

## Upcoming Events

Sat Mar 31	Tech Session at Kenjitsu Auto Repair and Board Meeting	Sun Aug 12	Sunday Murder Most Foul Cruise
Sat Apr 28	Start-Up This Way, That Way, Cruise	Sat Aug 25	WPMC Picnic
Sat May 5	Rev Up Your Miata and Let's Rally	Sat-Mon Sep 1-3	Topless in the Mountains
Sat May 19	Round The Town Cruise	Sat Sep 8	Board Meeting and Wendell August Forge Cruise
Sat May 26	Runway Cruise	Sat Oct 6	Board Meeting and Tech Session at Billco Motors
Sat Jun 2	Board Meeting at Smail Mazda and Flight 93 Cruise	Sat-Sun Oct 13-14	Sixth Annual Train Cruise
Sat Jun 9	Meadowcroft Village and Sarris Cruise	Sat Dec 1	Christmas Party
Sun Jun 17	Sunday Murder Mystery Cruise	Sun Dec 2	Holiday Open House - Nationality Rooms
Sat Jun 23	West Meets North Picnic (with North Coast Miata Club)		
Sat Jun 30	C & O Canal National Historic Park Cruise		
Sat-Sun Jul 14-15	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix		
Sat Jul 28	Moraine State Park Cruise		
Sat Aug 4	Board Meeting and Whitmire/Stenger Cruise		

### Events Hosted by Other Clubs

- **Miatas in Moab III, Hosted by Utah Miata Club, May 18 - 20, 2007, Website:**  
[www.utahmiataclub.com/miatasinmoab/activities.htm](http://www.utahmiataclub.com/miatasinmoab/activities.htm)
- **Miatas at the Gap, July 28 - 29, 2007, Website:**  
[www.tailofthedragon.com](http://www.tailofthedragon.com)
- **Midwest Miata Gathering, Hosted by Greater Cincinnati Miata Club, Sept 7 - 9, 2007, Website:**  
[www.cincimiata.com/events.asp](http://www.cincimiata.com/events.asp)
- **Buggies & Bridges '07 - Miata Amongst the Amish, Hosted by PACE Miata Club, Sept 20 -23, 2007, Website:**  
[www.miata.pace.net/event](http://www.miata.pace.net/event)





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## Kenjitsu Tech Session by Rich Lowden

**O**ur WPMC 2007 adventures begin with a Tech Session at Kenjitsu Auto on Saturday, March 31st at 10:30 AM.

Gene Kantor & Ed Dull have burned the midnight oil to put together a program on **SUSPENSION & HANDLING**. How do you set your car up to drive West Virginia roads and yet drive it to work? What about an Autocross set-up? Is your car under warranty? What can I do and still not void the warranty. The answer to these questions and many more will be discussed. Come learn from the experts. This is one you can't miss.

**Directions:** Rt. 30 to Greensburg, exit to Rt. 119 north. Follow 119 north through Greensburg to Rt. 819 north. Three miles on Rt. 819 north to Forbes Trail Rd. Turn right at Forbes Trail Rd. Go 1/2 mile to Kenjitsu Auto Repair on the right.

From Rt. 22 to Rt. 819 south. Go four miles to Forbes Trail Rd. Turn left then 1/2 mile to Kenjitsu Auto Repair on the right.

I will be at Denny's on Rt. 30 across from Greengate Center ( New Wal-Mart ) upper parking lot ( Greengate Commons ) leaving at 9:45 am for anyone wishing to follow me.

**P**arking is limited. Please call or email me so that we can get a count and make arrangements for additional parking if needed. Phone: 412- 672 - 1689, E-Mail: rlowden@westpennmiataclub. com.

## April Deadline

The deadline for articles for the April newsletter is April 3, 2007

## REV UP YOUR MIATAS & LET'S RALLY

BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

**F**or a day filled with fun, come join us as we rally around the back roads. The McConahas, who organized the Luv, Piece & Harmony Rally a few years ago, are back to organize another great rally for our Club. As we zoom along the back roads make sure you don't miss a cue or sign. If you finish first does that mean you won? You are the last to leave but end up in front of the first car to leave. Now how did that happen???? We will end up at a restaurant, did you have any doubts, but you have to find it first. Prizes will be awarded.

**Date:** Saturday May 5, 2007

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Starting Place:** Moon Mazda

**Requirements:** Navigator, Pen & a Desire to have fun

**RSVP:** By May 2 - Need to know how many instructions to print & restaurant needs to know number of people. Contact Linda Zimliki lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or call 724-327-1762

## MX- 5 on Top Again by Brian Bond

**I** received my Consumer Reports catalog yesterday and guess what's on the cover? Yep! MX-5 --top pick in "fun to drive" category. A nice blue 2007 right on the front cover. It was ranked 2nd in avoidance maneuvering only behind a Porsche 911 Carrera S by 2 mph. The overall rating was #2 with a score of 89 behind the Porsche Boxter by only 1 point of 90. Of course, the boxter price is \$49,075.00 vs. \$27,095 for the MX-5. It's a no brainer for me. On the other hand, the Pontiac Solstice was the last on the list for "Roadsters" with a score of 50. Thought you might like this little bit of info.





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## All Around the Town Cruise

by Sue and Mark Tuite

**J**oin us on May 19th for a cruise around the city of Greensburg. We will drive the windy roads passing around and through many of the landmarks you have heard about but perhaps never visited. At the end of our cruise, there will be a tour of the historic Palace Theater, a local jewel which is being lovingly restored to its original glory. There will be time to browse the local shops, train station, and museum. We will then have lunch in a small area restaurant and of course we will end with the traditional ice cream stop.

**W**atch for more details in the April issue of the newsletter, as we still have to work out some of the logistics about a meeting place and time.

**Contact:** Susan or Mark Tuite 724-837-8705 (home), 724-331-5789 (cell), or miataoo@comcast.net (e-mail).

## 2007 CRUSIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY RICH LOWDEN & LINDA ZIMLIKI

**W**PMC's crusin & event calendar is filling up fast. You don't want to miss the Tech Session that Rich has planned with Kenjitsu Auto Repair on March 31. The plans for the Driving School have been cancelled due to lack of interest. We will try to have this event next year.

**T**here are events being held by other Miata Clubs. We'd like to bring this to the club's attention so members can participate in the events if they wish. We appreciated other clubs getting the word out about our Regional event last year and believe it's important to reciprocate. There will be a list every month in the newsletter for these events. It will be updated regularly. If any members know of an event we don't have listed please contact Rich Lowden (rlowden@westpennmiataclub.com) or Linda Zimliki (lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com).

## Journeys with John by President John Whitmire

**Dateline 3/3/07:** I was so inspired by our meeting this afternoon that I came home and washed my Miata. Not that there is anything so unusual in that, but as I was washing it we had a snow squall in Moon Township! Seemed very strange to wash a car while it is snowing! On the other hand, snow is clean so it really didn't hinder the process. I'll always be eternally grateful to whoever built our house and installed a utility sink in the garage with hot and cold running water and a faucet that accepts a hose next to the garage door! Very Miata friendly!

We had a good first meeting of the year. Rich and Linda have gotten a great start on lining up a terrific number of events for this season. Cruises, rallies, tech sessions, see the events section of the letter. We still have slots open in July, August, and September, so if you would like to do a cruise, please contact Linda Zimliki or Rich Lowden. On the administrative side, Bernadine Leach has resigned as our VP. Unfortunately her work keeps her from attending any Saturday functions. She will be missed, but we hope she can still find a way to participate in some of our events. Jim Pfeiffer, a relatively new member, has volunteered to step in and take over the VP reins. He has also agreed to act as liaison with the dealers. This is an important task, as buyers of new MX-5s are a primary source of new members. Also, John Hutton has agreed to be Chairman of the Christmas Party! He will be forming a committee to support him and will be looking for volunteers. Please contact John if you are interested. Thanks so much to Jim and John; your efforts are really appreciated!

### Couple of miscellaneous items:

- The PACE club, located in Lancaster, PA, is hosting a Buggies and Bridges '07 Regional, Sep. 20 - 23. I understand it is almost sold out, so if interested, go to the website ASAP at [www.miata.pace.net](http://www.miata.pace.net)
- We do not have anyone slated to organize our participation in the Vintage Gran Prix. If you would like to do so, please contact Linda or Rich.
- We usually meet on the first Saturday of the month and publish the newsletter a couple of days after the meeting. Our April meeting is going to be held March 31st after the tech session. We will eat and meet at the Red Star Brewery in Greensburg. If you have any contributions for the newsletter, please forward to Steve Lapp by 4/3.

Our season is off to a great start! Hope to see you at our Tech Session March 31st at Kenjitsu Auto Repair!





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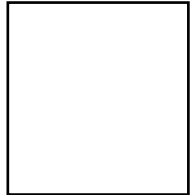
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