

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat | WPMC Annual Christmas Party
Dec 3

WPMC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

The Board is busy working on our Annual Christmas Party. We'll have door prizes, grand prizes, goodie bags and a 50/50 drawing. We will also have a homemade table for those who want to share their talents with the club. In the past, members have made cards, jewelry, wine, items from wood, and Christmas items. Contributions for those that bake included cookies, candy, nut rolls and cakes. You can also purchase an item and we ask each couple or single to bring one item. Once you RSVP for the party, email me the item you will bring.

Walt Dillen booked our entertainment. He saw him at a Christmas Party last year and was impressed. His name is Kevin Solecki, and he'll entertain us with Christmas music and other songs.

At the end of the newsletter is the flyer with all the information about the Christmas Party. This is great opportunity to get together with our fellow members to socialize. Hope you will be there.

PEACE AND HARMONY CRUISE REVIEW BY VICKIE BUZZELLI

June 16th started out as a rainy morning, but that did not dampen our enthusiasm for a leisurely Miata cruise. Our leaders were Dan and Karin Flannigan. We met at the Port Authority Park and Ride in Moon Township and started our cruise at 9:30 am. Our first stop was the Apple Castle along route 18 in New Wilmington Pa. The Apple Castle was established in 1861 by Josiah

Smith. In 1861, Josiah Smith Johnston settled along what is now Route 18 in New Wilmington. The original plot was much larger, but included the land the family still lives on and operates today. The original operation included both an orchard and dairy cows. Four generations later, Ralph Johnston and his wife, Ruth, decided to focus solely on fruit production. Thus, the dairy cows were sold, and Apple Castle, the first formal retail market, was opened in 1950. Ralph and Ruth created the name Apple Castle with two points in mind. First, the store's proximity to New Castle; and secondly, the apple is the "king of fruit" and is therefore fit to be housed in a castle. The original market is the small front room, along Route 18, of the white building. The current farm market was constructed in 1982 which enabled Apple Castle to increase its product offerings and add the much loved donuts. Many of us bought peaches, pepperoni bread, cherries, eggplant and candy onion, just to mention a few items. There is a chance we may not be invited back. Our leader Linda broke a bottle of soda in the aisle, the bottle did not break but the cap flew off. What a Mess!

We then got into our Miatas to drive some curvy roads on route 528 to the Harmony Inn. Located in the National Historic District in Harmony, Pennsylvania, and originally the residence of Austin Pearce, a prominent banker, mill operator and railroad executive, the Harmony Inn was Pearce's Italianate-style home in 1856. The home featured black walnut and chestnut woodwork. It is believed the building also had the first indoor plumbing in the area. Due to financial hardship it turned over to several owners. Innumerable media reports from all over Western Pennsylvania account on the haunting of the Harmony Inn. Several witnesses have reported seeing a little girl in a white dress roaming the upstairs of the Harmony Inn and furniture has been rearranged without human intervention. Customers have also reported feeling a significant warm temperature inflection at certain periods of the day, although it seems to occur more frequently at dusk. Although employees and customers are often frightened by the unexplained images, everyone reports that their encounters have always been friendly.

As far as I know we did not encounter any ghost. We all enjoyed our German food and craft beers. Then it was off to Young's Ice Cream in Zelienople to end a fabulous day with Miata friends. Thank You Dan and Karin for a great day of cruising and camaraderie.





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SPONTANEOUS ADVENTURE CRUISE Review

Well it was, but, more later!. We started at Denny's Restaurant on Route 40 in Washington and headed south over some enjoyable roads on a very pleasant day to Waynesburg before heading west to Hundred, WV. Hundred is a very small town with small facilities so we spilt into two groups for our rest stop. That way we now know what is available in Hundred — remember this was a spontaneous adventure.

Heading back north, we quickly found out why we came on this cruise. The roads were so twisty and hilly you hardly had time to straighten out your wheel before you were turning in the other direction — for about 30 miles. Then the roads became challenging — just not as olympic! Finally we got up to I-70 where we inadvertently ended up on I-470 and lost. (Bill claims this was part of the plan or it would not have been a spontaneous adventure.) Jack and Mary Jo, however, quickly used Google Maps to find the directions to the Generation Restaurant & Pub.

After lunch about half of us headed north over some very enjoyable roads to Casciola's Twin Twist just outside of Bridgeville for really enjoyable friendship.

Thanks to Bill & Juliette for putting together an enjoyable day together on the fly.

WEST VIRGINIA BLACKWATER FALLS CRUISIN' REVIEW BY BILL FLASCHE

On Saturday September 17th, we met with fellow Miataites at the Sheetz store on State Route 819 in Mt. Pleasant, PA for a really full day of cruisin'.

Ron and Pat Hoffman led us down to Ohiopyle over the plains and through forests up down and around, but that

was just the warm up! The roads and views got even better and when we got to Albright where we turned left onto St. Joe Road, yes, St. Joe Road we experienced a once in a lifetime Miata experience - a road stoppage due to a road trash cleanup crew, but we got to enjoy a nice view of the Cheat River. That's right, road stoppage on St. Joe Road next to the Cheat River. So, we then crossed to the other side of the river and enjoyed a very nice scenic mountain valley drive along the river to our pit stop at Cool Springs Park.

From there, we continued our trip down to Blackwater Falls State Park for lunch at the Smokehouse. After lunch, most of us stopped to enjoy a view of the falls, but a couple of able-bodied people did hike down to the falls. We all then headed back north for a stop at Our Lady of Pines - the smallest church alongside the smallest mailing station in the lower 48 states. We then continued up to Lakeside Creamery along-side Deep Creek Lake. After some great ice cream, we spilt up into sub-cruises back north. Three of us headed northwest for a two-hour sunset cruise back to I-79 which was fun in itself.

Thanks to Ron and Pat for a great end of season cruise. (Ted Merklin created a video from this cruise. It is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJ33Rau1OSE>)

2022 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

I'm sad to say the season is over, except for the Christmas Party. The season was extremely successful, and we had great cruises. I know a lot of you are sorry to see the season close but we have one more opportunity to get together at the Christmas Party

In order to have a season next year, we need people to lead cruises. If you are going to do a cruise, please contact me to let me know where you want to take us. I will let you know if it has been done or if someone else is doing it. I also have different places you might consider.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!





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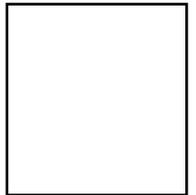
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WEST PENN MIATA CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Saturday – December 3, 2022
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 \$25.00 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: KEVIN SOLECKI

**Send your check made out to “WPMC” for \$25.00 per person
and meal selection to Vickie Buzzelli by November 25.
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