

Upcoming Events

Sat Aug 17	Volant, McConnell's Mills, & Combine Brothers Cruise
Sat Aug 24	WPMC Annual Picnic
Fri-Mon Sep 6-9	Watkins Glen International Racetrack Cruise
Sep - TBD	Cruise from Wexford
Sep - TBD	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Thu-Sun Oct 10-13	Back of the Dragon Cruise #8
Sun Oct 20	Smicksburg Cruise to meet The Trillium Club
Sat Dec 7	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

McConnells Mill, Volant, & Combine Brothers Cruise by Ron and Pat Hoffman

Please join Pat and I for a cruise on some great western PA roads to a popular Italian restaurant, Combine Brothers, in Hermitage, PA (this one's for you, Joe). We will be heading first to the town of Volant by way of McConnells Mill State Park (including a covered bridge) for a 45 minute stop. Volant, for those who have not been there before, is a quaint village with lots of interesting shops which sits in the middle of Western PA Amish country. There is a good possibility the Amish will have booths set up along the Main Street. We will then head to Hermitage for a late lunch (around 2:30) at Combine Brothers Bar and Grille (www.combinebrothers.com). Bring snacks, if you wish, or you may find some tasty offerings in Volant

to hold you over. Combine Brothers' speciality is Italian and they serve HUGE portions, so bring your coolers as you may have leftovers for the next few days. We will plan an ice cream stop at a yet to be determined ice cream joint before heading home, for those who still have room.

Date and Time: Saturday, August 17. Meet at 10:30, on the road by 11:00

Meeting Place: Sheetz, Store #277, 12000 Perry Highway in Wexford (North Hills)

RSVP: by August 12 to pat.hof@hotmail.com or 724-392-7932. I am limiting this cruise to a max of ten cars.

Cruise Type: Leisure to Sporty

WPMC Annual Picnic by Larry Shockling

It is time for our Annual WPMC Picnic, which will be on Saturday, August 24th in White Oak Park at the Maple Grove. The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and fried chicken, condiments, soft drinks, water, utensils and paper products. This is a time were you can get to know your fellow members. There will be games to play including horseshoes and bocce ball. Hopefully this year we can bring back a member favorite, Funcana. Funcana is games played with your Miata in a parking lot. It is a lot of fun with a lot of laughing.

RSVPs are needed to plan for the appropriate quantities of items. When making your reservation, we will let you know what is still needed. It may be an appetizer, side dish, dessert or snack foods. Planning ahead will ensure a variety of choices for everyone. **RSVP** to Linda Zimliki by August 16 at lzimiki@westpennmiataclub.com or call 724- 327-1762.

Directions to White Oak Park – look for a sign “WPMC PICNIC” at Maple Grove:

From Pittsburgh via the Parkway East (Approx. 11.2 mi. or 20 min.)

• Exit the Parkway at Forest Hills (Exit 8A) onto Ardmore





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Bld. (Rte 30 East)

- Continue 8.8 mi. to Carpenter Lane (Sheetz on right)
- Turn right on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

From Irwin PA Turnpike Exit 67 (Approx. 7.5 mi. or 14 min.)

- Take the Pittsburgh Rte 30 West ramp
- Proceed on Rte 30 west 5 mi. to Carpenter Lane (Sheetz on left)
- Turn left on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

From Monroeville PA Turnpike Exit 57 (Approx. 10 mi. or 23 min.)

- Take the Monroeville Bus Rte 22 ramp
- Merge onto Bus Rte 22 West
- Immediately get into the left lane
- Turn left on Rte 48 south (Mossdale Blvd.) at Parkvale Bldg.
- Continue 5.8 mi. on Rte 48 to Rte 30
- Turn left on Rte 30 East - go 1.7 mi. (Sheetz on right)
- Turn right on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

Watkins Glen Cruise by Joe & Linda Zimlik

We head North to New York to visit Watkins Glen for a three and a half day weekend. We will leave from Dubois, Pa. and will drive curvy back roads to Watkins Glen. Night one I have reserved rooms at a hotel in Dubois for an early departure Saturday morning. We will zoom to Watkins Glen where that evening you experience "Drive the Glen", a 3.45 mile circuit course led by an official Watkins Glen International pace car for three escorted laps around this storied road course. During our weekend we will visit the International Motor Racing Research Center and drive the original 6.6 mile circuit which was through the town. You can't visit the Finger Lakes without visiting some wineries. I planned a visit to Keuka Lake which is home to some of the best known and scenic wineries. These are near Hammondsport, a friendly small town with a charming town square. First grapes were planted in the Finger Lakes region in 1829 and the

first bonded winery in the region, Pleasant Valley Wine Company opened in 1860. The trip will be limited to 16 cars.

Dates & Time: Friday-Monday, September 6-9, Leave Dubois, Saturday, September 7 at 8:00 AM

Costs: Drive the Glen - \$30, Dubois Hotel - \$125 plus taxes, Watkins Glen - \$139 plus taxes. Plans in place for 3 lunches and 3 dinners.

Cruise Type: Sporty and mostly Zoomin

RSVP: lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com by August 7th

Back of the Dragon Cruise #8

by Joe & Linda Zimlik

Since this is the 35th Anniversary of the MX-5/Miata, I decided we should celebrate with a drive that is all about this car. That is why I thought we should go to an event in Virginia to drive the Back of Dragon and The Snake. The Back of the Dragon is 32 miles, 438 curves, elevation 3500. The Snake offers 489 curves while crossing 3 mountains and traveling through a beautiful valley. It travels through Johnson County, Tennessee and Washington County, Virginia. If you plan on going you need to book the hotel. Once you decide to go please let me know. Details follow.

Date: October 10-13, 2024 (Reserve Room Now)

Hotel: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, Wytheville, VA, 276-228-8080, Brittany Crumb - Contact, \$119 per night, you select bed size

Activities: Club fundraiser for the Autism Society, Registration - \$30/car, Car Show, T-Shirt (\$25 - optional), Raffle, Silent Auction, Friday - Back of the Dragon Drive, Saturday - The Snake Drive - Backbone Park, Sunday - Short Morning Devotion

Volunteers: Requesting extra set of hands. (30-40 minutes)



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Supplies: Your Miata, 2 way radio (helpful, not required),
Raffle Donations (\$10-\$2) Car Related

Questions: E-Mail lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels Cruise Review

by Vickie Buzzelli

On Sunday July 7th, 2024. Ed Southon had his virgin cruise as leader of the pack. Destination was the South Park Theater. We had seven cars total and met at the Speedway right outside of Monroeville. Who ever thought one could go from Monroeville to the South Hills on curvy back roads? Our first stop was a covered bridge in the middle of a small local park. Joe Zimliki took a picture of all of us as each car went through the covered bridge. Next stop was lunch at the Trolley Stop Inn, a fixture in Bethel Park for 40 years. We sat outside and everyone enjoyed their lunch. The menu was varied and the portions huge. Then off to the South Park Theater for a matinee performance of the musical "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" which takes place on the French Riviera. The plot features a couple of professional con men who ply their trade on the French Riviera, trying to separate rich single women from some of their money. The plot features lots of lies and romance, and in the end raises questions about who is the hunter and who the prey. This musical version opened on Broadway in 2005 and played for almost two years. The play was long, 2 hours and 40 minutes, which included a 15 minute intermission. By the end of the play we were all ready for ice cream, so off we went to the famous Graters ice cream shop in Castle Shannon. A friendly debate took place as to who has the better ice cream Penn State Creamery or Graters. Only a blind tasting will tell. After our cool refreshment, we all went our separate ways agreeing it was a hot fun filled day. Thank you Ed for your time and effort in putting together your maiden voyage. It was a success!

September Deadline

The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is September 11, 2024

Victory Cruise Review by Linda Zimliki

Twenty-Two Miatas met the evening of July 19 for this event. We took a picture of four generations of Miatas, all red, in front of our banner. Two supercharged Miatas, a '95 M-Edition and a '99 10th Anniversary Edition, were among those taking part. We enjoyed talking to everyone about their cars.

PVGP Review by Linda Zimliki

In spite of poor weather, we had a great time at the PVGP. Along with a wide array of food, five members of the PACE Club joined us. We may be doing a joint cruise with them next year.

2024 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Please review the first page of the newsletter for several changes to the schedule. Don't forget to RSVP for the picnic to lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

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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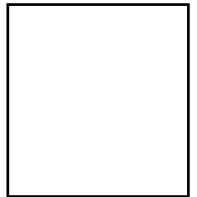
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