

Upcoming Events

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Sat Sep 30	Johnstown Flood National Museum Cruise
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Presque Isle Miata Club Annual Picnic – Make-A-Wish By Pat and Ron Hoffman

Please join Pat and I on Saturday, July 8th for a cruise up north near Erie to join the Presque Isle Miata Club (PIMC) for their annual picnic that benefits Make-A-Wish. The invitation with details to our members is below. The first leg of the cruise to Erie and the picnic will be on I-79 to Meadville. We will then take a LEISURELY cruse on some country roads through Crawford and Erie Counties for the remaining part of the trip. We will also be joined at the picnic by the Niagara Peninsula Miata Club from St. Catherine's, Ontario and possibly by another club from western New York. **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOLDING CHAIRS.** This can be a one day cruise or an "optional" overnigher as Pat and I will be staying in Erie on Saturday night and plan to take in a concert early Sunday afternoon, July 9th at Chautauqua Institute in western New York not far from Erie. The concert starts at 2:30pm.

Date & Time: Sat July 8th, 10:15am

Meeting Place: Pilot Truck Stop, Exit 99 on I-79, 2010 New Castle Rd (US RT 422), Slippery Rock, PA 16051

RSVP: By July 6th to rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-392-7932.

The US Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus will be performing at the Institute on Sunday. Note: Sunday performances are free and open to the public. If you have never been to Chautauqua Institute then it is a trip you need to put on your "bucket list"! There is nothing quite like the Institute. Check out their website: www.ciweb.org. A member of the PIMC is planning a cruise for us starting around 11am through Chautauqua County, NY on Sunday before going to the concert. Lunch will be at the Institute prior to the concert. There are several restaurants on the grounds from which to choose. Plans are to arrive 2 hours

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before the concert to give everyone enough time to have a leisurely lunch and tour the Institute grounds. **IMPORTANT:** If you are interested in spending Saturday night in Erie, then contact me ASAP, (rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-392-7932) to discuss where to make overnight accommodations. The sooner you make reservations the better. Also, please note, you will send your reservation FOR THE PICNIC directly to Jan Stork at Make-A-Wish as detailed below in the invitation.

WPMC Invitation:

The 10th Annual PIMC Summer picnic will be held Saturday, July 8th, starting at 1:00 p.m., at Camp Notre Dame, 400 Eaton Road, Fairview, PA. Camp Notre Dame is an outstanding facility and we have it to ourselves. There is a large area to park and a dining hall if the weather doesn't cooperate. This event is a great opportunity to meet with Miata enthusiasts and help the club raise some money for our local Make-A-Wish. There will be a Chinese auction, corn hole tournament, and maybe another music video. <http://eriemiatasite.com/pimc/video>. Everyone will then have the chance to select an item from the Mazda Zoom-Zoom box of gifts. Hot dogs and pop/water will be provided. Alcohol is OK. Everyone is asked to bring a food item to share. Cost for the picnic is:

- \$10 per person if paid before June 30th.
 - \$15 per person if paid after June 30th.
 - \$15 per person if you can't bring a food item to share.
- This is a fundraising event, so any money left over will be donated to Make-A-Wish.

Please make your check for the picnic payable to: Jan Stork (it is important that you make your check payable to Jan Stork and not Make-A-Wish) and mail it to: Make-A-Wish, 1001 State St. Suite 501, Erie, PA 16501

We hope you can join us! Regards, Herm Stork, Presque Isle Miata Club

August Deadline

The deadline for articles for the August newsletter is August 7, 2017



PVGP 2017 by Mike Leone

Once again we will be participating in our largest group function of the year. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix will be held July 2 through July 16. The highlight will be the practices and car show Saturday July 15 and races Sunday July 16 held on the roads in and around Schenley Park. Check the PVGP web site for maps, schedules, and other activities occurring in the week prior to the races. We had close to 60 Miatas participate last year in the Asian Car Show infield parking area. It may have been more. I lost count at 58 before cars started moving around, coming and going. This was our highest turnout yet.

Registration for parking is on line at the PVGP web site (WWW.PVGP.ORG). Click on "Car Shows" near the top of the page. On the drop-down menu, choose "International Car Show". To the right choose "Asian Car Show". At the bottom of the page is the "On Line Registration" link. Cost is \$35 for parking. Parking is for both days and is in the same location as last year. While you can register at the gate, the cost is \$40 and you can only get the PVGP packet (program, dash plaque, and a few other goodies) by preregistering.

We will have a tent and tables available. Bring your own chairs & drinks. As in previous years, food is pot-luck. Keep it simple. Snacks such as cookies, cakes, chips, pretzels, cheese, and other non-perishable treats work the best. If everyone brings a little, we will have a lot to go around. Try to avoid anything that requires refrigeration. Food sitting in the hot sun for an afternoon is an invitation for an active and very unpleasant evening! We could also use a couple of volunteers to help man the club information and merchandise table during the day. After spending all day getting in your 10,000 steps by trudging up and down the golf course in the hot sun, an hour sitting in the shade, sipping a cool drink while talking to prospective new members and catching up with current ones isn't a bad way to pass some time. Rain or shine, the Grand Prix has always been a Grand Time. Exotic cars, exotic people, and while not always exotic, food! What more could you ask for?

Miata has the distinction of always having the largest turnout of the Asian cars. Lets continue the tradition. See you there.





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Cruising To Cruise by Nancy Galvin & Jack Bartek

Please join us Saturday July 22nd for an outing we have nicknamed Cruising to Cruise. Our final destination is Fun Time Water Sports located in Deep Creek Lake, MD for a pontoon boat tour of the lake. On our way, we will experience the beautiful scenery and twisty roads of South Western PA and Garrett County, Maryland. Restroom break is about halfway. We will be stopping for lunch at the Greene Turtle Sports Bar, arriving at 1:00 PM. After lunch, we will head to the docks where the boat tour will begin at 3:00 PM. As they say on their website: "Sit back, and enjoy the ride, we will drive, navigate, and take care of everything." Our tour will finish around 4:00 PM. The trip will be capped off with a visit to the Lakeside Creamery for ice cream. The return trip will be on your own unless you wish to follow us.

Date and Time: Saturday July 22nd – Meet at 10:00 AM, Depart at 10:30 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz #503 , 101 Ronda Ct, Irwin, Pa. Located right off the turnpike. At the exit, take the 30 west fork toward Pittsburgh. The Sheetz is located on the hill on the left opposite Kohls.

Cruise Type: Leisure to Sporty - We have a space limit of 24 people, or approx 12 cars.

Cost: Lunch approx. \$15-20 per person, \$21 for the Fun Time Water Sports pontoon boat tour.

RSVP: By Sat. July 8 to ngalvin@westpennmiataclub.com or text 330-717-6335. If you happen to sign up and do not receive a reply, please call.

Update: Spaces are almost gone !! As of July 1, we have room for only two people!! Contact us ASAP!

Nemacolin Woodlands Cruise

by Michael & Sandy Butler

Please join us as we take a sporty cruise through the



beautiful backroads of Washington and Fayette Counties on our way to the majestic Laurel Highlands. We'll be traveling on the historic National Pike, Route 40. Our first stop will be at Christian W. Klay Winery for samplings of a total wine experience from "vine to wine". Next stop will be lunch at the historic Stone House Inn in Farmington, PA. Take a step back in time with this time honored tradition of serving weary travelers all the way back to 1822. After lunch we'll have a short drive to Nemacolin Woodlands Resort. Feel free to roam around the buildings and properties, check out the specialty shops as well as the Hardy Family multi-million dollar art collection. We'll wrap things up by visiting their own ice cream shop before we head back and end our trip.

Date & Time – Saturday, July 29 - 9:00 AM, Depart 9:30 AM

Meeting Place – Sheetz, 1000 Clairton Blvd. (Route 51), Pleasant Hills (Across from Bowser Car Dealership)

Lunch – 12:30 PM, Ice Cream - 3:30 PM, Afternoon Departure - 4:00 PM

Type of Cruise – Sporty with a 15 car limit

RSVP – by Saturday, July 24th to mwbutlerdjb@yahoo.com or 412-498-0962

Thistlewaite Vineyard Cruise by Bruce & Kim Smith

Tour the vineyard and wine making process in Jefferson, PA followed by a free tasting. Lunch afterward is at the Green Cove Marina, then ice cream at Gene and Boots Candy

Date & Time: Saturday, August 5 at 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: Trax Farm parking lot

Type of Cruise: Leisure through the rolling hills and small towns of Washington and Green County

RSVP: 412-953-8831 or BSmith15102@yahoo.com



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Meadowcroft Rockshelter And Historic Village Cruise by Mike and Kathy Leone

Join us Saturday, August 19th, for our cruise to the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village (www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft) just west of Avella, PA. You will experience life in an interpretive 16th century Indian village, and a 19th century Ohio valley village, complete with restored homes, church, school house, functioning blacksmith shop, and more. There will also be an "Old Time" baseball game played using original rules.

The highlight of the cruise will be a private tour of the rock shelter, currently thought to be the site of the earliest known human presence and longest continuous habitation in the new world. Excavated artifacts date back from 16,000 to 19,000 years up to camp fires, and beer bottles from the present. This predates even the Clovis and Folsom sites in the Southwest by a wide margin. The guided tour will take around 45 minutes to an hour to complete. Admission will be at the group rate of \$10.00 per person. If you are a member of the Heinz History Center, admission is free.

PLEASE NOTE we are required to climb several flights of stairs to access the rock shelter. This may be difficult for some. If so, the other activities will be available to cruise participants.

We will meet at the McDonald's (235 Meadowlands Blvd.) just off of the I-79 exit #41 at 9:00 AM. There are two gas stations immediately off of the exit where you can top-off.

Arrive early for gas, breakfast, and restrooms at McDonald's. Departure will be at 9:30. After a leisurely to sporty drive (possibly a couple of zoomies) through rural Washington County, we hope to arrive at Meadowcroft by 11:00. We are allotting two hours at Meadowcroft, after which, we will continue to the Bull Pen Inn (<http://www.bullpeninn.com/>) for a late lunch. A classy "Biker Bar", House rules are strictly enforced! - NO SHOES, NO SHIRT, NO SERVICE, NO COLORS, NO WEAPONS. I was impressed and I did confirm that we will be welcome, but leave your guns, knives, axes, etc. at

home. We tried the food - good burgers, sandwiches, wings, home made chips, specials and salads with great service.

The cruise will conclude around 3:30 - 4:00 with really rich, soft serve custard and Italian Ice at the "Turtle Twist" near Canonsburg. We will lead the group back to I-79 at Canonsburg.

RSVP by August 12 to (724) 746-0491 or mleone@westpennmiataclub.com

Scenic winding country roads with wide vistas, deep wooded valleys, good company, and food make for a great day!

West Penn Miat a Club Annual Picnic by Michael Butler

It's hard to believe that it's July already -- time sure does fly by! It seems there is never enough time in the summer to do all the things on our agendas - top down adventures in our Miatas, vacations, cook-outs and picnics, just to name a few. Speaking of picnics - it's time to start making plans for the WPMC picnic. As proven from past years, the picnic brings out the "happy" side in all of us with its mouth-watering food, good conversations with old and new friends, and the unpredictable and competitive games. Please make your reservation and mark your calendar now.

The 2017 WPMC annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the Maple Grove Pavilion in White Oak Park. Reservations are required and we'd appreciate everyone bringing their "bragging signature dish" to fill our food table. As in the past, the Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, soft drinks, water, and paper products. Although many people may not complain about having too much dessert, we try to have a variety of food to satisfy all taste buds - appetizers, desserts, salads, and covered dishes. If you insist on making your famous signature dish, please sign up early otherwise, you may be asked to bring another dish. Please RSVP with your food selection by August 20th to mwbutlerdjb@yahoo.com or 412-498-0962. Looking forward to seeing everyone. Let the fun begin!

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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)

roads. The first day will be Topless Past, favorite roads from Topless and from our cruises to WV. The second day will be Topless Present, all new roads. We have a great gathering place at the hotel in the evenings. There will also be a hose to wash your car after a day of driving. There is a limit to the number of Miatas we are taking.

I had no idea that members have been waiting for a West Virginia cruise. At the March meeting when I unveiled the schedule for the year, by the time I got home I had 4 cars signed up. It filled up fast, and I have a waiting list.

Since it is so early, people's plans can change or things come up making it impossible for them to attend. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please contact me.

Again, please remember this cruise is two days of solid driving.

Cruise Dates: September 2-4, Labor Day Weekend

Meeting Date & Time: Saturday, September 2 at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place: Ohiopyle Parking Lot

Hotel Cost: \$82 per night plus taxes. Hotel details will be given to those who have a spot for Topless

Contact: Linda Zimliki at 724-327-1762 or lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

Cruise type: Definitely ZOOMIN

Topless in the Mountains - Revived by Joe & Linda Zimliki

It has been a few years since we've had Topless in the Mountains. This event always takes place over Labor Day weekend. It is two whole days of driving twisty roads in West Virginia. This is not 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours of driving to a destination and then a meal. It is an entire day of driving. We will be ZOOMIN the twisties. This cruise has country back roads, beautiful scenery, curvy roads, switchbacks (plenty), scenic valleys, and twisty

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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Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad & Fall Foliage Cruise

by Joe & Linda Zimliki

Members this is not my normal article for a cruise. This particular train does not operate like any of the other trains I have planned. The specifics of the cruise will come. At this point I need to know the exact number of people going. This is a weekend two day cruise.

The train ride is 2 hours. We will leave early Saturday morning, October 14, and return Sunday, October 15. The current plan is a train ride Saturday and a visit to Hocking Hills Park Sunday morning.

Hocking Valley Scenic RR was originally the Mineral Rail Road put into operation April 14, 1864 from Columbus to Athens, Ohio. In 1867 the name was changed to Columbia & Hocking Valley Railroad and the railroad expanded. It was built to transport salt and coal and a famous brick industry rose to prominence not long after.

It changed names many time over the years and started operations as a scenic railroad in 1985.

Costs: Train ride - \$17.15 per person, Hotel - \$159 plus taxes

Limit: 12 Cars

Type of Cruise: Sporty/ Zoomin

Contact: Linda Zimliki @ 724-327-1762 or lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or

Retro Cruise Report By Jerry Spehar

On June 17 the skies were clear and the temperatures soaring as eight Miatas gathered in Wexford for the "Retro Cruise". The idea of this cruise was a throwback event with a visit to a historical site and an old fashioned picnic lunch in lieu of our usual visit to a

restaurant. Our leader Larry Pietropaoli even encouraged that period attire be worn to celebrate the cruise's retro theme. So I badgered my wife, Candy, (and I do mean badgered) into dressing as a high school girl in the 1950s and I also went with a 50s look. Jack and Mary Jo Mitesser picked a 1960s back to Woodstock theme. So what did Larry wear you might ask? Larry wore something out of the J C Penny 2016 catalog! Obviously, it was not period attire. Candy has vowed to get even, Larry!

At 10 AM, we set out for the Old Economy Village. Our trip covered many curvy back roads through the Northern portion of Allegheny County into Beaver and Butler Counties. The 45 mile journey passed through 9 different municipalities. Patty P picked out most of the roads, called out the turns, and did her usual great job. It seemed we reached the visitor center in Old Economy in no time. Upon our arrival we watched a short film which gave us an overview of this historical site. Old Economy Village was established in 1824 by the Harmony Society led by founder George Rapp aka Father Rapp. This was the third and final site settled in the U.S. by the Harmonists. They had sought out religious freedom and fled their native Germany. The society required that members give all of their possessions to the church and in turn all of their needs would be provided to them by the commune. They were successful in growing various agricultural products and interestingly enough very successful in manufacturing goods, especially textiles. Their success in selling their goods led to investments in oil, coal, and railroads. All of the profits were returned to the community to build housing and provide medical care. The Society required their members to practice celibacy and husband and wife were to live as brother and sister. Some church members adopted children, but most of these children were not interested in following such a monastic lifestyle. And so the society ceased to exist by the early 1900s. Funny, they didn't see that coming, huh!



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After the film, we gathered in a beautiful courtyard and enjoyed the picnic lunches we had packed. Then Larry led us on a behind the scenes tour of the village. This insider tour was possible because Larry is a volunteer at Old Economy. One day a week he performs carpentry repair work. Naturally, with the buildings being old, repairs are a constant problem. As we walked through the various buildings such as the meeting hall, post office, store, kitchen etc., Larry's handiwork could be seen on benches, shutters, lanterns, and even a rebuilt well pump. We also visited the beautiful gardens and Father Rapp's house. Our visit was enjoyed by all and to have access to some areas not usually open to the general public made this a unique experience. If you have the chance, plan a visit to Old Economy or visit Harmony PA to see the first Harmony Society settlement.

When our tour was over we saddled up for some more back roads as we made our way back to Wexford. This time our destination was Graeter's for some delicious ice cream. After our treat, Jack, Mary Jo, Candy and I were awarded prizes for wearing period costumes. Thanks to Larry and Patty for a most interesting and well planned cruise.

shock. Around 4 AM Sunday morning, Dennis woke up with a headache. He soon showed signs of a hemorrhagic stroke, and told Ruthann he felt like his head was exploding.

Ruthann called an ambulance and he was taken to a local hospital. He was assessed and a decision was made to life flight him to Presbyterian Hospital. Ruthann was given a map so she could find her way to the hospital. Ruthann drove home and got her neighbor to take her. Now you have to realize it is about an hour and a half drive because they lived in Hermitage. When Ruthann arrived at the hospital, she was not told much at first. Eventually they informed her Dennis had a massive brain hemorrhage and was brain dead. They had the breathing tube removed and 22 hours later and he passed away at 12:20 PM Monday, June 26th. Dennis had made arrangements a few years before to donate his body to science when he passed. According to Dennis's wishes they did not have a Memorial Service. There was no obituary.

Dennis & Ruthann were about to make a change in their lives. They felt it was time to move closer to their son. They went to Delaware to be with their son's family for Father's Day and while there, found a place in a senior community four miles from their son. They made an offer and it was accepted. They returned to PA to place their condo on the market and start the many steps for their move. The plan was to be gone by mid-September. Dennis made a realtor appointment for Wednesday, June 28th, and Ruthann kept the appointment. Her place sold in 22 hours. The movers are scheduled and her move has been moved up.

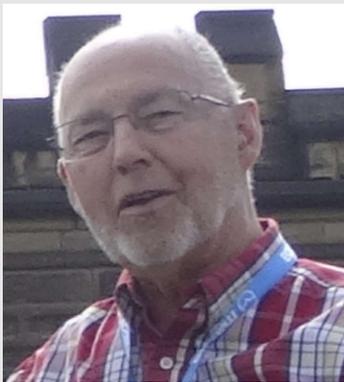
Some people may not understand my next comment but when you buy a Miata and join a Miata club, you become part of a family. In July 2008, Dennis & Ruthann became part of WPMC's family. There are people, who make a lasting impression when they enter your life. Dennis was such a person. He was an integral part of WPMC. He would email articles to members that he thought they might enjoy. He would give you magazines on subjects he thought might interest you. He was a wealth of information.

Oh boy did he love cars, especially his Miata. He loved his NB over his NC, and wished he had never sold it. He made new members feel welcome. There were very few cruises or events the Webers didn't attend. It was quite an accomplishment to attend so many cruises because they lived in Hermitage and it took 1 1/2 to 2 hours to just get to the meeting place for the cruise.

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Dennis Weber

Feb. 1938 - June 26, 2017



by Linda Zimliki

On Tuesday morning, June 27th, I received a phone call from Scott Weber, Dennis's son. He informed me Dennis had passed away on Monday. It was a





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I will always remember Dennis's joy in driving. He loved to push his car to the limit. I have many memories of Dennis, but one that stands out to me is recent. Last year, Dennis attended Zoomin the Mountains of East Tennessee in June with his son Scott. He loved being there with his son. Our small group from West Penn drove some of the best Miata roads around. Dennis & Scott were right behind us. We zoomed for 3 days and boy did we zoom. Dennis & Scott also did the autocross at Bristol, and beamed for 3 days.

Dennis, I hope you have found a Miata, NB of course, to maneuver and zoom the twisty highway of heaven. I can just see your smile from ear to ear. Happy travels my friend. You will be missed by your WPMC family.

2017 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

We have been cruisin & zoomin the country roads with our MX-5s and visiting some great places. Good news is we have so many more roads and places to zoom before the season is over. Thank you to all the leaders for the great cruises so far. If you are thinking of a cruise for next year, please check with me first before you start planning it. Another member may have the same idea or it may have already been done.

WPMC has classified the cruises into 3 different levels for members' convenience. We want our members to feel comfortable on the cruise. The levels are leisure, sporty, and zoomin. The different levels are described in the newsletter each month so you can refresh your memory. Please choose an appropriate level for your driving comfort.

Each cruise will have a level. Sometimes there will be more than one level like leisure/sporty. Going through a town would be leisure but when they hit the country roads it would be sporty. I do recommend your first cruise be either leisure or sporty and not zoomin.

The club would like you to help with promoting WPMC. When you attend a cruise, please write a few sentences

about it on the forum. People surfing our website will read your comments. In order to post, you must be registered. Before you register, please send Steve an email at slapp@westpennmiataclub.com. Steve will then let you know when you have been approved.

For other club events, please check the bottom of our Events web page.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

WPMC Store by Linda Zimliki

We have license plate frames with the club's name and website printed on them. This is a good way to advertise the club. The cost is \$20. We also have shirts that can be embroidered with our logo or your Miata. Check out the WPMC Store on the website.

WPMC Forum Registration by Steve Lapp

In order to post articles on our forums, you must be registered. Registration is done by going to our forum webpage, clicking the Register tab, and following the instructions. Once you have completed this task, e-mail me at slapp@westpennmiataclub.com to let me know you've registered or if you've had any problems doing so. I will then approve your registration and you'll get an e-mail confirmation. After that, you'll be able to post articles.





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Ragtop review

by Ron Hoffman, President

WOW!! I can't believe it's already July and the 4th is here. Hopefully everyone will have an enjoyable "long" weekend and can take in a picnic with friends and/or relatives with lots of good food. Also, looks like there are quite a few fireworks displays around southwest PA. There is even a website you can search for displays in your county. Go to:

[https://fireworksinpennsylvania.com/by-county/\(ENTERYOURCOUNTY\)/](https://fireworksinpennsylvania.com/by-county/(ENTERYOURCOUNTY)/)

Have you ever watched fireworks from your Miata with the top down?? Enjoy yourselves and stay safe.

July is the third month of our cruising season, which is the halfway point. The club has events planned the remaining four weekends of the month so if you weren't able to join us on one of the previous cruises, you have a great opportunity to take in an event this month. We have three cruises planned plus the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, which is awesome!! Check out the details in this newsletter and on the club forum.

Linda Zimlik recently sent me the US News & World Report Best Cars article for "affordable" sports cars that included, of course, the 2017 Mazda MX-5 Miata. Guess which car was ranked first, yep, it was the Miata and it was given an overall score of 8.9 out of 10. The other cars the Miata competed with were the Fiat Spider 124 (the only other 2 seat roadster), Subaru BRZ, Toyota 86, all considered the small and nimble category plus the muscle cars, Ford Mustang, Chevy Camaro and Dodge Challenger. Not a bad list to come out on top!! Check out the article on-line, it has a lot of good information. Go to: <https://cars.usnews.com/cars-trucks/mazda/mx-5-miata>

If any of you ever run across an article that would be of interest to the club, please forward it to me (rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com). I am always looking for something of interest to write about and put in my newsletter article.

I want to again invite all club members to attend our monthly teleconference meetings generally held on the first

Thursday of the month at 7 PM. You are welcome to join in. Actual dates are listed in the Upcoming Events listing in the Newsletter. I welcome any comments, suggestions, or concerns at these meetings. It is important the board get feedback from our members. Instructions for "connecting" to the monthly teleconference meetings were sent with your membership packet. Can't find your packet?? Here's how to join-in. Dial 515-739-1032 and when prompted, enter the participant access code: 808361#. The phone number was changed recently so your packet will have the old number - scratch that one. Just announce yourself to let everyone else know you are joining in. It's that simple!!

Finally, I was asked to remind you that when you "register" for the Club Forum to also send our web and newsletter editor, Steve Lapp, an email letting him know you registered even if you received a reply that your registration went through. Our website forum has filters that try to keep out "undesirables" and we want to make sure your Internet address doesn't inadvertently get tossed into that pile. Steve's email address is slapp@westpennmiataclub.com.

If you are visiting this site for the first time 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!!





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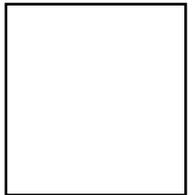
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