

Upcoming Events

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Jun 15

Eldred World War II Museum Cruise

Sat
Jun 29

Laurel Highlands Cruise Traveling Through Five Counties

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Dirty Rotten Scoundrels @ South Park Cruise

Fri
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Victory Cruise - Featured Car: Miata

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Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

Wed
Aug 7
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
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Volant, McConnell's Mills, & Combine Brothers Cruise

Sat
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WPMC Annual Picnic

Sat
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Labor Day Weekend Cruise

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Watkins Glen International Racetrack Cruise

Sat
Sep 14

Castle Noel Cruise

Sat-Sun
Oct 5-6

Train Cruise

Sat
Dec 7

WPMC Annual Christmas Party

The Eldred World War II Museum Cruise by Vickie Buzzelli

(Information Only: RSVP deadline has passed)

The Eldred World War II Museum is located in Eldred, Pennsylvania, 80 miles south of Buffalo, New York and 175 miles north east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Established in May 1996, the museum has continually expanded from one room to three stories.

Situated in the oil-rich hills of northern Pennsylvania, Eldred in the early 1900s was the site of a munitions plant that produced explosives used in the oil fields to "blow" the wells. The plant employed between forty and fifty people. When England went to war in 1939 against Germany, the country found itself in desperate need of munitions. It looked to the United States for help. When the United States entered the war in 1941, women replaced the male workforce at the plant. At its zenith, 1,500 were employed in the facility and 95 percent of those workers were female. "They came from miles around to work at the plant, There were buses running from Olean, New York, Bradford, and from all over." Those workers assembled, filled, primed, boxed, and shipped eight million explosives, fuses, thermite incendiary bombs and grenades during the war.

A one-room display was opened in 1996 in Eldred as a tribute to the women who made the munitions. It quickly grew with the addition of a Hall of Valor displaying and emphasizing the training, shipping, transportation, and roles played by the individual branches of the military. With the acquisition of an adjacent building, the museum continued to grow.





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Today the museum includes an interactive time line of the war and how it started. There is a hands-on tank battle and a wall display of the events that took place at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, with excerpts from the attack. There is a special exhibit from the Russian front and a special room dedicated to the Holocaust. There are displays from the home front and of Jeeps, motorcycles, a command post, a working periscope, and models of planes and ships. Highlights are a submarine display with an authentic World War II periscope, and the 'Tank Room', housing several uniforms changing based on the theme of each season. Visitors can enter a life-sized European command post equipped with period communications equipment. Throughout the museum dioramas bring the conflict to life for visitors. A section on the Eastern Front details the conflict between Russia and Germany that would become the largest front of the war. The newest addition to the museum, the Holocaust Room, is home to the artifacts showing the true tragedy of WWII. Suitcases, prisoner uniforms, and children's books written by the Nazi regime are a few of the many things housed in this room. Most significant are the keys to Dachau Concentration Camp.

We will be cruisin on curvy roads that will take 3 1/2 hours to get to the museum. We will have lunch first at Munchies which is a about a block from the museum. The tour of the museum will take about 2 hrs to complete. Our cruise would not be complete without Ice Cream at Country Pines Ice Cream Shop in Kane Pa. It is on Rt 6 and we can all leave to travel home from there. It should only take you about 2 hours to return home depending where you live.

Date and Time: June 15, 8:00am, Leaving 8:30am

Where: Sheetz: 1000 Dori Dr. Valencia Pa 16059, Corner of RT228 & Three Degree Rd

RSVP: June 10th to vjs@zoominternet.net or call 724-272-2806

July Deadline

The deadline for articles for the July newsletter is July 9, 2024



The Laurel Highlands Miles of Smiles Cruise by Dave & Luanne Kopco

Please join Luanne and I for the re-run of our Laurel Highlands Cruise on Saturday, June 29th.. We have picked some of our most favorite Miata roads in Westmoreland, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford and Blair Counties for your driving enjoyment. We are listing this as a "zoomin" cruise so please make sure that is what you are looking for. There is no destination other than lunch and ice cream so put on your driving shoes and plan on a day of "spirited driving", and being in the Laurel Highlands also means some beautiful sight seeing, for the passengers of course. We like country roads that are not lined and hope that you will enjoy them too. We will take one potty break before lunch and fit one more after lunch as well. Speaking of lunch, we will again be eating at The Boulevard Grill in Johnstown, where the food is always great. Note that there is a flight of steps at the restaurant. After lunch, we will enjoy more fun roads before stopping for ice cream at the end of the cruise.

This will be a Zoomin' Cruise, so please make sure that is what you are looking for. Join us as we get to highlight some of the fun roads that we have enjoyed for years. Thanks and hope to see you there. Zoom Zoom

Date & Time: Saturday, June 29 at 8:30 AM. Depart at 9:00 AM

Meeting Place: Get Go on Rt. 30, Latrobe

RSVP by Monday, June 22nd to dlkopco@gmail.com or by phone or text at (814)421-0857, cc Linda at bclj8@comcast.net

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels by Ed Southon

Join us on Sunday, July 7 as we cruise to the French Riviera! Well, all right, we're not really going to Cannes or Saint-Tropez. That would take more time than we have, and there's that ocean problem. Instead, we are going to the next best thing: a Sunday



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matinee performance of the musical "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at the South Park Theatre. The musical is based on the 1988 movie starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin as a couple of professional con men who ply their trade on the French Riviera, nefariously 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.

We'll depart from Monroeville at 9:30. There will be a mid-cruise break, and then we will drive for lunch to the Trolley Stop Inn, a fixture in Bethel Park for 40 years. Then it's on to the South Park Theatre for the 2:00 pm matinee. As usual, we will finish with a stop for ice cream. Oh almost forgot to mention the roads to South Park are loaded with lots of curves.

Date & Time: Sunday July 7 Meet at 9:00 AM and depart at 9:30 AM

Meeting Place: Speedway Gas Station, 4563 Broadway Blvd, Monroeville, Pa - Intersection of Rt 48 & Rt 130

Ticket Cost: \$20

Category: Leisure & Sporty

RSVP: by June 18 to southeh@comcast.net or lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

Victory Car Cruise by Joe & Linda Zimliki

The Mazda Miata will be the featured car at the Victory Car Cruise on Friday evening, July 19. We would like our Club to show their support by attending this event. There is no admission charge. There is a food court area with a lot of different food items, along with a DJ for entertainment, and a 50/50 raffle. Different makes and models will be there including vintage cars and muscle cars. The cruise is from 5 pm to 7pm, and I'd like us to meet around 3:30. The location will be determined later so we can enter together. Please let me know you plan on attending at lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com.



Miatas at the Back of the Dragon #8 by Joe & Linda Zimliki

Who would like to attend the Miatas at the Back of the Dragon, on October 10-13? We'll drive the Back of Dragon on Friday and The Snake on Saturday. There will be a Car Show, Silent Auction & Raffle. Registration is \$30 p/car. This event is a fundraiser for the Autism Society. Please contact me if you plan on attending - lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

Review of J M Smucker Cruise with Northcoast Miata Club by Pat Hoffman

On Saturday, June 1, nine cars met at the Port Authority Park and Ride in Moon Township to begin a sunny, beautiful day of cruising with Karin and Dan Flanagan. During a two hour cruise through a brief section of West Virginia, we entered Ohio and enjoyed a leisurely ride on windy roads through Amish Country. Dan and Karin did a wonderful job plotting out the cruise.

We arrived for lunch at The Dutch Kitchen in Dalton, Ohio, where we were greeted by the Northcoast Miata Club from Cleveland, Ohio. Linda paired up our club members with the members from the Cleveland club during the lunch. This was a nice opportunity to get to know each other and exchange information about how our clubs operate regarding drives, meetings and overnights. We enjoyed a delicious lunch from a selected menu.

After lunch, we drove a few miles down the road and visited the J M Smucker Co. store where we could select a favorite photo and have it printed on a jelly jar. Many products were offered, including Dunkin' coffee, Jif peanut butter, Milk Bone dog biscuits and of course, Smucker jellies, apple butter and dessert toppings.

To end our cruise, we stopped at Dalton Dariette to have



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our ice cream treats and visited again with our new friends from the Northcoast Miata Club. Dan and Karin escorted some of our members home on a nice Route 30 drive to Pittsburgh.

Thanks to Karin and Dan for all the planning. It was a very nicely paced day of cruising, eating and shopping.

2024 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

The rain has attempted to ruin our cruisin season but we managed to get it done.

The sky turned blue and clouds parted and members got to see some neat cars at Cars and Coffee. The Butler Memorial Day Parade was overcast with a threat of rain, but the Parade went off on schedule. The Main Street in Butler was lined with people and a video is posted on the forum. You can watch the entire Parade or go to 19:19 on tape to watch our club. Thanks to Baglier for making it possible for WPMC to participate. The Smucker Cruise with the Northcoast Miata club was a hit. We made new friends on that day, and had people from Northcoast & WPMC mingle at lunch. Members found out someone works for same company they had. Another had mutual friends. I found out the President of Northcoast grew up Pa. It is a small world.

The Rock 'N Rad on June 22 was cancelled but now it is back on. PVGP and The Riverhounds worked things out. There will be no feature car so Miata will not be featured. The event is from 2 pm to 7 pm. There will be plenty of door prizes and for entertainment there will be a band TBA. They will be celebrating the 80's & 90's. Registering your car costs \$30. For more information go to <https://www.rocknrad.com/register.html#/>

I have a new event by Lime Rock Park - MiataCon. Join us in celebrating all generations of the Mazda MX-5 Miata. Whether you're passionate about racing or love the culture. This event is only for Miatas.

Check out the particulars for MiataCon October 25-26 at their website: <https://limerock.com/events/miatacon/>

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Miata Cruisin! by Jim Blok, President

Miata - 35 Years in the Making. In the early 1980's Mazda was enjoying the success of the first RX-7 sports car. So much so, it was in the final planning for its successor. The whole idea was to take it up a notch, and have it be a direct competitor of the Porche 944. Their long-term goal for the RX-7 was to have it compete from a performance standpoint with the Porche 911. A lofty goal to be sure.

Having spent large amounts of time and money on the RX-7 project, something changed its course. A gentleman by the name of Bob Hall was Product Planner for Mazda and a former journalist. He knew the Sports Car market inside and out. Bob felt there was a need for a less expensive car to fill the hole left by former European sports cars. (Triumph, Austin Healy, MG, Lotus etc) These manufacturers were no longer building cars for one reason or another. Bob sent a fax to the home office in Japan inquiring if it would be profitable to build a new car that produced only 40,000 vehicles per year. The answer was yes. Because their manufacturing plants were designed to produce many different vehicles, this would work. This was unlike most manufacturers (GM, FORD) that built huge plants to build each model. Mazda employed a huge number of car people. There was no shortage of those that wanted to work on this new project. They sat around in a room at Mazda, and talked about their experiences, good and bad, with their personal sports cars. This was the beginning of what we know as one of the most successful low volume sports cars in history.

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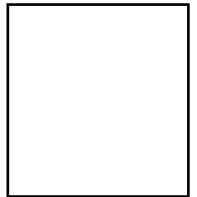
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