

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Jul 10	Portage Cruise
Sat-Sun Jul 24-25	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 31	Run with the Foxes Cruise
Sat Aug 7 9:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Moon Mazda
Sat Aug 7	Air Heritage Museum Cruise
Sat Aug 28	WPMC Picnic
Thu Sep 2 6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at Monroeville Mazda
Sat Sep 4	You Gotta Know When to "Roll" Em and When to "Fold" Em
Sat-Mon Sep 4-6	Topless in the Mountains
Sun Sep 19	Third Annual Golf Outing
Fri-Sun Sep 24-26	Niagara On The Lake
Sat Oct 2	Horseshoe Curve Cruise

Sun Oct 10	Alpaca Cruise
Sat Dec 4	WPMC Christmas Party

## PORTAGE RAILROAD CRUISE

BY BILL AND KAREN MCCULLOUGH

**B**efore there were railroads in our country, one type of transportation in the 1800's was the canal system. However, since water does not flow up hill, there needed to be a way to transport the canal boats over the mountains. Hence, the idea of the Portage Railroad was conceived. Our cruise will take you through some curvy mountain roads to the Portage Railroad National Park in Cambria County. Cost for entrance is \$4.00 per person or you can use your Senior Pass. If you are interested in purchasing a Senior Pass (for those age 61 & older), it is \$10.00 and gives you access to all of the National Parks in the country.

**A**fter learning some of the history and seeing the park (there is some walking involved), we will eat lunch in Cresson and then continue on some more great roads.

**W**e will meet at 9:30 AM in the parking lot by the McDonalds in the Mountain Laurel Plaza on Route 30 just beyond the Arnold Palmer Airport in Latrobe. From there we will make a quick stop at the Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown and then proceed up Laurel Mountain.

**F**or reservations, please call Bill & Karen McCullough at 724-238-5859 (home) or 724-244-1904 (cell).





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## Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix By Wally Swarmer

**R**ace fans, start your engines - or just bring your lawnchairs. Once again, our car club will be attending the Combined Car Show at the PVGP on Saturday, July 24.

**T**he events for the PVGP start on July 16 and continue through July 25. There are many interesting events taking place around the Pittsburgh area. Details can be found on-line at [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org). We will again be reserving a spot at Schenley Park Golf Course for our cars to be parked and will have a tent for the weekend. The reserved area and tent will also be available for our use on Sunday, race day. We will also have tables under the tent for anyone that would like to bring food and drinks to share. This is a perfect opportunity to invite anyone who owns a Miata, and is not in our club, to join us.

**E**VERY CAR must be registered for the event. Pre-registration (\$25) is recommended either online at [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org), or you may mail the registration form included in this newsletter. Mail in registration deadline is July 10. (You will not receive a confirmation to your pre-registration; just enter the main gate at the intersection of Schenley Dr./ Forbes Ave. (5370 Schenley Dr) that morning and the attendant will have you on their list and direct you to our location.) Gates open at 9:30 AM.

**A**nyone planning to attend please contact me at [wsswarmer@consolidated.net](mailto:wsswarmer@consolidated.net) or 724 443 0834.

and the oldest golf course founded in 1887. Lunch will be at the Allegheny Grill overlooking the Allegheny River. The cruise will leave from the Sheetz in Indiana (corner of Warren Rd. and Ben Franklin Rd.) at 9:30. Call Bob at 724 357-8377 or 724 840-7546 if you plan to go or if there are any questions.

## Air Heritage Museum Cruise By John and Shar Whitmire

**P**lease join us as we travel some great Miata roads from Moon Township to the Air Heritage Museum in Beaver County. The Air Heritage Museum is truly a "working museum". Originated in 1983, the Air Heritage Museum's dedicated volunteers have restored the B-17G "Nine-O-Nine" (which suffered extensive damage from a crash during the 1987 Beaver County Air Show). The Air Heritage Inc. is also in the process of restoring a collection of rare WWII aircraft as well as an F-15. The facility is located in a 120' x 120' hanger on the grounds of the Beaver County Airport. Our visit coincides with the annual Aviation Appreciation Day. There will be a "fly in", the airplane equivalent of a car cruise, as well as an auto show. Vendors will be present selling food, drink, and memorabilia so there should be plenty to do and see. After we tour the museum and other events, we'll be having lunch close by and return home on winding roads better than the ones that got us there!

**S**tarting Place: Falconi Moon Township Mazda, 5760 University Blvd., Moon Twp., PA 15108, (412) 269-1234

**D**ate & Time: August 7, 2010. The regularly scheduled WPMC Business Meeting begins at 9:00 AM. Cruise departs at 10:00 AM.

**R**svp: John Whitmire at [johnandshar1@comcast.net](mailto:johnandshar1@comcast.net) or 412-262-1813. If we're not home, leave your name and phone number on the machine.

## Run with the Foxes - July 31 By Bob and Dorothy Wachter

**R**UN WITH THE FOXES will be a cruise to Foxburg, which is a small town located along the Allegheny River about 70 miles north of Indiana, Pa. It has some small shops including a chocolate store, wine shop





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## WPMC Picnic BY Linda Zimlik

**O**ur picnic will be held August 28. The same nine station funcana for MMM 2010 will be available at the picnic. WPMC will provide kielbasa, chicken, hamburgers, water, pop, condiments, plates, cups, napkins and plasticware. Members attending will be asked to bring a covered dish, vegetable, salad, or dessert. Please let me know what you are bringing when you RSVP so we don't have too many duplicates.

**P**lace: White Oak Park

**D**ate and Time: August 28 at 11:00 A.M.

**R**svp: Linda Zimlik at [lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com) or 724-327-1762

**D**on't forget your Miata for the Funcana!

## YOU GOTTA KNOW WHEN TO "ROLL" 'EM AND KNOW WHEN TO "FOLD" 'EM BY GREG BOSER AND CINDY STIFFLER

**L**et's get together on Saturday, September 4, 2010 to have a little fun! We are planning on rolling out of Indiana, Pa. as our shiny Miatas' wheels spin towards scenic southwestern New York to do another type of rolling; high rolling, gambling that is!

**Y**ou will be able to spin the wheels, roll the dice, play the slots, or whatever else suits your fancy at the Seneca Allegany Casino & Hotel located in Salamanca, New York. An interesting tidbit of information: (even during this current day, Salamanca is still home of the Seneca Nation Indians with an active reservation).

**O**ur traveling path will take us through the Allegheny National forest as it leads us into quaint Olean, New York, where we plan to eat lunch. The Beef 'N' Barrel restaurant offers one of New York's favorites: "Beef on Weck", as well as many other delicious food choices, while you dine in their beautiful atmosphere.

**T**his is NOT an overnight cruise, but if you wish to stay overnight and continue to gamble, there are several lodging locations for you to choose from. We are hoping to see 15-16 cars heading to New York with us. We do hope you can join us! Let us know at: [gbooser@verizon.net](mailto:gbooser@verizon.net) or 724-464-7242

**W**e might even have a few surprises for you and you may even come home a winner!

## TOPLESS in the MOUNTAINS - XVI BY STEVE LAPP

**T**opless in the Mountains XVI will be from Saturday, September 4 to Monday, September 6. This is an event sponsored by the Trillium Club from Canada with an invitation to WPMC. This year's event will feature "Sporty" and "Cruising" groups to accommodate different driving styles.

**T**o sign up for this event:

1. Contact Steve Lapp at [slapp@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:slapp@westpennmiataclub.com) or 412-366-3388 to confirm that space is available.
2. Steve will send you a registration form which you will complete and send to the Trillium leaders for this event.
3. Book your room at the Hampton Inn after your registration is confirmed.





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## Miata Mountain Mania 2010



**BY Linda Zimlik**

**W**PMC members, congratulations on a very successful event! The majority of the membership participated in preparation and/or activities, cruises, and tours. I have heard nothing but great comments about the cruises and leaders of those cruises. They loved the roads, the destinations, and knowledge about the region the leaders shared with them. I want to thank Wally, Karen, Bill, Doug, Harry, Linda, Ray, Barb, Allan, Rosemarie, Tom, Ron, Joann, Michael, Greg, Cindy, Cyndi, Carey, John W, Shar, John F, Clara, Sally, Bob, Bill, Juliette, John B, Priscilla, Dorothy, Bob W, Colette, Paul, Steve, Ray, Fran, Jim, LaVerne, Ben, Mary, Zac, Bob Wymer, and Fran for

the great job they did with the cruises and tours.

**T**he staff at Seven Springs constantly told us about the great comments for our event they overheard. They said the members were friendly and helpful. The majority of you pitched in when you saw something that needed done without even being asked. Your efforts contributed to success of MMM 2010.

**T**hanks to the planning committee: John Whitmire, Karen and Bill McCullough, and Rich and Eleanor Lowden

**T**he decorating committee transformed the Convention Hall for the dance and banquet. They did an amazing job. It took months and countless hours to make the decorations and we had a lot of fun. Thanks....Bob and Dorothy, Dayle and George, Pam, Greg and Cindy. I'm going to miss the time we spent in preparation for the event.

**M**ission Impossible Rally was a big hit, Thanks Harry.

**W**e had a great variety of vendors, Thanks Karen.

**T**hanks to those members who contributed what they could: Betty, Bryan, Ron

**T**hank you Clark and Patty for coming back to help in any way you could.

**S**teve was invaluable in so many ways. Again, WPMC is so lucky to have him..

**T**hese two people went way beyond what was asked of them to make event a success. Greg and Cindy my gratitude for all you did.

**P**am was my assistant. I could not have done it without her. She spent more time at my house than she did in her own. There are not enough words to express the gratitude

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for all her hard work.

**T**hen there is Joe. We were a team. He was very supportive and worked long hours along with me.

**A**ll the hard work done by everyone culminated in MMM 2010 being very successful. Kim Neal, from Mazda North Operations, described our event as exceptional.

**M**iata Mountain Mania 2010 was video taped. Mazda is planning on making a short video. It will also be featured in Mazda's ZoomZoom magazine. We will let you know when to look for it.

**I**t's great to know your hard work ended in a success. We also value the new friendships formed while working on MMM 2010. We had fun.

**T**hanks Again to ALL

(Editor's Note: This article correctly thanks the many people who made MMM 2010 a success. One major addition, however, is needed. Thank YOU Linda for having the vision to attempt this and providing the leadership to actually pull it off. The West Penn Miata Club enjoys an enhanced reputation because of your efforts.)



## AUGUST Deadline

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE  
AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 9, 2010



## CRUIS'n With JIM BY PRESIDENT JIM PFEIFFER

**W**ell, the 4th of July is over and we are mid-way through summer. We still have plenty of time to explore those back roads and see some beautiful sights. And what better way to explore our countryside than in our Miata? It is undeniably a fun car to drive. What makes the Miata popular? Well, a lot of things. It is the best selling two seated convertible ever. Since its introduction in 1989, Mazda has sold more than 700,000 worldwide. Miata clubs abound and the car has more club members than any other automobile. Sales show that the car is slightly more popular among men than women, and the average age buyer is 45, so it may have a midlife-crisis allure. Who knows!

**I**n 1984, Mazda held an internal design study for a project called the Light Weight Sports. Three proposals were created and that was pretty much as far as things went. But thanks to a group of enthusiasts working inside Mazda, the project wasn't allowed to die. The proposals were shipped to Japan-but not before it took a day trip around this country. As locals chased after the car to find out what it was and who made it, Mazda realized that their Light Weight Sports would be a hit. Boy, were they right. The car was exactly what enthusiasts had been hoping for.

**T**he Miata story is one of evolution. The summer of 1990 was nuts. The automotive press couldn't say enough good things about the new Miata, and the public couldn't seem to buy enough of them. Supply was nowhere near enough to keep up with the demand. In 1991 Mazda introduced the first special edition Miata. In 1999 the 10th Anniversary Edition was introduced. Now the fourth generation Miata is due out in 2012. It will be more in line with the original Miata, with a smaller but a more efficient engine and lower curb weight. No matter how it evolves, it is still my favorite car.

**L**et's hit those back roads while there is still a lot of summer left!

**Z**oom, zoom zoom!



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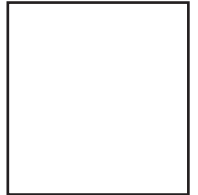
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INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW REGISTRATION FORM



## 2010 PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX COMBINED CAR SHOW ON SCHENLEY PARK GOLF COURSE

*Join 2,000 Show Cars - July 24 & 25, 2010*

All cars are welcome, all makes and ages. Use this form to pre-register by mail or go online at [www.pvgp.org/register](http://www.pvgp.org/register)  
Pre-registered entries will receive a complimentary PVGP Race Program and dash plaque at the gate. Enjoy picnic atmosphere on the golf course with no judging. Your \$25 donation benefits the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School and includes admission to Car Shows & Vintage Races on both Saturday and Sunday. Main gate at Schenley Drive/Forbes Avenue opens each day at 9:30 AM and cars are displayed from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Event held rain or shine.

**You do not need to be a member of any car club to participate**

**Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Mini, British cars and Porsche Club members should sign-up through their respective clubs  
Marque of the Year Audi's require a separate form available at [www.pvgp.org/marque](http://www.pvgp.org/marque)**

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<b>International Car Show Registration</b> - \$25 donation for the weekend Includes Saturday and Sunday entry, PVGP Race Program and Dash Plaque.	\$ \$ _____
<b>"For Sale" sign to help sell your car at the event</b> - \$10 donation	\$ \$ _____
<b>"In Spirit" donation for our charities</b>	\$ \$ _____
<b>Total</b>	\$ \$ _____

Mail-in registration deadline is July 10, online registration deadline is July 22 - after that all participants must pay at gate. You can register & pay online with credit card at [www.pvgp.org/register](http://www.pvgp.org/register) or complete this form and send with a check made payable to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association. Entry fee is tax deductible.

**Mail to: PVGP Car Show Registration ■ Box 200475 ■ Pittsburgh, PA 15251-0475**

**Waiver of Liability - Required**

The undersigned hereby releases the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association (PVGPA) and the City of Pittsburgh from any responsibility for any and all damages and personal injuries sustained by me or my property from any cause whatsoever, while driving to and from and while participating in the car shows and all other PVGP show events. It is understood that this release is given in consideration for permission to said event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_