

## Upcoming Events

Sat-Sun Jul 14-15	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 21	Platts Go Zoomin
Sat Jul 28	This Way, That Way Cruise
Thu Aug 2 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 11	Roadster Factory Cruise
Sun Aug 26	WPMC Picnic
Sat Sep 8	Johnstown National Flood Memorial Cruise
Sun Sep 16	J. D. Cellars Winery Cruise
Sat Sep 22	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Sat Oct 13	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 1	WPMC Christmas Party

## Have A Grand (Prix) Time



by Richard Ryba

**I**t's coming... you can almost hear the roar of engines, the smell of oil and gas, see the long rows, and columns of shiny cars, both old and new...otherwise known as the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix!!!!

**I**t all starts on July 1st and continues through July 15th. We will gather on July 14th to celebrate our Miatas and all things auto related at the 2018 PVGP at the Asian car section, with our usual set up and parking. Most of our club attended last year, and as is the custom, we ate, we drank, we enjoyed each other's company, and we got to share one of the nation's great auto events, with the added benefit that it supports important research on autism.

**I**f you haven't already done so, please go to the registration page of the Grand Prix. Go to the home page <http://www.pvgp.org/> and then under the CAR SHOWS tab you will find the link titled, REGISTER FOR THE CAR SHOWS AT SCHENLEY PARK. Click on the Asian Car Show link and then scroll to the SHOWCLIX registration link and complete it.

**T**he cost to participate in the International Car Show is just \$35 and includes your weekend car display spot, a PVGP race program and car decal. On-line registration

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closes at midnight on Thursday July 12, after which participants must pay at the gate in Schenley Park upon entry and the price increases to \$40. You are strongly encouraged to pre-register now to assure you get a spot in the car show and to speed up the entry process. This is a charity fund raiser – refunds and single day discounts are not available.

The entrance to the International Car Show is at the top of Schenley Drive where it intersects Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill, just below the Schenley Park Golf Course clubhouse. We usually enter at Gate D, but actual instructions will be given to you on the race day, if not before.

An email confirmation will be sent in early July to those who preregister and supply an email. Confirmations and passes are NOT mailed. Gates open at 9:30 AM and Car Shows run from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM on the weekend.

Please arrive at Schenley Park no earlier than 9:30 AM via the top of Schenley Drive at the golf course clubhouse. You do not need to bring any paperwork or confirmation. One of the volunteers will direct you to the proper gate where you will be checked in from our list of preregistered entries.

As for our participation, our big day is on Saturday the 14th. We will have a tent and tables set up. Please bring your own lawn chairs and drinks. Food is a pot-luck offering from all of us attending. Snacks like cookies, cakes, chips, pretzels, and cheeses work best. The tent and table will remain in place for anyone who wishes to attend on Sunday. While we typically haven't had many people attend then, it would be great if we could make this a two-day turnout. We are paying for the tent and tables for two days and we should take advantage of that spot to enjoy the racing and other activities on that Sunday.

Also, we need folks to take a turn staffing the information and merchandise table during the day. Please take a bit of time to help promote our club and to meet with prospective new members. This event is a great recruiting tool, as well as a gathering of our membership so make plans to zoom on over to Schenley Park on July 14th.

Zoom! Zoom!



## Platts Go Zoomin by Don & Lee Platt

Join Lee and Don on July 21 for our initiation cruise. We will meet at the Clearview Mall on PA Route 8 North in Butler at 9:30 AM and depart from the north entrance at 10:00 AM. We will follow crooked roads northeast through East Brady, stop at a scenic overlook, and go through Brookville into Cook's Forest. We probably will eat lunch at the Iron Mountain Grill and visit Foxburg for a wine tasting and some music. We'll finish with homemade ice cream at Mazzanti's.

The cruise is limited to 10 cars. To reserve your spot, please contact us at 724-650-6899 or [culldesak@yahoo.com](mailto:culldesak@yahoo.com). This cruise is rated as Sporty.

## This Way, That Way Cruise

by Joe & Linda Zimliki

Are you ready for some fun? This is a fun cruise where we will travel hill and dale. The destination is a restaurant. The rest will be explained at the pre-cruise meeting. Are you game? We just might be using the queen's wave. Google a photo so you will know the proper queen's wave. Come join us for some fun.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, July 28th - somewhere between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. I will send a final time once I have a final car count

**Meeting Place:** Sheetz #204 Rt 22 & School Rd South in Murrysville

**Cruise Category:** Leisure, Sporty, & Zoomin

**RSVP:** Linda Zimliki at [lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com) or 724-327-1762 by July 25th



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## Cruise to the Roadster Factory

by Jack and Nancy Bartek

**P**lease join us Saturday August 11th for a mid summer's drive to the Roadster Factory located in Armaugh, PA. This is a window in time going back on the driving force behind the original Miatas. The Roadster Factory manufactures and imports replacement parts for British roadsters MG and Triumph. We are all set for a tour of the facility. On our way, we will experience the beautiful scenery of Cambria County and the Conemaugh Gap. There will be a restroom break about halfway to the Roadster Factory. After the tour, which will take about an hour, we will take the scenic route and head over to the 37 Grille located at the Chestnut Ridge golf course for lunch arriving at approx 1:30PM. The trip will wrap up with a visit to the Dairy Queen which is not far from the restaurant.

**Date and Time:** Saturday Aug 11th – Meet at 9:00 AM, Depart at 9:30AM

**Meeting Place:** Giant Eagle, 5142 Route 30, Suite 140 Eastgate Plaza, Greensburg, PA

**Cruise Type:** Leisure to Sporty, We have a space limit of 30 people, or approx 15 cars.

**RSVP:** By Saturday August 4th to Jack Bartek at abarte@aol.com or text 724-244-4582. If you sign up and do not receive a reply, please call.

### 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**

## WPMC Annual Picnic by Ron Hoffman

**H**ave you set aside Sunday, August 26, 2018 for our Club's annual picnic? If not, then mark your calendars now. We usually hold the picnic on the last Saturday of August, but another group beat us out reserving it that Saturday, so Sunday it is. As in past years, the picnic is a good time just to relax and enjoy conversation with other club members, not to mention the great food and fun games. The picnic will be held at the same time and location as in previous years, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM 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.

**T**his is my first time organizing and coordinating our picnic so I need a little help. I'm not that good at coming up with and organizing "fun" games. I'm an engineer by trade and not too "fun" according to my wife, Pat. I could really use some help coming up with games to play and running them 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/>

**L**awn games are also good. Please get back to me at 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 19th. Looking forward to seeing 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.

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- 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)

## Penn State Creamery Cruise Report By Ken Nagel

Six Miatas with ten regular members and one guest were in attendance on this hazy, sunny day for a trip to PSU for an afternoon of enjoyment at the Campus. But first, in the start out of the parking lot, we gained a new member brought by a friend. You just never know when someone will request new membership! Ron and Pat lead the way to our Lunch stop at Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co. restaurant serving exceptional food. Can't wait to go back! Later, we were guided through a very well planned out route that had some Sporty/Leisure roads leading to PSU Main Campus. Deep in the vast campus was the "Penn State Creamery" store where we all had some of the best ice cream ever, YUM! Ron then lead the group on a guided foot tour of the campus and an interesting stop at Trader Joe's. Congrats goes to co-leaders Pat and President Ron for making this fun cruise a memorable one too.

## Coal Miners Museum Cruise Report by Ron and Clare Vail

The starting point for our cruise on June 16 was the Sheetz store in East Freedom, PA. We knew it was going to be a fun day when a grey bearded gentleman approached our Miata lineup of many colors and said he wanted to get a yellow one! Soon thereafter Tom and Kay Cypher led our 9 car procession onto route 36 to start our scenic and educational cruise of Central Pennsylvania's historic coal country. We took route 164 out of Roaring Spring and left the land of traffic lights behind. One scenic road after another took us North in Morrison's Cove with beautiful farm land as far as the eye could see bordered by Tussy Mountain on the right and Lock Mountain on the left. The roads became delightfully twisty after we turned around in Williamsburg and started to climb Tussy Mountain, the perfect setting to enjoy our Miatas' handling. We crested the mountain and took the long descent to route 26 near Marklesburg. A few minutes later we took 994 down to and across gorgeous Raystown Lake, and we arrived at the Lake Raystown Resort for our lunch at the Marina Restaurant. After a fine meal, our hosts Tom and Kay provided us with fish food for our after-lunch entertainment – feeding the carp at the floating dock in back of the restaurant. These carp are not as numerous as those at Pymatuning, but what they lack in numbers they make up in feeding frenzy!

Next on the agenda was a short cruise to Trough Creek State Park, with beautiful wooded areas on both sides of the Creek and Nature's own refrigerator, the Ice Cave. There isn't much ice there since the park made a roof covering the entrance, but the porcupines don't mind – they like to chew on the wood - a nice cool drive along the creek after lunch. Back on 994 we headed South to Rte 3019 and to the town of Robertsdale, home of the Broad Top Area Coal Miners Museum. The Museum is housed in a former church, and it chronicles the events and lives of the people who worked in the area's major industry over the last century and a half. Our Miata parade left Robertsdale going South and East to Six Mile Run. We drove through Coaldale, Defiance, and Riddlesburg where we saw a rebuilt coke furnace before crossing the Juniata River to Route 26. I wouldn't doubt that many coal miners' daughters grew up in these towns.

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Going North on 26 we took an excursion through another State Park with more great scenery and the sighting of a black bear along the road! Tom called out on the radio that he also saw two deer climbing the hill! Great roads and wildlife sightings too! A short while later we took a side road that lead us to the Halls Mill Covered Bridge on Yellow Creek, where Linda took great pictures of every car crossing the bridge. We ended the cruise at the American Kream ice cream stand for our traditional end of cruise treat. We sat in the Gazebo behind the ice cream stand and we couldn't stop talking about the wonderful cruise that Tom and Kay had created for us.

## Zoomin with Mitch Report by Walt Dillen

To say our Sunday cruise was interesting would be an understatement. Great roads, good food and of course RAIN !! We had 11 cars in the event, with one from our friends from Erie. It is not often that the roads in the afternoon are as good as the morning run, but all were great, and the rain made them more interesting. We had to stop several time to put up our tops, part of the game. Now for the food, super really does not cover it. We arrived at the Clarion River Brewing Company at 12:05. Walked in and the table was set, soup and salads were out. I had soup and it was hot, really hot, I give this place a 110% rating. If anyone is ever in Clarion, PA this is a must stop. After lunch, MORE good roads, and back to Grove City for ice cream. Mitch, you did a great job, I know we all really enjoyed 'ZOOMIN' with you.

## 2018 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

It is July and our season is rolling right along. We have some changes to the schedule. The West Virginia cruise, July 28th, has been cancelled. Details about a replacement cruse are in this newsletter. The other change is the Peaches and Gravity Hill Cruise, Aug 11. It is now The Roadster Factory Cruise. Leaders please remember to post your cruise on the forum and include pertinent information, meeting place, time, deadline and

RSVP information.

I have is an update on the Regional Event Fall into New England II being held Sept 19-21, 2018. The Event is now full and they are accepting people for their waiting list. Please go to their website to sign up for waiting list at <https://ffne2.massmiata.net> if you are interested.

We have two other events that might interest members.

The first is the event held by Presque Isle Miata Club (PIMC). The 11th Annual Can-Am Summer Picnic is a fundraiser for their local Make-A-Wish. Niagara Peninsula Miata Club has also been invited. Hot dogs and pop/water will be provided. Alcohol is OK. Everyone is asked to bring a food item to share. Cost for the picnic is: \$10 per person if paid before June 30th. It will be \$15 per person after that. The cost is \$15 per person if you don't bring a food item to share. We will be having a chance auction as well as a Bocce tournament. The event will be held Saturday, July 7th, at Camp Notre Dame, 400 Eaton Road, Fairview, PA., starting at 1:00 p.m. Email your intentions of attending to [pimiataclub@gmail.com](mailto:pimiataclub@gmail.com).

The second event of interest is at Pittsburgh International Race Complex August 3-5 For the first time in the Keystone state, fans will witness seven high-energy championship series during one action-packed road racing weekend. Pittsburgh International Race Complex will play host to the Keystone Speedfest Aug 3-5 in a joint event featuring the Trans Am Series Presented by Pirelli's TA, TA3 & TA4 classes; Formula 4 United States Championship Powered by Honda; Formula Race Promotions' Atlantic, F2000 & F1600 Championship Series presented by Hoosier Tire; and the world debut of the F3 Americas Championship Powered by Honda. The KEYSTONE SPEEDFEST - Join the Action - August 3-5.

Hailing from Pittsburgh, Chris Archinaco is slated to compete for the first time in his hometown, driving the F4 U.S. No. 35 Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Century Auto Racing machine.

Also hailing from the Pittsburgh area will be F1600 racer Charles Anti, in the No. 26 Mygale/Honda. In addition, Harrisburg- native Kerry Hitt, driver of the No. 19 Advanced Composite Products Cadillac CTS-V Trans Am,

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and Formula Atlantic pilot Rich Zober will represent Pennsylvania.

The weekend will commence on Friday, Aug. 3, with gates opening at 8:00 a.m. All series will participate in practice or testing sessions that will run throughout the day until 5:40 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 4, gates open at 8:00 a.m. with qualifying and practices filling the first half of the day. Race events start after lunch, offering fans nearly four hours of action-packed racing.

Sunday, Aug. 5, fans will experience racing from all series with on-track activities starting at 8:15 a.m. The weekend festivities will conclude at 5:15 p.m. (All schedules subject to change) Advanced general admission tickets and VIP packages which include climate-controlled seating, catered lunch with drivers and a pace car ride are available for purchase at [KeystoneSpeedfest.com](http://KeystoneSpeedfest.com). BOGO three-day ticket specials run through July 18 (Buy one three-day GA ticket at \$40 get the second ticket for just \$20). General admission tickets will also be available at the gate on the day of the event. Children 12 years and younger are admitted for free. Parking is free all weekend. For a full event schedule, ticket prices, and event information visit [KeystoneSpeedfest.com](http://KeystoneSpeedfest.com).

Look forward to seeing you on a cruise!

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

## Ragtop review

by Ron Hoffman, President

Summer has arrived in NW PA and the heat is on!! It's not even noon yet and the outdoor thermometer at our house has already reached 90 degrees. It might even be too hot to go topless today – our Miata's that is. I am glad I have something to keep me occupied indoors today – writing my newsletter article!!

July is the halfway point of our cruising season so I hope everyone has been able to join in on at least one cruise. If you haven't, then shame on you!! We have two cruises planned for this month and also the PGH Vintage Grand Prix is taking place the first two weeks of July. The second weekend is the highlight with a massive car show and the vintage car races. Everyone is invited to join us at the Club tent in Schenley Park July 14th and 15th. Check out the details in this newsletter. It is a lot of fun!!

Don't know if you have seen the article on The Car Connection website that was posted the end of May about the 2018 MX-5 Miata. The sites "experts" evaluated the car. It's worth taking a few minutes to read. Here are the top "likes" and "dislikes" they came up with:

### LIKES

- Light and lean
- A visual knockout
- Stays true to its pure driving ethos like few other cars
- RF provides all-weather comfort and security
- Just powerful enough

### DISLIKES

- Little room for small and large item storage
- Price can climb fast
- Challenging infotainment system

Check out the full review at:

[https://www.thecarconnection.com/overview/mazda\\_mx-5-miata\\_2018!](https://www.thecarconnection.com/overview/mazda_mx-5-miata_2018!)

If you are visiting this site for the first time to check us out, Welcome!! I hope you'll join us for an event and experience first hand a new level of Zoomin' fun.

Later!!





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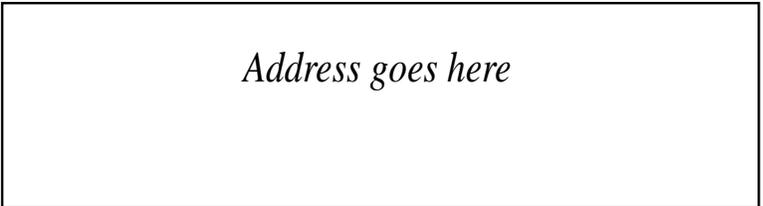
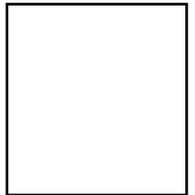
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