

Upcoming Events

Sat Aug 13	Flight 93 Memorial Cruise
Sat Aug 20	Friendship Hill & Oglebay Park Cruise
Sat Aug 27	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Sept 10	Spontaneous Adventure Cruise
Sat Sep 17	Blackwater Falls Cruise
Sat Oct 8	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 3	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

at 1:30 by the rangers at the flagpole in the memorial plaza. A walking tour at the memorial plaza near the crash site can be downloaded to smart phones and tablets or dialed up on your cell phone. The visitor center building is very spacious and displays artifacts, exhibits and little-known facts about that fateful day. It also houses a gift shop. The park also includes the tower of voices, a tower that has 40 massive aluminum wind chimes - one chime for each victim. A wealth of information about the park can be found online at <https://www.nps.gov/flni/index.htm> Ice cream will be enjoyed at the Lincoln Cafe just a mile or two from the park on route 22. Admission is free to all.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 13 - Meet at 9:00. Depart at 9:30.

Meeting Place: Get-Go Latrobe, 3903 Rt. 30, Latrobe, PA. 15650 (NOTE THIS IS A DIFFERENT ADDRESS THAN THAT LISTED IN THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER.)

RSVP: by August 7 to cornet553@yahoo.com or text/call to my cell phone 814-932-4938.

Cruise Type: Sporty

Flight 93 National Memorial Cruise by Dennis Clawson

We will cruise on interesting and scenic roads to the site from the Laurel Mountain Plaza in Latrobe, PA, stopping for lunch at the historic Coal Miners Cafe in Jennerstown. The menu can be found online at <https://www.zmenu.com/our-coal-miners-cafe-jennerstown-online-menu>

It has been many years since I visited the Flight 93 Memorial. My recent visit to the Memorial Park was surprising because of the size, magnitude and solemnity of what is now a National Park dedicated to the victims of that day.

The total time at the memorial will be about one and a half to two hours. We will attend a 30-minute presentation

Friendship Hill & Oglebay Park Cruise by Bruce & Mary Edwards

If you enjoy ZOOMING on twisty back roads, please join Mary and me on some of our favorite country routes on August 20. This is a "Dave & Luanne Kopco wannabe cruise" with roads winding through the hills and dales of Southwest PA. (first leg is about 2 hours driving time to Friendship Hill)

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Our first stop is at Friendship Hill National Historic Site near Point Marion, PA, for bathrooms and some Western PA history. It was the home of Albert Gallatin, who served as a U. S. Congressman, the longest serving Secretary of the Treasury, and Ambassador to France and Great Britain. (about 45 minute visit) (about 1 and 1/2 hours driving time to Oglebay)

Lunch will be at the Garden Bistro terrace (weather permitting) at Oglebay Park near Wheeling, WV, with views of the grounds and Wilson Lodge. No pre-ordering required; if you'd like to view the menu, go to www.oglebay.com/garden-bistro. After lunch, the first ice cream stop (for those ready to leave the cruise) will be at the Farmhouse Sweets & Treats Shoppe next to the Carriage House Shop & Glass Museum, a short walk from the Bistro.

Heading back to our Miatas, we will pass the original farm's greenhouse, guest house and the Mansion Museum, the Oglebay family home. We won't have time to visit the zoo and its train, the Wilson Lodge, Schenk Lake, swimming pool or golf courses this trip. (about 1 and 1/2 hours for lunch) (about 1 and 1/4 hours driving time to Sarris')

On the final leg of the cruise, we will head east to Canonsburg, PA, where Perry Como and Bobby Vinton grew up. For our second and last choice for ice cream, we will stop at Sarris' Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor & Candies. We will be near I-79 for heading home.

Date & Time: Saturday, August 20, 8:15 a.m. We need to start driving promptly at 8:45 a.m. There is no gas available at cruise stops.

Cruise type: Zooming

Meeting place: Budd Baer Mazda, 83 Murtland Avenue, Washington, PA. 15301

RSVP by August 13 to bamedwards@gmail.com or 724-321-0384

WPMC Annual Picnic by Mary & Bruce Edwards

Once a year we get together with a focus on less time driving and more time to visit with old friends and maybe make some new ones. The picnic, on August 27, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., will be in White Oak Park at the Maple Grove. There will be time to share stories, talk about our Miatas, past and future cruises, and join in playing the games and enjoying the food. Please come hungry. The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken hot from the grill, condiments, soft drinks, water, utensils and paper products.

Reservations are needed to plan for the appropriate quantities of items. When making your reservation, please let us know what you would enjoy bringing to share. It may be an appetizer, side dish, dessert or snack foods. Planning ahead will ensure a variety of choices for everyone.

There will be lawn games for the sporting bunch, but car soccer in our Miatas is NOT on the list of games again this year. Any games that you can recommend or bring to the picnic to add to the fun will be appreciated.

Please RSVP to bamedwards@gmail.com by August 20, and include your food selection, or call Mary at home 724-503-4085 if you have questions.

Directions to White Oak Park – look for a sign “WPMC PICNIC” at Maple Grove:

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

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- 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 (Mossie 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)

Spontaneous Adventure Cruise by Bill & Juliette Flasche

Ever wonder how to create a cruise? Well first you have to select a route (Google Maps helps – a lot). Then you have to select a restaurant and an ice cream stop. Then you have to go drive it to see if it works. Well, we have heard about a cruise from another car club, and it looks challenging with lots of twists, turns, hills and all things Miata. So, we are going to check it out., and, you are invited to come along. Nothing checked out or arranged – just a spontaneous adventure. Expect the unexpected!

We head south from Washington to Waynesburg and then west and back north to Wheeling for lunch at the Generation Restaurant & Pub. (Check out their menu – lots of choices so order at your own risk.) After lunch, we take some back roads over toward Bridgeville to Casciola's Twin Twist.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 10 - Meet at 9:30. Depart at 10:00.

Meeting Place: Denny's Restaurant on Route 40 Washington, PA.

RSVP: by September 2 to jflasche@juno.com or call 724-935-0872

Cruise Type: Sporty

West Virginia Cruisin' to Blackwater Falls by Ron and Pat Hoffman

Please join Pat and I on September 17th for a scenic and fun cruise through wild and wonderful West Virginia. We promise to take you on some of the best mountain valley roads around. A good portion of the ride will follow the scenic Cheat River. This "cruise" is exactly that: all about driving our Miatas on some great twisty roads. Warning: It will be close to a two hour drive to our pit stop (not much civilization where we are going) so make sure you have an empty bladder starting out and keep those water bottles behind your seat and out of reach!!

Other than the pit stop, we will be heading straight to lunch at the Smokehouse in the Blackwater Falls State Park main lodge. You can check out the Smokehouse's lunch menu if you like at the park's website:

<https://wvstateparks.com/park/backwater-falls-state-park/>

Go down to the DINING section near the bottom of the webpage and click on the Lunch Menu link. We will be ordering off the menu at the restaurant. The view of the Blackwater River gorge from the restaurant is spectacular.

The restaurant manager has promised he will try to seat us at the windows.

We will leave time after lunch to hike down to the Falls if you want. There are about 200 steps to get to the main observation area of the Falls. Make sure you bring good walking shoes. For those who want to stay back, there is the park's Trading Post at the parking area. There is also a "gentle" trail to another observation area on the opposite side of the Falls for those who don't want to climb back up 200 steps.

We plan to take a little quicker and direct route back home

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through Deep Creek, Maryland. We can make an optional stop if we want at the smallest church in the lower 48 (Our Lady of Pines in Eglon, WV) right off the route we are taking; it's worth seeing. As is tradition, we will be stopping for an ice cream break at the Lakeside Creamery right on Deep Creek Lake where we can enjoy our treats on their deck overlooking the lake. The Copper Kettle Popcorn Factory and Candy Shop is also right next-door!!

Date & Time: Saturday, September 17th – Meet at 9am. Depart at 9:30.

Meeting Place: Sheetz Store #87, 6272 State Route 819, Mt. Pleasant, PA

RSVP: By September 11th, email Pat Hoffman: pat.hof@hotmail.com or call 724-392-7932.

Cruise Type: Sporty with NO deadlines other than the meeting time

The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum Cruise Review - All ABOARD THE MIATA EXPRESS!!! by Kathy Hoge

The West Penn Miata Club train of 11 roadsters rolled off the lot on Saturday, June 9th promptly at 8:30 am from Sheetz on Three Springs Dr in Weirton, WV. (Hometown of my college buddy and guest Diane Schultz) “Engineers,” Jack and Nancy Bartek, scheduled an earlier departure time due to road construction and cruise rerouting.

Double sweet thanks to Linda and Ralph from Elwood City, who shared donuts from Oram’s Donut Shop as we greeted one another before our meeting. Oram’s Famous Cinnamon Rolls has been a tradition of Beaver Falls, PA since 1938.

Our Miatas and faces were smiling as we set off on a steam locomotive adventure. The Sporty cruise from WV through Amish Country to our destination in Sugarcreek, Ohio was curvy and exciting! The scenery was beautiful with winding roads through farmlands and rolling hills.

We arrived at the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum and parked our Miatas in one row with a vast field as a backdrop for the perfect photo opportunity. We received many compliments from the Museum staff and the museum will feature our Club picture. Our group of 17 people were greeted by Felix, the Roundhouse Cat and Staff. After watching a safety video, Sarah guided us through the museum. The museum has 23 steam engines and was founded by Jerry Jacobson, who retired from the railroad industry. Jerry needed a place to keep his “old-timer” steam engines and created the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum on 34 acres. The museum consists of two miles of storage tracks, a depot, store house, coal loader, wood water tank, ash pit and a back shop. To complete this full-sized working facility, he constructed and 18-stall brick roundhouse that surrounds a 115-foot turntable. The turntable is the “Jewel of the Site” and is amazing to see!

Our next destination was the Dutch Valley Restaurant for lunch where inviting rockers line the front porch. The food is amazing! Also, the restaurant has a bakery and gift shop filled with traditional items and baked goods. We continued our journey on scenic, windy roads through OH to Deersville General Store, which is listed on The National Register of Historic Places. Established in 1898 in Deersville, OH, the general store offers delicious homemade ice cream. The ice cream is made on the premises with a 1940’s antique ice cream maker. The General Store creates unique flavors that are not offered anywhere else at an antique price. A big welcome to our new member, Gary Robertson from Chester, WV, who joined us on this amazing cruise! Special thanks to Jack and Nancy for this off the rails experience!

September Deadline

The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is September 3, 2022





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2022 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

We have had some really great cruises with fantastic roads, and there are still two more months of cruises before the season is over. There has been a change in the schedule. The September 10 cruise has been cancelled. Fortunately a new cruise has been added for September 10th - Spontaneous Adventure. Bill & Juliette Flasche will be leading this cruise, which is based on an idea from another club. Now this cruise has a different twist. Bill will not be running the cruise before hand and that is why he is calling it an adventure. So I hope you join us on our adventure.

The PVGP was held July 23rd. The members who attended the event I understand enjoyed a great day. Members brought array of fabulous food for everyone to enjoy. The weather was hot and the heavens opened and let loose a downpour around 2:30 pm. Everyone hurried to pack all items up and leave. I'm glad everyone enjoyed their day at PVGP. Thanks to Jack Bartek for organizing the event.

The Flight 93 cruise has a change in meeting place. The usual Get Go in Mt Laurel Plaza we use in Latrobe has been removed. The meeting place is now farther down on Rt 30 at a new and improved Get Go. They have made it a lot bigger and it is now at the location of Arnold Palmer's Car Dealership. New address is 3903 RT 30. If you are going on this cruise please take note of new address.

Hope to see you on the Road

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Miat a Cruisin!

by Jim Blok, President

Who should be a member of
our Club?

It has occurred to me that our club membership, as active as it is, is approaching the upper quartile of the age expectancy scale. (Me included) Not that this is a bad thing but for future growth in the club I am thinking it might be time to consider wooing those in the first, second or 3rd quartile.

Having said that I am open to suggestions on how we might accomplish this. I was at Cars and Coffee a few Saturdays ago and found that there were 13 Miatas in attendance, none of which were current members of our club. There were those in the under 30 range that for the most part were into less expensive well used versions of NA/NB Miatas. These were projects and it was refreshing to see that the younger set was into their cars. They were projects for the most part. (Values of NA/NB cars have skyrocketed over the past 3 or 4 years.) Others were more into good examples of NA's and NB, NC and newer examples. I spoke to many and their reaction to my pitch was they were not aware of our club and, yes I have been thinking about joining for some time.

I will tell you I am new to this. I bought my Miata at the beginning of COVID. I owned it a year before joining the club. To be honest, I really began to enjoy my car after joining. With that thought, I do not understand why more of our members do not participate in the cruises we enjoy in our short driving season. They are well thought out and a lot of work goes into planning. We need to support their efforts. If anyone has ideas of what we might do to encourage growth in any way please share them.

Just a thought but I think it would give our club a shot in the arm to pursue these aforementioned groups. I am also pretty sure they love ice cream.

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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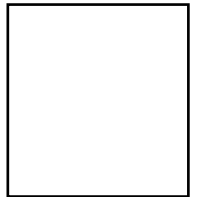
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