

Upcoming Events

Sat May 11	Quecreek Mine & Coal Miner's Cafe Cruise
Mon May 27	Butler Memorial Day Parade
Thu May 30 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jun 15	Penn's Cave Cruise
Sat Jun 22	Devil's Road & Moonshine Cruise
Thu Jun 27 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sun Jul 7	PVGP Rally
Sat Jul 13	Flasche's Cruisn Delight
Sat-Sun Jul 20-21	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 27	Swallow Falls & Simon Pearce Outlet & Glassblowing Cruise
Thu Aug 1 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 10	Gravity Hill & Peaches Cruise
Sat Aug 24	WPMC Annual Picnic

Sat Sep 7	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Sat Sep 14	West Virginia Twisties & Homemade Comfort Food Cruise
Sat-Sun Oct 12-13	Watkins Glen
Sat Dec 7	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

Coal Miner Cruise by Scott Coatsworth (information only - deadline has passed)

The Laurel Highlands are one of my favorite playgrounds, with great roads, great hiking and biking, and great waters. We will be meandering from Blairsville to Jennerstown, with the hills in almost full-dress green.

Just before the end of the drive, we will stop at the Quecreek Mine Rescue Site. Perhaps you remember the story – July 24, 2002, nine men trapped underground after a mine collapse. First order of business is a comfort stop – they have two sets of bathrooms. Then we can meander through the site and listen to a presentation about the events of those three days. I think it will be very interesting. There is a charge of \$7 per person, \$6 for veterans.

Leaving the Rescue Site, we will take a short drive to Jennerstown to eat at the Coal Miners Cafe. That will be followed by an interesting drive on RT 30 to Ligonier that takes us down more than 1,700 feet in elevation. To keep Joe happy, we will stop for ice cream at Ligonier Creamery. Cruisers can then make their own way home via RT 30 West through the scenic Loyalhanna Gorge or by following RT 711 South to the Pennsylvania Turnpike at Donegal.

Date & Time : Saturday, May 11, 2019 - Please arrive on

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time, fill the Miata's tank, empty yours, and be ready for our usual meeting at 9:30 AM. We will saddle up and leave at 10:00 AM.

Meeting Place: Walmart on RT 22, 300 Resort Plaza Drive, Blairsville, PA 15717, at the far left end of the building.

RSVP: By Friday, May 3 (the restaurant needs a head count by Saturday) to scoatsworth@comcast.net or 412-951-3340.

Cruise Type: Sporty

Butler Memorial Day Parade

by Joe & Linda Zimlik

Baglier Mazda has invited us again to participate in Butler's Memorial Day Parade. This event will be held Memorial Day morning. We have participated the last three years. It is a very well organized and nice parade. Check out last year's photos on our website. This is an opportunity to honor our brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms. We will meet at Baglier and be led to the parade start. After the parade, one of Baglier's sales people will lead us on a cruise in the area. We will then return to Baglier where a lunch will be provided for us. There will be give aways from Mazda... No, not a car!

The club will provide a sign to display on your vehicle thanking those that served. You can decorate your car if you wish. Hope we have a good turnout for this event. Time to show off our Miatas (MX-5s) and honor the veterans.

Date & Times: Monday May 27th, 9:15 AM @ Baglier, 10:00 AM Line up starts, 10:40 AM Parade starts, 11:00 AM Moment of Silence

Meeting Place: Baglier Mazda, 630 Evans City Road, Butler, PA 16001

RSVP: By May 23 to lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762



Penn's Cave Cruise by Tom and Kay Cypher

The trip will be on back windy roads through farm country in Blair and Center Counties. We will go under the Pennsylvania Railroad through a one way tunnel with many sharp turns on the way. Many of the curves in the roads are marked at 15 miles per hour – be ready to downshift.

We will arrive at Duffs Tavern in Boalsburg for lunch about an hour and a half from our starting point at Sheetz. This stop should take about one hour. We will proceed to Penn's Cave after lunch. The trip should take about half an hour. The tour of the cave takes about one hour. There are about 45 steps down to the cave but the tour is by boat. The cost is \$15.50 per person – but depends on the size of the group.

We end the tour at the Berkey Creamery on the Penn State University Campus. There is easy access to route 99 from the Creamery or take back roads. The entire tour will take about 4 to 5 hours to complete.

Date & Time: Saturday, June 15, 2019 - Meet at 10:00 AM and depart at 10:30 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz at McKee just off route 99 - From the Pittsburgh Area – take Route 22 – 30 – or the Turnpike East to I 99. North from 30 or Turnpike and South from 22 to exit 23 – Roaring Spring – Rt 164 - 36. Proceed through light on Route 36 about a quarter mile to Sheets on the right.

RSVP: by June 1 to 814-635-3619, 814-232-7449, or tomandkay111@comcast.net

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- for details see:
<http://www.westpennmiataclub.com/simplemachinesforum3/index.php?topic=416.0>



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Devil's Route (PA Route 666) and Moonshine Cruise

by Ron and Pat Hoffman

Please join Ron and I for a full day of cruising on Saturday, June 22. We will wind through the Allegheny National Forest and cover some great twisty roads. If time permits, we can stop at the Tall Oaks Gift Shop In The Woods (<http://www.talloaksstores.com>) before lunch. We have chosen The Farmers Inn (<http://thefarmersinn.com>) in Sigel for lunch. We have been here before with our Erie Miata Club and the food is good. They have gift shops and a furniture store (unfortunately, we can't bring any furniture home in our Miatas). They also have an on-site Ice Cream Parlor. After lunch we will head to the Blackbird Distillery (http://blackbirddistillery.com/Blackbird_Distillery/Welcome.html) in Brookville (Pennsylvania's first legal moonshine distillery) which features "real" moonshine, smoked meats and cheeses, homemade specialty canned pepper mixes and more.

Date and Time: Saturday, June 22 – Please arrive with a full tank of gas at 9:00 AM with a short meeting and ready to hit the road at 9:30 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz #123, 5300 PA-8 Gibsonia (off Butler exit of the turnpike on PA Route 8 heading north)

RSVP: by Monday, June 17 to pat.hof@hotmail.com or 724-392-7932

Hope to see you there!

June Deadline

The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is June 1, 2019



Johnstown Flood National Memorial Cruise

by Pat Hoffman

What a great way to start out the cruising season with a cruise to Johnstown led by Jack and Nancy Bartek. We had 4 new members join us for their first cruise. Welcome to GeorgeAnne, Dan, Patti, and Doug (I hope I got your names right!) It was nice to get to know everyone. The day started out cloudy and then foggy as we headed toward our destination by way of Ligonier and Westmont on our way to Johnstown. Jack grew up in Westmont and shared some amusing stories about his teen years. Our first stop was Grandview Cemetery where we viewed graves of over 750 unknown victims of the flood in 1889.

We then rode the Inclined Plane, which is famous for being the world's steepest vehicular inclined plane. After a delicious lunch at the Boulevard Grille, we rode to the Johnstown Flood Memorial Visitor's Center where we viewed an excellent, sobering documentary explaining what happened during the flood. The day ended with PENN STATE CREAMERY ICE CREAM (Ron made me capitalize that) at Scoops in Blairsville. Thank you again to Jack and Nancy for all of your planning to give us a fun, informative day!

2019 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

The season has started. We had our first cruise last Saturday and it was great zoomin down one of our favorite roads - Rt 259. Looking forward to more great rides and roads.

The leader for June 1st cruise, Drive & Eat, had to cancel so the first cruise in June is now the Penn Cave Cruise on June 15. If anyone would like to do a cruise for June 1st or 8th, please contact me. I'll notify everyone by e-mail of any changes to the schedule.

I have a few announcements of other clubs' events. First
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is PIMC'S 12th Annual Can-Am Summer Picnic. WPMC has been invited along with the Niagara Peninsula & Niagara Miata Club. It is July 13th at 1:00 pm, and is being held at Camp Notre Dame, 400 Eaton Road, Fairview, Pa. There is a dining hall. There will be a chance auction.

This is also a fund raising event for their local Make-A-Wish. Since 2010, they have raised over \$26,000 and have funded 10 wishes for local children. The mission of Make-A-Wish is to grant the heartfelt wishes of children between the ages of 2 and 18 facing critical illnesses. A wish is an experience that transforms lives – for wish families, volunteers, and donors – and provides the child with renewed strength to fight their illness. 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 July 6th. It will be \$15 per person after that. The cost is \$15 per person if you don't bring a food item to share. Please send your check (made payable to JAN STORK, not Make-A-Wish) to: Jan Stork-PIMC, Make-A-Wish, 1001 State Street, Suite 502, Erie, PA 16501. This is a worthwhile event and is not on our schedule. We have a scheduled event that day so there will NOT be an organized group going. If anybody wants to attend, please send your check to Jan Stork.

The second event is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of our beloved car. Utah Miata Club is having their 6th Regional Event, Miatas In Moab VI - April 30 - May 2, 2020. Registration is now open. Registration Fee is \$140 per person until Dec 31, 2019 then it will be \$150. Three ways to register: 1. By Mail 2. Email to Jim/Margie Newson at jnoose@icloud.com 3. Online by Paypal which has an additional charge of \$2 per registration form. Host Hotel is Red Cliff's Lodge Resort on the Colorado River - \$199.95 per night plus tax. One night advance payment will be required including tax & fees upon booking. Their website has alternative hotels. Fee includes all event activities & drives, event lanyard & name badge, goodie bag, event pin, logo event T shirt, Welcome Social BBQ dinner, Thurs evening Prime Rib dinner, Buffet Banquet Saturday, Miata Photo & entry Show N Shine Car Show. **THERE IS A LIMIT OF 125 CARS OR 250 PEOPLE.** It is filling up so if you are interested get your registration filled out and sent. Website is: www.utahmiataclub.org & click Moab link.

Hope to see you on Saturday

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!



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by Scott Coatsworth, President

First, a "Thank You" to Jack and Nancy for switching cruise dates with me. I would like to have tried their cruise, and look forward to reading about it. My sister is home now, recovering from a broken hip.

Today (May 6) was beautiful, so I ran the route for the Queucreek cruise again. The roads are all good, with no construction or notices of upcoming work. The trees aren't completely out yet, but should look pretty good by Saturday.

There are lots of cruises this season, so review the newsletter and get signed up!

Cruise Types

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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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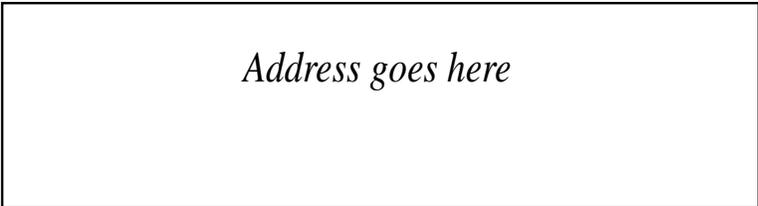
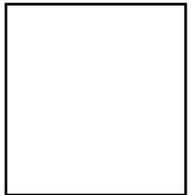
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