

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Sep 19	Steel Museum Cruise
Sat Sep 26	Red Bandana Winery Cruise
Fri-Sun Oct 9-11	Strasburg Railroad Cruise
Sat Dec 5	WPMC Christmas Party

## HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN A STEEL MILL?

BY Pat & LARRY PIETROPAOLI

**W**ell, this is Pittsburgh and you have mill artifacts everywhere. But, what do they do? Have you ever been in a steel mill to see them? For some of us, our work took us to one of the most amazing places on earth. They were big. They were noisy. They were dangerous. They were exciting. They were the envy of the world. And they made the stuff that made America, won our wars, took us to the moon, and made our economy the envy of the world. So, once again, have you ever been in a steel mill? If your answer is no, or you need a nostalgia fix, come join us on September 19 for a trip to the Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, Youngstown Ohio for a guided tour of a museum dedicated to showing you what it was really like. We will leave from the 7-11 on route 19 & Boundary Road just south of Zelienople, travel some hidden gems in Beaver and Lawrence counties, and arrive 55 miles later in Youngstown for a special guided showing. Our cruises are "leisurely" and include the required lunch, country ice cream shop, and return home before dark.

**C**ruise limited to 14 additional cars

**M**eet at 9:00 AM; Leave 9:30 AM



**C**osts: Museum - \$7.00. Restaurant is "Cash Only," no credit cards. Most lunch entries are \$6-9

**R**eservations due by September 14 to [larrydep@msn.com](mailto:larrydep@msn.com)

**A**re you in????????????? Then bring your hard hats.

## RED BANDANA WINERY CRUISE BY WALLY & SHERRY SWARMER

**P**lease join us for a leisurely cruise to the rustic Red Bandana Winery in Leeper, PA (near Tionesta) on Saturday, Sept 26. We will meet at the Sheetz on Rt 8, 2 miles south of Butler (249 Pittsburgh Rd, Butler, PA 16002, across from Baglier Buick, GMC Dealership) at 9:00 and leave at 9:30. We will spend about an hour at the winery, then off to lunch around 1:00. Return will be by way of Kittanning, arriving there about 4:00 where we will make our traditional ice cream stop. From there we can make our way home. RSVP to [swarmerws@yahoo.com](mailto:swarmerws@yahoo.com) or call at 724 443 0834.

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## STRASBURG Train & AMISH COUNTRYSIDE



**BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI**

**T**he third weekend cruise will be our annual train trip. This year we'll go to Strasburg, Pa. It will be a fun filled three day weekend. We will be visiting such towns as Intercourse, Paradise, Bird In Hand & Strasburg while cruising the Amish countryside and catching sight of some Covered Bridges. A family style Amish dinner with all the trimmings is also included. We'll shop at Amish stores and ride America's Oldest Short Line Railroad, the Strasburg Train and visit the associated museum. The trains are pulled by steam engines.

**I** am advertising this cruise early because the rooms will be released in August. October is a very busy time of year for this area. When I started planning this cruise in March, I had very hard time finding a hotel. The majority were already full. There will be two different areas at the hotel, the Main building, which has an elevator, and the Annex, which doesn't have an elevator, at two different prices. Only 10 rooms in the Main building and 6 in the Annex were available in March. Hotel information will be given out once you sign up. This cruise is limited to 16 cars. The train and museum have to be prepaid. Information follows. Please take note of the deadline.

**D**ate & Time: Oct 9, 2015 - Meet at 7:30 AM and leave at 8:00 AM sharp

**P**lace: Mount Laurel Plaza - near K-Mart & Get Go - Rt 30 in Latrobe, Pa

**H**otel Rates: Main - \$125.99 + taxes, Annex - \$ 98.99 + taxes

**T**rain Ride Rates: \$12.50 per person

**T**rain Museum Rates: \$12.00 per person

**R**SVP: By August 5 to Linda Zimliki at [lzimliki@westpennmialatub.com](mailto:lzimliki@westpennmialatub.com) or 724-327-1762

## WaterFire CRUISE Review

**BY Gina and Frank Bianchi**

**O**n a picture perfect day under beautiful blue skies, 11 Miatas met in Leetsdale to begin our cruise. The day began with great excitement when Walt Dillen arrived with his 2016 Launch Edition MX-5. Pictures did not do this car justice! It is just gorgeous and we were like bees hovering over the most beautiful flower in the garden! Congratulations Walt! What a beauty!! We then left to drive wonderful country roads through Baden and Zelienople to arrive in Sharon! I have to give a shout out to our "sweep" Joe Zimliki! It isn't easy keeping 11 cars together through traffic lights and stop signs but he is so good at this! We really appreciate you Joe!! We arrived in Sharon to our own personal greeter, Dan Dematteis, waving to us at the corner (Vera's first cruise back since her surgery) and then on to our reserved parking at the Visitor's Center (so appreciated as the town was jam-packed)!!! We had time to browse the many vendors and/or just sit and enjoy a cool drink and listen to a jazz concert. There was so much to choose from!! We then arrived at Donna's Diner where we had outdoor seating reserved right on the river to enjoy our buffet dinner and then the WaterFire lighting. These were the best seats in Sharon and we all enjoyed a delicious picnic dinner and ended it with (what else???) an ice cream sundae bar!!

WaterFire is a world renowned, multi-sensory art event that can be experienced in Providence, Columbus, Kansas City, Singapore, Rome and right here in Sharon, PA. Over fifty custom built floating braziers are anchored in the Shenango River in downtown Sharon, PA. The baskets are filled with wood and set ablaze at nightfall to produce a unique and compelling display. There was also fire dancers, torch-lighters and decorated kayaks! Music plays on a custom audio system which supplies the soundtrack backdrop. This is one of the most interesting art installations in the world! A huge thank you to Ray and Barb McBride for an absolutely perfect day!!





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## 2015 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

I've seen leaves falling. We are into the autumn of our season, but still have two weekend cruises and two one day cruises on the schedule. 51 members attended WPMC'S 25th Anniversary Picnic last weekend. It was a great opportunity for old and new members to get acquainted. Thanks to the Picnic committee Larry Pietropaoli - Chair, Mike Butler, Tom Sertik, Mike Leone, Vera DeMatteis and Linda Zimliki.

There are two more regional events for 2016.

**C**ruisin Connecticut by the Nutmeg Miata Club - July 14-17, 2016 - There is a 125 car limit. The hotel is available now to make reservations. If you make reservation now, you are guaranteed a spot. Reservation for the event should be available in November. Here is what is known so far: autoX and laps at Lime Rock. ..Roller Coaster Run..Poker Runs..East..West..North..all the good places...etc..etc.We will show you some pretty obscure little roads out in the middle of nowhere that will be a joy to drive...and bring you to very scenic areas in multiple sections of the state. You WILL drive your car over the 3 days. Hotel is Sheraton Hartford South, 100 Capital Blvd, Rocky Hill, CT. Phone number is 860-257-6000 Forum address is <http://forum.miata.net/vb/showthread.php?t=587950> or <http://www.nutmegmiatainc.org/forum/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=51&t=1862&sid=6738640c5e3bdbeef7cbf5b226a7d2c6>

**M**iatas Play Music City - Sept 14 - 19, 2016 - Registration will begin in Nov. Website is <http://www.miatasplaymusiccity.com>

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### OCTOBER DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 3, 2015



## TOP DOWN ADVENTURES BY MIKE BUTLER, PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that summertime is almost over and fall is fast upon us. We've had some great cruises and fun times to look back on from this past spring and summer. However, the best part of autumn in Western Pennsylvania is the colorful fall foliage, crisp-cooler temperatures, and crystal clear days. It's the perfect recipe for "Top Down Adventures" in our Mazda Miatas! There's nothing better than going for a drive in our convertible roadsters surrounded by the beautiful colors all around us. Whether you take a drive on your own or join us on one of our September or October cruises, take advantage of this time of year. As owners of Miatas we definitely have a reason for the season!

Any time of year is the perfect time of year to experience something new and exciting in Western Pennsylvania, but below are a few festivals and special events running through the region this month. Autumn in Western Pennsylvania is also a great time to take in some fall festivals.

- Ligonier Highland Games - Saturday, September 26th, [www.ligonierhighlandgames.org](http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org)
- Pittsburgh Irish Festival - Friday - Sunday, September 11-13, [www.pghirishfest.org](http://www.pghirishfest.org)
- Pittsburgh Dragon Boat Festival - Saturday, September 17, <http://pdbf.org>
- Delmont Apple 'N Arts Festival, Saturday-Sunday, October 3-4, [www.delmontapplesnarts.com](http://www.delmontapplesnarts.com)
- Clarion Autumn Leaf Festival, Saturday, September 26 - Sunday, October 4, [www.clarionpa.com](http://www.clarionpa.com)

Check out [www.pittsburgh.about.com.driving\\_tours](http://www.pittsburgh.about.com.driving_tours) for some fall foliage drives in Western Pennsylvania

- Raccoon Creek State Park to Waynesburg (Rt. 18) - 58 miles
- New Castle to Slippery Rock - 16 miles
- The Lincoln Highway - 76 miles
- Laurel Highlands Scenic Byway - 68 miles
- Elk & Clinton County Scenic Loop - 80 miles
- Longhouse National Scenic Byway - 55 miles

If you're visiting this site just to check us out, Welcome! I hope you'll join us for an event this year so you can learn more about us.

Get ready, get set, ZOOM!



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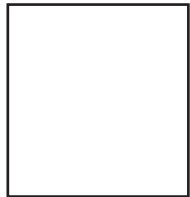
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