

Upcoming Events

Wed
Apr 6
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Apr 23

Tech Session

Wed
May 4
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
May 7

Back in Time Cruise

Wed
Jun 1
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Jun 11

Animal Lovers Delight Cruise

Sat
Jun 18

Swigart Auto Museum Cruise

Sat
Jun 25

Rocky Gap Casino Cruise

Wed
Jul 7
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Jul 9

Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum Cruise

Sat
Jul 16

Peace and Harmony Cruise

Sat-Sun
Jul 23-24

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

Wed
Aug 3

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Aug 13

Flight 93 Memorial Cruise

Sat
Aug 20

Friendship Hill & Oglebay Park Cruise

Sat
Aug 27

WPMC Annual Picnic

Sat
Sep 10

West Virginia Cruisn

Sat
Sep 17

Blackwater Falls Cruise

Sat
Oct 8

Zimliki Cruise

Sat
Dec 3

WPMC Annual Christmas Party

Tech Session by Vickie Buzzelli

This years Annual Tech Session will be held at Budd Baer Mazda in Washington PA. A certified technician from Budd Baer Mazda will be present to answer all your questions about the care of your Miata. The tech session will last about 1.5 hours followed by lunch. Linda has arranged for us to have lunch at the Union Grill.

Date & Time: Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Place: Budd Baer Mazda - 83 Murtland Avenue, Building M Washington, PA 15301

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Parking: Next to the dealership is the old PA Dept. of Transportation building or you can also park in the front lot.

RSVP: by April 16 to vjs@zoominternet.net - Let me know if you will attend the Tech Session as well as lunch

Back in Time Cruise!

by Jim Blok

Spring has Sprung!! The first Cruise of the 2022 driving season is getting close. We'll meet at Sheetz in Wexford and then take a short trip to Warrendale Village where the cruise will start.

We will take part in the Cars and Coffee car show which occurs every other Saturday. The hours are from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Cars and Coffee is a national show with local events in every state. It began several years ago in Southern California by a group of car enthusiasts. Barry Meguiar and fellow car buddies started it and it has spread nationally. We are fortunate to have an example of the Saturday morning event here locally. The location offers a great coffee shop with great breakfast food and coffee. To learn more about the event you can Google the history of "Cars and Coffee" and "Pittsburgh Cars and Coffee". We will spend an hour or so looking at some of the best examples of local Exotic, Custom, Muscle, and Hot Rods in the tri state area.

We will then depart and drive some great Miata roads to Shakespeare's Castle. This 269-acre property includes an 18-hole golf course, and a Restaurant and Pub. Construction on the venue happened in 13 months. The property is surrounded by boulders that weigh 2 to 7 tons each and collectively weigh over 600 million pounds.

We will enjoy lunch at this amazing building after entering through the 12 foot high wooden doors weighing over 800 lbs. I hope we get as many members signed up as possible to start the season.

Date & Time: Saturday May 7 at 10:00 AM

Cruise Type: Leisure/Sporty

Meeting Place: Sheetz, 1200 Perry Hwy, Wexford, Pa 15090

RSVP: by April 16 to jameslblok@yahoo.com

2022 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Well we have plunged back into winter again. It seems to keep creeping back, Hopefully winter will be a thing of the past when we start our season. We had our first monthly meeting on March 19 where the cruise schedule for 2022 was revealed. At the moment, we have 15 events. Our Tech Session is April 23, followed by our first cruise, "Back in Time" on May 7. The schedule for the rest of May is a little bare at the moment. The May 21st cruise the leader had to cancel for personal reasons.

I'm still waiting to hear from Baglier if Butler will hold its Memorial Day Parade this year. If the parade is on, it will be posted in next month's newsletter. If anyone would like to do a cruise on May 21st, please contact me. This season we are going to safari, casino, steam engine museum, Apple Castle, Albert Gallatin House and two cruises to West Virginia,. We have a great lineup this year! Other clubs' events are also coming back.

Zoomin The Mountains of East Tennessee - Charity event to raise money for Childrens' Charities. Drive the "World's Fastest Half-Mile"- the Bristol Motor Speedway, along with other popular roads - The Snake and The Back of The Dragon.

Website: <https://www.zoominthemountains.com>

Leroy Engineering Miata Cruise is 7 days driving 1,600 miles. Highlights include: Air Force Museum, Corvette Museum with touring laps on the test track, Tail of Dragon, both ways, and Dragon Slayer Highway.

Website: <https://leroyengineering.com/blogs/news/2022-miata-cruise>

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Explore Oregon 2022 hosted by Willamette Valley Miata Club. Limited to 110 cars. The entry fee is \$140 per person or \$195 per couple
Website: oregonmx5.com

Miata Reunion is being held in Birmingham at Barbor Motorpark this time. It was cancelled the last two years.
Cost is \$25 which includes Flying Miata G force Challenge, Parade Laps, Moss Miata Sunday Cruise, Miata Group Photo, Moss Miata Car Show & Vendor Alley
Website: miatareunion.com

Miatas at the Gap event to drive the Tail of the Dragon.
Website: <https://www.gapmiatas.com>

Surf N Safari is being held by the San Diego Miata Club. Cost is \$189 per person or \$369 per couple which includes Friday night BBQ dinner, Saturday night party, all driving events, souvenir program and embroidered bag.
Website:
<http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns22/index.html>

All of these events are listed on our website's Calendar of Events page with links.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Miata Cruisin! by Jim Blok, President

With winter doing its best to hang on, we are not going to give up on the upcoming driving season. As I am contemplating getting my Miata out of storage and back on the road, I noticed a couple of things.

First it seems through no fault on my end the value of said Miata is climbing in value. I know everything seems to be increasing in cost including food, gas, and most other things we use on a daily basis, But MIATAS? Just for fun I have been watching this trend for a little while. It first got my attention while watching the Mecum Car Auction.

For example, a 2008 Miata Silver, cloth seats only 12000 miles. \$21,500! I know low mileage and all but even the commentators were surprised and suggested it wasn't that far off the original cost. I found the same thing on the Hagerty Value estimator and our local Craigslist site. What is behind this? Maybe just following the general inflation trend currently, or the need for a small dependable fun vehicle to get away from all the craziness we face today. Either way it feels good to enjoy and own something other people are willing to pay a premium to enjoy.

Secondly, the future for the Miata is strong but more then likely in a slightly different form. It seems Mazda is working on a mild-hybrid system and just announced the development of a new lightweight chassis. At this point there is much speculation. It seems with many new patents filed it is not going electric but rather a hybrid philosophy. With so much happening in the automotive industry today it seems Mazda is committed to keeping as close as possible to Miata's roots.

Now let's get ZOOMING!

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

May Deadline

The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is May 9, 2022





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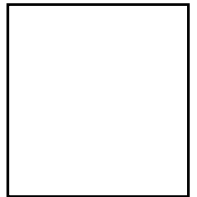
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