

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat-Sun Jul 19-20	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 26	Night of the Living Dead Cruise
Thu Jul 31 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 9	New River Gorge Cruise
Sat Aug 23	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Sep 13	Golf Outing
Sat Sep 20	Christmas in September
Sat Sep 27	Foxburg and Glass Blowing Cruise
Sat Oct 4	Bellafonte Train Cruise
Sat Oct 11	Chautauqua and Wineries Cruise
Sat Dec 6	WPMC Christmas Party

## PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX BY BOB COON

Please plan to join us for this annual event that includes the International Car Show on Saturday, July 19th. All cars must be registered. Pre-registration is recommended, but registration can also be done on Saturday morning. Registration price is \$30.00 and includes parking for Saturday and Sunday, a race program, and dash plaque. There will be a tent and picnic tables available for both days. If you have a friend that owns a Miata that has not joined the club, tell them they are welcome to join us for a great day of fun. If you wish, bring something tasty to share and a chair to sit under the tent. Gates open at 9:30 AM Saturday morning. The entrance is off Forbes Avenue onto Schenley Drive. Volunteers will direct you to the Asian section to park. If you have any questions, email me at [cwhatmeworry@verizon.net](mailto:cwhatmeworry@verizon.net) or call at 412-366-0261. For more information about the weeklong event visit [www.PVGP.org](http://www.PVGP.org).

## NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD CRUISE BY JOHN AND SHAR WHITMIRE

Please join us as we cruise curvy, back roads over hilly farmland on our quest to find vintage Zombies. We will be driving through beautiful countryside and visiting the infamous graveyard where scenes from "Night of the Living Dead" were filmed and our group picture will be memorialized. Then on to the Zombie Museum, the only one in Pennsylvania.....or so we've been told. In keeping with our theme, lunch will follow at a wonderful restaurant that has pitchforks for door handles. Following lunch there will be more cruising to the inevitable ice cream delight. A sophisticated cruiser will have watched the movie before coming on the cruise, as there will be a quiz, and prizes awarded! For nostalgic film lovers, this cruise will be ghoulish good fun!

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## AUGUST DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE  
AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS AUGUST 2, 2014





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**Date & Time:** July 26, 2014 - Cars need to be at the Dairy Queen by 9:00am. We'll have our drivers' meeting and leave promptly at 9:15am.

**Place:** Zelienople Dairy Queen parking lot adjacent to Northgate Plaza (BiLo Grocery) approximately 1/2 mile north of Zelienople on Rt.19. We'll gather in the Dairy Queen parking lot, next to Burger King.

**Cost:** \$3.00 per person for the Zombie Museum (please have correct change)

**RSVP:** We are limiting our cruise to 15 cars in addition to ourselves so please make your reservation ASAP by emailing [johnandshar1@comcast.net](mailto:johnandshar1@comcast.net) or by calling 412-716-4314.

## NEW RIVER GORGE CRUISE BY BOB & SALLY TAYLOR

It's been five years, so back by popular demand is a rerun of the West Virginia New River Gorge Cruise. Join us as we travel the curvy and windy roads to the southern part of West Virginia-destinations being the NEW RIVER GORGE and HAWKS NEST STATE PARK.

You will see S-curve roads, hairpin turns, and switchback roads (some of them even have guardrails!). If you would like to join us, contact us either at [tyronerd@aol.com](mailto:tyronerd@aol.com) or call 304-292-6781 as soon as possible. CRUISE IS LIMITED TO 10 CARS.

**Saturday** we will meet at the Microtel Inn and Suites Hotel in Bridgeport, WV located at Exit 124 off of Interstate 79 at 9:00 a.m. From this point, our travels will take us approximately 170 miles (6-7 hours). So, if anybody wants to come down to West Virginia the night before, Linda Zimliki has arranged a discounted rate for a block of rooms at the Microtel Inn and Suites for Friday night.

**Saturday evening** we will travel to the Canyon Rim Visitor Center, where the energetic can walk down to the viewing boardwalk to see the canyon and the bridge (the longest steel span in the western hemisphere and the second highest in the U.S.). Then we will drive the exciting road to the

bottom of the gorge, under the New River Gorge Bridge. Dinner will follow at our favorite, Dirty Ernie's-famous for their ribs, among other things!

**Saturday night** we will be staying at the Lodge at Hawks Nest State Park. When you contact us and we are able to guarantee that a space is available (based upon the 10 car limit), we will provide you with all the details that you will need to make a lodging reservation.

**Sunday morning** after breakfast, we will begin our journey northward over more curvy Miata roads up and down mountain after mountain that may have you holding on to that door handle a time or two. Based upon our new way of categorizing cruises, this is certainly a "zoomin" category cruise!

**Date/Time:** Saturday & Sunday, August 9-10. Meet Saturday morning at 8:45 a.m. for our driver's meeting. Depart promptly at 9:00 a.m.

**Meeting Place:** Microtel Inn and Suites Hotel, 201 Conference Center Way, Bridgeport, WV (Exit 124 on I-79)

**RSVP:** To Bob and Sally Taylor. E-mail: [tyronerd@aol.com](mailto:tyronerd@aol.com). Phone: 304-292-6781 by Monday, July 21.

## WPMC 2014 Annual Picnic BY LARRY PIETROPAOLI

**This** is a "heads up" on the WPMC 2014 Annual Picnic. Mark your calendars for August 23 at White Oak Park in the Maple Grove Pavilion, from 11:00 to 4:00.

**The Club Officers** have been assigned their duties. Re-adjustments have been made to assure coverage of all relevant items. The park is ready. The gifts, games, etc are ..... you get the picture. The only two items left to cover are your reservation and your favorite dish contribution.

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**P**lease RSVP and advise ASAP regarding your food contribution at larrydep@msn.com. We look forward to your unique and favorite dishes.

**D**id you forget the price? Right. Zero for members - the best deal going. As always, we will supply the cooked & grilled food, soft drinks, condiments, and plates too. We ask attendees to bring a hot or cold covered dish, snack, appetizer, veggies, salad or desert.

**D**irections to White Oak Park: From Pittsburgh via Parkway East, exit at Forrest Hills (8A) onto Ardmore Blvd(Rt 30 East) to Carpenters Lane (At the Sheetz), turn right onto Carpenter Lane 1.4 mi., then Right into park. Follow route through park for 1 mile to Maple Grove Pavilion on right. See you there.

## GREENDANCE WINERY CRUISE REPORT BY PATTY PIETROPAOLI

**W**ith a chill in the air on June 14th, there were 15 Miatas gathered at the Sheetz in Murrysville to begin our cruise to Greendance Winery at Sand Hill in Mt. Pleasant. By the time we left our meeting place, it was tops down with the sun shining.

**O**ur cruise leaders Richard and Leeanna Ryba added a new twist on this cruise day with a scavenger hunt. Since there is so much history in Westmoreland County, Richard and Leeanna made up some questions to be answered along the way so we made a couple of stops to get the answers needed. Richard had mentioned when he passed out the questions there would be prizes at the end of the day, so the navigators took their jobs very seriously and did not share their answers with anyone else. All is fair when there are prizes to be won.

**A**fter traveling the windy and hilly roads of Westmoreland County, we arrived at Greendance Winery. They had our lunches ready and we enjoyed sitting outside with entertainment provided by the winery. There was plenty of time to sample and purchase some of the 40 wines available for tasting. Greendance Winery is also known

for their bake shop and those yummy chocolate raspberry cookies. They also had quarts of strawberries picked that morning which I just could not pass up. We all had to make trips back to our Miatas to store our purchases.

**T**he last question on the scavenger hunt had to be answered at the ice cream stop on Route 66 called Tastyland. Yes, they did have over 50 flavors of ice cream. The prize of bottles of wine from Greendance Winery was a perfect end to the day and much appreciated by the winners.

**T**his was a very pleasant day with good Miata roads, good wine, good food, and great company. Thank you to Richard and Leeanna for leading the way.

## HOLMES AMISH CRUISE REPORT BY SHAR WHITMIRE

**F**or those WPMC members that love a driving cruise with destination points of interest, this was a "must participate" event. Cruise leaders Mike and Sandy Butler (no longer novices!) led our group through rural countryside from Pennsylvania, to West Virginia (OK, for just a minute) and into Ohio, to our destination of Berlin, just past Sugar Creek. Located in the center of a large Amish settlement, Berlin's main street is lined on both sides with shops and attractions reflecting Amish culture.

For those of us that love all things "country", this was a treasure trove of shopping. I would have had two new handmade Amish rocking chairs, except for the fact that combined they were bigger than our Miata! After thoroughly exploring the shops of Berlin, we were back in our cars for a short ride through beautiful countryside to the Dutch Valley Restaurant (Der Dutchman) that is now one of our new favorite top 10 eating establishments. The food was true "home cooking" at its best. Mike's recommendation of broasted chicken was everything he described. Raves were heard about the ham, meatloaf, liver & onions, and pie selection. Judging from the groans of pleasure as we ambled out after lunch; I'd say that everyone made a "happy plate"! Next on our cruise was the Breitenbach Wine Cellars, where we enjoyed our own private tasting room (the Rhubarb wine was wonderful) and tour of the wine making process. Live music was

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playing as we walked around the grounds, marveling at the size of the wine vats. Back in our cars, we headed for home from what was a full day of friends, fun, and fabulous driving. Thanks again to Mike and Sandy for such a wonderful and memorable day.

## ALPACAS - SHAKESPEARE'S - ICE CREAM BY DENNIS WEBER

**O**n Saturday June 28th approximately twenty seven members of WPMC enjoyed a perfect day. We all want to thank Wally and Sherry for clear blue skies, great roads and cute little Alpacas. After leaving Gibsonia we navigated some very challenging Miata roads I did not know existed. Upon arriving at Stramba Farm near Wampum, we enjoyed the air conditioned show room and fiber processing area. We learned the steps of processing animal fur into yarn and the final product. Outside, by the barn we met around 37 Alpacas of different colors who were happy to see any one with food. Speaking of food, our next stop for lunch was at Shakespeare's Pub at Olde Stonewall Golf Club. Our lunch was delicious and served in a castle at a very long table, twenty foot ceilings and cold air. No one wanted to leave. Continuing east we ended the cruise with ice cream in Zelienople; it just doesn't get any better! Thanks again to Wally and Sherry for a well planned and executed cruise.

## Miatas at BRYCE REPORT BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

**O**n June 27th, Joe & I set out for Utah to attend the Miatas at Bryce event. Tonight July 5th was the banquet for the event. We had a great time. Renewed old acquaintances and made new ones. We drove

great Miata roads. On the way here, we drove the Million Dollar Highway, named because it was built on top of gold.

It is my all time favorite road. I stopped counting the switchbacks because I was enjoying the ride too much. There were anywhere from 50 to 100 switchbacks plus a lot of curves. We drove Pikes Peak which was quite an experience, no guardrails and sheer drop offs with nothing but curves. At the event we drove Hell's Backbone, Rt 89, Rt 15, Rt 12, Rt 9 & Burr Trail - all great Miata roads. Loved, Loved, Loved the roads. Joe's favorite was Pike's Peak and mine was Million Dollar Highway. The scenery was absolutely breath taking. While we were here we visited Zion, Cedar Breaks Monument, Grand Staircase Escalante, North Rim Grand Canyon, Red Canyon and Bryce Canyon.

**W**e also received news. If you don't already know, Mazda has announced the unveiling of 2016 ND MX-5. As I said earlier, Mazda has stated no versions you have seen so far will look like the new ND. Mazda's announcement is at the end of this newsletter and the associated video is at: <http://jalopnik.com/the-2016-mazda-miata-is-almost-definitely-turbocharged-1599646738>





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## 2014 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**I**t is now July with plenty of Zoomin Season left. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is this month. The registration form is at the end of this newsletter and you can also register online. Our picnic will be August 23 so don't forget to sign up. The cruise originally scheduled for August 16 has been cancelled.

**Z**oom Zoomm Zoommm

## BOOMIN' ZOOMERS BY PRESIDENT LARRY PIETROPAOLI

**W**ow. Look at the dates. It's July already, and time for our annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix outing on Saturday, July 19, at Schenley Park in Oakland.

**O**nce again, we have arranged the usual accommodations of tent, tables, chairs, club sign up sheets, and a whole golf course full of vintage cars for your enjoyment and distraction.

**I**f you are a new Club member or have never been to the PVGP event, please consider attending one of the premier "Pittsburgh" events of the season. You will be supporting a good cause with like minded car fans. Consider it a normal summer cruise day without the "cruise" just the food, friends, and automotive history distractions.

**S**o, come out, show your colors, check out the "others" and enjoy an afternoon with old and new friends. While you are registering on the PVGP.org website, check out their other events throughout the week. Maybe we'll see you there, too.

**A**ll display cars must be registered for admission. Prior registration at PVGP.org is strongly recommended. You will get past the gate a lot faster.

**A**s you know, optional snacks at our tent is a club tradition. Bring something to share if you like.

**S**ee you there.





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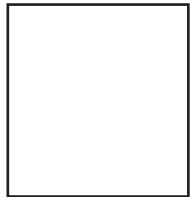
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## 2014 PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW AT SCHENLEY PARK

**Join 2,000 Show Cars - July 19 & 20 Weekend**

All cars are welcome, all makes and ages. Use this form to pre-register by mail or go online at [www.pvgp.org/schenley](http://www.pvgp.org/schenley)  
Pre-registered entries will receive a complimentary PVGP Race Program and dash plaque at the gate. Enjoy picnic atmosphere on the golf course with no judging. Your \$30 donation benefits the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School and includes admission to Car Shows & Vintage Races on both Saturday and Sunday. Main gate at Schenley Drive/Forbes Avenue opens each day at 9:30 AM and cars are displayed from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Event held rain or shine.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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**International Car Show Registration - \$30 donation for the weekend** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes Saturday and Sunday entry, PVGP Race Program and Dash Plaque.



**MINI Marque of the Year - \$60 donation for weekend car show includes Race Program, Dash Plaque**

And Parade Lap of track on Sunday. Optional Lunches: \_\_\_ Saturday lunches - \$20 each, \_\_\_ Sunday lunches - \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**"For Sale" sign to help sell your car at the event - \$10 donation** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**"In Spirit" donation for our charities** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail-in registration deadline is July 10, online registration deadline is July 17 - after that all participants must pay at gate.

You can register & pay online with credit card at [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org) or complete this form and send with a check made payable to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association. Entry fee is tax deductible.

**Mail to: PVGP Car Show Registration • Box 536078 • Pittsburgh, PA 15253-5902**

### Waiver of Liability – Required

The undersigned hereby releases the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association (PVGPA) and the City of Pittsburgh from any responsibility for any and all damages and personal injuries sustained by me or my property from any cause whatsoever, while driving to and from and while participating in the International Car Shows It is understood that this release is given in consideration for permission to said event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## 2014 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

**International Car Show at Schenley Park – July 19 & 20 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

**All Makes & Ages: Antiques, Classics and Muscle Cars**

**Use reverse side to register - \$30 donation**



### 2014 Grand Prix Race Week Schedule

Sunday, July 6 (first car off at 11:30)	Kick-Off Rallye at Spaghetti Warehouse
Friday, July 11 (7 pm – 11 pm)	Black Tie Gala at Longue Vue Club in Verona
Weekend, July 12 & 13 (9 am – 5 pm)	PVGP Historic Races at Pitt Race Complex
Monday, July 14 (5 pm- 9 pm)	Walnut Street Car Show (Show cars by Invitation only)
Tuesday, July 15 (5 pm – 10 pm)	Car Cruise at Waterfront in Homestead
Wednesday, July 16 (11 am – 2 pm)	Downtown Parade & Car Display (call 412 596-0268 to participate)
Wednesday, July 16 (6 pm– 9 pm)	Grand Prix Tune-Up Party
Thursday, July 17 (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)	Countryside Tour to Coventry Inn, Indiana PA
Saturday July 19 (9:30 am – 5 pm)	Schenley Park International Car Show & Vintage Race Qualifying
Sunday, July 20 (9:30 am – 5 pm)	Schenley Park Race Day, Opening Ceremonies, Vintage Races.

**For information on all our events visit our website at [www.pvgp.org](http://www.pvgp.org)**

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### **ALL-NEW 2016 MAZDA MX-5 MIATA CONFIRMED**

*- Fourth-Generation Roadster to Debut via Simultaneous Global Events on Three Continents -*

IRVINE, Calif. (July 2, 2014) – This fall, 25 years of storied [MX-5 Miata](#) history will turn the page to unveil the beginning of its fourth chapter as the next-generation roadster will be rumor no more during simultaneous global events in Japan, Spain and the United States. Officially confirmed as a 2016 model, the all-new MX-5 cooly made an [initial debut](#) at this year's New York International Auto Show in the form of an exposed SKYACTIV-CHASSIS. MX-5 historians eagerly scribbled notes, snapped photos and speculated on what the final product would be. On September 3, 2014 speculation will shift into revelation during an exclusive event to be held in Monterey, Calif.

"We're excited to make this official, to announce that the newest member of the MX-5 Miata family will be arriving soon," said Jim O'Sullivan, president and CEO, Mazda North American Operations (MNAO). "Along with our colleagues around the world, we continue to celebrate the MX-5's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and look forward to sharing even more news in the near future."

In addition to the global unveil of the 2016 MX-5 Miata, MNAO has partnered with the enthusiast-operated event eponymously known as [Miatas at Mazda Raceway](#), which will be held on September 5-7. The next-generation roadster will be on display along with an array of heritage, concept and motorsports MX-5s. MNAO also will lead consumer discussion sessions covering history, motorsports, R&D and design as well as coordinate one of the largest gatherings of MX-5 Miatas in North America. Registration for the annual event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.MiatasAtMazdaRaceway.com](http://www.MiatasAtMazdaRaceway.com).

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