

Upcoming Events

Sat Jul 16	Peace and Harmony Cruise
Sat-Sun Jul 23-24	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Wed Aug 3	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 13	Flight 93 Memorial Cruise
Sat Aug 20	Friendship Hill & Oglebay Park Cruise
Sat Aug 27	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Sep 17	Blackwater Falls Cruise
Sat Oct 8	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 3	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

DATE & TIME: July 16, 2022. Meet at 9:00 am, Leave 9:30 AM

CRUISE TYPE: LEISURE

LOCATION: MEET @ PORT AUTHORITY PARK & RIDE LOT (Port Authority Drive) off University Blvd. in Moon Twp. behind the Sheetz (9002 University Blvd. Moon Twp. PA 15108) 2000 feet or so just off business Route 376.

RSVP: By July 9, 2022 to karinf2@verizon.net. When you RSVP please go to The website: northcountrybrewing.com. Select Harmony Inn, 230 Mercer Street for the menu and select your lunch items (DRINKS CAN BE ORDERED AT RESTAURANT) and forward to karinf2@verizon.net by July 9, 2022.

Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix by Jack and Nancy Bartek

This year, the PVGP is celebrating the 40th annual race through the streets of Schenley park. The festivities start on July 10th with the Kick Off Rally followed by the Historics at Pitt Race on July 14-17th culminating in the Schenley Park Vintage Races and International Car Show on July 23/24th. This year the marquee car will be the Porsche. The best part of this event is all the proceeds go toward the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Merakey Allegheny Valley School.

West Penn Miata Club will get together on Saturday July 23 in the Asian Car Section to enjoy our Miatas and each other's company and watch the only remaining Vintage race still run on city streets. Please go to the registration web page located at <https://pvgp.org/car-show-overview/asian-car-show/> scroll down to the "Showclix" tab. As a special note, scroll down a bit more and you will find a photo of the WPMC tent on the website. The rate will be \$50 for the weekend. Also note that registration closes on July 21 after which the registration fee increases

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to \$60 and you must pay at the gate. The entrance to the International Car Show is at the top of Schenley Drive where it intersects Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill, just below the Schenley Park Golf Course Clubhouse. We usually enter at Gate D, but actual instructions will be given on race day. Please note that your receipt will contain a QR code that will be scanned upon entry to facilitate a quick and touchless process. So please print your receipt or save it in your phone and bring it with you. The car shows run from 11:00AM to 5:00PM, Please arrive no earlier than 9:30 AM.

WPMC's main day will be Saturday. We will have a tent and tables set up. Please bring your own lawn chairs and drinks. Food is pot-luck offering from all of us attending. Keep in mind that non-perishable items are best as no refrigeration is available. While snacks are always welcome, we would suggest more covered dishes, given that in the past we ended up with lots of chips and junk food with very little variety. The tent and tables will remain in place for both days for anyone who wishes to attend on Sunday. We will also 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 members. Make plans to ZOOM on over to Schenley park on July 23th.

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

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: Laurel Mountain Plaza Route 22 Latrobe, PA.

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

Cruise Type: Sporty

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)

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

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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

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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- 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)

Animal Lovers Cruise Report by Steve Lapp

Sixteen Miatas met at the Seven Fields Giant Eagle on June 11 to begin the Animal Lovers Cruise. Cruise Leader Vickie Buzzeli and Event Coordinator Linda Zimliki provided important cruise information to us and then we were off! Some dark clouds were in the sky, but they were south and we were headed north. One of the great things about being in the WPMC is that you find spectacular roads near your home that you never knew existed. I'm happy to say that happened on this cruise as well when we made our way north via some great back roads in Butler County. Riebold Road in particular greeted us almost immediately with two "15 MPH" turns back to back as soon as we turned on to it. Of course that "15 MPH" number is for the wannabes, and not what we're driving. For us, that means you're pushed into the side of your door as you try to wipe the smile off your face while your tires squeal. More of the same followed as we enjoyed our favorite cars on the trip to our first stop for lunch at Quaker Steak and Lube in Sharon, PA. Vickie sent our meal choices ahead of time so we were served quickly and had a chance to enjoy the meals with our friends. Following lunch, we headed to the Keystone Safari on some of the same roads we enjoyed in the morning. The Keystone Safari is a fascinating park housing animals from across

the globe including giraffes, lemurs, and cassowaries. Our final stop was at Katie's Korner for ice cream. Huge thanks to Vickie and Linda for all of the planning that made this a perfect day to be a member of the WPMC.

Rocky Gap Casino Cruise Review by Walt Dillen

There is only one word to describe this cruise - "FANTASTIC ." We (8 cars) met in Somerset, Pa on June 25th at 9:00 AM, and at 9:30 the games began. Dave & Luanne mapped out a full day of great windy roads. To say it was a ZOOMIN Day would be an understatement. The morning roads were challenging, but they kept getting better. We arrived at the casino and had an enjoyable lunch and a chance to donate some funds to the state of Maryland ---- I did my part. Then off we went and the roads got even better - route 26 north was made for Miatas. We arrived in Everett PA for our ice cream stop at the IGLOO, a really cool place. Were we finished with the cruise? No way, we had more wild, twisty roads ending up in Breezewood around 4:30. What a full day of driving! Dave & Luanne you are one of the top Zoom Cruise Teams! A job well done, thank you so much for the time and effort to make this event so exciting - a big thank you from all of us!

2022 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

So far this year we have had some fabulous Miata roads. The leaders have done great jobs of putting together great cruises. We have many new people enjoying our cruises.

The PVGP is coming up on July 23. Registration for the event is only online. The cost is \$50 which includes weekend car display, PVGP race program and decal. The link is <https://pvgp.org/car-show-overview/asian-car-show/>. If you pay at gate the cost will be \$60. Registration closes

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9:00 pm July 21. Once you register, contact Jack Bartek to let him know what you are bringing for our food table. His email is abarte@aol.com.

It has come to my attention that people are showing up at cruises who are not on the leader's list of participants. Once you sign up for a cruise, make sure you get a response from the leader. Leaders please respond to participants' e-mails to confirm you received them.

See you on the road.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

It seems those of us that hoped the Miata retains its lightweight, nimble and responsive internal combustion engine for at least the next few years are in luck. There are plans for design changes although not radical. Also, Mazda is on track to move to all Electric by 2030. Miata will be last in the lineup to move. Prior to going all Electric, Miata MX-5 will move gradually with different Hybrid applications and many upgrades in suspension applications.

You cannot order or even get on a list for a new 2022 Miata because they have built out total allocation for 2022. I am told the list for the 2023 model year will open in early fall.

STAY TUNED AND KEEP ZOOMING!!!

Miata Cruisin! by Jim Blok, President

Where is the Miata (MX-5) Headed??!!

It seems there are a lot of theories regarding the future of our beloved Miatas. In completing a bit of research, it seems everyone has an opinion. First, the Miata loyalists that know what they want and hope they get it. You'll get their opinions and they seem to have concluded that is what is coming.

Secondly, there is always the question of whether or not the next generation Miata will remain motivated by the current rendition of the internal combustion engine, Hybrid or totally Electric. In my research I decided to contact the people that I figured had cut through the emotion, wishful thinking and the true loyalist and their opinions.

I contacted Mazda Motor America in Irvine, California. I asked if there was someone I could talk to about the future plans for the Mazda Miata. After some waiting and being bounced to a couple of different departments. I finally talked briefly with someone willing to talk. (OFF THE RECORD) He did not have authority to discuss Mazda's future plans, but was willing to offer his take on the future of the Miata.

He has been Sleep Driving every night since we bought this Miata Bed.



(by Jim Pacillo)

August Deadline

The deadline for articles for the August newsletter is August 6, 2022





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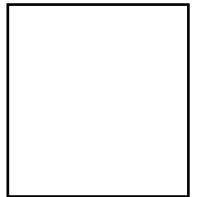
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