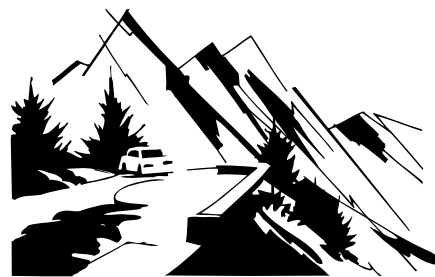


Upcoming Events

Sat Jul 12	Mountains & Wine Cruise
Sat-Sun Jul 19-20	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 19	West Meets North Picnic
Sat Jul 26	Knoll Cruise
Sat Aug 2 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Bilco Motors and Flasche Cruise
Sat Aug 16	Frontier Cruise
Sat Aug 23	WPMC Picnic
Sat Aug 30	Kissin' & Huggin' at the Drive-In
Sat-Mon Aug 30 - Sep 1	Topless in the Mountains XIV
Sat Sep 6 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Baglier Motors and Wendell August Cruise
Sat Sep 20	McPheron Surprise Cruise
Sat Sep 27	Clark Gable Cruise

Sat-Sun Oct 18-19	Murder Mystery Dinner Train Cruise
Sat Dec 6	Christmas Party

MOUNTAINS & WINE



BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

It's amazing what you can find when you take a Sunday drive. Last fall we found a winery & last weekend we found another one while doing a route for the cruise. We are going to take you over the mountains where you will enjoy some very nice scenery & views. The roads will make your Miata happy. The restaurant is located in a very unusual place. As it was described to me, it's like the tornado from OZ lifted it up & placed it untouched in this unlikely place. After eating we will proceed to the wineries. Originally we were just going to do one but the other one is on the way so why not do both? We will finish the cruise with....what else ICE CREAM. Have to keep Joe HAPPY.

**DATE & TIME: SATURDAY JULY 12TH AT 9:45 AM
(LEAVE AT 10:00 AM)**

**PLACE: WALNUT HOLLOW PLAZA PARKING LOT
ON RT 22 IN MURRYSVILLE**

**RSVP: BY FRIDAY JULY 4TH TO
lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762**





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PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX BY GARRY MATSON

Summertime is here and racing is in the air, vintage racing that is. Pittsburgh and Schenley Park will again hear the roar of racing engines and the scenery will be filled with some beautiful show cars. Our club will be attending again this year, representing one of the all time best sports car shows to date.

The PVGP schedule includes:

Saturday and Sunday, July 12th and 13th with racing at the Beaver Run Motorsports Complex in Beaver Falls. There will be vintage racing, an American ground pounders class (Mustangs, Camaros, etc.), and SCCA Solo II autocrossing.

Monday, July 14th has an invitational Car Show on Walnut St. in Oakland from 5-9 pm. Since this is by invitation, the vehicles attending are some of the best that you may never see at other car cruises.

Tuesday, July 15th, there is a car cruise with live music at the Waterfront in Homestead from 5-9 pm. A \$5 donation is asked from cruisers to benefit the charities. A free gift is given for each donation. In 2007, there were approximately 600 cars in attendance.

Wednesday, July 16th, a downtown parade and car display takes place from 10:30 am - 2 pm. Vehicles will be on display at the US Steel Bldg Plaza, Market Square, and PPG Place.

Saturday, July 19th, British Car Day will be held on Schenley Park Golf Course from 11 am - 4 pm. Preregistration is recommended and a registration form is included. Vintage racing practice and qualifying starts at 8:15 am and continues throughout the day. WPMC WILL HAVE A TENT AT PVGP.

Sunday, July 20th, practice starts at 8:15 am with racing from noon - 5 pm. The Larry Smith car show will be held on the golf course during the day. This show includes some of the most unique and rare vehicles you may ever see.

Entrance to the shows on Saturday and Sunday is at the

main gate at Schenley Drive / Forbes Ave. at 9:30 am. A registration form for the combined car show being held on Saturday and Sunday is included which you can mail in or go online at www.pvgp.org/register. The registration donation of \$25 benefits the Autism Society of Pgh. and the Allegheny Valley School and includes admission to the car shows and races on Saturday and Sunday.

IF ANYONE IS PLANNING ON ATTENDING SAT JULY 19TH OR SUN JULY 20TH PLEASE CONTACT ME AT remsgem@yahoo.com OR 412-653-4066.

Additional information can be found on the PVGP web site at www.pvgp.org.

In, Out, and About East Taylor Co, WV By Paul and Colette Knoll

Saturday July 26, 2008, we will meet at the Wal-Mart off I-68 in Morgantown, WV. Wal-Mart is exit 1 Hwy 119, off I-68. We will be leaving at 10:00am and arriving back at exit 4 around 4:00 pm. Your cruise will take you south on and off Hwy 119 to Grafton WV. We will have a short stop overlooking Tygart Lake Dam, and the Visitors Center. Just a short drive down the lake will bring us to the Lodge at Tygart Lake where we will be having our lunch. After lunch your cruise will continue with a drive around the country side. Coming back to Grafton and then continuing toward Morgantown, we'll have an afternoon stop at the Dairy Queen in Reedsville.

For those of you who would like to arrive early, exit 7 has an IHOP and Bob Evans; also both exits have gas stations.

Please contact us no later than July 19. The menu for the restaurant at the lake is found at www.tygartlake.com, Group Services, Full Service Lakeside Restaurant. When contacting us for the cruise, please tell us what you like for your meal. We can be contacted at: Home 304-268-4006, Cell 651-295-0071, email knollgraft@aol.com.

Hope to hear from you.





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West Penn meets Northcoast revisited



by Thom & Sue Stuewe

Northcoast Miata Club is inviting all members from West Penn Miata Club to come again this year to their annual picnic. I understand that West Penn Miata Club does not sponsor two events on the same day and they're sorry to hear that, but Northcoast also understands that not everyone will be going to the sponsored event and might still like to do something. We are inviting any and all West Penn Miata Club members to come to the picnic. All Northcoast Miata Club members feel that you had a great time last year and they all know they did as well. Bryan Bond (007) will lead a group over to the picnic again this year. This group will meet at Giant Eagle in Washington, Pa., 331 Washington road, at 1:45 pm with a 2 pm roll off. Northcoast only asks you to bring a chair to sit on and maybe a dish to share (if you can) if not, don't worry about it.

Date & Time: 07-19-08 - Picnic starts at 4pm.

Place: Bob & Betty Belding's home at 45459 State Route 14 Columbiana, Ohio

There will be plenty of parking for all of our Miatas and Miata games. Northcoast hopes that many WPMC members will consider coming as it was so much fun, and one of our best picnics ever. They all believe it was because of WPMC involvement and our love for this car and the things we can do with it. So please consider coming and contact 007 in time. Try to let us know if you can come by 07-12-08 either email me at tstu@windstream.net or Bryan at toplessinwv@aol.com and let us know if you can meet up and have a fun filled day.

I hope to see you all there and keep zoomin !

Meet 'n /Drive'n Tour By Bill & Juliette Flasche

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off a drive'n an' meet'n we go on an adventure. We will gather at Billco Mazda (Rt. 19) in Wexford on August 2 at 10:00AM for a fun filled day of drive'n and liste'n in on our officers having their meet'n while we have lunch. Our travels will take us through some of the nicest winding roads in Western Pa. We will pass through McConnell's Mill State Park as we meander our way up around and around.

Please call us at 724-935-0872 or E-mail us at jflasche@juno.com for reservations.

FRONTIER CRUISE WITH THE TAYLORS AND THE FUSCALDOS

by clara Fuscaldo

Join us on Saturday, August 16 as we cruise the roads of Mon, Preston, and Marion Counties of West Virginia. We will be visiting 2 State Parks---Valley Falls (spectacular series of foaming falls which were created by the dark rushing waters of the Tygart Valley River) and Prickett's Fort (a re-creation of the original Prickett's Fort of 1774). We will be having a late lunch at Muriale's Restaurant in Fairmont. After lunch. we will be cruising some more looking for an ice cream shop before we head for home. Hope you can join us for an enjoyable day in Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia.

DATE AND TIME--SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 9:30 AM (LEAVE AT 10 AM)

PLACE--SABRATON SHEETZ (OFF EXIT 4 ON INTERSTATE 68)

RSVP--BY AUGUST 13 AT (304) 624-4897 OR cjfuscaldo@ma.rr.com





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West Penn Miata Club Picnic

by Jim and Janet Pfeiffer

Forget the heat! Forget the chores! Come join us in our annual West Penn Miata Club Picnic! This year the picnic will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at the same location as last year at White Oak Park in North Huntingdon, PA. We'll begin our picnic at 11:00 a.m. This will give us a chance to chat with our fellow Miata friends and get "caught-up" on the latest activities in the Miata world.

As in previous years we ask that you bring a covered dish to serve approximately 8 people. The club will provide the meat and beverage along with the tableware, cutlery, napkins, and condiments. To those that are bringing a hot dish, keep in mind that the pavilion does not have electricity. We'll try our best to keep it warm on the grill (if there is space), but there is no guarantee.

We have several games in mind to play during our picnic along with some give-away gifts. So practice up on that Hula Hoop and the Fun Noodle game and get ready to play some serious games.

There is some construction on the entrance to that park. We will know better by next month on the best entrance/route to take to get into the park. It won't be difficult, but we'll let you know nevertheless. Also as a reminder, the bathrooms have flush toilets and are close by. Nice to know.

If you know ahead of time what covered dish you might be bringing, please let us know when you make your reservations so that we don't have too much of the same thing. So, circle the date - August 23rd and we'll see you then. More info will follow in next month's Newsletter. Contact Jim Pfeiffer - 724-468-8435 or pjentre@comcast.net.

Topless in the Mountains - XIV

by Steve Lapp

This event is now closed as all available spots have been taken. WPMC members participating will be Steve Lapp, Cyndi Riley and Carey Linger, Paul and Lulu McCullough, Dave and Carole McLaughlin, Michael and JoAnn Sprague, Wally Swarmer, and Linda and Joe Zimliki.

CLARK GABLE CRUISE

By John Whitmire

Everybody in western PA knows that Indiana is the home of Jimmy Stewart, but how many of you know that Clark Gable was born and raised just west of the Ohio River in Cadiz, OH! We didn't until a couple of years ago, and as soon as we found out, Shar and I started thinking about planning a cruise to his home and museum. That time has come, and we hope you will join us for a fun day of driving in southwestern PA/ northern WV/ and western OH that will get us to Cadiz about noon, where we will eat at a very unique little restaurant, and then visit Gable's boyhood home that has been converted into a museum. We will return by a totally different route that will get us back by middle to late afternoon. While this will be a fairly long cruise, the roads we have selected are great Miata roads through rural areas with lots of curves, hills, great scenery, and a minimum of towns and interruptions. It should be a fun ride, see you then!

Date & Time: September 27th- Leave at 9:00 AM

Place: I-79 Mazda

RSVP: By Sep. 24th to jwhitmire@astorino.com or (412) 262-1813





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7th ANNUAL FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN CRUISE WALKERSVILLE SOUTHERN RAILROAD MURDER MYSTERY DINNER TRAIN



BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

The Walkersville Southern Railroad was built in 1869 as part of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1972, it came under hard times and the bridge the train traveled between Walkersville and Frederick was washed away. The line was sold and in 1991 work was started to clear debris. The bridge was rebuilt in 1995 and the train chugged the rails again after 20 years.

You will be able to visit a turn of century train station and freight house. You'll also ride on a vintage 1920's passenger car or flatcar. Our treasurer, Bill McCullough, is a volunteer at the Walkersville Southern and he suggested this particular train for this year. Bill is an engineer for the train and originally he was going to be our engineer but decided he would miss out on the fun so he will join us for the MURDER MYSTERY DINNER RIDE. Dinner will be provided with tea or coffee or you can bring your own beverage. Since it is near Halloween, costumes are part of the Murder Mystery Ride. Costumes are optional and can be as much as you like ranging from full costume to just a hat or scarf. We are doing October 18th because that is Maryland's fall foliage time.

Our roads to the train will be twisty and curvy. Did you expect anything less? I'm placing this article in the newsletter early because even though it hasn't been posted yet, half of the slots are filled. I wanted to give the rest of the club members an opportunity to sign up for the train.

There is a 16 car limit. We will be staying at the Best Western in Frederick, MD. Cost is \$74 per room. I have reserved King, Junior Suite and 2 Doubles for the same price. Breakfast is included - pastries, cereals, waffles & juices. My son and daughter-in-law stay at this hotel when they go to Frederick for Marathon Races. Please email or call if you would like to join us. I will verify there is still space and give you the hotel contact information. If you have told me you will be going please contact me to verify you are on the list. We are still working out the details so more will follow but here's what we have at the moment:

Dates: Sat & Sun Oct 18 & 19

Meeting Time and Place: 8:00 AM at Greengate Commons on Rt 30 in Greensburg next to Denny's

Train Ride & Dinner Cost: \$40 per person (Karen says food is good)

Deadline: Friday Sept 26th

RSVP: Linda Zimliki at lzimliki@westpenmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762

WPMC MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

WPMC has a lot of new members this year. We welcome all of you. I'd like to go over the club's means of communicating for the cruises. We use FRS Radios. We recommend a rechargeable radio instead of a battery operated FRS Radio. Rechargeable radios seem to stay charged longer. The range should be at least 5 miles. The brand we recommend is Motorola. If you have any questions please contact me at lzimliki@westpenmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762.





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2008 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

We have had six great cruises so far and four of them were led by first time cruise leaders. They did a wonderful job and we look forward to them leading more cruises in the future. The turn out for the cruises has been fantastic. There have been a large number of cars for each cruise. The Covered Bridge Cruise by the Pfeiffers had 22 cars. On each cruise, we have recruited new members.

We have 9 more cruises and 3 events left on the calendar. There is plenty of cruising time left. Leaders please respond to people who have contacted you about going on your cruise. Members if you do not receive a response please contact them again.

MONROEVILLE MAZDA EVENT

I'm working on an event with our new sponsor - Monroeville Mazda, which replaced Don Allen. The date will be September 13. Details for the event will be in next month's newsletter.

PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX

Reminder that registration deadline for WPMC biggest event is July 10th by mail and July 17th online. The Marque this year is All Italian Cars. This event raises money for two charities, Autism and Allegheny Valley School. This will be the 26th year and there are over 2000 Classic antique exotic cars from all countries. It has the largest vintage sports car race and only one run on city streets. WPMC has rented a tent, but please bring your own chairs. This is our club's biggest event and we hope the club members will support it. Come and enjoy the time trials, vendors, food and all the great cars. Please email Garry Matson (remsgem@yahoo.com) to let him know you will be attending.

MIATA WORLD II

Registration opened June 16 and Miata World II is off to a great start. I counted 61 clubs signed up and our club has 4 cars registered as well as a few more contemplating sign up. I hope so because Joe and I would love leading a large group down. They have acquired more hotel rooms and Lone Star would love to have 1500 Miatas show up. A few of you have asked about Miata rentals. They have been talking to different companies but they can't get a company to commit to a contract. If they are successful, they will post it on forum. The website is www.MiataWorldII.com. Please let me know if you register so I can add you to our Miata Train list to MWII. Contact lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762

MERCER COUNTY CRUISE

with Jim Pacillo

by Cam Farkas

The group met at the Sheetz gas station at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21st in Grove City, PA. The weather was nice and warm and comfortable enough to cruise with our tops down. The sky was a bit overcast, which kept the sun from beating on us. This was Jim Pacillo's cruise and we were going to discover Mercer County through the back roads.

Zoom-Zoom-- 17 cars pulled out of the lot and we headed west on Route 208 hitting the rolling country roads passing residential homes and farms. People waved and we waved back. Many were busy working in their yards while we were leisurely driving our cars. Made us feel a little guilty, but we were having fun. We crossed a few iron bridges, creeks, and passed by an adorable miniature horse farm.

After a short break in Shaekleyville we continued on passing woods, fields, and marshes. The skies were overcast, but still no rain in sight. We arrived in Jamestown at the

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bottom of Pymatuning Reservoir. Spotted a sign "11 miles from Sharon, PA." Drove through the town quickly spotting the local attractions. We crossed the Shenango River and hit more winding roads. On the back roads we slowed down to see an osprey nest on top of a high-tension tower. The sun was coming out and it remained hot for our drive into Sharpsville.

Drove down High Street and parked the cars in a lot at the end of the road. We stopped to see the Raisch Log Cabin and the Erie Canal Extension Lock on the Shenango River. Everyone got their cameras out for pictures of the area, and of course, we had to pose for a group photo. By then we were hungry and headed into town for lunch at Muscarella's. This was a quaint restaurant known to the locals and a few Miata members. Good food and conversation. The staff was very hospitable and we had a good time.

Afterwards it looked like rain, but we left the tops down as we exited the restaurant lot. We continued through side streets on our way to Buhl Farm Park. This was a gorgeous park, well manicured and picturesque. People were strolling around, jogging, biking and having a great time. Maintained the speed limit and admired the park. We parked the cars on a slight angle for another picture before we left. We love our photo shoots.

Then it was off to the town of Orangeville. This was our stop for ice cream at U'll Scream. Actually we were going there for their famous Gelatos, which were delicious. Loved watching people pull in and glancing at our Miatas. Enjoyed a little friendly conversation with the members and there was a discussion about next week's cruise. At this point some members were staying behind or heading home. Jim was returning us to Grove City through the back roads once again.

On our way back we encountered a 5 minute rain shower in which we didn't get wet by driving fast until we stopped for a light in downtown Mercer. We were forced to pull over and put the tops up. All and all the rain held off for the majority of our cruise. At 5:45 we arrived back at Sheetz and said our goodbyes. A big thanks to Jim for discovering Mercer County via the back roads!

THE COVERED BRIDGES and GRAVITY HILL CRUISE With JIM and JANET PFEIFFER

By Ray and Barb McBride

Saturday morning, June 28, at 10:02 AM, 22 sharp, shiny Miatas departed from Smail's Dealership on Rt. 30 for the Covered Bridge Cruise. Although the skies were overcast, most of the cars started out topless. However, 20 miles into the cruise there was a sudden cloud burst and everyone was scrambling to pull off the road to put up their roofs. The first stop was a pit stop at Sheetz on Rt. 32 and by then the sun was shining and all the Miatas were able to go topless again.

The drive along Rt. 30 and 130 was very picturesque with rolling hills and green meadows and farm land. There was one area of farms where the country air was not so pleasant but that quickly passed.

We viewed and drove thru several covered bridges including: Turners Covered Bridge (owned and maintained by Bedford County), Herline Covered Bridge (the longest covered bridge in Bedford County also owned and maintained by Bedford) and the Old Bedford Village Covered Bridge which is at the entrance of Bedford Village.

At this point in the cruise our bellies were starting to growl and we arrived at the Apple Bin Restaurant on Rt. 56 west, for lunch. Everyone was very happy when our lunch orders arrived except for Ray McBride who unfortunately did not receive a lunch. The lunch orders were called ahead to the restaurant before our arrival but there was a mix-up in the orders and Ray's lunch was missed. So, because Ray was looking so dejected about not receiving lunch, Harry Harbaugh shared his ham sandwich and apple dessert with Ray, which was above and beyond the call of duty. Everyone left the restaurant

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with their bellies full and we resumed the cruise.

After lunch we visited several more covered bridges and then arrived at Gravity Hill which is off Rt. 96 near Shellsburg. This is the hill that defies gravity, where cars roll uphill and water flows the wrong way. After doing some research on the internet I further understood how Gravity Hills are caused by an optical illusion. These hills (yes there are several gravity hills around the U.S.) cause a downhill grade to appear to slope upward instead. This is caused by the lay of the land and surrounding landscape.

Visual cues can override our inner ear sense of balance. For more info go to gravityhill.com and there are several web sites about gravity hills. Several drivers were out of their cars standing on the road, leaning to the left and right with their eyes closed, trying to figure all of this out but in the end we were all stumped and instead got into our cars and drove to get ice cream at Shawnee's Soft Serve.

Our thanks go to Jim and Janet for an interesting and fun day and zooming around in our Miatas makes all of our cruises wonderful!!!



To much ice cream Joe, now the door will not shut.

A Miatatoon by Jim Pacillo

Journeys with John by President John Whitmire

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July weekend! It is hard to imagine that we are already 3 weeks plus into summer!

Things are looking bright for the club membership wise. We have just recently picked up 11 new members and another half a dozen or so who had not renewed, have chosen to do so! We are in the process of updating our membership lists and hope to get revised ones out very soon. You will no doubt be seeing some of these new faces at our events, so please make them feel welcome.

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is coming up on July 19th and 20th. As has been previously mentioned, we will have a tent and table set up. Everyone should bring their own chairs. This is a very important event for the club. We usually pick up some new members and make a buck or two selling from the store. I know I am really looking forward to attending, no rain please! The mail-in/on-line registration closed July 3rd, however if you missed the deadline, don't despair, you can pay at the gate. It is \$25 for the weekend which includes the Combined Car Show and the races on Sunday. Please contact Garry Matson at remsgem@yahoo.com or (412) 653-4066 to let him know you will be coming.

Also in July we have the Mountains and Wine Cruise on the 12th, and following the PVGP we have the Knoll Cruise on the 26th, and the Flasche Cruise and monthly meeting Aug.2nd. Next few weeks are going to be fun! Hope to see everyone at these events.

August Deadline

The deadline for articles for the August newsletter is August 4, 2008





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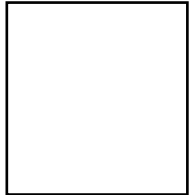
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