

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Mar 28	Tech Session
Wed Apr 1	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Wed April 29	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat May 2	Stonewall Jackson Resort Cruise
Sat May 9	Swallow Falls Cruise
Mon May 25	Butler Memorial Day Parade
Wed Jun 3	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jun 6	Raystown Country Alpaca Cruise
Sat Jun 13	Rallye
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	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

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
Sun Sep 20	Mountain Playhouse "Ripcore" Cruise
Sat Sep 26	Fall Foliage Leaf Cruise
Sat Oct 3	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 5	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

APRIL DEADLINE

**THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE
APRIL NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 4, 2020**





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A NEW YEAR OF ZOOMING BY VICKIE BUZZELLI

A new year of zooming is upon us. Are you ready? If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to renew. 2020 dues are due. The process is as follows:

- Make check payable to "West Penn Miata Club" for the amount of \$30.00.
- New Members Only, Sign a WPMC Terms & Conditions form. If you have already signed a Terms & Conditions form in the past, it is on file and there is no need to sign another. Remember your spouse or whomever will be riding with you, must also sign a Terms & Condition form. Every time your rider changes, a new Terms & Conditions form must be completed.
- You do not need to fill out a new membership form yearly unless your information changes example: address, phone number, new vehicle or license plate number has changed. We need to be able to identify you in your car and also send you current information.
- Please send signed check and necessary forms to:

West Penn Miata Club
Vickie Buzzelli
208 Adams Pointe Blvd
Suite #7
Mars Pa 16046

- Once your check and necessary signed forms are received, you will receive a new membership card and receipt in the mail.
- Your name will then be included in the updated membership list.
- All dues must be renewed no later than March 31st. Dues must be paid before you attend an event.

Renewal Membership Application forms can be downloaded at:

<http://www.westpenmiataclub.com/docs/Memberapp+Terms.pdf>.

and it is also attached to this newsletter. If you already signed the Terms & Conditions, it is not necessary to do so again. It is already on file.

I am looking forward to working with everyone in this upcoming year and getting to meet and know all of you a little better. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the club. Let's get ZOOMING!!!

West Penn Miata CLUB TECH SESSION BY VICKIE BUZZELLI

Come one, come all to a great Tech Session the morning of Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Fowler Automotive Street and Track (FAST Company) hosted by Dan Fowler. This is a "command performance" event, such that everyone who comes will walk away most happy they made the effort to attend.

In addition to being able to experience the unique FAST Company environment, arrangements have been made to have Dan Fowler provide a Tech Session where we plan on having him discuss and/or show the following:

1. A Miata will be up on a rack so we can view it from underneath and Dan Fowler can explain "what is what" for those of us who do not know. Dan can share how the suspension is set up and what modifications folks can consider doing to enhance their suspension so the car can handle even better.
2. Dan will discuss the benefit of every car having a proper fire extinguisher on board that is suited for automotive fires. Dan can show us different types of extinguishers. If enough of our members want to purchase one or the other types of extinguishers, Dan can get us a discounted group price.
3. Dan will discuss "maintenance issues" for Miatas. This will include winter storage, performance modifications that can be performed (in addition to suspension modifications earlier addressed), and if questions are posed to him about "misunderstandings" or "misinformation" that people have about what other auto mechanics have said or done, Dan can answer these and hopefully shed light on what honest auto mechanics do as opposed to others that are inclined to take advantage of customers.
4. Efforts will be made to have a Miata race car present so everyone can not only see it up close but get in and "belt up", hopefully with our having helmets and HANS devices to put on so you can get a sense of how it feels to be so tightly constrained in a race car pursuant to the rules of racing bodies.
5. Question and Answer Session can follow so if you have any topic you are interested in, please let Vickie Buzzelli know ahead of time so she can alert Dan Fowler to be prepared to address it.

The word "unique" often gets over-utilized but it is not

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an understatement to say that FAST Company is a unique place. Check out the web site. Dan Fowler has a shop that performs mechanical work on almost any kind of car or van or truck but depending on the day/week, one can see almost any kind of vehicle there ranging from top exotics in the world to vintage vehicles, to daily drivers, to almost any kind of Porsche or Jaguar or Miata and other marques, to vintage race cars built and/or serviced by Dan Fowler and his staff. A \$10,000 car will be sitting in the bay next to a \$1M car. In addition to getting the vehicles in mechanical shape to run, FAST Company is also a pit crew that supports many vintage racers at the race track. At FAST Company, one can normally see any number of vintage race cars and other sports cars that are stored there or happen to be there for service at the time we visit.

It is like touring a museum where entire cars, or cars in pieces, can be viewed and analyzed and discussed up close. Dan Fowler and his staff are just amazing mechanics; Dan has been referred to by many experts as the best and most knowledgeable mechanic in Pittsburgh. He has been involved with various Miata race cars over the years that he has prepared and serviced for his customers and hopes to have one on site the day of the Tech Session.

Following the Tech Session, arrangements are being made for the Miata Club members to go and have lunch at the Middle Road Inn. We will get the back room reserved for our group but to do this properly, we need to make reservations so you need to RSVP by March 25. Indeed, even if you are not coming to lunch but just coming to the Tech Session, we wish to know ahead of time so we can plan for coffee and donuts accordingly.

DATE & TIME: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
PLACE: Fowler Automotive Street and Track FAST Company), 1201 William Flinn Highway (Route 8), Glenshaw, PA 15116
DIRECTIONS BELOW – please read them for an important “safety alert”
RSVP: By March 25 to vjs@zoominternet.com or 724-272-2806. Let me know how many will attend Tech Session and if you will be going to unch
EVERYBODY SHOULD BRING A CHAIR WITH THEM

DIRECTIONS: Go to www.fastcoproductions.com and pull up the map. However, if you are coming from the south up Rt. 8 going North, there is a trick you need to follow since one should avoid turning left into the entrance

off of Rt. 8 into the FAST Company driveway. The road bends left and often cars exceed the speed limit and you want to avoid getting rear ended. So please read the directions below. And if, upon leaving FAST Company, you intend to go north, do not turn left onto Rt. 8 but use the similar trick to get back more safely onto Rt. 8. Both maneuvers are described below in detail.

Coming from the North: Go South on Route 8. If you are coming from Exit 39 on the PA Turnpike you have some miles to go. Once anyone gets down through Hampton Township to Shaler Township and sees a Giant Eagle food store and Walgreen’s on the right, you are getting closer. At that point, keep going south on Rt. 8. You will pass a McTighe’s garden center and beer distributor on the right, you will see Three Rivers Harley-Davidson on the right (an orange and black building), and then there will be a stop light and this is close to your turn off so start getting ready to turn to the right. When you come to a black building on the right named Woods Werks BMW/Mini, put on your right turn signal. The road is starting to bend to the right. EAS Roofing will be next on your right and you will TURN RIGHT into the driveway to the south end of EAS Roofing but once you have turned in, stay STRAIGHT and go up the hill and you will arrive at the FAST Company site that is on the hill above EAS Roofing.

Coming from the South on Rt. 8: Get to Rt. 8 where it intersects with Rt. 28 to go to Etna. You can come down Rt. 28 South from Exit 48 (Harmarville) on the PA Turnpike or the Highland Park Bridge or you can come North on Rt. 28 from the North Side of Pittsburgh or you can go from upper Lawrenceville/Morningside area of Pittsburgh North over the 62nd Street Bridge. Once on Rt. 8 North at Etna, keep going north. At the third stoplight (Saxonburg Boulevard) there is an Eat ‘n Park on the right. **DO NOT JUST DRIVE NORTH AND TURN LEFT INTO THE DRIVEWAY FOR FAST COMPANY SINCE YOU ARE AT RISK FOR GETTING REAR ENDED AND YOU WILL LIKELY MISS THE TURN AT EAS ROOFING COMPANY SINCE IT IS ON A BEND.** INSTEAD, go .9 miles further north from the Eat ‘n Park where you will BEAR RIGHT onto Old Butler Plank Road that goes to Pannier Company and will pass East Liberty Electroplating. Before you get to this turnoff onto Old Butler Plank Road you will pass Glenshaw Glass on the left ; you will pass Glenshaw Steel on the right just before you bear right onto Old Butler Plank Road. Stay on Old Butler Plank Road as it bends to the left and “T’s” out back onto Rt. 8

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right across the street from EAS Roofing. Now you can see well to your left and to your right for oncoming traffic.

When the road is clear, you will pull across Rt. 8, taking a jog to your left and then to your right into the driveway to the left side of EAS Roofing. Once in the driveway stay STRAIGHT and go up the hill and you will arrive at the FAST Company site that is on the hill above EAS Roofing.

Leaving FAST COMPANY and wanting to go north on Rt. 8: Do not turn left out of FAST Company onto Rt. 8. It is a blind turn in terms of seeing cars coming North on Rt. 8 and the cars often are speeding and you don't want to get hit. Instead, coming out of FAST Company, Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 8 south and immediately get into the left lane. Go just a very short distance (less than 100 yards) and turn LEFT (it is a sharp left turn so swing wide) at the very first turn onto Old Butler Plank Road that is before Glenshaw Steel. This road goes to Pannier Company and will pass East Liberty Electroplating. Stay on Old Butler Plank Road as it bends to the left and "T's" out back onto Rt. 8 right across the street from EAS Roofing.

Now you can see well to your left and to your right for oncoming traffic. When the road is clear, you will turn right onto Rt. 8 and head north, having done an almost 360 degree maneuver that takes less than one minute to enhance your safety.

2020 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Events sponsored by other Miata Clubs follow.

Miatas At Myrtle Beach XIV- April 25 - 26 - Hosted by Triad Miata Club - Raise money for Children's Home Society of North Carolina - \$30 Entry Fee includes car show entry - \$25 T-Shirt - if you want one - Hotel: North Shore 1-899-599-9872 mention Miatas at Myrtle Beach - Can Pre-register until April 13th after 13th can bring registration with you. - Website: miasatmyrtlebeach.org

Zoomin the Mountains 2020- Annual Event - East Tennessee - No Details have been released yet - Website:

zoominthemountains.com

Explore Oregon 2020 - July 16-19, 2020 - Hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club - Entry Fee: \$100 per person \$195 per couple T-Shirts \$10 Limit 100 cars - Includes Thursday evening reception; the Saturday evening dinner - banquet; Explore Oregon T-Shirt, attendee pack with event stickers, - maps, schedules and more - Hotel: Mt Hood Oregon Resort - 1-800-733-0800- Hotel Reservations no later - than June 16th- King or Queen \$179 plus tax- Fireside Rooms -\$199 - Website: oregonmx5.com

Miatas at the Gap- August 6-9 - Entry Fee: None - Lodging at Fontana Village plus other Hotels- check website - Roads: Tail of the Dragon, 318 TURNS IN 11 MILES. Being in close proximity to other options like Wayah Road, the Cherochala Skyway, Moonshiner 28, Devil's Triangle TN, Six Gap in Georgia, and Diamondback 226A means endless hours and days of driving bliss. - Website: gapmiasas.com

Buggies and Bridges III- Sept 24 - 27 - Hosted by PACE - Entry Fee: \$189 per person - Hotel: Eden 5 Star Hotel - 1-866-801-6430 - \$159.95 per night King or Queen - Website: pacemiataclub.org

Miatas at Margaritaville - Sept 25 -27 - Hosted by Gateway Miata Club & Mid Missouri Miata Club - Entry Fee: Don't have Registration online yet - Hotel: Lake of the Ozarks' Margaritaville Resort - \$129 plus tax & \$5 per day - Resort Activities Fee - Website: miasatmargaritaville.com

Miatas at the Back of Dragon IV- Oct 15 - 18- Hosted by Country Roads Miata Club - No Details yet - Website: countryroadsmiatas.com

Surf N Safari 2020 - Oct 8 - 11 - Hosted by San Diego Miata Club - Entry Fee: \$189 Single, \$369 Couple - Includes: Thursday reception, Friday Night - BBQ dinner, Saturday Night Party and all driving events, souvenir program, embroidered bag, hospitality suite and FUN - Hotel: Singing Hills Golf Resort -1-800-457-5568- Thur \$129 - Fri & Sat \$159 - Website: <http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns20/index.html>

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Hot Lava- Hosted by Mt Hood Miata Club - Biannual Event - 2021 - No details yet, will keep you informed

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NEED FOR SPEED BY WALT DILLEN, PRESIDENT

This is my first article as president of the WPMC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their assistance with the Christmas Party. Good food and good company make for a great evening, thanks again to all.

As most of you know, we did not participate in the Pittsburgh Auto Show this year. Mazda opted out of the show this year, but hopefully they will rethink this move and attend next year.

ALMOST HEAVEN CRUISE

I will be leading the first cruise this year on May 2nd to the Stonewall Resort in West Virginia.

Date & Time: May 2nd, meet at 8:30 AM, leave at 9:00 AM sharp.

Location: Mt. Morris exit of route 79 - Exit # 1. - Make left on to Locust and go under 79. Meet at Morris Truck Stop - Sunoco on the left. Address is 201 Gas Company Road.

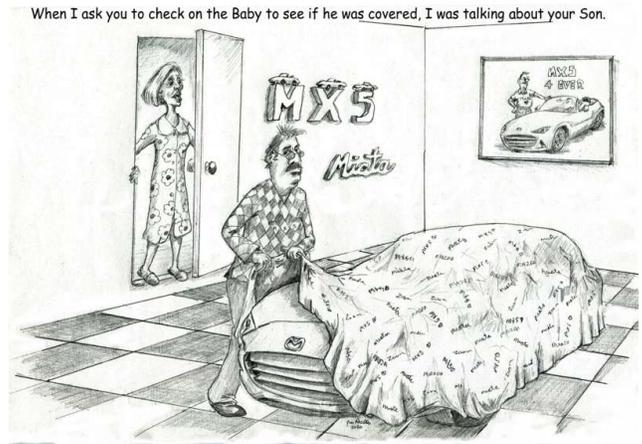
Lunch: Stillwaters Restaurant at Stonewall

Rsvp Deadline: April 18ths

Type of Cruise: Zoomin'

Rsvp to Walt Dillen at wldillen@comcast.net, or 724-205-6044.

Looking forward to a great 2020 season behind the wheels of our Miatas.



by Jim Pacillo

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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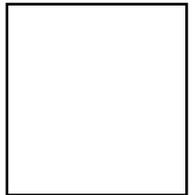
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C/O Vickie Buzzelli

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MARCH 31ST

How did you hear about us?

- West Penn Miata Club Website
- Mazda Dealer
- Word Of Mouth
- Other Please explain _____



WEST PENN MIATA CLUB Terms and Conditions

All West Penn Miata Club ("**Club**") event and cruise participants, whether drivers, passengers or in any way participants, must read the following and sign the following terms and Conditions ("**Terms and Conditions**") below.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FORGOING, UPON RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR SUBSEQUENT PARTICIPATION IN ANY CLUB EVENT OR CRUISE, EVEN WITHOUT SIGNING THE BELOW, SHALL CONSTITUTE YOUR ASSENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

I AGREE, IN CONSIDERATION FOR, AND AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN ANY CLUB EVENT OR CRUISE, TO BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY TO MYSELF OR ANY THIRD PARTY RESULTING OR ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN EACH, EVERY AND ANY CLUB EVENT OR CRUISE. I AGREE TO FULLY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE CLUB, ITS OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, INJURIES OR OTHER LIABILITIES WHICH MAY BE ASSERTED AGAINST THEM BY ME OR BY ANY THIRD PARTY AS A RESULT OF MY ACTIVITY.

The foregoing limitations of liability and indemnity are intended to be complete, general and without restriction, and they shall include every action by the Club, including, but not limited to, any negligence (active or passive), willful, reckless or wanton misconduct.

I warrant that, should it apply, a licensed driver will operate my vehicle during any and all Club events. I further warrant that I shall carry automobile liability insurance on any vehicle to be used in any Club event and that this insurance shall remain in full force and effective during the dates of all Club events.

I also warrant that I will not participate in any Club events under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or any drug that would impair my ability to operate my, or any other, vehicle.

I grant to the Club, and its representatives, employees and sub-contractors, the right to take photographs of me, my vehicle and any other of my property in connection with my participation in any and all Club events and/or cruises. **I authorize the Club, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically in perpetuity without my further consent.** Further, I agree that the Club may use such photographs -- with or without my

name -- for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and internet content.

These Terms & Conditions form the entire agreement between me and the Club with respect to my participation in any Club events and/or cruises, and they shall supersede any possible prior agreement or understanding between me and the Club.

If one or more provisions of these Terms & Conditions is held or becomes invalid or unenforceable under any law or regulation or by decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be severed, but without this affecting the validity and/or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

I acknowledge that any failure by the Club or me to enforce any rights in connection with any provision of these Terms & Conditions shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any such provision or of the right to subsequently enforce that provision and/or of its remedies.

The Club may assign these Terms & Conditions, together with all of the rights and obligations associated therewith, to any third party, in particular in the case of a merger, by the formation of a new club/company, a spin-off or a change of control affecting the Club.

These Terms & Conditions are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The parties shall endeavor to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to these Terms & Conditions promptly (but without prejudice to any urgent measures or proceedings which may be necessary). Unless this dispute is amicably resolved within a period of sixty (60) days, the more diligent party may submit it to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

ANYONE ATTENDING WPMC EVENTS OR CRUISES IS REQUIRED TO SIGN THE TERMS & CONDITIONS

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT IN FULL, THAT I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND THEREBY AGREE TO ALL STIPULATED TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

By: _____
Signature Print

Signature Print

Date: _____