

## Upcoming Events

Sat Sep 21	Quest for Waterhole Cruise
Sat Sep 28	Maple Sugar Camp 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

## Maple Sugar Camp Cruise Plus Some of Our Favorite Things by Joe & Linda Zimliki

**W**e will start our cruise with one of the club's favorite curvy, twisty, windy roads, RT 259. Then we stop at one of our favorite bake shops then it is off on more twisty roads to lunch with a beautiful view. After lunch, more twisty roads to Maple Sugar Camp. 100% pure maple syrup has been produced for eight generations at this camp. We will see maple production, interpretive exhibits, antique farm equipment, along with a modern day evaporator & reverse osmosis machine. We will learn the history of maple production. We will then climb onboard a tractor pulled wagon with benches to see the ground operations first hand. They will have free samples of their products and time to purchase products in their maple sugar store. Next we visit another sugar camp to taste their products. This is our ice cream stop where they have Creemee. Hope you will join us!

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 28 at 9:00 AM

**Meeting Place:** Sheetz 610 RT 22, Blairsville, Pa

**Cost:** \$20 Per Person

**Cruise Type:** Sporty

**RSVP:** By September 22 to  
lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

## Quest for Waterhole Cruise

by Bill Flasche, Joe & Linda  
Zimliki, Jim Blok

**W**e will journey through three counties on our quest for the Waterhole. Bill Flasche provided the roads, while Jim drove the cruise to get the route and time down with Linda as the navigator. On our travels, we will go south, north, east and west on some really great curvy, windy, zoomin roads. Throw in switchbacks and S curves for extra fun. This is all in the quest for Waterhole. Extra bonus, the countryside is not too shabby. If you love driving the above described roads, this cruise is for you. Join us for a great ride.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 21 at 9:00 AM

**Meeting Place** 2615 Nicholson Road, Sewickley, Pa 15143

**Cruise Type:** Leisure & Sporty

**RSVP:** By September 18 to  
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## October Deadline

The deadline for articles for the October newsletter is October 7, 2024





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## Back of the Dragon Cruise #8

by Joe & Linda Zimlik

**S**ince 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)

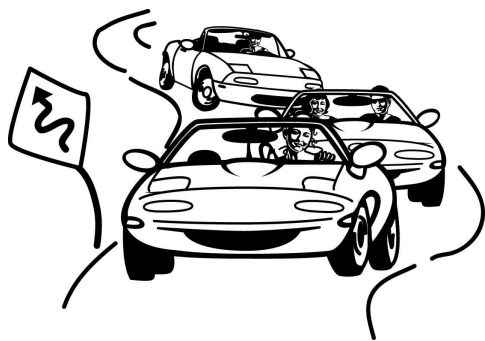
**Hotel:** Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, Wytheville, VA, 276-228-8080, Brittany Crumb - Contact, \$119 per night, you select bed size

**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)

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

**Questions:** E-Mail [lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com)



## McConnells Mill, Volant & Combine Brothers Cruise

### Review

by Bill Flasche

**O**n a sunny August 18th morning, we met in Wexford and headed north through the countryside on some nice twisty and hilly Miata roads to Rt 488. From there we continued north on Armstrong Road with its hilly double switch-backs — one of my favorite roads.

**W**e had to skip McConnells Mill since the road down by the mill was in very bad shape. So, on to Volant a wonderful tourist town that has been decimated by the pandemic. We did get to enjoy the rocking chairs and swings on the old mill building porch and pick up some Amish treats, but there were no stores in the old railroad cars or other spots that made this a quaint destination.

**O**n to Combine Brothers where Jim Pacillo joined us for lunch. Juliette and I have enjoyed many Miata cruises with him over the years so it was great to see him again. As you get older, you begin to reminisce and appreciate the people and things that have brought you joy over the years, just as Ron and Pat Hoffman have done in putting together this cruise. Juliette and I have been members of the club for 26 years and have enjoyed many cruises, including creating many ourselves. Linda Zimlik has been instrumental in keeping this club in existence over the years and helping members put cruises together. So, use her talents in putting cruises together and lead a cruise yourself. Yes, it will take time, but you already have your own favorite roads and will actually enjoy creating something while using your Miata at the same time.

**G**etting back to the cruise, after lunch we headed south for ice cream. Juliette and I then went south on Rt 956 out of New Wilmington by ourselves on an enjoyable Miata road. When we got to Rt 19 we stopped to put up the top as Jack and Mary Jo Mitesser drove past us. So we followed them south through liquid sunshine. Overall, another great Miata day with friends — what could be better?





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## WPMC Picnic Review by Linda Zimliki

**O**n Saturday August 24, members of the WPMC gathered for a day of food, fun, prizes and fun. We had an array of different foods with a Raspberry Miata cake to top it off. We celebrated the 35th Anniversary of the MX-5 Miata. While officers cooked, members placed their lawn chairs in a circle and socialized. When the food was ready, everybody dug in to enjoy.

**A**fter everyone was full, it was time to play Funkhana. Funkhana are games played with your Miata. Most people were not familiar with funkhana because several years ago we had to stop playing it due to complaints from others. There was a reunion in the pavilion next to us and they asked to join our car games. Naturally we said yes and don't you know it, they won. I thought they had an advantage as their vehicle was a truck with huge tires which made them a lot higher. We gave them the appropriate prize - their picture taken under pool noodles. The day concluded with a short meeting and gift giveaways.

### 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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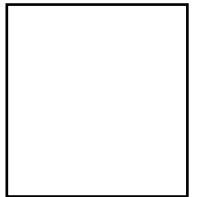
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