

Upcoming Events

Thu May 2 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat May 4	Quecreek Mine & Coal Miner's Cafe Cruise
Sat May 11	Johnstown Flood National Memorial Cruise
Mon May 27	Butler Memorial Day Parade
Thu May 30 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jun 1	Drive & Eat Cruise
Sat Jun 15	Penn's Cave Cruise
Sat Jun 22	Devil's Road & Moonshine Cruise
Thu Jun 27 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sun Jul 7	PVGP Rally
Sat Jul 13	Flasche's Cruisn Delight
Sat-Sun Jul 20-21	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 27	Swallow Falls & Simon Pearce Outlet & Glassblowing Cruise

Thu Aug 1 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 10	Gravity Hill & Peaches Cruise
Sat Aug 24	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Sep 7	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Sat Sep 14	West Virginia Twisties & Homemade Comfort Food Cruise
Sat-Sun Oct 12-13	Watkins Glen
Sat Dec 7	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

Coal Miner Cruise by Scott Coatsworth

The Laurel Highlands are one of my favorite playgrounds, with great roads, great hiking and biking, and great waters. We will be meandering from Blairsville to Jennerstown, with the hills in almost full-dress green.

Just before the end of the drive, we will stop at the Quecreek Mine Rescue Site. Perhaps you remember the story – July 24, 2002, nine men trapped underground after a mine collapse. First order of business is a comfort stop – they have two sets of bathrooms. Then we can meander through the site and listen to a presentation about the events of those three days. I think it will be very interesting.

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There is a charge of \$7 per person, \$6 for veterans.

Leaving the Rescue Site, we will take a short drive to Jennerstown to eat at the Coal Miners Cafe. That will be followed by an interesting drive on RT 30 to Ligonier that takes us down more than 1,700 feet in elevation. To keep Joe happy, we will stop for ice cream at Ligonier Creamery. Cruisers can then make their own way home via RT 30 West through the scenic Loyalhanna Gorge or by following RT 711 South to the Pennsylvania Turnpike at Donegal.

Date & Time : Saturday, May 4, 2019 - Please arrive on time, fill the Miata's tank, empty yours, and be ready for our usual meeting at 9:30 AM. We will saddle up and leave at 10:00 AM.

Meeting Place: Walmart on RT 22, 300 Resort Plaza Drive, Blairsville, PA 15717, at the far left end of the building.

RSVP: By Friday, April 26 (the restaurant needs a head count by Saturday) to scoatsworth@comcast.net or 412-951-3340.

Cruise Type: Sporty

Johnstown Flood National Memorial Cruise by Jack & Nancy Bartek

Please join us Saturday May 11, for a mid-spring drive to The Flood City, Johnstown, PA. This leisurely cruise will follow the beautiful Conemaugh River Valley, including visits to the historical Inclined Plane, Grandview Cemetery, and a documentary film at Johnstown Flood National Memorial at South Fork Dam. The Memorial is where the flood started, and is not the flood museum in Johnstown. An early lunch is planned along with a fun ice cream stop on the route home.

Date & Time: Saturday May 11 - Meet at 9:00 AM, Depart at 9:30 AM

Meeting Place: Walmart Super Center, 300 Resort Plaza Drive, Blairsville, PA 15717

Cruise Type: Leisure to Sporty

Limit: 30 people, or approx 15 cars.

RSVP: By Saturday May 4 to abarte@aol.com or text to 724-244-4582. If you sign up and do not receive a reply, please call.

Butler Memorial Day Parade

by Joe & Linda Zimliki

Baglier Mazda has invited us again to participate in Butler's Memorial Day Parade. This event will be held Memorial Day morning. We have participated the last three years. It is a very well organized and nice parade. Check out last year's photos on our website. This is an opportunity to honor our brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms. We will meet at Baglier and be led to the parade start. After the parade, one of Baglier's sales people will lead us on a cruise in the area. We will then return to Baglier where a lunch will be provided for us. There will be give aways from Mazda... No, not a car!

The club will provide a sign to display on your vehicle thanking those that served. You can decorate your car if you wish. Hope we have a good turnout for this event. Time to show off our Miatas (MX-5s) and honor the veterans.

Date & Times: Monday May 27th, 9:15 AM @ Baglier, 10:00 AM Line up starts, 10:40 AM Parade starts, 11:00 AM Moment of Silence

Meeting Place: Baglier Mazda, 630 Evans City Road, Butler, PA 16001

RSVP: By May 23 to lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762





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Penn's Cave Cruise by Tom and Kay Cypher

The trip will be on back windy roads through farm country in Blair and Center Counties. We will go under the Pennsylvania Railroad through a one way tunnel with many sharp turns on the way. Many of the curves in the roads are marked at 15 miles per hour – be ready to downshift.

We will arrive at Duffs Tavern in Boalsburg for lunch about an hour and a half from our starting point at Sheetz. This stop should take about one hour. We will proceed to Penn's Cave after lunch. The trip should take about half an hour. The tour of the cave takes about one hour. There are about 45 steps down to the cave but the tour is by boat. The cost is \$15.50 per person – but depends on the size of the group.

We end the tour at the Berkey Creamery on the Penn State University Campus. There is easy access to route 99 from the Creamery or take back roads. The entire tour will take about 4 to 5 hours to complete.

Date & Time: Saturday, June 15, 2019 - Meet at 10:00 AM and depart at 10:30 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz at McKee just off route 99 - From the Pittsburgh Area – take Route 22 – 30 – or the Turnpike East to I 99. North from 30 or Turnpike and South from 22 to exit 23 – Roaring Spring – Rt 164 - 36. Proceed through light on Route 36 about a quarter mile to Sheets on the right.

RSVP: by June 1 to 814-635-3619, 814-232-7449, or tomandkay111@comcast.net

2019 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

As I'm writing this, 27 days remain until the first cruise of the season. I know some of you have been waiting to get your baby out of storage. Soon we

will be zooming those curvy roads. We had our Miata out today scouting some roads. It was great zooming again with top down. Our leaders have some great cruises planned for you this year.

Leaders, I have sent you WPMC's leader's check list. It will help with planning your cruise. Please remember to let me know if you make changes or add destinations to your cruise. Another cruise may already be doing it. If anyone is thinking of doing a cruise next year, please contact me. Someone else may have the same idea.

Track day at Nelson Ledges has been cancelled due to insufficient participation. Come to the Meadows Cruise, scheduled for June 8, has also been cancelled due to health issues. If anyone would like to do a cruise for that spot, please contact me.

Registration is now open for Zoomin in the Mountains, scheduled for June 4-9, 2019. Some of our members previously attended this event and enjoyed both the event as well as the roads in the area. Registration cost is \$18.00 and you then pay based on where you participate. You can choose: Bristol Motor Speedway - \$30, Bristol Motor Speedway Autocross Laps - \$30, Catered Pizza Party @ Speedway - \$8 Show & Shrine - \$10 Cornhole - \$5, 50/50 Raffle \$5, Reserved Parking spot for entire event - \$100, Catered Saturday Dinner @ blowout Party - \$10 consists of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and drink, Zoomin T Shirts - \$15 - \$18, Polo Shirt - \$20. For more details, please see the link on our Calendar of Events Page.

Buggies and Bridges III, sponsored by PACE Miata Club, is now open for registration. A link with more details is on our Calendar of Events Page.

Hope to see you on May 4th.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!





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Topless Times



by Scott Coatsworth, President

Well, another dreary March in Pittsburgh. I had actually made plans to be a snowbird for the month, flying to Naples, FL to play pickleball and relax on the beach, but it didn't happen. Maybe next year.

But ... the daffodils are blooming in my yard this week. I've made two trips through the Laurel Highlands in the Miata, one of the advantages of leading a cruise – I have to run it a couple times first. And today I logged another 300 miles to Erie and back. The next week looks like upper 60s and into the 70s, so it's time to dust off your little flying carpets!

I was looking forward to the Tech Session at Jim Locke Automotive on March 23, but had to cancel at the last minute. Perhaps someone can tell us about it.

May Deadline

The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is May 6, 2019

A little advice never pinstripe with the hiccups unless it's for your Heart Doctor



by Jim Pacillo

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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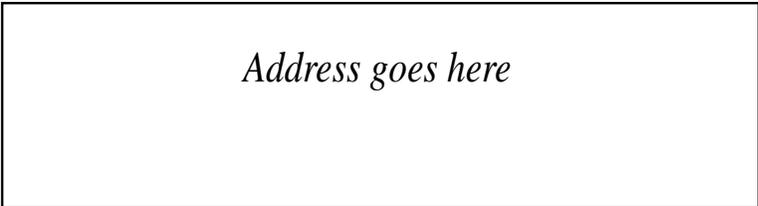
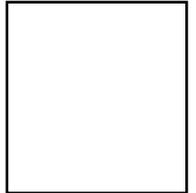
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