

Upcoming Events

Thu
Apr 6
7:00 PM
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Apr 8
Tech Session

Thu
May 4
7:00 PM
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
May 6
Meet 'N Greet Cruise

Sat
May 13
SCCA 65th Cumberland Fire & Ice Majors Race

Mon
May 29
Butler Memorial Day Parade Sponsored by Baglier

Thu
Jun 1
7:00 PM
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Jun 3
Swarmers' Cruisn'

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 - Galvin/Bartek

Sat
Jul 29
Butler Cruise

Thu
Aug 3
7:00 PM
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Aug 5
Casa Narcissi 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





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Registration Dues Reminder by Nancy Galvin

With the calendar filling up, we are looking forward to another season of fun and exciting cruise events so if you haven't already done so, please remember to mail me your completed Membership Application and check for \$30.00 (\$35.00 if you do not have e-mail) by March 31, 2017. The application and instructions are at the end of this newsletter and also on our website at: <http://westpennmiataclub.com/docs/Memberapp.pdf>. The first event is coming up April 8th and you must be a paid member to attend. You may also pay me directly at the first event.

WPMC Tech Session by Jack Bartek

What's under the hood? We love our cars, and many of us like to "tweak" things to make the Miata just a bit better. Why? Because we can!!! This year's tech session will be focused on the changes some of our members have made to their cars and what the results have been. We will discuss intake, exhaust, ground effects, tires, suspensions, and any other fun stuff. Mark Tuite and myself will be hosting the session. We would like to hear from anyone with a Miata improvement project to share. It doesn't have to be a long presentation, even 5 minutes will work!.

Please contact me at abarte@aol.com by April 1st if you have something you would like to share with the group. Everyone is welcome whether you have a story or would just like to sit back and listen. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Date & Time: Sat. April 8 @ 10:AM-12:00PM, Lunch at the Boulevard Restaurant, Greensburg afterward.

Location: Small Buick-Cadillac GMC, 5116 US-30, Greensburg, PA 15601- Upstairs conference room.

RSVP by April 1st to: ngalvin@westpennmiataclub.com or 330-717-6335(after 5PM please)

SCCA 65th Cumberland Fire & Ice Majors Race by Joe & Linda Zimliki

We have been invited back to Pittsburgh International Racing Complex for The Majors Race. The Majors Race is where America's best amateur drivers race. The event will be Saturday, May 13. Our Miatas will take the track for some Parade laps. You will be able to visit the Paddock. We will eat a prepared lunch in the Event Center. I don't know the cost yet for the lunch.

One of our members, Mitch, is organizing a group to Go Kart at the Complex. He will need 20 people. These are not your ordinary go-karts. Their kart track is a .82 mile Wilson Circuit. A GX 270cc Honda 4-stroke Engine that makes 9.5 horsepower powers the karts. The karts can reach speeds up to 45 mph. There will be a separate charge for go karting.

We are receiving a fixed rate for the Majors Race so your cost depends on the number of cars attending. I need a firm commitment to determine the individual costs. If we have 25 cars the cost would be \$20 per car. Please respond by April 1st so the cost can be determined and I can collect the money.

RSVP: By April 1 to lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762

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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WPMC Store by Linda Zimlik

We have license plate frames with the club's name and website printed on them. This is a good way to advertise the club. The cost is \$20. We also have shirts that can be embroidered with our logo or your Miata. Check out the WPMC Store on the website.

2017 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Well, the 2017 season is just around the corner. You don't want to miss an event so make sure you send in your dues. The year starts with our Tech Session. If you want more knowledge about what accessories can do to help your Miata's performance, you don't want to miss it.

We have twenty events and cruises this year. There are two weekenders, Topless in the Mountains and The Annual Fall Foliage and Hocking Train Cruise. We will be joining with PIMC for two events: the SCCA Majors Race and Make A Wish PIMC Picnic. We have more driving cruises.

The new 2017 WPMC Cruisin Season Schedule is on the first page of this newsletter and also on the website. You should be able to find something to your liking on this schedule. There are four events by other Miata Clubs. They are listed below:

MIATAS AT MYRTLE BEACH - Thurs April 27th - 30th - Ocean Dunes Resort-Myrtle Beach SC, 1-800-599-9872 (Ask for the Miatas At Myrtle Beach) Reservations-Ocean front are \$94, Ocean View \$84 - Registration Fee - \$30 - There will be a car show, auto cross, vineyards, beer & wine swap and Putt Putt contest.

WEBSITE: www.miatasatmyrtlebeach.org

11TH ANNUAL ZOOMIN THE MOUNTAINS OF EAST TENNESSEE - May 31 - June 4th - Hotel: Holiday Inn Johnson City, TN. 101 W Springbrook Dr., call and

make your reservations: 423-282-4611 - Sponsored by Tri-Cities Miata Club - Event Registration- \$15 per car Bristol Laps - \$30 per set - Autocross Laps at BMS: \$30.00 per set, per car (TN) - Pizza Party at BMS: \$7.00 per person (3 slices) (TN) - Cornhole Tournament: \$5.00 per person (TN) - Poolside Catered Dinner: \$10.00 per person (TN) - Moss MotorFest Pre-Party: \$15.00 per person (VA) - Pre-Registration required by April 30, 2017, Space is limited. Petersburg, VA - Moss MotorFest Car Show Registration: \$20.00 Per car to show (VA) - Register Early for a chance to win a \$250 Moss Shopping Spree. - All registrations received by April 30th qualify for the drawing for a \$250 Moss gift certificate!

WEBSITE: www.zoominthemountains.com

XXI MIATAS AT THE GAP - Aug 3 - Aug 7th - DRIVE THE DRAGON - 11 MILES 318 CURVES

Thursday Night Sunset Run - 7-28-16 @ 7:00PM
When: Thursday, July 28, 2016 @ 7:00PM
Where: Fontana General Store
What: The annual opening event for MATG. A group drive from Fontana Village, across the Cherohala Skyway to view the sunset from a breathtaking overlook. As a special treat, a jaunt down to Tellico Beach Drive-In for fries and milkshakes. This drive happens rain or shine, as 3500 feet difference in elevation can change the weather.

Friday Morning Spirited Run
When: Friday, July 29, 2016 @ 10:30AM
Where: Fontana General Store
What: The annual spirited drive led by Ken Yarrow to various twisty roads around the area. More details to follow as the route is completely finalized.

Annual Dam(n) Photo
When: Saturday, July 30, 2016 Shutter snap at 11:00 AM SHARP!!!
Where: The base of Fontana Dam
What: The annual photo of Miatas at the base of Fontana Dam. Fontana Village has agreed to loan us their bucket truck for the photo again. Killboy will be taking the official photo and Killgurl will be at the top of the dam looking down taking photos there. He'll have them available on his website for anyone to purchase at great prices!

Saturday Free Lunch
When: Saturday, July 30, 2016 at High Noon
Where: Fontana Village Vendor's Area

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What: A free lunch paid for by Graham County Travel and Tourism in appreciation of our continued annual presence in their county. Please send them a little note to say thank you for their gratitude.

Free Ice Cream!!!

When: Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Where: Fontana Village General Store

What: A free scoop of Mayfield's Ice Cream paid for by Moss Motors.

Saturday Night Beer Swap And Wine Tasting - 7-30-16 @ 7:00 PM

WEBSITE: www.gapmiatas.com

MIATAS IN BOONE - SPONSORED BY TRIAD MIATA CLUB - Wed Sept 20 - Sept 24th - Hotel: Highland Hills 800-948-5276 - \$58, Super 8 800-823-6159 - \$55 - This is just a pure driving event. There will be two planned cruises.

WEBSITE: <http://mibforum.com/miataasinboone/>

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Ragtop review

by Ron Hoffman, President

March is here and winter will soon be behind us!! It won't be long now before we can get out with our Miatas and start enjoying the great cruising roads we have in southwest PA. Of course, let's hope winter wasn't too hard on these roads and those famous potholes are all fixed soon. We are now less than 2 months from our first club Cruise & Meet 'N Greet on May 6th and this is just the first road trip of what I think will be a fun cruisin' season.

On Saturday, March 4th, we held our first Board Meeting at Smail Mazda in Greensburg. We had a good turnout including a few new members. We reviewed this year's calendar and hopefully there will be something for everyone.

Check out our current list of upcoming events in this newsletter if you haven't done so already. More details of the cruises will be posted in the newsletter as the event nears.

I would like to thank our club members who volunteered last month at the Pittsburgh International Auto Show to help promote our club and pass out club membership information. My feedback from the Mazda representatives was very positive. They felt there was quite a bit of interest in our club and our presence definitely helped increase interest in the Miata. The attendees I spoke to really liked the new 2017 Miata RF retractable fastback model, of which two were on display at the show, a Club and Grand Touring model. I passed out a number of club applications. Hopefully we nabbed a few new members.

Mazda's new 2017 Miata RF retractable fastback roof design is a radical change from its previous hardtop retractable roof design. As I said, it caught the attention of many at the Car Show. The new 2017 Miata has already received CARS.COM's Play Car of the Year in its annual awards program stating, "The world's best-selling roadster excelled in quality, innovation, and value-the three key criteria that Cars.com experts used when evaluating the nominees." This award follows up on no less than 9 national and international awards the Miata received in 2016 including both World Car of the Year and World Car Design of the Year that is voted on by 73 worldwide car journalists from 23 countries. Winning both of these awards in the same year is a feat no other car has ever achieved. If you would like to learn more about recent awards our fun cars have received, go to www.insidemazda.mazdausa.com and check out their Newsroom for MX-5 Awards.

Each day I see less "brown and more green" so Spring and cruisin' can't be far off!! 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!!

April Deadline

The deadline for articles for the April newsletter is April 10, 2017





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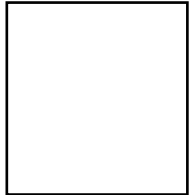
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