

Upcoming Events

Sat Jun 9	Penn State Creamery Cruise
Sat Jun 16	Coal Miners Museum Cruise
Sun Jun 24	Zoomin' with PMC
Thu Jun 28 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jun 30	Let's Go Lago Cruise
Sat-Sun Jul 14-15	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sat Jul 21	Platts Go Zoomin
Sat Jul 28	Wild & Wonderful West Virginia Cruise
Thu Aug 2 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 11	Peaches and Gravity Hill Cruise
Sun Aug 26	WPMC Picnic
Sat Sep 8	Johnstown National Flood Memorial Cruise
Sun Sep 16	J. D. Cellars Winery Cruise

Sat Sep 22	Laurel Highlands Cruise
Sat Oct 13	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 1	WPMC Christmas Party

Penn State Creamery Cruise by Pat & Ron Hoffman

Please join Pat and I for a “relaxing” cruise to Happy Valley and the Penn State Creamery (best ice cream ever made!!). We will leave from Blairsville and travel US RT 22 through the Laurel Highlands over Cresson Mountain to Duncansville, where we will stop midway for a leisurely lunch (no deadlines!!) at Marzoni’s Brick Oven & Brewing Co. (www.marzonis.com). After lunch, we will then head out on US RT 22 to State College using the “back entrance” to Penn State. The drive should take around an hour and a half so hopefully everyone will be ready for ICE CREAM. After “filling up” once again at the Creamery, we can go on a walking tour of Campus and College Avenue if anyone would care to do so. We can also stop at the Trader Joe’s and/or Wegman’s (voted by me, best grocery store in the world!!) in State College if anyone wants. We can do whatever you want for as long as you want. I’m never in a hurry to leave Penn State!!

Date & Time: Saturday, June 9th @10 AM (Note that this cruise was originally scheduled for June 16th).

Meeting Place: McDonald’s, 10 Resort Plaza Dr., Blairsville, PA (to the right of the Walmart on US RT 22) in their BACK PARKING LOT. There is a Sheetz right across US RT 22 where you can gas up if necessary.

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RSVP: By June 7th to me, Ron Hoffman, at rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-392-7932.

I am rating this cruise as Leisure to Sporty.

Coal Miners Museum Tour by Tom and Kay Cypher

The trip will be on back windy roads through farm country in the Northern Cove and then mountain roads. We will need to keep an eye out for buggies and bicycles, and will encounter only one red light during the entire trip. Many of the curves in the roads are marked at 15 miles per hour – be ready to downshift.

We will arrive at the Lake Raystown Resort for lunch and a chance to see the large fish that fight for food and the ducks that try to take it away. We should arrive there in an hour and a half from the Sheetz. This stop should take about one hour.

We'll then have a short but twisty ride to Paradise State Park where we can explore the ice cave, view balanced rock, and then proceed to the Coal Miners Museum – admission fee around five dollars. Following the tour, we will proceed on twisty but paved roads with a look at restored coke ovens and then on to Malls Mill Covered Bridge which we can drive through. Photo opportunities are on the other side of the bridge.

We end the tour back on Route 36 at the American Kream soft serve ice cream. A gas station is across the road. A few miles on 36 will take you back the starting place at Sheetz. The tour will take about 4 to 5 hours to complete.

Date & Time: Saturday, June 16, Meet at 9:30 AM, Leave at 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz 8711 Woodbury Pike - From the Pittsburgh Area – take Route 22 – 30 – or the Turnpike

East to I-99. North from 30 or Turnpike and South from 22 to exit 23 (East Freedom). Proceed through the light on Route 36 about a quarter mile to Sheetz on the right.

Cost: \$5 Coal Miners Museum

RSVP: 814-232-7449 or tomandkay111@comcast.net by June 8th so we can make arrangements for lunch and the museum. Note: If anyone would like to follow Zimlikis from the east, email Linda at bclj8@comcast.net.

Zoomin' with PIMC by Mitch McQuown

This is a joint cruise with the Presque Isle Miata Club (PIMC). The cruise has no destination - just you, your car, and good roads. It will be on Sunday, June 24th. We will meet at 9:00 AM at Country Fair #44 just off exit 113 of I-79, and will start driving at 9:30. The route will take us to a restaurant called Family Tradition. After lunch, we will walk to the nearby ice cream shop. We will then continue on and the cruise will end back at Country Fair. This cruise is limited to 20 cars and will be leisurely to ZOOMIN. With that being said, if you are not comfortable pushing your car's limits, this may not be the cruise for you. RSVP by June 19th by emailing me at mmcquown93@icloud.com.

Let's Go LAGO By Karen & Ken Nagel

Let's try to squeeze in one more cruise in June on the last day of the month, June 30, 2018. Enjoy a leisurely trip North on historic SR-19 meeting and starting out at the GetGo on the corner of Rowan Rd. and SR-19 N, 8002 Rowan Rd, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066 about 1 mile from the Cranberry exit of I-79 taking SR-19N.

We will then lead you through some small, historic towns and a lot of farm country. While stopped at a stop sign at the corner of RT-19 & RT-108, you'll notice our return Ice Cream stop called The Corner. We will first do an earlier lunch at the Timber Creek Tap & Table restaurant in

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Meadville (www.timbercreektapandtable.com). After having partaken in the fine cuisine and enjoying the camaraderie of our group in the Tap Room we will proceed to our destination of the Lago Winery near the Pymatuning lake at Jamestown. This 140 year old farm has been on this property since the mid 1800's.

After leaving Lago's behind if you want, we can travel back through Mercer by a different route, joining back up with SR-19S. And if your sweet tooth still needs satisfied, you can stop at The Corner (thecornerinharlansburg.com) for ice cream treats. There is no limit but please RSVP by June 6th to me at nagelkm@comcast.net if you will be joining our adventure.

Have A Grand (Prix) Time



by Richard 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 1st and continues through July 15th. We will gather on July 14th to celebrate our Miatas and all things auto related at the 2018 PVGP at 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 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.pvvp.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 \$35 and includes your weekend car display spot, a PVGP race program and car decal. On-line registration closes at midnight on Thursday July 12, after which participants must pay at the gate in Schenley Park upon entry and the price increases to \$40. 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 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 of preregistered entries.

As for our participation, our big day is on Saturday the 14th. 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. 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.

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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 14th.

Zoom! Zoom!

Platts Go Zoomin by Don & Lee Platt

Join Lee and Don on July 21 for our initiation cruise. We will meet at the Clearview Mall on PA Route 8 North in Butler at 9:30 AM and depart from the north entrance at 10:00 AM. We will follow crooked roads northeast through East Brady, stop at a scenic overlook, and go through Brookville into Cook's Forest. We probably will eat lunch at the Iron Mountain Grill and visit Foxburg for a wine tasting and some music. We'll finish with homemade ice cream at Mazzanti's.

The cruise is limited to 10 cars. To reserve your spot, please contact us at 724-650-6899 or culldesak@yahoo.com. This cruise is rated as Sporty.

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

Come With Me To Foggy Mountain Report by Pat & Ron Hoffman

19 cars with 31 members and one guest met in Blairsville on a beautiful, sunny morning on May 12 to start our Laurel Highlands adventure. Our cruise was led by Scott Coatsworth and his "wingman" Tony. Scott took us over many twisty roads (one stretch was for 15 miles). Our first stop was at The Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown where we had a chance to shop for baked goods and were able to enjoy the beautiful day by sitting outside and sampling our purchases before saddling up and heading for the rest of the drive through Linn Run, Rolling Rock, and the Mellon estates. We arrived at the rustic Foggy Mountain Lodge and Restaurant to enjoy an excellent lunch in a private dining room. After lunch we continued our drive to downtown Ligonier to the Ligonier Creamery for ice cream. After weather reports predicting thunderstorms in the afternoon, we were fortunate to not experience any rain until our way back to our cars after the ice cream stop. Thank you to Scott for planning a very enjoyable cruise through one of the most beautiful areas in Pennsylvania.

2018 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

There is a full schedule of fun cruises this month. We have a change in the schedule. The leader of the Coal Miner's Museum cruise had family obligations for June 9th so he switched his date with the leader of the Penn State Creamery cruise. Penn State Creamery cruise is now June 9th and Coal Miner's Museum cruise is June 16th. Leaders, please remember to post your cruise on the forum once you send your article to the newsletter. Members, the club would like cruise participants to post a few comments about the cruise on the forum under the cruise you attended. This would be very helpful to the club. WPMC has a pre-cruise meeting before each cruise. The meeting contains important information from

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the leaders. Please make sure you attend these pre-cruise meetings.

If you have an idea for a cruise please let me know about it. I can let you know if it has been done before or if someone else has already had the same great idea. If you need assistance with an idea for a cruise I have them. Once you decide, send me the details. If you change your mind about the destination, let me know that as well.

The Fall for New England II Regional Event will be September 19 - 21, 2019 and registration is now open. Registration fee is \$185 per person. Fee includes Welcome Reception, guided & self-guided cruises, breakfast every morning, and closing Banquet. There will be an extra charge for the Tour of Boston and spirited guided laps at Palmer Motorsport Park. No fee was on their website. The hotel is Westward Regency Inn and Conference Center.

Cost is \$135 per night. Submit your registration form online. You can pay by paypal or check. For more details, check out <https://ffne2.massmiata.net>.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Ragtop review by Ron Hoffman, President

Happy summer to everyone!! Did everyone enjoy his or her nice "hot" Memorial Day weekend? It seemed like only a week or two ago that good cruising days were far and few between then all of a sudden, SUMMER.

The last couple days were almost too hot for top down cruising, at least for me. Pat and I, along with 20 other cars had a lot of fun at the Butler Memorial Day Parade, with the best time cruising in the shade!! I guess the older you get the crankier you get regarding the weather!! Maybe we will get a break and temperatures will be more normal the rest of June.

Speaking of June, the cruising season is now in full swing with four cruises scheduled this month. Don't miss out on what we do best - Zoomin' and Cruisin'. If you haven't already signed up for a cruise, then do so today - that's an order!!

I got an email from Larry Shockling a while ago with an interesting article about a future "upgrade" to the Miata, possibly for the 2019 model. The article was in autoblog.com. Rumors are circulating that Mazda may be "upping" the horsepower in our little favorite beast. The current 155 horsepower power plant which provides more than enough Zoomin' fun for me may be going to 181 horsepower. For a few more details check out the article at:

<https://www.autoblog.com/2018/03/01/2019-mazda-mx-5-miata-may-be-getting-181-hp/>

I know I mentioned this before, but if you should run across some good Miata news or videos that our club members would enjoy reading or seeing, PLEASE send them to my email address:

rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com

I will add them to my monthly newsletter article and make sure you get credit for it. I am still struggling to come up with new and interesting things to put in the newsletter. I can sure use some help!!

If you are visiting this site for the first time to check us out, Welcome!! I hope you'll join us for an event and experience first hand a new level of Zoomin' fun.

Later!!

July Deadline

The deadline for articles for the July newsletter is July 2, 2018





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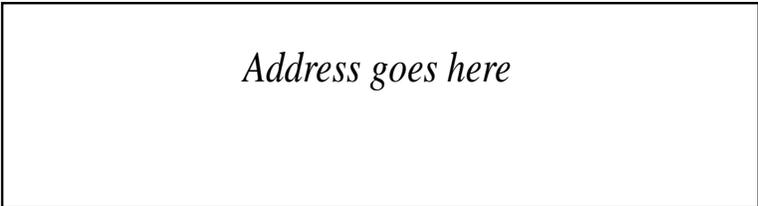
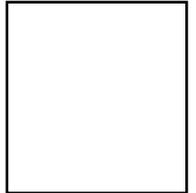
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