many of you are thinking yet about getting out in your Miata and going for a cruise, but it will only be a couple more months so hang in there!!

**I**n the meantime, there are a few club events coming up fairly soon. Don't forget our first event of the new calendar

year. The 2018 Pittsburgh International Auto Show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center takes place Feb 16th through Feb 19th. Our club has a presence at the Mazda display where we pass out club information and answer any questions about the club. This is one of our main recruiting events.

**A**s of this writing, there are still some unfilled time slots where we have no one signed up to represent our club: Saturday, Feb 17th from 6pm to 10pm and Sunday, Feb 18th from 2pm to 6pm. We need two members to fill in at each of these timeslots. Also, there is still one individual needed for the Friday, Feb 16th 6pm to 10pm timeslot. Please contact me ASAP by email at rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or call me at 814-440-3338. You will get complimentary passes to the show by volunteering to represent our club. Thanks to the club members who have already volunteered to pass out our club information!!

**A**lso, our first Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3rd from 10am to noon in the upstairs conference room at Smail Buick-Cadillac located in Greensburg on RT 30 E. The Buick-Cadillac dealership is next to Smail Mazda. Please try to attend. I hope to get a lot of good suggestions and ideas at this meeting about how we can improve our club. We will be discussing cruises for the upcoming season. We will also be getting together for lunch right after the meeting, probably at the Boulevard Restaurant just off the Greensburg bypass at the Mount Pleasant Road exit.

**L**et's hope we are past the worst of the winter weather, especially the cold - I don't know about you, but I'm getting too old for these, teens, single digit, and sub-zero temperatures!! Think spring!

**L**ater!!

## MARCH DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 7, 2018





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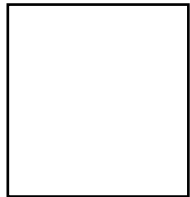
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**Pittsburgh, PA 15239**

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**MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

How did you hear about us?

- West Penn Miata Club Website
- Mazda Dealer
- Word Of Mouth
- Other Please explain \_\_\_\_\_



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All West Penn Miata Club ("**Club**") event and cruise participants, whether drivers, passengers or in any way participants, must read the following and sign the following terms and Conditions ("**Terms and Conditions**") below.

**NOTWITHSTANDING THE FORGOING, UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR SUBSEQUENT PARTICIPATION IN ANY CLUB EVENT OR CRUISE, EVEN WITHOUT SIGNING THE BELOW, SHALL CONSTITUTE YOUR ASSENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

**I AGREE, IN CONSIDERATION FOR, AND AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY CLUB EVENT OR CRUISE, TO BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY TO MYSELF OR ANY THIRD PARTY RESULTING OR ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN EACH, EVERY AND ANY CLUB EVENT OR CRUISE. I AGREE TO FULLY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE CLUB, ITS OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, INJURIES OR OTHER LIABILITIES WHICH MAY BE ASSERTED AGAINST THEM BY ME OR BY ANY THIRD PARTY AS A RESULT OF MY ACTIVITY.**

The foregoing limitations of liability and indemnity are intended to be complete, general and without restriction, and they shall include every action by the Club, including, but not limited to, any negligence (active or passive), willful, reckless or wanton misconduct.

I warrant that, should it apply, a licensed driver will operate my vehicle during any and all Club events. I further warrant that I shall carry automobile liability insurance on any vehicle to be used in any Club event and that this insurance shall remain in full force and effective during the dates of all Club events.

I also warrant that I will not participate in any Club events under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or any drug that would impair my ability to operate my, or any other, vehicle.

I grant to the Club, and its representatives, employees and sub-contractors, the right to take photographs of me, my vehicle and any other of my property in connection with my participation in any and all Club events and/or cruises. **I authorize the Club, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically in perpetuity without my further consent.** Further, I agree that the Club may use such photographs -- with or without my

name -- for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and internet content.

These Terms & Conditions form the entire agreement between me and the Club with respect to my participation in any Club events and/or cruises, and they shall supersede any possible prior agreement or understanding between me and the Club.

If one or more provisions of these Terms & Conditions is held or becomes invalid or unenforceable under any law or regulation or by decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be severed, but without this affecting the validity and/or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

I acknowledge that any failure by the Club or me to enforce any rights in connection with any provision of these Terms & Conditions shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any such provision or of the right to subsequently enforce that provision and/or of its remedies.

The Club may assign these Terms & Conditions, together with all of the rights and obligations associated therewith, to any third party, in particular in the case of a merger, by the formation of a new club/company, a spin-off or a change of control affecting the Club.

These Terms & Conditions are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The parties shall endeavor to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to these Terms & Conditions promptly (but without prejudice to any urgent measures or proceedings which may be necessary). Unless this dispute is amicably resolved within a period of sixty (60) days, the more diligent party may submit it to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT IN FULL, THAT I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND THEREBY AGREE TO ALL STIPULATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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