

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Aug 8	Peaches and Bison Cruise
Sat-Sun Aug 22-23	New River Gorge Cruise
Sat Aug 29	WPMC Picnic
Thu Sep 3 6:30 PM	Monthly Meeting at Monroeville Mazda
Sat-Mon Sep 5-7	Topless in the Mountains
Sat Sep 12	Powdermill Cruise
Sun Sep 20	Second Annual Miata Golf Outing - Ligonier
Sat-Sun Oct 10-11	Eighth Annual Train Ride - Titusville
Sat Dec 12	WPMC Christmas Party

PEACHES & BISON CRUISE BY JIM & JANET PFEIFFER

Our Peaches and Bison Cruise is coming up this Saturday, August 8th. Our cruise will take us to New Paris, PA on Rt. 96 where we will visit one of the many orchards for peaches and possible fresh corn. After the orchard visit we will stop for lunch at the Fireside Restaurant where we can enjoy a nice leisure lunch, which also serves bison burgers. We will then make our way back to Greensburg stopping at the Bison Corral. The

Bison Corral is a little shop that features handcrafted jewelry and crafts from Native American Indians. The Bison Corral also has a small freezer section where bison meats are prepackaged and can be purchased. This little shop is located next to the bison farm, so with any luck at all we might be able to catch a glimpse of the bison herd.

So you might want to bring a small cooler and a camera just in case. To complete the day, we will stop for ice cream at Shakes and More. Hope to see you Saturday, August 8th.

RSVP — Jim Pfeiffer — phone: 724-468-8435 or cell: 724-493-5248 or email: pjentre@comcast.net

NEW RIVER GORGE CRUISE--AUGUST 22-23 BY BOB & SALLY TAYLOR AND JOHN & CLARA FUSCALDO

Join us as we travel the curvy and windy roads to the southern part of West Virginia--destinations being HAWKS NEST STATE PARK and the NEW RIVER GORGE. If you would like to join us, e-mail me at cjfuscaldo@ma.rr.com or call me at 304-624-4897(home) or 304-669-1362(cell). We now have 11 cars. **LIMIT IS 20 CARS.**

Saturday night we will be staying at the Lodge at Hawks Nest. A block of rooms (make your own reservation) have been set aside for the West Penn Miata Club. Make your reservations by AUGUST 1--otherwise the rooms will not be available. Call Hawks Nest at 304-658-5212.

SATURDAY--we will meet at the HAMPTON INN, located in Bridgeport(EXIT 121 OFF OF INTERSTATE 79) at 9 AM. If any of you want to come down the night before, there are plenty of hotels/motels nearby. HAMPTON INN--304-842-9300, HOLIDAY INN--304-842-5417, DAYS INN--304-842-7371, SLEEP INN--304-842-1919, SUPER 8--304-842-7381, OR SUTTON INN--304-623-2600. The mileage from Bridgeport to Hawks Nest is around 175 miles.

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Saturday night we will be dining at Dirty Ernie's--noted for its ribs. Sunday morning we will have a buffet breakfast at the Lodge--price of the buffet is \$11.10 per person and that includes tax and gratuity. The breakfast buffet has to be prepaid, so send me a check(made payable to CLARA FUSCALDO), or give me the money Saturday Morning. After breakfast we will go to the Scenic Overlook, then take the road(which was the major road to get across the river) deep down into the canyon. After we regroup, we will start our journey home on more curvy and windy roads.

MEETING PLACE AND TIME-----HAMPTON INN, BRIDGEPORT(EXIT 121 OFF OF INTERSTATE 79) AT 9 AM. SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

P.S. - BY Linda Zimlik

There were several members who showed an interest in lodging for Friday Aug 21st. They felt if we got a group of rooms we could get a block of rooms at a better rate. I have reserved 15 rooms at the Microtel Hotel located at Exit 124. John Fuscaldo said it is the newest hotel in the area. There are 5 rooms with queen beds & 10 rooms with two queen beds reserved. One queen is \$60 & 2 Queens is \$70. Phone number is 304-808-2000. The rooms are being released August 7th. They are under West Penn Miata Club.

DID YOU KNOW???

Consumer Reports notes that the Mazda MX-5 Miata won the test engineers over with its balanced handling, quick and precise steering, and crisp-shifting six-speed manual transmission. It virtually tied the Porsche Boxter in Consumer Reports test scoring and is roughly half the price.

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY & HAPPY BIRTHDAY MX-5 Miata WPMC ANNUAL PICNIC



BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIK

This is the 20th anniversary of the car we love to take zooming the back roads. We thought the WPMC should celebrate the occasion at our annual picnic. Come and join in the festivities. The picnic will be held at same great location - Maple Grove in White Oak Park. It's located on Rt. 48 in North Versailles. The park has clean flush toilets within easy walking distance, a major plus.

There will be food, socializing, food, Miata games, food, prizes & oh yes food. WPMC will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa (by request), chicken, condiments, beverages, plates, plastic ware, napkins, cups and decorations. Members will be asked to bring either covered dishes, salads, or desserts.

The celebration starts at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 29. Grab that dish and zoom your Miata to a fun day of celebration of the car we all love.

RSVP to jjimlik@westpennmiataclub.com, lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com, or call 7224-327-1762 by August 20 if you plan to attend. Please let us know what dish you will bring so we can coordinate it. We don't want too much of one thing. Well....too much dessert is never bad.

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Directions to White Oak Park:

From Pittsburgh via the Parkway East (Approx. 11.2 mi. or 20 min.)

- Exit the Parkway at Forest Hills (Exit 8A) onto Ardmore Blvd. (Rte 30 East)
- Continue 8.8 mi. to Carpenter Lane (Sheetz on right)
- Turn right on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

From Irwin PA Turnpike Exit 67 (Approx. 7.5 mi. or 14 min.)

- Take the Pittsburgh Rte 30 West ramp
- Proceed on Rte 30 west 5 mi. to Carpenter Lane (Sheetz on left)
- Turn left on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

From Monroeville PA Turnpike Exit 57 (Approx. 10 mi. or 23 min.)

- Take the Monroeville Bus Rte 22 ramp
- Merge onto Bus Rte 22 West
- Immediately get into the left lane
- Turn left on Rte 48 south (Mossdale Blvd.) at Parkvale Bldg.
- Continue 5.8 mi. on Rte 48 to Rte 30
- Turn left on Rte 30 East - go 1.7 mi. (Sheetz on right)
- Turn right on Carpenter Lane - go 1.4 mi.
- Turn right into White Oak Park
- Continue through the park 1 mi. to Maple Grove (on right)

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.

This article is information only. The cruise is full and registrations are closed.



PAM & ZAC'S POWDERMILL CRUISE BY PAM GREGAR

Zac and I wish to invite you on our first tour as cruise leaders. We will be riding past some historical places in Irwin, and then continue onto Zac's farm to see Norman the bull and others. As we leave Zac's we will be crossing the Bells Mill Bridge... which is a historical covered bridge. Continue on with us to the Sandhill Berry Farm where we can enjoy all the fresh berries, baked goods, jellies, and jams.

Lunch will be at Brady's Restaurant...to include soup/salad bar, choice of 5 sandwiches, drink and dessert for \$10.75. I will get the specific choices available to you later.

We will be traveling up RT 31 to the Powdermill Nature Reserve, which is past Donegal. It is a field station of Carnegie Museum and features two nature trails, unique avian, stream, and solar energy exhibits all in a very relaxed setting. And... as our final treat... we will be stopping at The Meadows (frozen custard) in Greensburg.

Please join Zac and I. We hope to have 15 cars, and want to suggest that you bring a cooler for all of the goodies you are going to buy at Sandhill Berry Farm.

Meeting Place: Target parking lot in North Huntingdon

Meeting Time: 9:30 am on Saturday, Sept. 12 - Leaving at 10:00 am

SEPTEMBER DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER
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OIL CITY & TITUSVILLE RAILROAD EIGHTH ANNUAL FOLIAGE TRAIN RIDE



BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

The Miata train is pulling out again to travel country roads and byways. We will view the fall foliage along the way. Our destination this year is Oil City & The Titusville Railroad. The Titusville train is pulled by #75, an ALCO S-2 switch engine built in 1947 by American Locomotive Company. It's a 1,000 HP turbocharged diesel engine. There are 7 passenger cars built by Pullman in 1930 as electric powered commuter cars for the Lackawanna Railroad in Hoboken, NJ and used until 1986. They are made of solid steel, with wood sills and arm rests. They have concrete floors and walkover seats so you can face forward or sit in groups of four.

We will be staying overnight at the Caboose Motel. These are actual cabooses which have been renovated into motel rooms. The car limit for the Fall Foliage Train Cruise is 16 cars. This trip fills up fast. Please contact us to verify space availability and we will give you information so you can book your caboose.

The train ride will be Saturday and after dinner we have a special evening planned for you. On Sunday we will be traveling some curvy roads to view beautiful scenic vistas. We call it nature day.

Meeting Time: 7:45 AM, Saturday, October 10 - Miata Train leaves at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place: Walnut Hollow Plaza in Murrysville on Rt 22

Cost - Train Ride - \$13

Cost - Motel - \$89.95

There is a limit of 16 cars for this event.

RSVP: Linda Zimliki at lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762 by September 8th

2009 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

It's August already. This month you can visit an orchard and bison farm, or do an overnigher at New River Gorge. Don't forget WPMC's Picnic anniversary celebration for the MX-5 Miata. There are no changes in the schedule this month. We have one outside event to report. Miatas Doin The Charleston is a regional event April 29 - May 2, 2010. Registration starts September 1, 2009. Got to www.miatasdoointhecharleston.com for more information.

PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX (PVGP)



The PGVP this year was a big success. We had 49 Miatas in our corral. There were several owners of Miatas who didn't know about our location so they weren't included in the count. We had people from Ohio, New York, Erie, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Orleans and Maryland Miata Clubs. We saw our first Classic Miata License plate,

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signed up several new members, and gave out 14 new applications. There was lots of good food bought by our members. I don't believe our members realize what an extraordinary event Pittsburgh has once a year in its own backyard.

KAREN MCMAHON

I want to thank all the members who donated to the Carnegie Mellon School of Music Fund in memory of Karen. A check has been sent from the West Penn Miata Club in Karen's name to the School of Music.

THE OAKHURST and WINE CRUISE REPORT BY THE COONS

What do you get when you take fourteen Miatas with their enthusiasts, a beautiful sunny summer afternoon, lunch and a trip to a winery? It all adds up to one of the best summer cruises of 2009 with a great time for all involved, and of course, a stop for ice cream before the day was done!

Our group started out from Sheetz in Monroeville on a perfect Sunday morning, with our desalination being the scenic winding roads of the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. After driving on some very fine "Miata" roads, our first stop was the Glades Pike Winery, not only to stretch our legs, but also wet our whistles with a wine tasting. Glades Pike Winery has developed a reputation for producing many award winning wines, such as their Cabernet Franc, and has many selections that range from dry to dessert wines to please all palates. The winery opened in the fall of 2002, and is nestled in the beautiful Laurel Highlands on Route 31, also known as the historic Glades Pike. As we made our way to the winery, various signs along our route showed you how close it is to the major attractions of Hidden Valley, Seven Springs, Fallingwater, and Ohiopyle.

After sampling the wine, purchases were made by some of the members of the club; true to my husband's "bean counter" nature, we ended up with a case, which netted him a 10% discount. (Bob informed me that with the discount, it's like getting free bottle of wine! Accountants!).

As we made our exit, a short drive down the road led to the Oakhurst Dining Room, where a delicious buffet lunch of hot dishes or salads awaited us. After our filling lunch, our group was off again to enjoy more winding roads to the Youghiogheny Dam/River Lake. Both the Yough Dam and lake were authorized by the Food Control Act of 1938 to provide flood protection for not only the Yough but Mon River Valleys and the Ohio River here in Pittsburgh. The project was completed in 1943, and has been estimated to help alleviate flood damages of \$1.59 billion dollars. I was amazed to learn that in addition to flood control in Pittsburgh, this also prevented pollution problems downstream, and also has been beneficial for both barge and boat traffic on the Mon and the upper Ohio River. In addition to the beautiful view on the drive across the dam, picnic, fishing, and swimming areas are there as well. Judging from the wealth of beautiful scenery in the Laurel Highlands, maybe this would be a nice trip for a Fall Miata cruise during the first half of October when the color of the leaves are at their peak on the trees? Just a thought...

After the visit and a group picture, we cruised some more, and topped off the day with our ice cream run; it can't get much better than that! I think that both Bob and I can speak for everyone that joined us on our adventure that we need to give the McBrides a rousing "Thank You" for their excellent planning, a pleasurable day, and a job well done!

JUST CRUISIN REPORT BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Saturday Aug 1 Wally Swarmer took us on a round trip around Butler. Wally stepped in at the last minute to lead this cruise and did a great job. His grandson was having his first birthday party later that day. The weather was perfect. The roads were a pleasure to drive and everyone enjoyed the day. We drove great roads, ate lunch, and had our Dairy Queen. Thanks Wally for stepping in and doing the cruise.





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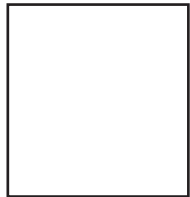
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