

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri-Sun
Oct 11-13

Watkins Glen

Sat
Dec 7

WPMC Annual Christmas Party

ANNUAL FALL FOLIAGE - WATKINS GLEN & PA GRAND CANYON

BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

(Information Only - This Cruise is Closed)

This year we will be zoomin to Watkins Glen on some great Miata roads with spectacular scenery. When you say Watkins Glen, you immediately think of the International Race Track and wineries. You will drive your MX-5 on the 3.4 mile Grand Prix storied road course for 2 laps behind a pace car. After the 2 laps, you'll stop at the Start/Finish Line for a photo. Not only will you drive the speedway track, but you'll also drive the original street race course used 1948 - 1952.

You will be able to visit the many different wineries in the Finger Lake region and visit the beautiful Watkins Glen State Park. Within two miles, the glen's stream descends 400 feet past its breathtaking gorge with 200-foot cliffs, generating 19 waterfalls along its course. The gorge path winds over and under waterfalls and through the spray of Cavern Cascade.

On the way home Sunday, we'll visit the PA Grand Canyon. In 1968, the National Park Service designated 12 miles as a National Natural Landmark. The gorge is 47 miles long with its southern tip 1450 ft deep. Two parks have views of the gorge, and the best time to visit is autumn for the foliage. Following the Grand Canyon visit, we will continue home by way of more great Miata roads.

I have invited the Trillium Club to join us. We'll have a

limit of 14 cars from our club. Once you have made the list for the cruise, I will send you hotel information so you can make your reservation. Reservations have to be made by September 11.

I have reserved a block of rooms in DuBois for those wishing to spend Thursday night there instead of leaving early Friday morning. Cost is \$79.90 for two double beds.

Date & Time Fri-Sun, October 11-13, meet at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place Sheetz #148 - 2120 Blinker Pkwy, Dubois, PA 15801

Car Limit: 14

Cost: \$20 per car for the track, \$104 plus tax - 2 queen beds, \$114 plus tax - king suite for Watkins Glen hotel, \$79.90 plus tax for DuBois hotel for those wishing to spend Thursday night in DuBois

Rsvp: lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

WPMC CHRISTMAS PARTY BY WALT DILLEN

Hello all, before you know it winter will be upon us. Here is the information for our 2019 Christmas Party.

Date & Time: Saturday 12-7-19, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Place: Comfort Inn Pittsburgh East (same as last year)

A separate flyer is attached to this newsletter for full details. It is IMPORTANT that menu selections are e-mailed to me at wdillen@westpennmiataclub.com. Make your check out to: West Penn Miata Club and mail it to:

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Deadline: 11-25-19

Questions: Walt Dillen 724-205-6044

Please make every effort to send in your info ASAP. See you at the party!

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES BY LARRY SHOCKLING

Well folks, it has been a busy summer cruise season. Unfortunately, it will be coming to a close soon. Some of you have an opportunity for a long weekend to Watkins Glen. After that, it is the Christmas Party, and your 2019 membership dues will expire at the New Year.

So, plan to renew your membership dues at the Christmas party! Bring a CHECK for \$30 made out to the West Penn Miata Club, and we can provide to you an on-the-spot update of your membership status to Dec 31, 2020. We need to have your info like home address, email address, phone number, especially cell number, vehicle, model, and license plate number. We need this info to be able to contact you before and during the cruises. If you find yourself on the latest membership list, and we have your current info, we do not need an update. Otherwise, please give us a new membership application, found on the web site. Remember that membership is contingent on submitting, or having submitted in the past, a signed copy of the WPMC "Terms & Conditions". All parties that intend to participate in WPMC activities must have a signed T&C on record. If you previously submitted a copy of the "Terms & Conditions" you do NOT need to sign it again. Once & done!

RENEW AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY! Your Club Treasurer and Club Secretary prefer that you renew at the Christmas party, since it reduces our work load. If needed, the WPMC Membership Application and Terms and Conditions can be downloaded at: <http://www.westpenmiataclub.com>

Thanks for your continued support of WPMC and your participation in club events!

LAUREL HIGHLANDS "MILES OF SMILES CRUISE" Review BY walt dillen

I want to start by saying "SUPER JOB" to Dave & Luanne Kopco. As some of you may know, this was the Kopco's first cruise, and there were lots of smiles for all 14 cars. We met in Latrobe at Mt. Laurel Plaza, a great spot, 15 minutes from Greensburg. We drove through the counties of Westmoreland, Cambria, Somerset, & Bedford. Or you can call it "THE FOUR COUNTY ZOOM" great roads, lots to smile about. We had lunch at The Boulevard Grill in Johnstown. Food was very good, more smiles. I had the Ultimate BLT sandwich, would order it again, enough said. Then back out on the great roads and finally stopped for ice cream. I think everyone had a "ZOOMIN" fun time. Thanks again to Dave & Luanne - you put a SMILE on my face.

2019 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Well members, we headed our favorite car to Massachusetts for the Fall For New England 2 Regional in September. We had a blast. I'm a history buff and have always wanted to go and visit the historic places in Massachusetts. We cramped as much as we could into 7 days and there is so much we didn't see. Joe's highlight was our time at Palmer Track. We spent three and half hours at the track. First time around was normal behind a pace car. Second time they asked if you wanted to drive more aggressively. You know he was in that line and from that moment on we did hot laps. He had an opportunity that I will let Joe tell you about. The day before was his birthday and he couldn't have had a better birthday gift.

We renewed acquaintances with fellow Miata lovers we have met over the years from other clubs. Many attended

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our 2006 & 2010 Miata Mountain Mania. It was great seeing them. While we were there we renewed acquaintance with several PACE members. PACE is having Buggies & Bridges III Sept 24 - 27, 2020. Registration is open at <http://www.pacemiataclub.org/buggies-bridges-iii>. This is also posted on our Events website page.

The Cruisin & Zoomin Season is coming to end. We have two events on the calendar. Our weekender to Watkins Glenn is next weekend then there is our annual Christmas Party Dec 7. We hope to see everyone there. We have entertainment, door prizes for everyone, grand prizes and prizes from our homemade table plus socializing with fellow members. Rooms are available at the Comfort Inn for those of you that come a distance. They give us a special rate of \$65. Information on the Christmas Party is included in this newsletter. Mark your calendar and we will see you there.

We do need people to lead cruises next year. If you would like to lead a cruise please contact me.

The following article is about Winter Storage Tips for our MX-5. I thought members might find it informative. This was given to me from Gail Wagner from Misstate Miata Club of NY. Keep on

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WINTER STORAGE TIPS

Hi, Miata Folks, as I do each fall, it's apropos to print this column as a refresher to us "oldies" as we tuck our Miatas away for their long winter's storage nap. Below are some tried-and-true pointers I have found invaluable to keep our Miata's in good condition over the long, cold, winter and ready for spring reawakening. Warning: Most of you know I am obsessive-compulsive about Miata maintenance. ?

· Change the oil and filter BEFORE storage to remove acids and other waste products that can corrode your motor if you changed it in the spring. I recommend using the OEM Mazda genuine filter or a Mobil One filter with anti-drain back valve in it. (Mazda dealer sponsors can give a parts discounts.) Use a good quality motor oil too. I now use Mobil One 100% synthetic. It's your choice to

use synthetic oil or real petroleum-based oil but do not mix both together. In my opinion, I think the 50/50 blend synthetic on the market is a waste of money. Use one or the other. You can always DIY or buy your own oil and Mazda filter and take it to a trusted mechanic to change for you. (Note: If you wish to switch from petroleum oil to 100% synthetic, just be sure to drain ALL old oil first, then add the 100% synthetic.)

· Wash, wax and thoroughly clean the interior of your car. This includes washing underneath with a hose, especially the wheel wells, to remove dirt. Vacuum inside thoroughly to remove any food crumbs that entice small creatures to picnic on leftover Doritos or the like in your vehicle. Critters can be unbelievably destructive not to mention their indiscriminate excretory habits. ? Consider taking your removable carpets indoors to prevent becoming musty or mildew-laden. Place a couple of really stinky scented dryer sheets inside the cabin to discourage critters. Important: DO NOT use mothballs; nasty naphthalene fumes are toxic to breathe.

· Check all fluid levels before storage, especially the coolant/antifreeze level. Buy a little hydrometer at an auto parts store and check the freeze point or have it checked and coolant flushed/replaced, if necessary, before winter. This ain't California, ya' know. Old coolant can corrode the engine, cooling system and heater core.

· Fill the gas tank completely to prevent condensation that may contaminate your gasoline and corrode the fuel system. Some, including me, suggest gas ethanol-free gas. IMPORTANT: add a gasoline stabilizer additive such as "Sta-bil" brand and run the engine to mix it in to prevent the gasoline from becoming "gummy" that may clog injectors from sitting over time.

· Check your tire pressure. Some suggest a slight tire over-inflation may prevent flat spots on your tires if you're not putting the vehicle up on jack stands. More on jack stands below.

· Consider placing a sheet of heavy plastic polyethylene sheeting under the entire vehicle to prevent vapor buildup, plus it's easy to spot any fluid leaks (I hope not!).

· Remove the battery to a warm, dry place (and charge once a month, if possible) or leave it in the vehicle and consider plugging in a trickle battery charger if you have access to an electrical outlet. Or, merely disconnect the

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battery terminals and leave the battery in the car. It's a popular myth that the battery will discharge if stored on a concrete floor. It won't, but if you're a non-believer, set it on a piece of wood.

- Wrap the wipers in plastic wrap to prevent the rubber from sticking to the windshield or remove completely and store indoors. I told you I was O-C.

- Jack Stands: If you're considering putting your vehicle up on jack stands to prevent flat spots on your tires, don't put the jack stands under the frame as it will stress the rubber bushings in the suspension if the suspension "droops". Try to keep the weight as it is now... that is, put the jack stands under the outer ball joints to approximate it sitting on the ground.

- Release the parking break. If left on for an extended period, the brake pads may stick to the rotors.

- Exhaust & air intake: Remove the air filter, wrap it in aluminum foil and replace for critter-nesting defense. Cover the end of the exhaust pipe with aluminum foil to prevent warm, fuzzy critters from nesting and causing havoc. Note: A plastic orange juice bottle top (such as Tropicana) fits snugly over the exhaust tip of NC's. Again, do not use toxic moth balls.

- **IMPORTANT:** leave yourself a little note taped to the steering wheel to remind yourself to move the aluminum foil from the intake air filter and exhaust pipe or the car won't start and you'll be wondering why. Also, note any maintenance issues you might want to address in the spring so you don't forget, i.e., new wipers, fluid replacement, coolant flush, new tires, etc.

- Insurance: You might be tempted to cancel your auto insurance when your vehicle is in storage, i.e., cancel completely Collision and keep Fire and Theft only. Although that might initially save money, there is a chance that the insurance company will raise your rates due to the gap in coverage which could cost you more in the long run. This can vary based on where you live and who your provider is so contact your insurance company to see what options are available to you. Also, it's a pain in the neck to remove license plates and get new plates at DMV each fall and spring with accompanying paperwork, standing in line, etc. I personally keep all insurance coverage 100% while in storage.

- Car Cover: Consider a good, ventilated, breathable car cover to allow water vapor to leave the vehicle surface and to keep dust and dirt off the finish as well as any felines who love to sleep on convertible tops.

- Lock the doors, give 'er a little pat on the fender and say, "See you in April".

Zoom-Zoom Next Spring!



Linda & Joe in the 6th car - 6 cars went out each time



In the 3rd car on the final lap

NOVEMBER Deadline

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 2, 2019





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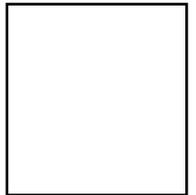
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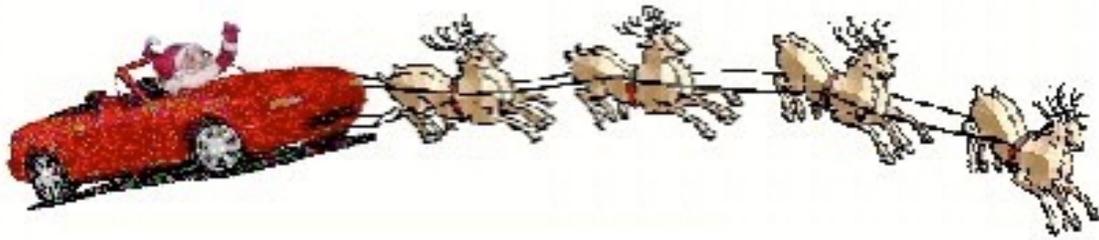
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WEST PENN MIATA CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Saturday – December 7, 2019
6:00 TO 11:00 PM**



**Social Hour 6:00 PM–7:00PM
Cash Bar w/hors d'oeuvres
Dinner: 7:00 PM**

**Place: Comfort Inn – Formerly Harley House
Seasons Ballroom
699 Rodi Road – Parkway East at Penn Hills Exit 81**

**Spending the night – Special room rate \$65.00 includes
Hot Breakfast – Pet can stay \$15 extra
Reservations (412-244-1600) – Mention WPMC
Christmas Party**

Main entrée selections:

- 1. Grilled Salmon**
- 2. Roast Prime Rib of Beef –Rare, Med, Med-Well or Well Done**
- 3. Chicken Cordon Blu**

Entertainment: 2BROKE COUNTRY GIRLS

**Send your check made out to “WPMC” for \$20.00 per person
and meal selection to Walt Dillen by November 29th.
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