

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat-Sun
Oct 9-10

Fall Foliage & Train Ride Cruise

Sat
Dec 4

WPMC Annual Christmas Party

FALL FOLIAGE & TRAIN RIDE CRUISE

BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

(This Cruise is Full - Please register to be placed on the wait list.)

October, when hopefully fall foliage is in full force, we will zoom our Miatas down south to Maryland on some really great windy roads. This trip is an overnighter. We will take some great curvy roads to the town of Cumberland, Maryland, where three historic modes of transportation were started along the Potomac River. These were the C & O Canal, National Road - "the road that built a nation", and B&O Railroad. We will visit the C&O Canal National Historic Park Museum. This museum explains how the canal was built and the struggles to build it. A life size replica of a canal boat is on the park's property. The Western Maryland Railroad Station is there along with the Cumberland Train Museum, and numerous specialty shops.

Sunday we zoom to Potomac Eagle in West Virginia, where we will take a 3 hour excursion on a train along the southern branch of the Potomac to the 6 mile trough. The trough is a narrow passage where only canoes, trains, and eagles can go. There are 8 documented eagle nests in the trough. You are bound to see at least one eagle. It is a beautiful ride to the trough where you can use an open air car to view the trough.

Rooms at the hotel will be released by September 9 which is why I am advertising the trip early. We are taking 28 people. If interested, please notify me. Once I have your check for the train trip, I will send you hotel information..

Date & Time: Sat-Sun, October 9-10, meet at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place : Get Go, 1100 Mountain Laurel Plaza, Route 30, Latrobe

Type of Cruise: Zoomin & Sporty

Cost: \$50 per person train ride, \$94 plus taxes hotel , Free - Museums

Limit: 28 People

RSVP: By September 1 to lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

WPMC CHRISTMAS PARTY BY DR. TOM CYPHER

Hello all, before you know it, winter will be upon us. Here is the information for our 2021 Christmas Party.

Date & Time: Saturday 12/4/21, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Place: Comfort Inn - Pittsburgh East.

A separate flyer is attached to this newsletter with full details. It is important that menu selections are e-mailed to me at tomandkay111@comcast.net. Make your checks out to: West Penn Miata Club (WPMC) and mail it to:

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NOVEMBER DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 6,
2021





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FERRY CROSSING CRUISE Review

BY VICKIE BUZZELLI

September 11th was another beautiful sunny morning for a Miata cruise. We all gathered at the McDonalds on Race Track Road in Washington Pa. Prior to driving off to our destination we had a moment of silence in memory of 9/11. We were a train of 16 cars as we left McDonalds and drove through multiple stoplights on route 19 South until getting to Miata roads of curves and beautiful scenery.

We traveled through the towns of Waynesburg past the University, Wans, Wodestown, and Burton West Virginia, towns unknown to me. We stopped at a rustic restaurant, Cho Choo's, a very busy restaurant open 24 hrs/day. Cho Choo's is the only place for miles to eat. Since we ordered our meals prior to arriving, everything was ready when we arrived and the meals were tasty. Then we were off to Sistersville West Virginia.

Sistersville was named because two sisters, Sarah Wells McCoy and Delilah Wells Grier, inherited the land underlying the town from their father, pioneer Charles Wells, in 1815 and laid out the town. We were all surprised to find an oil rig near the ferry. For years, many believed that oil and natural gas was under Sistersville, because natural gas and salt water had been bubbling up in Burning Springs, West Virginia.

We went to Sistersville for the Ferry Crossing. The Sistersville ferry operates four days a week: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The ferry is more than a connection between West Virginia and Ohio. It's also a tourist draw for travelers and motorcycle riders. You cross over from West Virginia to Ohio. The ferry made two crossings for us. 10 cars on the first trip and 5 cars on the second. The Sistersville ferry is one of five operating on the Ohio. The others are at Augusta, KY., Cincinnati, OH; Rising Sun, IN.; and Cave-in-Rock, IL

After the Ferry Crossing, we were all ready for Ice Cream. We headed back to Washington, Pa to the Cold Stone creamery before we departed for home. What a beautiful day for us to remember! Thank you Don for a well thought out and enjoyable cruise.



JIMMY STEWART MUSEUM CRUISE REVIEW

BY DR. TOM CYPHER

A well planned and executed cruise was held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 by Dennis and Jill Clawson. We traveled many "Miata" roads from Latrobe to Indiana, Pa. It was a pleasant day, so all could enjoy the top-down driving experience late in the season. Lunch was served at Benjamin's in Indiana. Dennis and Jill had arranged for us to pre-order which was a very good time saver. The museum gave us many new insights into the life and career of Jimmy Stewart. A guided tour had been arranged as well as a short film about the actor's life. Extra time was allocated for shopping in the museum store. The cruise ended at the Meadows for the usual ice cream and a wrap up of the day.

2021 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN

SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

It's the time of year we all dread. Leaves fall, temperature dips, and WPMC cruises stop. The last cruise is this weekend. Some members think about putting their babies to bed. Others hold on just in case we have some nice days. We have one more event to get together with fellow Miata people. Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 4th. This is a fun time. There will be door prizes, grand prizes, and our homemade table. We have entertainment, Gaslight Annie Shirley Dragovich. One last time to visit with your friends till next April. Hope to see you all there.

Another event that may interest our members is the Westmoreland Ramble. Complete information is available at:

<http://westmoreland-landtrust.org/2021-westmoreland-ramble/>

If you register for this event, please let me know at lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!



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Let's Go CRUISin

BY BOBBY THOMAS, PRESIDENT

Thirty years ago, on the advent of the Miata buying craze, I was not present. I had heard the lines and waits for a new Miata were long and securing a fair deal was out of the question. Dealerships understood that scarcity and demand equal more mark up through inflation of the sticker price and dealership add ons: custom interiors, trunk racks, removable hard tops and the racks to house them. Often this strategy would reap a bottom line well over twenty thousand dollars. Thirty years later, one can close a deal for \$25,351 for a 2021 model. More affordable in real dollars than ever before, right? Of course. What about that one that cost 17k dollars in 1989 for the '90 model year? Surprisingly, the NA, in all of its iterations, in good condition with mileage under 100K miles, now routinely sells for ten thousand dollars and sometimes even brings the original price.

If you bought a used Miata five years ago, it is possible to have enjoyed the car these past ownership years for free upon sale of said vehicle. That's crazy right? Yep, people are hip to the thrill factor of the MX5 and used prices are climbing in all segments from A to D. Recently I attended a museum show dedicated to the labeling of automobiles for the first hundred years, in the form of radiator caps which became art; stunningly beautiful glass, silver, and bronze, which in combination with engine temperature, alerted the driver to an overheating situation. But radiator caps become such a marketable accessory for all makers, customers could opt for the relatively simple company logo or spring for a personalized piece of art. Elaborate statuettes eventually morphed into flat brand statements by each manufacturer. Make and model were actually written out in metal script in the form of car badging, otherwise known as "car jewelry".

My car doesn't shout what it is. It is there, but it remains a subtle suggestion, one decal and perhaps one badge only. People are now paying more for their high end cars to come from the factory as "identification delete". There is a certain chicness to some. Folks now want to keep you guessing how many liters or if it's a turbo. The ubiquitous 2LT (2 liter turbo) is stamped to every middle class semi-luxury car. Isn't that backward thinking? If you actually had something to brag about, would you delete it? Reverse snobbery I suppose. If I lie about my car's original badging

and change it for the better, a Chevrolet Biscayne 283 to a 327 Impala as an example, then I am said to not have lied about it at all! I misrepresent the car to the public and get to call it a tribute. I didn't lie about the Nova, it's not actually a Don Yenko creation, it's a tribute. Just good clean fun, as long as you fess up when asked at a show if it is original. And, if you present something too good for normal public consumption, you most definitely will be asked often. No fun.

Miatas don't scream anything, people adore them, but mostly, they run under the public radar. But back to the museum. At the museum, actually in the parking lot, a mother and father were reprimanding their small children for touching and what looked like hugging gestures made on my Miata. This in turn, made me joyful. I think it's the shape and size that attract children, a relatively miniature car that they can identify with, no icons, badges, or statues needed. In the first four years of production, there wasn't even the Mazda logo to be found on the hood.

Historically comments abound : it's a girls car, it's cute but slow, it's not practical, can't be driven year round. But it certainly attained the status of the most manufactured sports car in history. No longer referred to as a better MGB, the Miata is alone in the annals of a true sports car, the true essence of a sports car. Not too anything. Not too fast, not too expensive to buy, not too loud, not too expensive to maintain, accessorize, repair or operate.

As an Owner, doesn't that sound familiar. "I don't got to show you no stinkin' badges!"

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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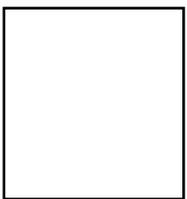
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WEST PENN MIATA CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Saturday – December 4, 2021
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 \$25 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: SHIRLEY DRAGOVICH

**Send your check made out to “WPMC” for \$20.00 per person
and meal selection to Dr Tom Cypher by November 23rd.
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