

Upcoming Events

Sat Jul 13	Flasche's Cruisn Delight
Sat-Sun Jul 20-21	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 27	Swallow Falls & Simon Pearce Outlet & Glassblowing Cruise
Thu Aug 1 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 17	Gravity Hill & Peaches Cruise
Sat Aug 24	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Sep 7	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Sat Sep 14	West Virginia Twisties & Homemade Comfort Food Cruise
Fri-Sun Oct 11-13	Watkins Glen
Sat Dec 7	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

Date & Time: Saturday, July 13, 2019 - Meet at 9:30 AM and depart at 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz at Rt 910 and I-79 in Wexford

RSVP: by July 5 to 724-935-0872, or jflasche@juno.com

Have a Grand (Prix) Time

by Rich and Leeanna Ryba

It's coming... you can almost hear the roar of engines, the smell of oil and gas, see the long rows, and columns of shiny cars, both old and new...otherwise known as the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix!!!! It all starts on July 7TH and continues through July 21ST. We will gather on July 20th to celebrate our Miatas and all things auto-related at the 2019 PVGP, in the Asian car section, with our usual set up and parking. Most of our club attended last year, and as is the custom, we ate, we drank, we enjoyed each other's company, and we got to share in one of the nation's great auto events, with the added benefit that it supports important research on autism.

If you haven't already done so, please go to the registration page of the Grand Prix. Go to the home page <http://www.pvgp.org/> and then under the CAR SHOWS tab you will find the link titled, REGISTER FOR THE CAR SHOWS AT SCHENLEY PARK. Click on the Asian Car Show link and then scroll to the SHOWCLIX registration link and complete it. The cost to participate in the International Car Show is just \$40 and includes your weekend car display spot, a PVGP race program, and car decal. On-line registration closes at midnight on Thursday July 18, after which participants must pay at the gate in Schenley Park upon entry, and the price increases to \$50. You are strongly encouraged to pre-register now to assure you get a spot in the car show and to speed up the entry process. This is a charity fund raiser – refunds and single day discounts are not available.

The entrance to the International Car Show is at the top of Schenley Drive where it intersects Forbes Avenue in

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Cruisn Delight Cruise by Bill & Juliette Flasche (Information Only - RSVP Deadline has Passed)

Not much to say about this cruise since we will not be going anywhere - we will just be doing what Miatas were built to do. We will be going up, down and around the back roads north of Pittsburgh with some of the best roads after our lunch at the Waterhole Restaurant. So, plan a full day of "cruisn" in multi styles of driving.





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Squirrel Hill, just below the Schenley Park Golf Course clubhouse. We usually enter at Gate D, but actual instructions will be given to you on the race day, if not before. An email confirmation will be sent in early July to those who preregister and supply an email. Confirmations and passes are NOT mailed. Gates open at 9:30 AM and Car Shows run from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM on the weekend. Please arrive at Schenley Park no earlier than 9:30 AM via the top of Schenley Drive at the golf course clubhouse. You do not need to bring any paperwork or confirmation. One of the volunteers will direct you to the proper gate where you will be checked in from our list preregistered entries

As for our participation, our big day is on Saturday the 20th. We will have a tent and tables set up. Please bring your own lawn chairs and drinks. Food is a pot-luck offering from all of us attending. Please remember to keep in mind that non-perishable items are best, as there is no refrigeration available. Snacks like cookies, cakes, chips, pretzels, and cheeses work best. The tent and table will remain in place for anyone who wishes to attend on Sunday. While we typically haven't had many people attend then, it would be great if we could make this a two-day turnout. We are paying for the tent and tables for two days and we should take advantage of that spot to enjoy the racing and other activities on that Sunday. Also, we need folks to take a turn staffing the information and merchandise table during the day. Please take a bit of time to help promote our club and to meet with prospective new members. This event is a great recruiting tool, as well as a gathering of our membership. So, make plans to zoom on over to Schenley Park on July 20th. Zoom! Zoom!

Swallow Falls & Simon Pearce Outlet & Glassblowing Cruise by Jack & Nancy Bartek

Please join us Saturday July 27, for a mid-summer cruise to scenic Garrett County Maryland. We'll visit Swallow Falls State Park and Simon Pearce Glassblowing Factory & Outlet Store, where we'll get to tour the glass blowing operation. Lunch at a local restaurant followed by an ice cream stop will cap the day in true West Penn Miata Club fashion.



Date & Time: Saturday, July 27, meet 8:30 AM, leave 9:00 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz #87 6272 PA-819, Mt Pleasant, PA 15666

Cruise Type: Leisure to Sporty, We have a space limit of only 20 people, or approx. 10-12 cars.

RSVP: By Saturday, July 20 to abarte@aol.com or text 724-244-4582. If you sign up and do not receive a reply, please call.

Gravity Hill & Peaches Cruise. by Walt Dillen

First, note this cruise date has been changed to August 17. This cruise has something for everyone, great roads, good food, fresh peaches, and a mysterious road that defies nature. You are going to love it. Almost forgot, we'll stop for ice cream at the end of the event. Lunch will be at the Jean Bonnet Restaurant in Bedford, then on to the Boyer Orchard in New Paris, and then to Gravity Hill Road for a supernatural experience.

This cruise is rated SPORTY with a little ZOOMIN to keep it interesting, like 50% - 50%. Please be advised that we will not have a stop till the restaurant, about 2 1/2 hours.

Date & Time: August 17th @ 9:00 AM.

Meeting place : Mt. Laurel Plaza (old K-Mart) Latrobe, Route 30.

Category: Sporty - Zoomin.

RSVP: Deadline August 12, to wldillen@comcast.net or 724-205-6044.



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WPMC Annual Picnic by Ron Hoffman

Have you set aside Saturday, August 24, 2019 for our Club's annual picnic? If not, then mark your calendars now. As in past years, the picnic is a good time just to relax and enjoy conversation with other club members, not to mention great food and fun games.

The picnic will be held at the same time and location as in previous years, from 11:00AM to 4:00PM at the Maple Grove in White Oak Park. Reservations are required and we'd appreciate everyone bringing a dish to share and fill our food table. As in the past, the Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, fried chicken, condiments, soft drinks, water and paper products.

I need HELP!! I'm not that good at coming up with and organizing "fun" games so I can really use help coming up with games to play, organize, and run at the picnic. I did find a website of suggested parking lot games for sports cars that might be of help. Go to: <http://funkhana.com/>. Lawn games such as, but not limited to, corn hole, bocce ball and horseshoes are also good. Please get back to me: rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-392-7932 if you can help with a game. I would really appreciate any help you can provide.

We try to have a variety of food — appetizers, salads, covered dishes and of course desserts which always seem to be plentiful. Please sign up early if you really have a dish or dessert you must bring and "brag about" otherwise you may be asked to bring another dish if we start getting too much of one kind of food. Please RSVP to my wife Pat at pat.hof@hotmail.com or 724-392-7932 along with your food selection by August 17. Looking forward to seeing everyone and having "fun"!!

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)

West Virginia Belly Buster Cruise by Don Hamm

Overview: September 14, mileage to restaurant 117 (3hrs) with midway stop at a Sheetz. Return via Ohio expressway 37 miles to I-470/70 (PA line) and 26 more to I-79 Washington PA

RSVP 412-760-2432 or deljhamm@verizon.net

August Deadline

The deadline for articles for the August newsletter is August 3, 2019





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Annual Fall Foliage - Watkins Glen & PA Grand Canyon

by Joe & Linda Zimliki

This year we will be zoomin to Watkins Glen on some great Miata roads with spectacular scenery. When you say Watkins Glen, you immediately think of the International Race Track and wineries. You will drive your MX-5 on the 3.4 mile Grand Prix storied road course for 2 laps behind a pace car. After the 2 laps, you'll stop at the Start/Finish Line for a photo. Not only will you drive the speedway track, but you'll also drive the original street race course used 1948 - 1952.

You will be able to visit the many different wineries in the Finger Lake region and visit the beautiful Watkins Glen State Park. Within two miles, the glen's stream descends 400 feet past its breathtaking gorge with 200-foot cliffs, generating 19 waterfalls along its course. The gorge path winds over and under waterfalls and through the spray of Cavern Cascade.

On the way home Sunday, we'll visit the PA Grand Canyon. In 1968, the National Park Service designated 12 miles as a National Natural Landmark. The gorge is 47 miles long with its southern tip 1450 ft deep. Two parks have views of the gorge, and the best time to visit is autumn for the foliage. Following the Grand Canyon visit, we will continue home by way of more great Miata roads.

I have invited the Trillium Club to join us. We'll have a limit of 14 cars from our club. Once you have made the list for the cruise, I will send you hotel information so you can make your reservation. Reservations have to be made by September 11.

Date & Time Fri-Sun, October 11-13, meet at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place Sheetz #148 - 2120 Blinker Pkwy, Dubois, PA 15801

Car Limit: 14

Cost: \$20 per car for the track, \$104 plus tax - 2 queen beds, \$114 plus tax - king suite

RSVP: izimliki@westpennmiataclub.com

Adventures with Linda and Joe Review by Peter Fisher

We took off on winding and hilly roads to the music of locusts. Our first mystery destination was Yarnick's Farm. This unique farm grows vegetables in a greenhouse, in fields, and hydroponically. Our first stop was Yarnick's grass parking lot beside a picturesque farm scene complete with farm workers in the huge fields and farm buildings along the edge. We were able to choose meats, vegetables, plants, baked goods, jellies and much more, including apple dumplings and purple tomatoes, in their Farmer's Market. Barely out of the grass parking lot and just down the road, we went through Thomas' Covered Bridge, single file, of course, while a local driver waited patiently for 14 Miatas to pass through. Next we traveled to Smicksburg, sharing the roads with the Amish and their buggies. There was an availability for fresh fertilizer along the way. While some sampled the wines at the Smicksburg Amish Country Winery, others browsed through lovely antiques, crafts and handmade furniture. We also were able to buy Amish-grown June strawberries.

We then traveled lovely roads lined with trees or views of farms, along with the ever-present buzzing locusts, wondering what the next mystery destination would be. We headed northeast. Eventually we arrived at Doolittle's Station. This was the dream of a local dentist. The profits go to his foundation which supports cleft palate treatments for children in Honduras. We entered The Depot which was built from original blueprints of the 1890's B & O railroad station. We boarded a 1949 Pullman dinning car which was converted to a 1950's diner car. We had great imaginative lunches including the option of a BB3, Doolittle's competition burger. There, Linda gave us history on the many railcars on site. We visited the 1913 Parlor car which was connected to the depot. It was one of only four built. It had cuban mahogany, stain glass, and elaborate inlays. The Little Caring Caboose was where Autistic children could go out to dinner with their family. A 1901 Pullman car now used for B & B, is palace on rails,

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and was used by Theodore Roosevelt for his Presidential campaign and the President of the Railroad. Pizza Car is from a South Side restaurant. Brew Works boxcar is a nano microbrewery where they make their own. Baggage car displays 9 miniature railroads and even had a miniature red Miata. It is maintained by the Dubois area model railroading community. The variety of rail cars were arranged to surround a miniature golf course.

Of course, we ended with ice cream, a short walk around the corner on the Doolittle grounds. After Penn State Creamery Death By Chocolate or other homemade on-site Doolittle ice creams, we wound our way back home. It was a good time, a long day, and about 200 miles of great, varied Miata tree lined roads through woods, villages, farm fields, and beautiful Pennsylvania scenery.

Penn Cave Review

by JoAnn Kopco

It was a cool and cloudy morning, as our seven Miatas lined up and motored toward Boalsburg, PA. Boalsburg is the historic birthplace of the celebration of Memorial Day, when in 1864 three local women placed flowers on the graves of their loved ones killed in the Civil War. A delectable lunch was served to us there at Duffy's Tavern, which was celebrating its 200th anniversary, originally built as the only stagecoach depot between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Our next stop was to the chilly Penn's Cave, the only cave in Pennsylvania placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Accessed totally by boat, rendezvoused by our guide Brian, who informed us that the water in the cave was 38 degrees F and the air a chilly 50s. We were glad we had our jackets! Stalactites and stalagmites loomed before us and we ducked to avoid hitting the "headache rock" jutting out from the cave walls. Having survived the 100 foot deep cavern, we took off for the Berkey Creamery at Penn State University. We had a hard time choosing from the many scrumptious flavors of locally made ice cream. After hugs and farewells we brought our lovely day to a close, grateful that the rains held off! Thank you, Tom and Kay, for a fun and informative adventure with the wind in our hair and our tops down (on our Miatas of course!)

Devil's Route 666 and Moonshine Cruise

Review

by Karen Nagel

When it seemed like the rain would never end, we had a ZOOMIN ride full of sunshine ALL day long with Ron and Pat Hoffman leading eighteen anxious attendees. We met up in Kittanning and headed North towards Cook's Forest where we enjoyed the calm view of the swollen Tionesta Creek as we rode. We stopped at a Country Fair rest stop and Tall Oaks gift shops along the way to the forest. Tall Oaks had all four seasonal decorations available for purchase. Some of the guys hung out at the gazebo while the rest strolled through the gift shop. We then proceeded through Cook's Forest where the scenery was just beautiful. Lunch was served further down the road at Farmers Inn Restaurant where everyone enjoyed a prompt delicious meal. There was an ice cream shop and a bulk food store on the premises for desserts and purchases if anyone was interested. Last stop on their well-designed ride was the Blackbird Distillery which is Pennsylvania's first legal moonshine distillery where they make moonshine by hand from locally supplied grains. Thanks so much to Ron and Pat for such a GREAT ride.

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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2019 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Hope everyone enjoyed their 4th. Half of our cruising season is over but we have plenty of great cruising left. PVGP weekend is July 20 & 21. Saturday July 20 is the day the club attends. We have a tent where all MX-5's park near it. If you register online by July 18, cost would be \$ 40. If you register at PVGP the cost is \$50. Our WPMC Picnic will be Aug 24th. We hope to see you there.

We will need cruise leaders for next year. If there is a place you would like to lead a group or roads you would like to share with the club, please let me know. I can let you know if it has already been done or someone else is doing a cruise to the same place.

I have information on an event that might be of interest.

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports Car Club
Invites You To Their July 28th Rally
We'll Cross That Bridge When We Come to It

Date: Sunday, July 28th 2019

Registration: Registration is at 12:00 PM and the first car starts at 1:01 PM. Rally fee is \$10.

Start:
Giant Eagle in Ligonier, PA
Coordinates: 40.2463 N 79.2443 W

Midpoint:
Mayapple Market Place, Stoystown, PA

End:
Ruthies Diner, Ligonier PA

Description: Rallymasters John & Dwayne tell us: This is a novice friendly rally that includes a tour of some

covered bridges in Somerset County, PA. Because most of the covered bridges are in remote parts of the county, we will be traveling on many well maintained dirt roads. These roads are "narrow and rustic". This should be a fun rally to drive and the scenery is fantastic from mountain tops to tree lined creek valley roads.

Website: <http://brmscc.shannonconnors.com>

Contact: John Laslo 412-445-8108 to let them know you are coming

Hope to see you on an upcoming cruise

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!



Mystery Cruise Pics by Jim Pacillo





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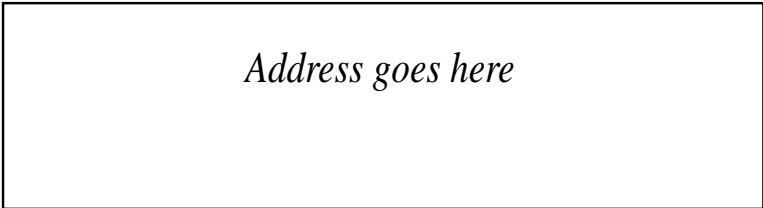
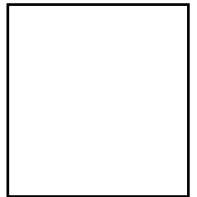
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