

Upcoming Events

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| Thu-Mon Apr 17-21 | Pittsburgh International Auto Show | Sat-Sun Aug 16-17 | New River Gorge Cruise |
| Sat May 3 10:00 AM | Monthly Meeting at Moon Mazda and This Way/That Way Cruise | Sat Aug 23 | WPMC Picnic |
| Sat May 10 | Scenic Ligonier & Iron Furnaces Cruise | Sat Aug 30 | Kissin' & Huggin' at the Drive-In |
| Sat May 24 | Runway Cruise | Sat-Mon Aug 30 - Sep 1 | Topless in the Mountains XIV |
| Sat May 31 | Jimmy Stewart Museum Cruise | Sat Sep 6 10:00 AM | Monthly Meeting at Baglier Motors and Wendell August Cruise |
| Sat Jun 7 10:00 AM | Monthly Meeting at Moon Mazda and The Digs Cruise | Sat Sep 20 | McPheron Surprise Cruise |
| Sat Jun 21 | Mercer County Cruise | Sat Oct 4 | Monthly Meeting |
| Sat Jun 28 | Covered Bridge Cruise | Sat-Sun Oct 18-19 | Murder Mystery Dinner Train Cruise |
| Sat Jul 12 10:00 AM | Monthly Meeting at I-79 Mazda and Clark Gable Cruise | Sat Dec 6 | Christmas Party |
| Sat-Sun Jul 19-20 | Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix | | |
| Sat Jul 26 | Knoll Cruise | | |
| Sat Aug 2 10:00 AM | Monthly Meeting at Billco Motors and Flasche Cruise | | |

WPMC Newsletter Policy - Correction to March Newsletter

The March newsletter had errors concerning the club's policy for delivery of the newsletter. The club's policy is that everyone with an e-mail address will only receive the newsletter electronically while members without e-mail will be charged an additional annual fee of \$5.00 to cover the costs associated with paper mail delivery. There is no option for members with e-mail addresses to also receive the newsletter via paper mail for the additional \$5.00 annual fee.





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Scenic Ligonier & iron Furnaces

By Karen & Bill McCullough

Enjoy a scenic ride through the hills and vales of the Ligonier Valley. We will be visiting the Darlington Station to check on the progress of the renovations and to see the caboose that was recently acquired. Hidden on a few back roads in the valley are Iron Furnaces which we will visit and where we will learn the process of making "pig iron." We'll also check out some coke ovens in a small village that has long since disappeared. As always, food is a favorite part of our Miata Trips, so if anyone wants to stop at the Pie Shoppe in Laughlinton, we will work that into our trip. Lunch will be at Denunzio's Chop House at the Arnold Palmer Airport.

Date & Time: Saturday, May 10th at 9:30 AM

Place: Eat and Park located in the K-Mart shopping Plaza on Route 30 in Latrobe.

RSVP: By May 6th. Please call 724-238-5859. If we aren't home leave name & number so we can confirm or e-mail to bmccullough@westpennmiataclub.com

The Runway Cruise by Sherry and Wally Swarmer

This is your official invitation to join us for a cruise that is all about driving. Come with us to check out some good old country roads as we travel through three (3), yes, you read that right: three (3) counties: Allegheny, Butler, & Armstrong!

Date & Time: Saturday, May 24 - Meet at 10:00 AM, Depart at 10:30 AM

Where: Target parking lot/ Harmarville, PA (address: 2661 Freeport Road, Pgh., PA 15238 - Exit #48 PA Turnpike)

We will drive for the first 3 hours and then stop for lunch at The Runway Restaurant located at the Butler County

Airport. After lunch we will drive for an additional 2 hours before stopping for some delicious ice cream in West Kittanning, where the cruise will end; it should be approximately 5:00 pm.

Please let us know if you plan to zoom with us by responding by email to: swarmrn@nauticom.net or by calling us at 724-443-0834.

Hope to see YOU there!!!!

Jimmy Stewart Museum Cruise

by Jeff & Melissa Tai

I remember the first time I drove up to IUP to visit friends in college. I was struck with how scenic the drive was. And I remember thinking to myself "Boy! It would be cool to make this drive on the twisty roads in a sports car top down!!!"

Fast forward 20 some odd years. Fall 2007, West Penn Miata Club meeting. Linda Z was asking for volunteers to lead cruises for the following year. I made the fatal mistake of making eye contact and answering "Yes" when asked if I'd like to lead a cruise.

I was sweating big time because I had said "Yes. I will lead a cruise" and yet I had no idea what was involved. Linda being the veteran cruise planner gave me some things to think about. (type of cruise, destination, points of interest, etc...) A few days later it dawned on me "Indiana, PA. I never did that drive top down like I wanted. That could be fun. AND it'd be even cooler with the Miata club!!" Linda and I came up with a nice drive, a meal at a local eatery, a visit to the Jimmy Stewart museum, and a stop at Yarnick's Farm Market.

How fun would that be to get a whole bunch of Miatas out on the back roads of Indiana county?

Come join us on a cruise to Indiana, PA! The county seat of Indiana County. The "Christmas Tree Capital of the World". The hometown of celebrated environmentalist author, Edward Abbey, famed opera singer Renee Fleming,

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and some fella named Jimmy Stewart.

Date & Time: Sat. May 31 at 10:00 AM

Place: Harmarville Giant Eagle Express located at 2611 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA. 15238. (Close to the Allegheny Valley Turnpike exit.)

Lunch: At Roseann's Everyday Gourmet in Indiana, PA before going to the museum.

RSVP: Jeff Tai, (412) 782-0714 or jtai@verizon.net by May 28

FYI... They're celebrating Jimmy Stewart's 100th birthday this year.

More information:

The Giant Eagle Express Web site:
<http://www.gianteagle.com/storelocator/storedetails.aspx?storeid=921>

The restaurant we're having lunch at: <http://roseanns.com/>

The Jimmy Stewart Museum. <http://www.jimmy.org/>

Topless in the Mountains - XIV by Steve Lapp

The 14th version of Topless in the Mountains will be from Saturday, August 30 to Monday, September 1. This is an event sponsored by the Trillium Club from Canada with an invitation to WPMC. As always, this event is about one thing - DRIVING. Over the course of two days, expect to take your Miata over 500 miles on some of the best roads West Virginia has to offer.

This year, WPMC has been allotted five spaces. If interested, you are encouraged to book early, but please only make a reservation if you fully intend to come barring some last minute complication. The procedure for registration follows:

1. Contact Steve Lapp at slapp@westpennmiataclub.com or 412-366-3388 to insure open spaces are available.

2. If spaces are available, Steve will send you a registration form which you will complete and send to Bill Olijnyk and Debbie Miller, Trillium leaders for this event.

3. Book your room at the Buckhannon Hampton Inn for August 30 to September 1 by calling 304-473-0900.

MIATA WORLD II UPDATE by Linda Zimliki

• DATE - MAY 21ST - 26TH, 2009

• THERE WILL BE A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF CARS. THEY ARE WAITING TO HEAR FROM THE RACE TRACK AS TO HOW MANY THEY CAN HANDLE BEFORE SETING A LIMIT.

• HOTEL - GAYLORD TEXAN IN GRAPEVINE, TEXAS ROOMS - THEY HAVE 500 ROOMS SET ASIDE AT \$139/NIGHT PLUS FEES & TAXES. IF THEY NEED MORE ROOMS, THE COMMITTEE DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY WILL BE SAME PRICE & THEY WON'T KNOW UNTIL NEAR END OF SELL OUT OF THE 500 ROOMS. THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM WITH HAVING ENOUGH ROOMS BECAUSE AT THE TIME OF EVENT THE HOTEL WILL HAVE 2,500 ROOMS. THEY ARE ADDING ON TO THE HOTEL. COMMITTEE DOESN'T THINK THEY WILL HAVE TROUBLE GETTING THE SAME RATE.

• REGISTRATION FEE: MAY - JULY (EARLY REGISTRATION) WILL BE \$300 PER PERSON. IT WILL BE HIGHER FOR LATER REGISTRATION.

• SUNDAY MX-5 CUP RACE, WELCOME RECEPTION, GROUP DINING & BANQUET

• 30,000 FT EXHIBIT HALL FOR VENDORS & SOCIALIZING

• RALLYES, FUNCANNA, & OTHER EVENTS ARE STILL IN WORKS

• WAITING FOR APPROVAL FROM MNAO LEGAL TO OPEN WEB SITE. IT WILL BE IN MAY. CHECK MAY NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS...THIS IS AN UPDATE.





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2008 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

WPMC's season has started with our Tech Session & we made the Tribune Review Sunday paper. Doug McPheron is pictured with Gene Kantor - part owner of Kenjitsu Auto Repair. Our first cruise will be May 3. It will be a This Way That Way Cruise. I have a few other club events to give you information on & their websites.

Northeast Miata Clubs BBQ & Ride - Sat May 17th
New England Miata Clubs (Nutmeg, Mass Miata, Renegades & M'sters) holding event in Woodford, Vermont. Cost is \$14 per person for lunch. Our members Carole & Dave McLaughlin will be attending with the Trillium Miata Club. Deadline is May 1st.
<http://www.massmiata.net/Calendar/Event.php?ID=312>

2nd Annual "Zooming the Mountains of Tennessee" - Fri & Sat June 6 & 7th - Johnson City, Tennessee - Tri-Cities Miata Club
They may make the event into a 3-day event. For Schedule
http://www.tri-citiesmiataclub.com/car_show_2008.html

10th Anniversary Back Roads to Bavaria - Thur - Sun Oct 2-5, 2008, Leavenworth, Washington - Deadline Sept 10 - Registration Fee \$50
Limited to 250 Participates - Special Guest Tom Matano, former design member of Miata/MX-5 design team
<http://forum.miata.net/vb/calendar.php?do=getinfo&e=173&day=2008-10-2&c=1>

All other Miata Club Events will be on the bottom of the Calendar of Events web page with links.
For information on Car Cruise Shows check the May newsletter

Note: Irwin Car Cruise on April 26 will have Legendary DJ Porky Chedwick make a guest appearance.

TECH SESSION Report by Eleanor & Rich Lowden

On April 5th, WPMC started their new season with a tech session at Kenjitsu Auto Repair. There were 25 cars and about 31 Miata's. It was a chilly morning so everyone enjoyed the hot coffee and doughnuts. Gene of Kenjitsu gave a great history talk of how Mazda began and how the Miata became the best selling roadster.

Next, we discussed tires. Gene suggested you go to Tire Rack on your computer to compare what you want to the recommendations of what the other customers already bought. It was also suggested to check your spare tire if you have one. Check the proper tire pressure and that the tire is not flat. Gene arranged for a photographer from the Tribune Review to be there. Article and photos appeared in the Sunday paper.

After a short break, Ed answered some technical questions.

We all headed out to Juicy Lucy's for lunch and a meeting. We wish to thank Linda Zimliki for setting up the tech session and Gene and Ed for having us.

PS: Don't forget that Kenjitsu gives 10% discounts on Miata repairs excluding inspection and emissions.

May Deadline

The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is May 5, 2008





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Journeys with John by President John Whitmire

This past Saturday, we had our second meeting of the season at Kenjitsu Auto Repair in Greensburg. 23 Cars showed up, we barely had room for all in the parking lot. The tech session presentation focused on tires and other performance issues, with lots of questions and answers. Everyone enjoyed it very much! Afterwards we adjourned to Juicy Lucy's for lunch and had a brief meeting primarily focused on the upcoming events for the year. Linda Zimliki is working very hard to get the calendar filled. Currently we have 12 events lined up if. Mostly cruises but including, the Vintage Gran Prix, the Pittsburgh Auto Show, and our picnic. If you want to host an event, you had better jump in quickly and let Linda know before all the dates are taken.

The next event is the Pittsburgh Auto Show April 17 through 21. The format has been shortened from a full week to a Thursday through Monday venue. We did not participate last year as it was initially canceled, due to the truck falling inconveniently through the floor, and when rescheduled, we had a conflict. Participation provides real good exposure for the club and you get into the show FREE! All you need to do is hang out near the Miatas, and talk to anyone interested in the car about the club. The club will prepare materials that you can use as handouts. Please let me know if you are interested. It is quite easy duty, you might get to meet some interesting people, and you will see some cool cars!

Sat. May 3rd, there will be a meeting at Falconi's Moon Township Mazda and a "This-way-That-way" cruise. In this type of cruise each car gets to lead the cruise and there is no planned route. The cruise leader makes the decisions on what route to take spontaneously and we all have to live with the decisions! Eventually, we will lead the group back to a restaurant for lunch. Everyone who has ever participated in a "This-way-That-way" says they are a blast! There are great roads up in the Sewickley Heights area that we haven't been on lately, so I hope you will join us!

Some housekeeping items and reminders:

* Over the winter, we changed the Forum software so as to make using it more user-friendly. You do have to reregister. If you have not done so please do. The Forum is a great way to keep up-to-date on the latest happenings.

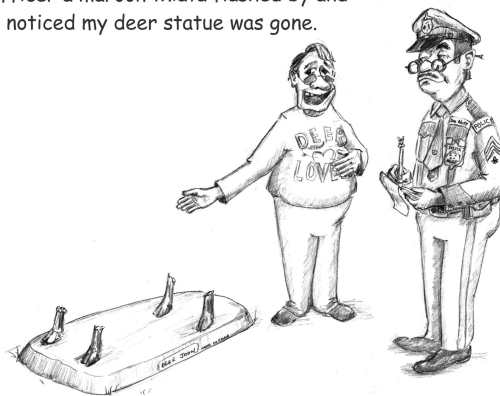
* Remember that our dues run from January through December, not from date paid to the same time the following year. If you know someone who had not rejoined, please apply a little friendly pressure.

* If you have gotten a new email provider, please remember to let us know. Send corrections to Sherry Swarmer, our secretary at sswarmer@westpennmiataclub.com

Our next meeting is the "This-way-That-way" cruise May 3rd at Falconi's Moon township Mazda. See above.

Hope to see you there.

Officer a maroon Miata flashed by and I noticed my deer statue was gone.



A Miatatoon by Jim Pacillo





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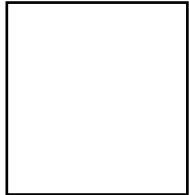
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