

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Jul 13	Pittsburgh Trolley Museum Cruise
Sat-Sun Jul 20-21	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Fri-Sun Jul 26-28	Niagara Falls Wine Cruise with Trillium Club
Thu Aug 1	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 3	Rt. 666 Cruise
Sat Aug 10	WPMC Picnic
Sat Aug 24	Debence Antique Music Works Cruise
Sat-Mon Aug 31 - Sep 2	Topless in the Mountains XIX with Trillium Club
Sat Sep 7	Golf Outing
Sat Sep 14	Johnstown Incline Cruise
Sun Sep 29	Bigler Rocks Cruise
Sat-Sun Oct 5-6	Cruisin on the River/Zoomin in our Miatas
Sat or Sun Oct 19 or 20	Halloween Cruise
Sat Dec 7	WPMC Christmas Party

TRAVELING TO THE TROLLEYS - A CRUISE TO THE PENNSYLVANIA TROLLEY MUSEUM BY JOHN & SHAR WHITMIRE

Join us for a back roads cruise on curvy, twisty, Miata roads in scenic Washington County to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, the only museum of its kind operating on the 5' 21/2" gauge streetcar track common in Pennsylvania. Our WPMC tour will include a brief orientation video and photo exhibit in the Trolley Museum and a guided tour of the Trolley Display Building, which houses more than 30 streetcars. We will also be taking a scenic 4-mile ride on an antique trolley. After our visit to the Trolley Museum we'll head to "Mr. Bigs" for a delicious lunch. (We'll let you all decide how the restaurant got its interesting name.) After lunch we'll cruise a short distance to our ice cream venue, on the edge of Canonsburg. For those who wish to head home from there, it is near I79, or you may cruise with us back to Moon Township on more fun back country roads.

Date & Time: July 13 - Meet at 8:30 AM - Leave at 9:00 AM

Place: Giant Eagle parking lot in Moon Township, 5990 University Boulevard, Moon Township 15108 (Immediately across the street from the entrance to Robert Morris University)

Fee: Group Rate Adults = \$8.50, Seniors (62+) = \$7.50. We will collect the Trolley Museum fee at the drivers meeting (Cash or check made out to Shar Whitmire).

RSVP: By July 8 to Shar or John at (412) 262-1813, (412) 716-4314 (John's cell), or johnandshar1@comcast.net. We need to let the museum know how many will attend.

AUGUST DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 5, 2013





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Pittsburgh Vintage

GRAND PRIX

BY WALLY SWARMER

Get your cars shined and ready for the PVGP international car show and race weekend on Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21. I have ordered a nice weekend, temps in the low 80's, party cloudy, low humidity and no rain! All the action takes place on the Schenley golf course. Our car club will once again be renting a 20x20 tent for your use on both days. Every car must be registered. You will want to preregister at www.pvgp.org for the car show. Register under the drop down menu "international car show." The fee is \$30 per car. Registration includes admission for the car show on Saturday and also for race Sunday. You can register that morning at Schenley park, but it is time consuming and you will get a few extra goodies if you preregister. Let any of your Miata friends that aren't in our club know that they are welcome to join us. If you would like, please bring something good to eat or drink that can be shared. If you need to keep your food cold, please bring a small cooler with ice. We will have tables, plates, cups, etc. Bring a chair and sunscreen. The only shade there is under the tent! Gates open at 9:30 AM Saturday morning and the entrance is off Forbes Ave. onto Schenley Drive. Volunteers will direct you to our location (we are in the Asian section). For more information on the entire race week go to www.pvgp.org. For any questions about our club's participation, please feel free to contact Wally Swarmer at 724-443-0834 or wsswarmer@consolidated.net.

Niagara Winery Cruise

BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

The Trillium Miata Club has graciously invited WPMC to join them as they visit wineries in the Niagara Region. We will be met at the Canadian border by the cruise leader to start our three day weekend of visiting attractions and wineries. We'll leave Friday and return Sunday. This is a great opportunity to visit Canadian wineries and socialize with fellow Miata owners. Due to limited availability of rooms, there will be a limit on the number of cars. Trillium has given us 5 slots. The first five people to send me an email indicating their desire

to attend will receive the slots. I will give you hotel information to make reservations once you know you have a slot. Note that you will need a Passport.

Date & Time: Friday July 26 meet at 7:45 AM and leave at 8:00 AM - Return Sunday July 28

Meeting Place: Sheetz Exit 113 off I-79 at Grove City Outlets

Hotel Price: \$159 plus taxes Canadian per night. At today's exchange rate that's \$155.73 US. We will be staying two nights.

RSVP: Linda Zimliki at lzimliki@westpennmiatclub.com

ROUTE 666: THE DEVIL'S HIGHWAY

BY BILL & JULIETTE FLASCHE

Do you have the "devil" in you? If so, save the date of August 3rd. On that day we will travel north to the Devil's Highway. Along the way, you'll have great views of the Allegheny River which runs parallel to part of our driving route. Once on Route 666, this drive will take us past a mixture of woodlands, farms, and eventually deep forest. This is an exceptional stretch of road. It curves uphill and down with some hairpin turns for about 30 miles.

Warning: This is an all day driving event (not a destination event) so plan to exercise your Miata and yourself. We will have a late lunch/early dinner at the end of the drive. Here's what you need to know.

Date & Time: Saturday August 3. Meet at 9:00 AM. Depart at 9:30 AM.

Meeting place: Target in Harmarville Freeport Rd (off Route 28)

RSVP - By Wed July 30th to Bill Flasche - 724-935-0872 - jflasche@juno.com





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WPMC Picnic BY LARRY SHOCKLING

The WPMC Summer Picnic is not far off. The date is Saturday August 10, 2013. It is open and free to all WPMC members and spouses, so plan for it now. WPMC will provide the chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and kielbasa along with water, pop, condiments, plates, cups, napkins and plastic ware. Members attending will provide a hot covered dish, a snack, an appetizer, vegetables, salad, or desert. I will need to know that you will be attending, and I want to tabulate the dish you will bring, so we can make sure we have all the food areas covered.

Place: White Oak Park at the Maple Grove

Date & Time: Saturday August 10, 2013 11:00 til ~4:00

Rsvp: by Saturday August 3rd to Larry Shockling at Lshockling@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-882-5531. Identify the dish you will bring, and if you intend to arrive early about 10:00 to help with the setup. Thanks for your cooperation.

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)

TOPELSS in the MOUNTAINS - XIX BY STEVE LAPP

The Trillium Club of Canada has once again invited WPMC to join them for Topless in the Mountains - XIX. Dates are Saturday, August 31 to Monday, September 2. An optional third day of cruising on September 2 may be added. As always, this event is about one thing - DRIVING. Over the course of two days, expect to drive your Miata over 350 miles on some of the best roads West Virginia has to offer. The cruise will operate from the Hampton Inn in Elkins, WV. Saturday's cruise will go north toward Tygart Lake State Park, while Sunday's will head east toward Seneca Rocks. A limit of 20 cars total has been set and the procedure for registration follows.

1. Contact Steve Lapp at slapp@westpennmiataclub.com or 412-366-3388 to obtain a registration form.

2. Contact the Hampton Inn to insure rooms blocked for this event are still available. Trillium is controlling the number of cars by the number of available hotel rooms. If a room is available, make your reservation, complete the registration form, and send it to Richard Rutsch, the leader of this event.

Please contact Steve Lapp with any questions.





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Miata CUB GOLF OUTING

BY JOHN WHITMIRE

The 2013 Miata Club Open will be held Saturday, September 7th at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, WV. I have scheduled 4 tee times starting at 1:30. We will be playing at the Speidel Golf Club on the course designed by the great golf course architect, Robert Trent Jones. We will then dine together at one of the restaurants located in the Wilson Lodge. Details to follow. We chose this venue because in addition to the golf, there are a myriad of things to do for the non-golfing spouse, and if you wish to stay overnight at the Wilson Lodge, you can do so. If you do not want to stay the night, there is a locker room at the course where you can shower and change clothes should you desire to do so prior to supper. The website gives a great overview, details of the room rates, etc. Special golf packages are available should you wish to stay 2 nights. Check out www.oglebay-resort.com This will be a really fun event! Please review your calendars and let me know by July 19th if you are interested. If you wish to stay overnight, it would be a good idea to reserve early as fall is a popular time in WV. Contact John Whitmire at 412.262.1813 (H), 412.716.4314 (C), or johnandshar1@comcast.net

FORKS OF CHEAT WINERY

CRUISE REPORT

BY WALT DILLEN

I must start off by stating "another great cruise planned by Bob & Dorothy Wachter." These folks have once again put together a great Miata experience for the 14 cars that attended this event - a perfect blend of good roads, good scenery, good food, good wine, and most of all good company.

We left Indiana at 9:30 and drove south to Ligonier for our first stop. From there we continued south into West Virginia through some very interesting roads with great views, if you had the nerve to take your eyes off the road. I could not help but think what a great "Hillbilly Run." Our next stop was the Yesterday Restaurant right outside Morgantown. The food was very good and it gave us all a chance to relax and visit for awhile. The Forks of Cheat Winery was only about five miles from the restaurant, but we still put our tops down - never miss a chance to do that.

The Winery was located on the side of one of those famous hills, a very charming place. And it became even more delightful when the free wine samples were distributed to the Miata members. I think the samples were a big hit since quite a few bottles of wine were purchased. Of course the drivers did abstain.

Our final stop was a DQ on route 40 for our standard ice cream treat. A good time was had by all. In closing I just want the comment on how much effort goes into planning these events. We are very fortunate to have so many members who are willing to research and execute these cruises. To all of you a very special THANK YOU.

2013 CRUISIN' & ZOOMIN' SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Well, we are in the middle of our season with plenty of great roads yet to cruise. There has been a change in the schedule for August. The 1st cruise, August 3, has been changed. Harmony Museum was replaced with Route 666: The Devil's Highway. Don't forget to register online for PVGP. Bring a dish to share and sign up for WPMC Picnic to let Larry know what you are bringing. Bob Wachter will have Funcana up & running this year so bring your Miata.

BOOMIN' ZOOMERS

BY PRESIDENT LARRY

PIETROPAOLI

For those of you that are looking for the "next big event" in weekly entertainment beyond Miata cruises, here it is. We got a really big event this time. July is the long awaited month where we see our very own tent and gathering at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix in Schenley Park on July 20. See complete details in the Newsletter. Early reports indicate partly cloudy skies, temps in the low 80s, low humidity, and no rain. Mark your calendar. Don't forget, pre-registration saves you time at the gate. Come on out and show your colors. Mine is Burnt Copper. See you there.

Zoom, zoom zoom!





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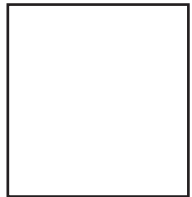
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