

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Apr 25	Come Play in Our Backyard Cruise	Sat-Sun Jul 18-19	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Thu Apr 30 6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at Smail Mazda	Sat Aug 1 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Baglier Mazda
Sat May 2	Cruis'n and Groov'n with No Time for Snooz'n	Sat Aug 1	Hutten Cruise
Sat May 9	Driving Cruise	Sat Aug 15	Pfeiffer Cruise
Sat May 16	Tara Cruise	Sat-Sun Aug 22-23	New River Gorge Cruise
Mon May 25	Coraopolis Memorial Day Parade	Sat Aug 29	WPMC Picnic
Sun May 31	Riverside Inn Cruise	Thu Sep 3 6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at Monroeville Mazda
Sat Jun 6 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Moon Mazda	Sat-Mon Sep 5-7	Topless in the Mountains
Sat Jun 6	Nemacolin Castle Cruise	Sat Sep 12	Powdermill Cruise
Sat Jun 23	McCullough Cruise	Sun Sep 20	Second Annual Miata Golf Outing - Ligonier
Sat Jun 27	Tour Ed Mine Cruise	Sat-Sun Oct 10-11	Eighth Annual Train Ride - Titusville
Thu Jul 2 6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at Monroeville Mazda	Sat Dec 12	WPMC Christmas Party
Sat Jul 11	Oakhurst and Wine Cruise		





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COME PLAY IN OUR BACKYARD

BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

It's been a long, long winter. It's time to uncover your Miatas and get them back on the road to explore the twisties. We have traveled hundreds of miles over the years to bring members some great roads but what is the old adage "Sometimes you miss what is in your own backyard." Please join us for the opening cruise to explore "What is in our backyard." You will be able to discuss any new gadget you purchased for your Miatas. Catch up on what has happened in your life over those long winter months. Show us those new photos of grandkids. Looking forward to seeing everyone again and meeting new members. So "Come Play In Our Backyard." We think you will enjoy what we found. More important your Miata will.

Date & Time: Saturday April 25th at 10:00 AM

Place: Wendy's Restaurant Upper Parking Lot on Rt. 22 in Murrysville. Entrance to Wendy's upper parking lot is before you get to the light at the restaurant, if you are coming from west. After the intersection, which has an Infiniti Dealership on the left, start looking for the entrance to Wendy's upper parking lot on the right.

RSVP: By April 21st - Please email lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or call 724-327-1762

CRUIS'N AND GROOV'N WITH NO TIME FOR SNOOZ'N

BY DOUG & CANDACE MCPHERON

Has winter got you down? Are you itch'n to spend some quality time behind the wheel of your little baby. Well, we got just the cruise for you - it's all about driving. It's a Cruiser's Cruise with 141 miles of ups and downs, twists and turns, forests, mountain ridge

vistas and stream and river gorges. Hopefully, we will introduce you to some new roads and I'm sure you will recognize some of the oldies, but goodies. We will start out from the Northgate Plaza in Zelienople and conclude the cruise at the Clearview Mall in Butler. Along the way we will have a delightful lunch at Leonardo's Italian Restaurant in Franklin.

Meeting Place: Northgate Plaza (Bi-Lo Grocery) 1/2 mile North of Zelienople on Rt. 19

Meeting Date & Time: May 2 at 8:30 AM

Departure Time: 9:00 AM

Cruise Limit: 14 cars

Reserve spot by: Calling 724-772-6275 or Email dougand@zbzoom.net

DRIVING CRUISE BY PAUL & COLETTE KNOLL

Due to a shearing schedule change we will not be able to do the Alpaca Cruise. Instead we will do a driving cruise to Moundsville WV.

Date & Time: Saturday May 9 at 9:00 AM

Place: I-79 Mazda Mt Morris PA

Our cruise will start at I-79 Mazda. We will be driving through the countryside of PA and WV heading west to Moundsville WV. In the city of Moundsville, we will stretch our legs at the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex. You will be able to tour the Museum, climb the mound, or just relax. After leaving the Mound we will drive south and east with our final destination being Fairmont WV, with a late lunch at Muriale's Restaurant. We will be doing a lot of driving with a few short breaks. If you would like to join us please call or e-mail us by May 1. House phone 304-265-4006, Cell phone 651-295-0071, e-mails Knollgrft@aol.com.





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BRUNCH AT THE RIVERSIDE INN BY WALLY SWARMER

Sunday, May 31 we will leave from King's restaurant in Cranberry at 9:30 AM for Cambridge Springs, PA, traveling north on RT 19 for the famous Sunday Brunch Buffet at the Riverside Inn, arriving there approximately 11:00 AM. The Riverside Inn (www.theriversideinn.com) was built in 1885 and the owners have maintained its charm over the years. We will enjoy brunch in the dining room (men must wear pants, no shorts permitted), then sit and relax for a short while on the giant wrap around porch. It's quite a relaxing setting. Then we will start out for home traveling through Titusville, Emlenton, and Foxburg following the Allegheny river part way working our way Southeast to West Kittanning in search of that ice cream stop that I included on my Runway cruise. From there, RT 28 And RT 422 are easily accessible to get you on your way home. The roads are not our typical bendy, curvy, winding Miata roads, but it will be a nice drive for a Sunday. Please email or call if you plan to travel along with us. 724-443-0834; wsswarmer@consolidated.net

TOPLESS in the MOUNTAINS - XV BY STEVE LAPP

Topless in the Mountains XV will be from Saturday, September 5 to Monday, September 7. 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.

The policy for this year's event has changed to insure the groups are kept at a manageable size. The maximum number of cars is 30 with a maximum group size of 7. As a result, the total number of cars will depend on how many leads volunteer for the event. Trillium has requested one lead from West Penn. While I've volunteered for that position, it's contingent on a navigator joining me. If you are interested in this event, please consider leading a group. If WPMC supplies no leads, we will all be put on a waiting list with spaces determined by how many leads are

eventually found. Priority on the waiting list is determined by when your registration is received by Trillium. To sign up for this event:

1. Contact Steve Lapp at slapp@westpennmiataclub.com or 412-366-3388.
2. 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. Depending on the lead situation, Bill and Debbie will either put you on the waiting list or give you instructions to book your room.

TECH SESSION REPORT BY GEORGE KNISS

Well, we started out the 2009 tour season with a bang with our first monthly meeting at Bilco Motors including the Tech Session. The weather was great....sunny and clear, however tops were up and we were inside the whole time. About two dozen members showed up and we believe they left with a lot of good information. Bilco's staff took care of us very well with coffee and donuts included. Two brand new 2009 Miatas were there, including a coupe and a bright orange convertible. You should see the new front end and the new keyless entry system. Tom Rounce reviewed items about detailing your ride and keeping it spiffy looking. Then Bob Bartoldi, Bilco's Master Technician, went over many technical and service details, including choice of lubricants, tires, new parts, and tips on storing your baby over the winter. Paul Zana, their Service Manager wound up the session covering a myriad of details and took many questions during the Q&A. The new 2009s really got our attention and many just had to plop their butts in the drivers seats.

After the Tech Session, we all adjourned upstairs to their conference room and the Zimlikis held the first 2009 monthly meeting. Linda covered new rules and the coming scheduled tours and activities. 2009 dues are due, so get your payment in and keep current. Many exciting cruises are coming up with the first "Come Play in our Backyard" Cruise on Sat. April 25th. Get your membership dues in, get your Miata out of the garage and cleaned up, and let's start the new season....Zoom-Zooming!





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TECH SESSION II

BY JOHN OLDENBURG

I attended the Tech Session at Bilco Motors. It was extremely well presented, however, I feel I should bring the following to the attention of our club. While the use of strong degreasers (Simple Green, etc.) provides quick cleaning, these agents can have unwanted side effects. They can also remove grease from a sealed bearing or migrate into the connector in a wiring harness, creating corrosion and failure of the harness connection. Use these degreasers with extreme caution.

There was also a discussion on oil changes. To speed up and make the job cleaner, I installed a Fumoto F106 oil drain and ADP106 oil drain extender in my 2007 Miata. These items are available from Lubrication Specialist at 1-888-306-4255 or www.lubricationspecialist.com.

Another product I tried and found to be a real time saver is Turtle Wax Synthetic Paste Polish (ICE). It applies easily with no white residue in seams, rubber moldings, or on plastic. I have used it for several wax jobs and can say it works as advertised.

2009 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Let's hope by the time Cruisin Season starts on April 25th that all the snow is long gone and won't be seen again until winter. Think sun and warm temperatures. Details for first cruise of the season are in this newsletter and on the forum.

The May 9 Alpaca cruise has had a change. We will not be able to visit the Alpaca Farm due to shearing season. The leaders, Colette & Paul Knoll, will be taking us on a driving cruise. I don't know what they have named their new cruise but details should be in this newsletter.

Here is an event our neighbor club is having. If you are interested, please contact Paul. Dublin is near Columbus, Ohio.

MX-5 owners and car clubs, save the date for the 2009 Arthritis Auto Show in Dublin, Ohio on Saturday, July 11th. We'll have a relaxing day of trophies, food, friends, cars, and live entertainment by Phil Dirt and the Dozers. More information coming soon. Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the MX-5 Miata, display your roadster, enjoy a day of amazing automobiles, and help the Arthritis Foundation raise crucial dollars to fight this debilitating disease. Visit ArthritisAutoShow.com. There is an outstanding Hocking Hills 20th Anniversary car cruise on Sunday, July 12th for all owners who display their cars on July 11th. Information on the cruise will be in your registration packets. Contact Paul Anthony at paulie69@wowway.com with questions. Be there!

Miata World II

Here is the latest schedule for the members attending 20th Anniversary Party Miata World

We are still working on the schedule. However here are the basics:

Friday May 22:

Registration open 12:00pm to 10:00pm

Vendor Alley Open 4pm to 10 pm

Social gathering in Vendor Alley 7:00pm to 10:00pm with finger food and cash bar.

No scheduled Drives but lots of documented drives available for self led opportunities.

There will be door prizes in the vendor area.

Saturday May 23:

Registration open 8:00am to 12:00pm

Vendor Alley open 3:00pm to 7:00pm

Scavenger Hunt all over the DFW Metroplex

Funcanna Events 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Big Banquet 7:00pm

After dinner, we will have guest speakers and we will do the drawing for the 2010 MX-5

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Sunday May 24:

Parade through Grapevine 8:00am

Vendor Alley open to general public 10:00am to 3:00pm

Track Day at Texas Motor Speedway

Continue fun drives, scavenger hunt, and funcanna Show and Shine late afternoon

Social gathering in the Vendor Alley 4:00pm to 7:00pm, cash bar (we think)

Big Banquet and Awards dinner

Monday May 25:

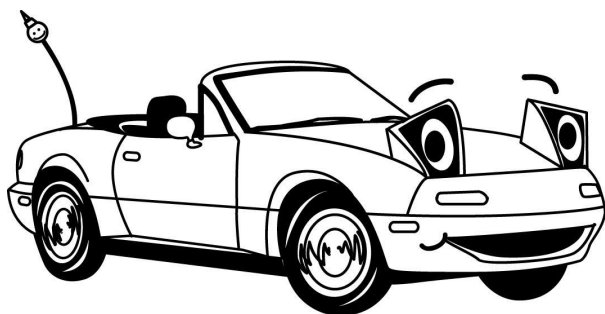
Depending on funds, we may have a continental breakfast in the vendor alley

Departure

None of this is set in stone yet. However, we do know the car will be given away on Saturday evening and the track day will be Sunday and the awards and door prizes will be given away at the dinner on Sunday night.

Hope to see you April 25th

Did YOU know???



The rarest of all Miatas are the six color cars Mazda created in 1990 as part of a color study to evaluate what colors future production cars might be painted. All six colors were metallic: orange, teal, yellow, dark blue, pastel yellow, pale green and purple/magenta. Because these six were painted that way and assembled at the factory, they are actually the rarest of all Miatas ever imported. After their usefulness to Mazda ended, all six were sold to the general public. At least three are known to still exist; the teal, the orange and the yellow.

CRUIS'n WITH JIM BY PRESIDENT JIM PFEIFFER

Aaaah! Spring at last! What a good feeling to put the key in the ignition of the Miata, take the Miata out of the garage, put the top down, and be exposed to the full glory of a spring day. It was such a good feeling when I got back in the driver's seat of my Miata MX-5, after a long winter and driving along winding roads going nowhere in particular. Just driving for the sake of driving - this kind of driving some people might find wasteful in these hard times, but the kind of tonic that is sometimes necessary in all this economic mess.

The car is a joy machine. When it was introduced in 1989, critics said it appealed more to women than to men. Now, Mazda's designers have given the car a wide mouth grille. It looks more masculine but also a bit silly, kind of like a comic cartoon. But that doesn't matter - the fun-to-drive factor remains the same. There were also complaints that the Miata is not one of the fastest or most powerful sports cars on the road and they maybe right. It was never meant to be. It is less interested in winning races than it is in winning smiles from a driver lucky enough to take it on the road on a beautiful day when going nowhere in particular is the best place to go.

In that regard, the Miata is what the classic roadster was meant to be - a freedom machine where one passenger is optional. It is, on occasions, the perfect car for all of us.

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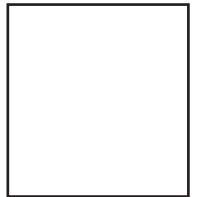
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