

Upcoming Events

Fri - Mon Feb 17-20	Pittsburgh International Auto Show
Sat Mar 4 10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting at Smail Mazda

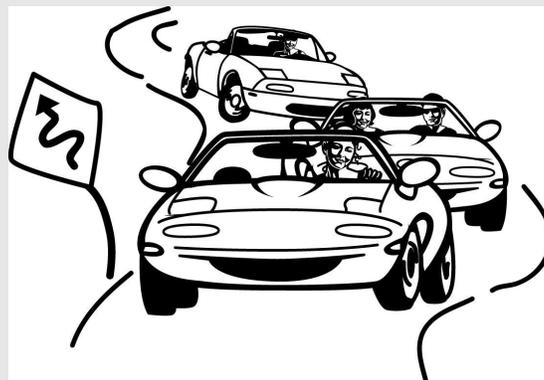
Earlybird Registration by Nancy Galvin

We received 29 membership renewals for 2017 at the Christmas Party this year. A big Thank You to everyone who stopped by the registration table and patiently completed their renewal application on the spot, even though yummy drinks and hors d'oeuvres were beckoning on the other side of the room! It promises to be another season of fun and exciting cruise events so, if you haven't already done so, please remember to mail me your completed Membership Application and check for \$30 (\$35 if you did not provide an e-mail address) by March 15, 2017. The application and instructions are at the end of this newsletter and also on our website at: <http://westpenmiataclub.com/docs/Memberapp.pdf>

Happy New Year Everyone!



2017 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON



BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

We have had a very mild winter, and some of you many have taken the opportunity to get your Miata on the road. I'm working on the 2017 schedule. Anyone wishing to lead a cruise, please contact me.

WPMMC will once again be attending the SCCA 65th Cumberland Fire & Ice Majors Race at Pittsburgh International Race Complex on Saturday, May 13. This race on The U.S. Majors Tour is the pinnacle of championship racing in North America. This is where America's best amateur drivers race. It means start-to-finish, wheel-to-wheel action. I am working on details with the organizer at the moment. There will be parade laps on the track, and you will be able to visit the Paddock. For those interested, we may also have an organized Go Kart group. I need to know now the number of people who will be attending this event. The number affects the price so please contact me at 724-327-1762 or lzimliki@westpenmiataclub.com.

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Ragtop review

by Ron Hoffman, President

Another cruising season is almost here and I hope everyone is anxious to get started. I know I am and so is our Miata!! Actually with the mild winter we've been having, I spotted a couple Miatas this past month with their tops down running around on some of our local roads. Unfortunately our Miata wasn't one of them but it sure made me even more anxious to get cruising.

Before I go further, let me introduce myself. I am Ron Hoffman your newly "elected" president of the Club. Many of you may not immediately recognize my name. That's because my wife Pat and I only joined the WPMC back in May. That's when we moved back to the Pittsburgh area from Erie where we lived for over 28 years, raising our family there. Pat and I grew up in the Irwin, Westmoreland County area and both graduated from Norwin HS. A new career sent us to Erie, which I had hoped would be no more than 5 years. Well, things just didn't quite work out the way I had thought!! But now retirement has beckoned us back to the "warm, sunny south." Pat and I attended the Christmas party where I was introduced so hopefully some of you remember me.

We may be new to the WPMC, but not new to cruising with our Miata that I named "Little Guy." We got our 2008 British Racing Green Rag Top back in spring 2010 so we're anxious to begin our 8th zoomin' season. We are also not new to cruising with fellow Miata enthusiasts. We actually joined the Erie Presque Isle Miata Club within weeks of getting our Miata. Little Guy and I were out getting some ice cream at a local custard stand and wouldn't you know it, five minutes later 10+ Miatas pulled in right behind us also looking for an ice cream treat. We immediately bonded. I sometimes think Miatas attract one another.

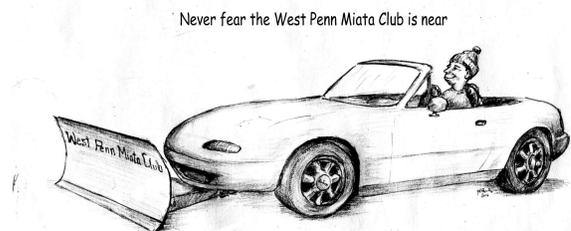
Enough about me and onto more important items. Being new to the WPMC, I will be reaching out for suggestions on how to make the club more fun and enjoyable for everyone; that's why I feel we all want to be members in the first place. Please get back to me with your ideas. Also, the last two years our club has seen a significant growth in membership. I want to do my best to keep recruiting more Miatas and also their owners. Our first Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4th from

10am to noon at Smail Mazda located in Greensburg on RT 30 east. Everyone is welcome to attend. I hope to get a lot of good suggestions and ideas at the meeting. We will be discussing cruises for the upcoming season including the first cruise in May, which I am told I lead. We will be getting together for lunch right after the meeting, probably at The Boulevard restaurant just off the Greensburg bypass, Mount Pleasant Road exit.

Don't forget to check out our first event of 2017, the Pittsburgh International Auto Show at the David L Lawrence Convention Center Feb 17th thru 20th. We pass out club information at the Mazda display area. This is one of our main recruiting events. Thanks to the club volunteers who have signed up to pass out club information during the show.

Let's hope this February winter reappearance is short lived (unless you are a skier) and we will soon find ourselves cruising topless in our fun cars. If you are visiting this site just to check us out, Welcome!! I hope you'll join us for an event so you can experience first hand a new level of Zoomin' fun.

Later!!



by Jim Pacillo

March Deadline

The deadline for articles for the March newsletter is March 6, 2017





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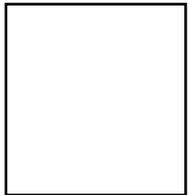
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