

Upcoming Events

Sat Sep 10	Micro Brewery Cruise
Sun Sep 18	Flight 93 Memorial Cruise
Sat Oct 8	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 3	WPMC Christmas Party

Microbrewery and Distillery Cruise aka The Booz e Cruise



by Jerry and Candy Spehar

Join us on September 10th for a unique booze cruise. We have visited many different wineries around the region, but this is the first time our group will visit a craft brewery and also make a separate stop at a boutique distillery. The microbrewery, Auroch's Brewing, is a short distance away from our meeting point. Auroch's is the only area producer of gluten free beer and the ownership is passionate about this endeavor. We will be met by one of the owners, Doug, who will give us a tour and discuss the brewing process. It is another short drive to the distillery, McLaughlin's, which is particularly interesting. It is currently producing vodka, whiskey, moonshine, and its biggest seller, bourbon. They even make their own wooden casks for the bourbon on site. The owner, Kim, will give us a tour and talk to us about the manufacturing process. Samples are available for tasting and purchase. From there we will head out for

curvy roads and lunch at a restaurant that we have visited on past cruises. They have great food and have demonstrated the ability to handle a crowd arriving at the same time. After lunch we'll get our customary frozen treat at a place the club has not visited previously.

Date and Time: Saturday, September 10, 2016. Driver's meeting at 9:15; we will leave promptly at 9:30.

Cruise Limit: Due to parking restrictions, we must limit this cruise to a total of 12 cars.

Cruise Type: Sporty

Meeting Place: Sheetz parking lot, located at the intersection of Mt Nebo road and Interstate 79, adjacent to exit 68.

RSVP: By September 3, 2016 to speedo48@comcast.net or call 724-869-0410

Flight 93 Memorial Cruise

by Ray & Barb McBride

Do you know how many heroes there were on flight 93 that crashed into the ground on September 11, 2001, near Shanksville, PA? Our Cruise will take you to the 9/11 Memorial where you will find out everything you'd want to know about that tragic event. This was such an inspirational experience for my husband and I on our first visit, just realizing that these people gave their lives, to save our CAPITOL OF THE UNITED STATES. I hope you can join us for our cruise on Sunday, September 18, 2016, which will take us through the Laurel Highlands to the Flight 93 Memorial. There is a wonderful visitors center with videos, phone calls that were made by the passengers that fateful day, and pictures and descriptions of the heroes. You then drive another mile to the actual site, where there is a walkway leading to the wall with the names of the passengers. Along the walkway there are stations where you can dial a number on your

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cell phone, which describes what you are observing at that particular area.

Prior to our visit to the Memorial, we will have brunch at the Famous Oak Hurst Tea Room. The cruise will be scheduled to allow approximately one and a half hours for the visit to the Memorial. After the visit to the Memorial we will return to Somerset for ice cream and the cruise will end at that point.

Date and Time: Sunday, September 18, 2016 - Meet at 9:00 AM. Leave at 9:30 AM.

Meeting Place: Sheetz #327 2100 Mosside Bld. Monroeville PA. At the intersection of route 48 and 130

Cruise Type: Sporty

Cost: Brunch \$11.95 per person

RSVP: By September 5, 2016 to raynbarb@comcast.net or cell phone- 412-607-8078. (We will be away from September 6 to September 14, 2016, so please respond prior to that date.)

Ohhh! Those Twisty Roads and Burgers & Fall Foliage Cruise by Joe & Linda Zimliki

I have had numerous requests for a rerun of the "Twisty Roads & Burger Cruise." If you have never been on this cruise, this is your chance. The roads are some of the best in the area. They are the type that makes your Miata ZoomZoom happy! There will be 3 hours of driving two counties and two states with your reward at the end. This will be a sporty/zoomin cruise.

The burgers you have to see to believe and they are delicious. Forget "Five Guys" and all those other great burger joints. These will spoil you. They also have the

normal fare served at restaurants. The restaurant is in a place you never would dream to find one. In fact the first time we looked for it we passed it up and couldn't find it.

I've talked about the roads and burgers but there are also some of the most beautiful scenic vistas. Since it will be autumn, the tree leaves should be beautiful. The day will satisfy your Miata's desire for ZoomZoom, your eyes for beauty, and your stomach for an unforgettable burger - makes for an unforgettable day. We haven't had time to run the cruise so we'll let people who sign up know the final details later. As noted in my Cruisin & Zoomin article there is a possibility we may have to cancel due to family health reasons.

Date & Time Saturday Oct 8th, time to be determined

Meeting Place: I-79 Mazda, 100 Freesoil Road, Mt. Morris, PA

Cruise Type: Sporty/Zoomin (Please check types of cruise in the newsletter for more definition)

Requirements: Yourself & Your Honey or just Yourself, Second love of your life - Your Miata, Desire to drive some great twisty roads and view beautiful vistas, Healthy appetite, Love of Zoomin cruise, and I THINK THAT COVERS IT! If you meet these requirements, RSVP per below.

RSVP: By Oct 3 to Linda Zimliki at 724-327-1762 or lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

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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Let 'S Go Zoomin Cruise Review

By Dennis & Ruthann Weber

It was overcast when we all assembled in Washington, PA for the start of a wonderful day. Walt Dillen, our cruise leader, rounded up his "herd" of 10 Miatas and we traveled northwest on some great PA & WV country roads. Remember on GunSmoke, when Chester said "Mr.Dillen, Mr.Dillen please don't run away from us?" For the rest of the day many drivers were thinking about what Chester said! Walt had told us many times his cruise would be "ZOOMIN" and it was, a very fast and furious drive on wet and dry twisty changing roads of PA & WV.

Our lunch destination was Oglebay Resort in Wheeling WV where we all enjoyed some great food at the Wilson Lodge in the Glassworks Grill - what a beautiful place! The afternoon cruise was at a more relaxed pace back to Washington and North to Canonsburg for our favorite ice cream at Sarris Ice Cream and Candy store.

I think I still have a silly grin on my face from a day of enjoying my Miata in a way it should be driven - top down, windblown hair (?) and sunshine. Thanks Walt for your hard work in planning the Zoomin Cruise for us to enjoy.

2016 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

I noticed leaves are falling. Dried up leaves crunched under my feet walking in our driveway. It's a sign that fall is here. It is also a sign our cruisin & zoomin season is coming to a close. We have two great cruises in September, Spehar's Microbrewery and Distillery Cruise aka The Booze Cruise and Mc Brides's Flight 93. Hope to see you on at least one of these cruises.

Our cruise listed for October will not be a weekend cruise. We are going to dust off our most requested past cruise in its place. There is a possibility we may have to cancel the cruise due to health concerns in our family. We are going ahead and planning it and hope we will be able to lead it.

WPMC held its Annual Picnic near the end of August and it was a success. We had a great turnout. Members outdid themselves with their food contributions to the picnic. The talk was about the grape salad, and I will be sending out the recipe for it. We played musical Miatas, blind parking, horseshoes & croquet. Prizes were awarded to the winners. Door prizes donated by Mazda were handed out and a history fact about the club was revealed with each prize. The temperature didn't dampen our fun..

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Raise your hand if this is your first cruise.



by Jim Pacillo





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Top Down Adventures by President Mike Butler

It was great to have such a nice turnout for our annual West Penn Miata Club picnic at White Oak Park. We had such delicious grilled food, fun games, and great conversations which made it an enjoyable afternoon. What I like most about our picnic is that we all have a chance to relax and converse with our fellow Miata enthusiasts. It was also nice having so many new members attend this outing. I'd like to send out a big thank you to all of our Board Members and spouses that helped put this event together and thank everyone for all the side dishes that complemented the grilled foods. There certainly was plenty to eat, so no one should have gone home hungry! Events like the annual picnic, Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and our Christmas Party are some examples of what your annual dues help finance.

We've had some great cruises and fun times to look back on from this past spring and summer. The best season of the year, however, is approaching with Western Pennsylvania's crisp-cooler temperatures, crystal clear days, and autumn foliage. It's a perfect recipe for "Top Down Adventures". There's nothing better than going for a drive in our convertible roadsters surrounded by the beautiful colors of fall all around. So, whether you take a drive on your own, or join us at one of our upcoming cruises, take advantage of this time of year. As Miata owners, 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 24th, www.ligonierhighlandgames.org

Pittsburgh Irish Festival – Friday – Sunday, September 9-11, <http://pghirishfest.org/entertainment-schedule>
Delmont Apple 'N Arts Festival, Saturday-Sunday, October 1-2, www.delmontapplesnarts.com

Fort Ligonier Days - Celebrating its 57th year in 2016!
October 14, 15, & 16, 2016!
<http://www.laurelhighlands.org/things-to-do/events/fort-ligonier-days>

Check out 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.

See you soon! Get ready, get set, ZOOM!

October Deadline

The deadline for articles for the October newsletter is October 1, 2016





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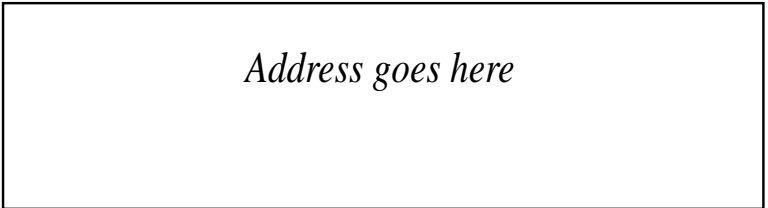
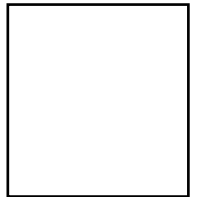
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