

Upcoming Events

Sun Jun 11	Back Roads to Jean Bonnet Tavern
Sat Jun 17	Retro Cruise
Thu Jun 29 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jul 8	Presque Isle Annual Picnic - Make A Wish
Sat-Sun Jul 15-16	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat or Sun Jul 22 or 23	Cruising to Cruise
Sat Jul 29	Nemacolin Woodlands Cruise
Thu Aug 3 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 5	Thistlewaite Winery Cruise
Sat Aug 19	Meadowcroft Rockshelter & Historic Village Cruise
Sat Aug 26	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat-Mon Sep 2-4	Topless in the Mountains
Sat Sep 9	Lunch in the Park & Harvest Festival Cruise

Sat Sep 16	Laurel Highlands, Somerset, Bedford, Cambria County Cruisn'
Sat Sep 30	Johnstown Flood National Museum Cruise
Sat-Sun Oct 14-15	Annual Fall Foliage & Hocking Train Cruise

A Drive into History - Jean Bonnet Tavern by Scott Coatsworth

This is a back road cruise through western Pennsylvania from Greensburg to Bedford, stopping at the historic Jean Bonnet Tavern (<https://www.jeanbonnettavern.com/>) or (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Bonnet_Tavern) for a ghost tour (<https://www.jeanbonnettavern.com/ghosts/>) and lunch, followed by an ice cream stop and a return trip via the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

We'll make a half-way stop at Seven Springs Ski Resort for stretching and comfort. Before arriving at Jean Bonnet Tavern, there will be a brief stop for probably the closest encounter you'll ever have with one of the giant electricity-generating windmills that dot the Laurel Highlands. The hills will be in full greenery, and it should be a beautiful drive!

Date & Time: Sunday, June 11, 2017, Meet at 9:00 AM, Leave at 9:30 AM.

Meeting Place: Eastgate Shopping Center, 5142 State Route 30, Greensburg, PA 15601, just east of the Westmoreland Mall. Please assemble in the downward parking lane in front of AAA, just to the left of the Giant Eagle.

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Gas: Please fill your tank before starting. To gas up, proceed past the Eastgate Shopping Center, making a left at the next traffic light to a Sunoco station. Then return west to the next traffic light, making a left into the Eastgate Shopping Center.

RSVP: By Monday, June 5 to Scott Coatsworth at scoatsworth@comcast.net or 412-951-3340.

Cruise Type: Zoomin' (or not quite).

WPMC "Retro Cruise" by Larry Pietropaoli

Ok, so you bought a car to relive the glory days of "open road" driving. Simple, straight forward driving, rag top (must be down), not a lot of horsepower, and, most importantly, a stick shift.

You seek clear, warm summer days, twisty / windy roads, lots of hills, a good place for lunch, and a cool place for ice cream. Being a discerning driver, you also seek an eclectic group of like minded car enthusiasts to share the unique experience.

How do you beat all that? Let's take it a step further. Instead of a restaurant, the original version was a picnic basket, a blanket, a private country scene, and someone special to share the day. So.....

We are planning for just that day, starting at Sheets, 1200 Perry Highway, Wexford, traveling through the old highway routes into the country, to the historic site Old Economy Village, Ambridge, There you will experience a "behind the scenes" tour that will focus on the entrepreneurial / business end of the Harmonist settlers.

Want to score some really big points? Let's do it in "period" costume. Got all that?

Assemble at Sheets on June 17, 2017 at a civilized 9:30 AM, and depart 10:00. Due at Old Economy Village after a LEISURELY drive at 11:30 AM. LEISURELY PICNIC BASKET lunch at 12:00 (pack one that will fit in your

trunk. NO RESTAURANT this trip.) LEISURELY Tour of the grounds. Return to Wexford via Graeters Ice Cream Parlor. Tour cost \$10.00 per person.

NOTE: This cruise is classed "LEISURE" to "enjoy the countryside" Reservations limited to 15 cars. Please email Larry Pietropaoli by June 15 at larrydep@msn.com. A warm and sunny day is scheduled. See you there.

Presque Isle Miata Club Annual Picnic – Make-A-Wish By Pat and Ron Hoffman

Please join Pat and I on Saturday, July 8th for a cruise up north near Erie to join the Presque Isle Miata Club (PIMC) for their annual picnic that benefits Make-A-Wish. The invitation with details to our members is below. The first leg of the cruise to Erie and the picnic will be on I-79 to Meadville. We will then take some country roads through Crawford and Erie Counties for the remaining part of the trip. We will also be joined at the picnic by the Niagara Peninsula Miata Club from St. Catherine's, Ontario and possibly by another club from western New York. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOLDING CHAIRS. This can be a one day cruise or an "optional" overnigher as Pat and I will be staying in Erie on Saturday night and plan to take in a concert early Sunday afternoon, July 9th at Chautauqua Institute in western New York not far from Erie. The concert starts at 2:30pm.

Date & Time: Sat July 8th, 10:15am

Meeting Place: Pilot Truck Stop, Exit 99 on I-79, 2010 New Castle Rd (US RT 422), Slippery Rock, PA 16051

RSVP: By July 6th to rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-392-7932.

The US Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus will be performing at the Institute on Sunday. Note: Sunday performances are free and open to the public. If you have

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never been to Chautauqua Institute then it is a trip you need to put on your "bucket list"!! There is nothing quite like the Institute. Check out their website: www.ciweb.org. We are also planning a short cruise through Chautauqua County, NY and a place to have brunch on Sunday before going to the concert. **IMPORTANT:** If you are interested in spending Saturday night in Erie, then contact me ASAP, (rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-392-7932) to discuss where to make overnight accommodations. The sooner you make reservations the better. Also, please note, you will send your reservation FOR THE PICNIC directly to Jan Stork at Make-A-Wish as detailed below in the invitation.

WPMC Invitation:

The 10th Annual PIMC Summer picnic will be held Saturday, July 8th, starting at 1:00 p.m., at Camp Notre Dame, 400 Eaton Road, Fairview, PA. Camp Notre Dame is an outstanding facility and we have it to ourselves. There is a large area to park and a dining hall if the weather doesn't cooperate. This event is a great opportunity to meet with Miata enthusiasts and help the club raise some money for our local Make-A-Wish. There will be a Chinese auction, corn hole tournament, and maybe another music video. <http://eriemiatas.wixsite.com/pimc/video>. Everyone will then have the chance to select an item from the Mazda Zoom-Zoom box of gifts. 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.
 - \$15 per person if paid after June 30th.
 - \$15 per person if you can't bring a food item to share.
- This is a fundraising event, so any money left over will be donated to Make-A-Wish.

Please make your check for the picnic payable to: Jan Stork (it is important that you make your check payable to Jan Stork and not Make-A-Wish) and mail it to: Make-A-Wish, 1001 State St. Suite 501, Erie, PA 16501

We hope you can join us! Regards, Herm Stork, Presque Isle Miata Club

July Deadline

The deadline for articles for the July newsletter is July 1, 2017



PVGP 2017 by Mike Leone

Once again we will be participating in our largest group function of the year. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix will be held July 2 through July 16. The highlight will be the practices and car show Saturday July 15 and races Sunday July 16 held on the roads in and around Schenley Park. Check the PVGP web site for maps, schedules, and other activities occurring in the week prior to the races. We had close to 60 Miatas participate last year in the Asian Car Show infield parking area. It may have been more. I lost count at 58 before cars started moving around, coming and going. This was our highest turnout yet.

Registration for parking is on line at the PVGP web site (WWW.PVGP.ORG). Click on "Car Shows" near the top of the page. On the drop-down menu, choose "International Car Show". To the right choose "Asian Car Show" At the bottom of the page is the "On Line Registration" link. Cost is \$35 for parking. Parking is for both days and is in the same location as last year. While you can register at the gate, the cost is \$40 and you can only get the PVGP packet (program, dash plaque, and a few other goodies) by preregistering.

We will have a tent and tables available. Bring your own chairs & drinks. As in previous years, food is pot-luck. Keep it simple. Snacks such as cookies, cakes, chips, pretzels, cheese, and other non-perishable treats work the best. If everyone brings a little, we will have a lot to go around. Try to avoid anything that requires refrigeration.

Food sitting in the hot sun for an afternoon is an invitation for an active and very unpleasant evening! We could also use a couple of volunteers to help man the club information and merchandise table during the day. After spending all day getting in your 10,000 steps by trudging up and down the golf course in the hot sun, an hour sitting in the shade, sipping a cool drink while talking to prospective new members and catching up with current ones isn't a bad way to pass some time. Rain or shine, the Grand Prix has always been a Grand Time. Exotic cars, exotic people, and while not always exotic, food! What more could you ask for?

Miata has the distinction of always having the largest turnout of the Asian cars. Lets continue the tradition. See you there.





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Cruising To Cruise by Nancy Galvin & Jack Bartek

Please join us Saturday July 22nd for an outing we have nicknamed Cruising to Cruise. Our final destination is Fun Time Water Sports located in Deep Creek Lake, MD for a pontoon boat tour of the lake. On our way, we will experience the beautiful scenery and twisty roads of South Western PA and Garrett County, Maryland. Restroom break is about halfway. We will be stopping for lunch at the Greene Turtle Sports Bar, arriving at 1:00 PM. After lunch we will head to the docks where the boat tour will begin at 3:00 PM. As they say on their website: "Sit back, and enjoy the ride, we will drive, navigate, and take care of everything." Our tour will finish around 4:00 PM. The trip will be capped off with a visit to the Lakeside Creamery for ice cream. The return trip will be on your own unless you wish to follow us.

Date and Time: Saturday July 22nd – Meet at 10:00 AM, Depart at 10:30 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz #503, 101 Ronda Ct, Irwin, Pa. Located right off the turnpike. At the exit, take the 30 west fork toward Pittsburgh. The Sheetz is located on the hill on the left opposite Kohls.

Cruise Type: Leisure to Sporty - We have a space limit of 24 people, or approx 12 cars.

Cost: Lunch approx. \$15-20 per person, \$21 for the Fun Time Water Sports pontoon boat tour.

RSVP: By Sat. July 8 to ngalvin@westpennmiataclub.com or text 330-717-6335. If you happen to sign up and do not receive a reply, please call.

Nemacolin Woodlands Cruise by Michael & Sandy Butler

Please join us as we take a sporty cruise through the beautiful backroads of Washington and Fayette Counties on our way to the majestic Laurel

Highlands. We'll be traveling on the historic National Pike, Route 40. Our first stop will be at Christian W. Klay Winery for samplings of a total wine experience from "vine to wine". Next stop will be lunch at the historic Stone House Inn in Farmington, PA. Take a step back in time with this time honored tradition of serving weary travelers all the way back to 1822. After lunch we'll have a short drive to Nemacolin Woodlands Resort. Feel free to roam around the buildings and properties, check out the specialty shops as well as the Hardy Family multi-million dollar art collection. We'll wrap things up by visiting their own ice cream shop before we head back and end our trip.

Date & Time – Saturday, July 29 - 9:00 AM, Depart 9:30 AM

Meeting Place – Sheetz, 1000 Clairton Blvd. (Route 51), Pleasant Hills (Across from Bowser Car Dealership)

Lunch – 12:30 PM, Ice Cream - 3:30 PM, Afternoon Departure - 4:00 PM

Type of Cruise – Sporty with a 15 car limit

RSVP – by Saturday, July 24th to mwbutlerdjb@yahoo.com or 412-498-0962

Thistlewaite Vineyard Cruise by Bruce & Kim Smith

Tour the vineyard and wine making process in Jefferson, PA followed by a free tasting. Lunch afterward is at the Green Cove Marina, then ice cream at Gene and Boots Candy

Date & Time: Saturday, August 5 at 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: Trax Farm parking lot

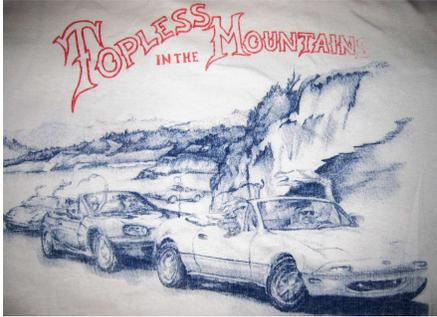
Type of Cruise: Leisure through the rolling hills and small towns of Washington and Green County

RSVP: 412-953-8831 or BSmith15102@yahoo.com



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Topless in the Mountains - Revived



by Joe & Linda Zimliki

It has been a few years since we've had Topless in the Mountains. This event always takes place over Labor Day weekend. It is two whole days of driving twisty roads in West Virginia. This is not 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours of driving to a destination and then a meal. It is an entire day of driving. We will be ZOOMIN the twisties.

This cruise has country back roads, beautiful scenery, curvy roads, switchbacks (plenty), scenic valleys, and twisty roads. The first day will be Topless Past, favorite roads from Topless and from our cruises to WV. The second day will be Topless Present, all new roads. We have a great gathering place at the hotel in the evenings. There will also be a hose to wash your car after a day of driving. There is a limit to the number of Miatas we are taking.

I had no idea that members have been waiting for a West Virginia cruise. At the March meeting when I unveiled the schedule for the year, by the time I got home I had 4 cars signed up. It filled up fast, and I have a waiting list.

Since it is so early, people's plans can change or things come up making it impossible for them to attend. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please contact me.

Again, please remember this cruise is two days of solid driving.

Cruise Dates: September 2-4, Labor Day Weekend

Meeting Date & Time: Saturday, September 2 at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place: Ohiopyle Parking Lot

Hotel Cost: \$82 per night plus taxes. Hotel details will be given to those who have a spot for Topless

Contact: Linda Zimliki at 724-327-1762 or lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

Cruise type: Definitely ZOOMIN

SCCA Majors Review by Nancy Galvin & Jack Bartek

The morning of May 13th dawned cool and threatened rain, but by mid morning the clouds cleared and the weather warmed a bit. The SCCA majors races were in full swing. We all met at the gates of the Pittsburgh International Raceway complex in Wampum, PA. There were a total of 20 cars including 4 from the Presque Isle Miata Club. We had a good view of the races from Spectator Hill along with access to the race paddocks. There was even a low key autocross being held on the Vehicle Dynamics area. What more could a Miata driver ask for? We had a few hours to tour the paddock, watch the races, or sign up for autocross before lunch. Then we all met in the Pit Race Event center for a very enjoyable lunch of sandwiches and sides. Afterward we all went our separate ways with many of us ending up at Spectator Hill to watch the races. Thanks to Linda and Joe for organizing the SCCA Majors event, its always a treat.

Go-Karts at Pit Race

Later in the afternoon, Mitch McQuown organized an exciting Go Kart event where both Miata clubs were treated to an entire hour of high speed fun on the Wilson Circuit Go Kart Track. These are serious Go Karts with 9.5HP engines that can reach 45MPH on the track. After going over the track rules, the group was divided in two for orientation laps and time trials. Once time trials were completed, the final race was held and a great time was had by all. By one account, the cheering was loud enough that it drowned out all conversations on the side lines. The winner was the youngest member of Team Dillon, Walt's Grandson, who won a car washing kit, a Mazda Hat, and Power Source. Thanks to Mitch for a great job putting this together.





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Butler Memorial Day Parade Report by Pat Hoffman

At last a sunny day to enjoy at the Butler Memorial Day Parade - After arriving at Baglier Mazda bright and early in the morning, we enjoyed coffee and donuts until it was time to drive into town to line up for the parade. The parade route was crowded with many enthusiastic flag wavers, nice to see patriotism alive in Butler, PA. As we were behind the car carrying Miss Butler, who was throwing candy, we saw lots of children running to get their treats. After the parade, we were led on a cruise through beautiful country by our hosts from Baglier Mazda, then back to the dealership for a delicious catered lunch. The chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit salad and cookies were a perfect meal for Memorial Day. They also provided Mazda giveaways. After lunch, a few members had a test run in Baglier's 2017 Miata RF retractable fastback. (Maybe we will see a few more new 2017s in our group.) Thanks to Baglier Mazda for hosting us again this year, and we are welcome for next year as well. Thank you to Linda and Joe for pulling it all together - What a great way to kick off the summer season!

Swarmer's Cruisin' thru the eyes of "Myles" Mitesser by Mary Jo Mitesser

Instead of a cruise review being done by one of us owners, this cruise is being reviewed thru the eyes of a Miata. Hi, I'm "Myles" Mitesser - Jack and Mary Jo's Miata. I knew something was up when I got a bath Friday evening and got all shined up to be ready to go in the morning. Saturday June 3rd was a wonderfully sunny day with temperatures in the 70s, My owners put my top down and away we went to meet the others at the Target in Harmarville. There were 15 of us there with our owners. I was so happy to see such a big turnout. At 9:30 Wally gave the cruise instructions while we Miatas all waited with anticipation for our adventure to begin. Included in the instructions were those who were going

to be the middle and sweep car. Of course "Titanium" Swarmer would be the lead car, "Fun2Sun" Butler would be the middle car and "Caramia" Lapp would be the sweep car. I knew we would be in good hands with them. Then it was finally time to start our engines and line up. Then off we went !!

We were zipping and zooming keeping our eyes peeled along the way for road kill, potholes and loose gravel, keeping them all at bay. We drove through park like settings and wide open spaces and all along the way we had big smiles on our faces. Up hills and down hills and around curvy bends, this is so great to be cruising with friends. It was great feeling the breeze and the warm shining sun. We all were just having so so so much fun! We passed hikers and bikers and girls walking dogs, and horses and cows and even some hogs.

We drove along the Allegheny River and Slippery Rock Creek and a bridge over Lake Arthur which was really neat ! In Slippery Rock at the Red Rock Falls Restaurant, our owners had lunch while we Miatas rested, we are a wild bunch! After lunch we drove to Cranberry to the Meadows Custard Stand. Our owners had ice cream, oh it was so grand. A big thank you to Titanium, Wally and Sherry for a day of great cruising and fun. This ends my review; hope you liked it, so long for now cause I got to run. :):)

Your truly,
"Myles"

2017 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Our Miatas are zooming this month. We have several cruises that have a car limit so don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Some of you are thinking about plans for cruises next year. Please let me know what you are planning. Sometimes members will have the same idea. Also if you want to change the plans or add to existing plans for your cruise, please let me know. We are very fortunate to have a variety of cruises, but we don't want to end up with two cruises that are the same.

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The club would like your help in promoting WPMC. When you attend a cruise, please write a few sentences about the cruise on the forum. People surfing our website will read your comments. In order to post, you have to be registered. Register by clicking the "Register" tab on the forum page and follow the instructions. Then send Steve an email (slapp@westpennmiataclub.com) informing him of your registration. Steve will then approve your registration and send you an e-mail confirmation.

Leaders, please remember to print out the page of instructions for cruise planning. These are items that have to be reviewed before each cruise. Please print them so you can review them with the attendees before the start of your cruise.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

model not too long ago. I then wondered if Mazda came out with a 2017 special edition. I hadn't seen one advertised.

Well, I did some research and found Mazda has, in fact, issued a limited edition model. It is called RF Launch Edition. Pre-orders were taken last fall and from what I understand of the 1000 units that will be made, 500 were offered to "loyal" customers and sold out in a week. The remaining 500 were offered to the public and sold out in 13 hours (TorqueNews, October 2016).

The model commands a price of \$34,925 w/auto transmission and has a unique color combination. The exterior is a "stunning" Machine Gray Metallic with a hand-painted roof in Piano Black. The interior is an Auburn Nappa leather with a special scuff plate. The pre-order site is still up on Mazda's website at: <https://www.mazdausa.com/preorder/mx-5-rf-launch-edition>. Check it out; there are some good pictures of the car. With all 1000 already taken, I guess I will just have to wait until they start showing up on Autotrader.com for me to get mine!!

If any of you ever run across an interesting "Miata News" article that others might be interested in reading, please forward it to me. I will try to include it in future newsletter articles.

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

Later!!

Ragtop review by Ron Hoffman, President

I can't believe this is the fifth newsletter of the 2017 Zoomin' Season!! Hopefully my articles don't get too boring as the season goes on as I try to come up with something interesting to write about.

The weather is finally cooperating and most days now are good for driving topless unless it's raining, of course. Since moving back to the Pittsburgh/Westmoreland County area, I am trying to re-familiarize myself with some of the roads in the area including new ones I never knew about.

There are some really great back roads for cruising in SW PA. I try to pick one or two roads off the map that I haven't been on yet and then take the "Little Guy" out for a cruise once or twice a week. We are having a great time!!

You should try it. I bet there are some roads not far from you that would make a great evening cruise. You might also find some new ice cream stands!!

I was recently talking to some of our club members at a cruise about the special edition Miatas that have come out over the years. I had seen a really nice 10th anniversary

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





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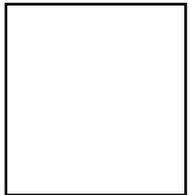
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