

Upcoming Events

Sun Jun 11	Northcoast Autocross www.northcoast-miata.com
Thu-Sun Jun 15-18	Miata Mountain Mania
Sun Jun 25	Make a Wish Charity Car Show
Sat Jul 8	Monthly Meeting
Sat-Sun Jul 15-16	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 22	I-79 Mazda 4 Cylinder Car Show
Wed-Sun Jul 26-30	10th Anniversary Miatas at the Gap
Sat Aug 12	Monthly Meeting and Bond's Cruise
Fri-Sun Aug 18-20	Miatas at Mentone www.rocketcitymiata.org
Sat-Mon Sep 2-4	Topless in the Mountains
Sat Sep 9	Monthly Meeting
Fri-Sun Sep 8-10	Midwest Miata Gathering
Sat-Sun Oct 14-15	Fifth Annual Train Cruise

Sat
Dec 2 | Christmas Party

MMM UPDATE BY LINDA ZIMLIKI



It's 10 days away & we are finishing up details for the event. Tuites are doing sign up sheets & helping stuff the goody bags. Whitmires are getting last minute details ready for KK & FW Tours they are leading. Doug did a great job with the maps. Stengers are finishing up with rosters & labels. They were part of the stuffing crew. Bonds have finished up decorations & details for the "Stretch Your Legs Party" & preparation with hotel. Zimlikis are working on plans for all the self guided cruises, Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob, Pittsburgh & Nemaquin. We are tying all the loose ends up for the event. Thanks to all leaders of the guided cruises for their hard work in organizing a cruise for the event. We have had 6 cancellations but these were immediately filled from our waiting list. We now have only 8 on the waiting list. I am still getting emails from people inquiring if we have any cancellations & can they be placed on the list.

The committee hopes the members will drop by Saturday for the "Party." Leslie & Bryan have done a lot to make the evening special. What would make it even nicer is members coming to the "Party." Party is at 8:00 p.m. but come early to check out all the Miatas. Bring your camera so you can take photos. Remember this is for the club and the members are the club.





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Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix by Tom Jack



The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Combined Car Show will be held on July 15th and 16th. Go to: www.pvgp.org for all the information. You can print out a registration form and mail it in or you can register and pay on-line. If you don't have the internet available, call me & I'll send you a registration form.

Typically, we have attended on Saturday, the day of the time trials and that was the main day for the car show. You are now able to come back on Sunday, the day of the actual races for the one day registration fee. Or you could just come on Sunday.

Mazda **WILL NOT** have a display this year. I'm working with Brian on what we can do in addition to the little canopy tent we have.

We should be in the same place as last year, I'll be attending a planning meeting of the Car Show Committee on June 12th, if anything changes, I'll post it on the forum.

Please e-mail (tjjack@comcast.net) or call (724-266-9051) me if you're planning on attending, so we have an idea of how many cars to allow for.

Miatas at Deals Gap Event Celebrates tenth anniversary BY Thom & Sue Stuewe



This summer marks the tenth anniversary of Miatas at Deals Gap. Word is that there will be a huge turnout for this year's special event and motel rooms in the area will fill up quickly. It would be a good idea to reserve your room now if you have any intention of going. You can always cancel it with 24 hours notice if you do not attend. The Northcoast Miata club and many others will be staying at <http://valleyviewlodge.com> or call 1-800-292-4844. I would love to have some of the members from the West Penn Miata Club join us down there or on the way. Sue and myself are looking forward to meeting many of the members of our new Miata club. The Northcoast participants will be leaving for the Gap Wednesday July 26, 2006 and return on Saturday July 29, 2006 that afternoon. We have not yet confirmed our directions hoping the West Penn people will hook up with us for the trip down. We are planning to arrive Wednesday afternoon about 4 pm with time to get something to eat, take a run through the dragon, go back to our rooms, wash the cars, and enjoy some wine and good conversation with all our new friends at West Penn. Any questions, e-mail me at TSTU@alltel.net or call Thom at 219-598-0295.





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June 3 Meeting Report by Leslie Bond

Twelfth, and final, Topless in the Mountains by Steve Lapp

The twelfth, and last, Topless in the Mountains is scheduled for September 2-4, 2006. Trillium Club members Rick and Chris Annis, who have done an absolutely fantastic job with this event, are retiring. This event is really about one thing - DRIVING. Over the course of two days, expect to take your Miata over 500 miles on some of the best roads West Virginia has to offer.

Registration for this event is now closed. WPMC members who will be attending are Steve Lapp, Paul McCullough and Lulu, Dave and Carole McLaughlin, Joe and Linda Zimliki, Bryan and Leslie Bond, Jay and Lorraine Miller, and Tom and Brenda Bolin.



Not long after work forced us to become familiar with Uniontown, a clear night revealed an interesting sight. Way up on the mountain, miles and miles away, there was an ethereal glow and we could make out within it the silhouette of what appeared to be a cross. Then we realized it could be seen in the daylight as well. We intended to ask a local what it was, but never thought of it at the right time. Then we moved up on the hill where we now reside and have a panoramic view of the Laurel Highlands, including a straight shot of what we eventually learned from our daughter was the "Jumonville Cross."

They say that we sometimes miss the most interesting things because they're in our own back yard, so a couple weeks ago there was a pretty day and we drove up there. We didn't get directions, believing that once we got close, it would be easy to spot due to its size. If we could see it from 15 miles away, we should surely be able to find it easily once we got into the neighborhood, right? Well, that wasn't the best plan but we eventually made it and discovered a decent driving road or two on the way. It seemed to be a good destination for a short Miata run, and on Saturday morning June 3, Bryan led a caravan of 12 up to Jumonville before our monthly WPMC meeting. Twenty-two hardy drivers and passengers then hiked the rest of the way up to Dunbar Knob (no cars allowed) to get a closer look at the cross, perched at 2,495 feet above the grounds of a beautiful Methodist church camp. From the peak on a clear day, you can see up to 50 miles, including parts of three states (PA, WV, MD) and seven counties.

The "Cross of Christ" was financed in part by dimes collected by thousands of Sunday School kids before WWII. The construction was postponed due to the steel shortage during the war, but was then completed and dedicated in
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Miata Slang by Rich Lowden

FRANKENSTEIN BOLTS--Hardtop attaching bolts that came standard on M1s

MIATA--Old German word meaning "high reward"

MIATAE--Plural of Miata, or a group of Miatas

MIATA WAVE--Flashing the lights or just waving wildly when you see another Miata

MIATATUDE-- The attitude one develops after buying a Miata

MSV--Miata Support Vehicle. The other car you own

OBLIVIOUS--When another Miata owner doesn't wave back

TRIGGER FINGER--Placing your thumbs on the horns buttons of an M1 when you are in traffic





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1950. The names of the participating children are embedded in the 183-ton concrete foundation. The cross itself is 60 feet tall and marks a spot where George Washington skirmished with French scouts, starting the French and Indian War. Pretty cool.

The Miata train then wound its way back down and to our house to for a cookout and meeting. The sun was out part of the time, it didn't rain, and the food was great. We welcomed some new members, attended to club business and got excited about Miata Mountain Mania coming up in just a little over a week. As afternoon came, the wind cooled down and the rain began to fall before we could get in the pool, but other than that, the day was a success. Thanks to everyone who made the trip to Uniontown to join us!

Member Profile



Name : Thom & Sue Stuewe

Miatas : 2002 SE Blazing yellow mica / 2005 Velocity red mica MSM

License: Twet Brd/Boost 1

Well We bought our first Miata in 1992 . Bought a 1990 White and we didn't know about the club or anything but we loved the car. We only drove it about 2000 to 2500 miles a year (when we needed to go for ice cream or milk or what ever we could dream up). Kept it for two or three years. Got rid of it when we stopped using it and I had my first of 5 back operations. But most importantly we wouldn't have ever had a Miata if my wife had not seen one and fallen in love with it. I didn't know they even existed. Plus She had to teach me how to drive

a stick. I didn't know that either. After a long time, the operations were finished and I was feeling better and we missed the sports car so we started to look for another.

Somehow we ended up with a BMW Z3. It was fast and nice but it didn't handle like a Miata and most importantly NO ONE WAVED BACK. So we sold it and bought the 02 SE . It soon got its Tweety Bird theme and some upgrades and then Sue wanted to start autocrossing. So we bought a 1994 classic red and fixed it up for racing . That was lots of fun except for when Sue beat me which is often. She has a need for speed. Well after a while we got a great deal on a trade in on the 1994 and a great price on the 05 MSM so we moved on and that is where we are at now. Sue and I grew up in Cleveland, Ohio all of our lives. She was east side and I was west. We met at a parents without partners dance one night, dated, fell in love, and got married. We have been married 14 years now. I should say that I have married MY BEST FRIEND; that is what is so cool. And it is also great that we both love to race and love the car together. It's wonderful when you have a sport in common with your wife.

When we got back into Miatas, we met the people at the Northcoast Miata club and then later the West Penn Miata club - all a really great group of people, now we put 10,000 miles on a summer or more. WOW. I am in sales for a carpet wholesaler and Sue works for real-estate at Howard Hanna; we both love our jobs. I like golf and many other sports and,(guys get this) my Sue's hobby is taking care of the yard - grass and the trees and flower beds. All I have to do is fix the lawn mower when needed. How nice is that! I am a very lucky guy. Thanks to all our new FRIENDS @ West Penn Miata Club and to my wife. I love you Sue.

Miatas at Mentone by Clem Akins Rocket City Miata Club

The Rocket City Miata Club of Huntsville, Alabama is planning a late summer drive to, through and around the mountains of north east Alabama, north west Georgia and southern Tennessee and we invite you to join us. We are expecting club participation from the Music City, CAMS, Peachtree, the Carolinas, the West

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Penn, Scenic City and the RCMC, plus a few that are not lucky enough to have a club close to them. This year has the promise of a bigger and better turn out than we had last year. We have 28 cars from the RCMC alone, with 41 people planning on being there.

The second "Miatas at Mentone" event will be held the weekend of August 18, 19 and 20, 2006 in Mentone AL. We are planning this event, with some local dealer support, as a social gathering for those who own, drive and support the Mazda Miata/MX5 sports cars. We anticipate different clubs would lead or plan a drive out which when combined would provide a couple of days of driving pleasure in our area as well as some great social opportunities. We are planning some self-guided driving tours and a place to show off your cars. There could easily be a couple hundred cars involved. The main area of operation will be at The Mentone Inn in Mentone, AL at the flashing light on Hwy 117. Look for the clubs' banners and the Miatas.

Mentone is located near the AL/GA/TN borders in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. There are a number of lodging and dining possibilities. Each group will be responsible for their own lodging and dinning reservations. There are no fees or charges for the drive outs or activities. None of the events are competitive type racing events and all are conducted on public highways open to general traffic; all traffic laws apply. Some of the lodges in the area require a 2-night minimum. Lodging in the Mentone area may be found by going to www.tourdekalb.com and varies from camping to very nice.

The planning is complete and we are ready for the fun to begin. Many of the resorts and lodges in the Mentone area are full beginning in mid September through November with old folks, not like us, to look at the Fall Color. One additional note; Mentone is in a dry county so bring it with you or do without, bring it in a bag and keep it out of sight. Additional information and event updates will be posted on our web site www.rocketcitymiata.org or you can email me at info@rocketcitymiata.org. We have four drive outs planned, Little River Canyon, Crow Mountain (RCMC), A Mountain Run (Scenic City) and the Unclaimed Baggage / Ice Cream Parlor Trail (RCMC). We'll have a Bar-B-Q late Saturday afternoon at the Mentone Inn courtesy of Jeff Sikes Mazda in Huntsville, AL, followed by some evening entertainment. There is promise of a special treat like last year. Remember it's AUGUST 18, 19 & 20 2006 in Mentone, AL

Live and Let Drive by President Bond, James Bond

Here we are, in June already. The sales figures for May on the MX-5 are up 255% over May of last year. There are 1,829 more Miata Roadsters out on the roadways just waiting for us to find them. If you're looking for an automotive toy—a car on which to spend your bonus or a sports car to alleviate your midlife crisis—you don't have to spend \$40,000-plus on a Corvette. The MX-5 is a roadster that rivals that of a more expensive sports car. From 1990 to 2006, the Miata remains one of the market's most fun cars to drive. Just ask any member of WPMC! For all of you autocross members don't forget, this Sunday June, 11 the North Coast Miata Club has an event set up. Check it out on the website.

After a year and a half of planning, Miata Mountain Mania is only days away. Make that hours away. The excitement is growing rapidly. For those members that didn't sign up for this event, I would like to personally invite you to come to the car viewing on Thurs. June 15th to see all the roadsters in every color made with every modification possible known to the MX-5. When was the last time you saw 130 Miatas, from 22 states plus Canada, in one spot? Did someone say Kodak Moment? You won't want to miss this great opportunity. Come topless and bring your camera. The car that is!

On June 25th, the Make-A-Wish Charity Car Show will be held at Monroeville Mall. It would be great to have a large turnout from WPMC to help make this event a success. That's it for now. I'll see you at MMM. 'Til next time,

Live and let drive

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July Deadline

The deadline for articles for the July newsletter is July 10, 2006





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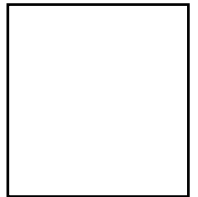
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West Penn Miata Club

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 3, 2006

Where: Leslie and Bryan Bond's house

Time: 2 PM

Present: Not recorded, 12 cars participated in the cruise.

Call to Order: Bryan Bond, President

Previous Minutes: Per May newsletter

Officers Report:

- President:
- Miata Mountain Mania is sold-out. There are 133 cars registered.
- Two vendors will attend MMM, Dent Wizard and someone who does powder coating.
- 22 states plus Canada will be represented at MMM.
- There will be 11 guided and a bunch of unguided cruises at MMM.
- MMM Swap Meet is Thursday at 5 PM.

- Vice President: No report
- Secretary: We have 60 paid members. We have had 14,683 hits to our website this year.
- Treasurer: No report

Committee Reports:

- Newsletter: No report
- Holiday Party: Rich Lowden led discussion regarding type of entertainment to have. Has looked in Murder Mystery Dinner, but general consensus is that it would be too time consuming. Other ideas, band, DJ. No decision reached.
- Membership Committee: No report
- Bylaw: No report
- Nomination Committee: No report
- Store: No report

Old business:

- Newsletter article deadline is 2 days after the monthly meeting.
- Monthly meetings during the summer will be short followed by a short cruise.

New Business:

- Mazda not going to sponsor the Vintage Grand Prix. Discussion followed regarding merits of buying our own tent. Cost will be investigated and then decision will be made.
- It was suggested that WPMC events be highlighted so as to stand out from others. Bryan to work with Steve Lapp.
- When possible, newsletter articles regarding non-events should include names of any of our club members who might be participating.
- No cruises are scheduled for June or July. Need members to volunteer to lead. Plenty of help available from former leaders to help new leader with first cruise. Contact Cruise Director Rich Lowden.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is July 8th; no cruise leader or place set. Need a volunteer to lead this event, please contact Bryan Bond or Rich Lowden.

Meeting adjourned: 4 PM

Respectfully submitted
John Whitmire
Secretary