

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed
May 5
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
May 15
Long Way Down Cruise - You Cruise or You Lose

Sat
May 22
Covered Bridge Cruise

Mon
May 31
Memorial Day Parade (Tentative)

Wed
Jun 2
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Jun 5
Miata Town & Country Cruise

Sat
Jun 19
Joint Cruise with Presque Isle Miata Club

Sat
Jun 26
Drake Well Museum & Park Cruise

Wed
Jun 30
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Jul 10
Wine-O-Run Cruise

Sat
Jul 17
Atwood Lake Cruise

Sat-Sun
Jul 24-25
Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

Wed
Aug 4
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Aug 7
Fort Roberdeau Cruise

Sat
Aug 21
Swallow Falls Cruise

Sat
Aug 28
WPMC Annual Picnic

Sat
Sep 11
Ferry Crossing Cruise

Sat
Sep 25
Jimmy Stewart Museum Cruise

Sat or Sat
Oct 9 or 10
Zimliki Cruise

Sat
Dec 4
WPMC Annual Christmas Party

"THE LONG WAY DOWN" - YOU CRUISE OR YOU LOSE!

BY BOBBY & DIANE THOMAS

There are faster ways from Pittsburgh to Wellsburg, West Virginia on the Ohio River, but we choose to enlist the old adage, "It's not the destination it's the Journey". Our cruise on May 15 takes us from Warrendale, Pa. to Wellsburg, West Virginia. We leave the Exxon Station promptly at 9:30 am.

To characterize the speed we will travel, consider it leisurely all the way to the outdoor luncheon, planned at the Crooked Dock, a restaurant whose facilities include an outdoor deck, weather permitting, and food to match the views of the Ohio River.

Prepare to shift more gears traveling home, as the trail

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winds through the foothills, defining the expression that there are no straight roads in West Virginia. The circuitous route home is exciting and beautiful and of course, includes an ice cream dessert, in honor of our discriminating participants. We will travel less than seventy five miles from Beginning to End, but the day will be full. Plan a three PM good-bye in Cecil, PA on Route 50, just shy of I-79 at Bridgeville.

Date & Time May 15 at 9:00 AM - Leave at 9:30 AM Sharp

Meeting Place: Exxon Station-95 Warrendale Bayne Road, Exit 75 off I-79, Exit 28 off Turnpike then take Rt. 19 South

Cruise Type: Leisure

Rsvp: Deadline May 11 to bobbyt523gmail.com or 412-427-9076

COVERED BRIDGE CRUISE BY DAVE & LUANNE KOPCO

Luanne and I would like to invite you on our covered bridge cruise. Our cruise will take us along scenic winding backroads in Somerset and Bedford counties that lead us to 6 covered bridges that we can drive through and past one or two more that are closed to traffic. We will have an outdoor lunch at the Jean Bonnet Tavern in Bedford. The cruise will end with ice cream at Molly's in Somerset around 3:30 PM.

Date & Time: May 22, 2021 at 8:30 AM - depart at 9:00 AM

Place: Sheetz #60, Somerset Route 281, 118 S. Rosina Ave.

Cruise Type: Sporty

RSVP before Friday, May 14 to 814-421-0857 or dlkopc@gmail.com

Miata TOWN & COUNTRY CRUISE

BY Dan & Karin Flanagan

What does ostentatious, scenic, inspired, appetizing, historic and of course ice cream all have in common? Nothing really, unless it refers to a selection of places to see, things worth a visit and good food. You will see picturesque countrysides and drive by a modern castle. You may see penguins, horses, cows, sheep and maybe a goat or two.

Please join us on June 5, 2021 for an enjoyable leisure cruise north through Sewickley where we ride past Mario Lemieux and Sidney Crosby's local residences, Edgeworth, Bell Acres Castle, then south through Hickory, Houston, Eighty-Four (we've even included a roundabout), with lunch at Speers Street Grill in Belle Vernon. We think this makes a good formula for a Miata cruise, and hope you agree. We will meet 9:30 am, at the Port Authority Park and Ride behind Sheetz (9002 University Blvd, Moon Twp. PA 15108).

RSVP by June 1st to karinf2@verizon.net

Peter Fisher



Peter passed away January 19, 2021. He fought cancer the last 14 months of his life and lost that battle in January. Peter and his wife Barb were members since 2010, and he was such a great person. He enjoyed life, was very active, and traveled extensively with Barb. He was always on a new adventure and I could count on him to lead the last cruise of the season. I'm so glad Peter was a member of our Miata family. He enjoyed the club and will be missed.





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Joint CRUISE WITH PRESQUE ISLE Miata CLUB

BY Pat and Ron HOFFMAN

Join your fellow Miata lovers from the Presque Isle Miata Club (Erie) for a joint cruise on Saturday, June 19th for some great cruising on PA west-central roads. We will be meeting near the Grove City Outlets off I79 then head north toward Sandy Lake. From there, we head east on some fun back roads through Polk. We will make a side trip, if needed, into Franklin for a pit stop at a Sheetz then head south on old RT 8. We will eventually head east again through Kennerdell following the scenic Allegheny River. We will stop for a mid-afternoon ice cream break at Leigh's Cones on RT 38 (port-a-pottys available) before continuing through Foxburg and then back west to Slippery Rock. Our final stop will be Big Rail Brewing for a late afternoon barbecue. The brewery has an outdoor setup at the future site of the new brewery with lots of room for social distancing including shelters, picnic tables, a food truck and some very good beer on tap. The total driving mileage/time is about 120 miles and 2-1/2 hours. Please have a full tank of gas to start out. Bring your FRS radios set to channel 12-0. It might also be a good idea to have a little larger "brunch" before meeting up since lunch will be late. We are limiting this cruise to 8 cars per club. This will be a SPORTY cruise. We will follow current COVID protocols.

Date and Time: Saturday, June 19th at 10:30 AM. Leave at 11:00 AM.

Meeting Place: Country Fair Store #44, 1843 S Center St. Ext., Grove City, PA 16127, I79 exit 113, Grove City Outlet exit.

Rsvp: By Wednesday June 16th to pat.hof@hotmail.com or 724-392-7932.

JUNE DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE
JUNE NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 7, 2021



TECH SESSION REPORT BY JACK BARTEK

It was a bright morning on April 24 when the club met at Budd Baer Mazda in Washington, PA for our yearly Tech Session. We were ushered into a large conference room where the dealership had goody bags for everyone in attendance.

Bobby Thomas, our incoming President for 2021, conducted the meeting and reported that our membership is strong and is about the same level as it has been in prior years.

Jack Bartek reported that the PVGP will be held this year at Pitt-Race on July 15-18th and in Schenley park the weekend of July 24th with online advance registration being the biggest change. Please visit their website for more details. Cruise Director, Linda Zimliki announced that the PVGP Kick-off Rallye will also be held this year on July 11. Linda also announced a continuous schedule of cruises which are planned for 2021 beginning in May running through October.

The meeting was then shifted to Budd Baer Mazda techs, Jarod, Shaun, and Hunter. What followed was a lively discussion that ranged from battery care and soft top maintenance to power increase ideas and racing tires. One item that was cleared up was that the NA and NB Miata motors are indeed non-interference engines. The three techs were very knowledgeable and were able to answer every question our club could throw at them.

We then headed to the Union Grille for lunch. The food was excellent and the staff was very pleasant and efficient. The conversation was lively and all were happy to finally get together again after the long pandemic hiatus. We are looking forward to an exciting year of Zooming!

Hats off to our cruise director, Linda Zimliki for a pleasant, informative day.





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2021 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Our season will be starting soon. We have fifteen events and cruises for members to choose from, and I'm sure we are all ready to get on the road again. The action starts May 15 with our first cruise to Wellsburg, West Virginia, where we will eat at Crooked Dock on the Ohio River. We have several cruises to restaurants on rivers this year. We will visit 8 covered bridges, the first commercial oil well, the Jimmy Stewart Museum, Fort Roberdeau, a 53 foot waterfall, and Ferry Crossing. We'll also jointly cruise with Presque Isle Miata Club, visit 3 wineries, and enjoy our annual train ride. The annual Memorial Day Parade in Butler is still uncertain. If we will participate, I will send out an email.

Other club events are sparse this year. Miatas at the Gap is Aug 5- 8, and marks its 25th anniversary. This is longest running Miata gathering. They drive the Tail of the Dragon which has 318 curves in 11 miles. Some of the best Miata roads are in the area. Website: <https://gapmiatas.com>

Surf 'n Safari 2021, hosted by the San Diego Miata Club is still in the planning stage. Website: sandiegomiataclub.org

Miata Reunion is Oct 23 - 24 at New Jersey Motorsports Park. This is the first Miata Reunion held on the East Coast. General admission is \$20 for the whole weekend which includes parade laps, group photo/video, funkhana, car show, Miata cruises, BBQ, and vendor alley. Party Sat night is \$29 per person. The track hot laps are \$359 per driver per day, with five groups. Group A is expert and Group E is novice. Group E has mandatory classroom sessions. There are five sessions for each group both days. Each session is 20 minutes long for a total of 100 minutes. Miata Reunion is sponsored by Mazda, Flyin Miata, Moss Motors and mx5.miata.net. Registration starts 9:00 am Pacific time on June 5. Website: miatareunion.com

You should be able to find something you like. Hope to see you on the road.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!



LET'S GO CRUISIN BY BOBBY THOMAS, PRESIDENT

The expression "Hang in there" has become the ubiquitous quote in the news, referring to the end of the Pandemic. No one can say for sure what constitutes the end of Covid 19, but finally, we have a definitive end to the hiatus of the WPMC, our club acronym. Certainly not to be confused with the many clubs, businesses and various other names that pop up in a cursory Google search, ours is a very special WPMC. We are no longer homebound and we are back in our cars. Our rag and hard top convertibles grip like they are on rails and when pushed to leave the rails, the slides they occasionally make add to the thrills. Best of all, they perform while providing a high degree of comfort for us, a rare condition in a little performance car or of any car. From Corvettes to customs, in order to achieve the cornering ability on a par with our cars, a flat hard ride is usually prevalent. The magic is, Miatas lean and manage to hang in there. Sometimes we fear the car has reached adhesion limits and might run off course. Time and again, the Miata hangs in, not unlike (who remembers the Pippin?) an iconic Kennywood Park rollercoaster. No wonder, it's fun, thrills and with no spills. What could be better? Now we have enjoyed our first fun and fact filled event. Our tech session and luncheon were historic. More is on the way. Our plan for the first cruise has come to fruition through the efforts of Diane Grasso, my wife and co-pilot of our starship Miatas, both "Rosey" red and ready for takeoff! Join us in the middle of May and plan to make the most of your Miata, not on the sidelines but in the car, on the ride and for your amusement. You have your strip of tickets, the price of admission, so come on, let's have some fun this season. 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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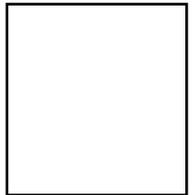
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