

## Upcoming Events

Sat Jun 20	Almost Heaven Cruise
Sat Jun 27	Kecksburg Cruise
Wed Jul 1	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jul 11	Covered Bridge Cruise
Sat Jul 18	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Sat Jul 25	WPMC's PVGP Rallye
Wed Aug 5	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 8	Atwood Lake Cruise
Sat Aug 15	Foxburg Cruise
Sat Aug 22	Amish Country Cruise
Sat Aug 29	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Sep 12	Raystown Country Alpaca Cruise
Sat Sep 19	Tech Session
Sat Sep 26	Fall Foliage Leaf Cruise

Sat Oct 3	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 5	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

## Almost Heaven Cruise by Walt Dillen

**H**ello all, I'm pleased to announce the first WPMC cruise for the 2020 season. We will be driving on a number of great roads to The Stonewall Resort in West Virginia. Looking forward to a great day with many old Miata Friends.

**Date & Time:** June 20, meet at 8:30 AM, leave at 9:00 AM SHARP.

**Location:** Marathon Gas Station, 130 Locust Rd, Mt Morris, Pa 15349  
Exit #1 Mt. Morris off I-79, make a right on to Locust, you will see Marathon in front of you on your right

**Lunch:** Stillwaters Restaurant at Stonewall. Seating will be 6 to a table, outside weather permitting. I will be wearing a mask from the parking lot to the table.

**RSVP:** By June 15 to [wldillen@comcast.net](mailto:wldillen@comcast.net).

**Type of cruise:** Zoomin'

## July Deadline

The deadline for articles for the July newsletter is July 3, 2020





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## Kecksburg Cruise by Don and Linda Hamm

**M**ost of you are aware of a suspected UFO crash event at Area 51 - Roswell, New Mexico, but most folks don't know that Kecksburg, PA has the only certified crash of an UFO on December 9th, 1965. Come join us for a leisurely cruise across the rolling hills of southern Allegheny/Westmoreland counties. Have your Miata's picture taken with the replica of the spacecraft constructed for a TV documentary by Unsolved Mysteries and tour the museum/gift shop maintained by the town's VFD. Lunch following at Norvelt Golf Club Bar & Grill (norveltgolfclub.com for menu/prices)

**Date & Time:** Saturday June 27 at 10:00 AM

**Where:** Bridgeville PA I-79, Exit 54 to RT 50 East. Turn right at traffic light in front of McDonald's and turn left at next traffic light by Get-Go into "Crossings of South Fayetteville" (small strip mall)

**Type of Cruise:** Leisure

**Drive time/Distance:** Approx 70 miles/2 hours (pit stop midway)

**RSVP:** Don and Linda Hamm at deljhamm@verizon.net by Wednesday, June 24th. Don't forget your radio and better throw in a face mask.

## Covered Bridge Cruise by Dave & Luanne Kopco

**L**uanne and I would like to invite you on our covered bridge cruise scheduled for July 11th, 2020. Our cruise will take us along scenic winding back roads in Somerset and Bedford counties that lead us to 7 covered bridges that we can drive through and past one or two more that are closed to traffic. Lunch plans have not been made yet due to the virus and we may need to limit the number of people on the cruise as restaurants might not be open to full capacity. This cruise is not finalized yet but we hope to leave from Sheetz near the Somerset PA Turnpike exit at 9:30 am and be back to that area for ice cream around 3:30 pm. This is preliminary and changes could be made before next month.



## Laurel Highlands Cruise

by Pat and Ron Hoffman

**P**lease join Ron and I for a full day of cruising on Saturday, July 18th through the Laurel Highlands, driving up and down Chestnut Ridge and Laurel Mountain on some familiar and new roads. Our first planned stop is in Laughlintown at the Original Pie Shoppe to continue our drive on a "sugar high". After continuing our cruise on some awesome country roads, we plan to stop near Seven Springs at the top of the mountain at The Grille at Sporting Clays, then ending at an ice cream stop. I called the restaurant and they do not take reservations, so first come first serve. We will be looking into alternative options. More information will be in the July newsletter. Hope to see you there!

**Date and Time:** Saturday, July 18 – Please arrive with a full tank of gas at 9:30 for a short meeting and we'll hit the road at 10:00.

**Meeting Place:** Walmart parking lot on Route 22, Blairsville (300 Resort Plaza Dr.) There is a Sheetz on the opposite side of Route 22, near the Walmart to gas up.

**RSVP:** by Wednesday, July 15 to pat.hof@hotmail.com or 724-392-7932

## WPMC PVGP Rallye by Joe & Linda Zimlik

**L**ast year, three cars from our club participated in the PVGP Rallye. Joe and I decided to run it for the club this year. This Rallye had a lot of Miata roads so we thought members would enjoy it. It will not be timed. There will be a list of things to answer and find. You will need a navigator. For single members, if you don't have someone to ride with you, let me know and I can match you up with another single member. You will be on your own and not following a group of cars although that could end up happening. The one who gets the most answers correct wins. There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th place prizes.

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PVGP has asked car clubs that normally participate in PVGP to hold a driving event to raise money for their charities since it had to be cancelled. Since we were planning to have the Rallye anyway, participants can donate whatever they want. There has been one event so far. The Corvette Club had a Caravan Challenge and raised \$150.50 so WPMC, can we take the challenge and beat the Corvette donation?

The charities that PVGP support are the Autism Society and Merakey Allegheny Valley School. Autism is self explanatory. The Merakey Allegheny Valley School is a non-profit organization which provides homes and a full range of services to individuals with all levels of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

So let's have a big turnout for this fun event and accept Corvette's Challenge to raise money for charity.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, July 25 - Time to be determined - see July's newsletter

**Meeting Place:** Red Robin Parking Lot at Pittsburgh Mills, 1020 Pittsburgh Mills Blvd, Tarentum, Pa 15084

**RSVP:** by July 22 to Linda Zimlik at [lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com) or 724-327-1762

## 2020 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**G**reat news, doctors at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center said Thursday that the coronavirus appears to be declining both in virulence and infection rate. Testing suggests the virus' potency is diminished. Friday evening we actually ate in a restaurant. It was nice to eat out with friends. The coronavirus has wreaked havoc with us, but we are not going to let it cancel our season. I worked some magic and danced my dance for schedule instead of rain and came up with a full season. I hope everyone stayed healthy during quarantine and are ready to zoom. The emails I received in response to my season update emails indicated members are ready to get their Miatas out on those country roads. Memorial Day

Parade, Mountain Playhouse, and PVGP were cancelled by organizers of those events, not by WPMC. Cruises and events scheduled in May and the first half of June had to be rescheduled to later in the year but most cruises will be on their original schedule. There will be a WPMC picnic in August, and we will have to observe guidelines at restaurants. The season starts June 20 and ends October 3 with a cruise or event every weekend. Check out the schedule!

**MASK CHALLENGE** - We will be wearing masks while in public. To make this interesting, you can decorate your mask with things that pertain to Miata or West Penn Miata Club. It will be interesting to see what you come up with. Looking forward to seeing you at the cruises and events. Have to go work on my mask.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

## Need for Speed by Walt Dillen, President

**H**ello all, and welcome to the 2020 season of the West Penn Miata Club. Needless to say we have had a rocky start to our summer program. I will be leading our first cruise to the Stonewall Resort in West VA. I'm sure this cruise will be the first of many enjoyable upcoming events. Please keep in mind we will be observing the "GREEN" guide lines during our cruises. Looking forward to a great season with old & new friends. Be safe and see you soon.

### 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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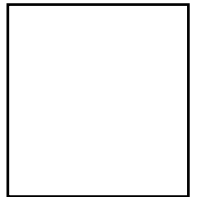
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