

## Upcoming Events

Sat  
Mar 23  
10:00 AM  
Tech Session at Jim Locke  
Automotive

Thu  
Apr 4  
7:00 PM  
WPMC Monthly Teleconference  
Meeting

Thu  
May 2  
7:00 PM  
WPMC Monthly Teleconference  
Meeting

Sat  
May 4  
Quecreek Mine & Coal Miner's Cafe  
Cruise

Sat  
May 11  
Johnstown Flood National Memorial  
Cruise

Mon  
May 27  
Butler Memorial Day Parade

Thu  
May 30  
7:00 PM  
WPMC Monthly Teleconference  
Meeting

Sat  
Jun 1  
Drive & Eat Cruise

Sat  
Jun 8  
Come to the Meadows Cruise

Sat  
Jun 15  
Penn's Cave Cruise

Sat  
Jun 22  
Devil's Road & Moonshine Cruise

Thu  
Jun 27  
7:00 PM  
WPMC Monthly Teleconference  
Meeting

Sun  
Jul 7  
PVGP Ralley

Sat  
Jul 13  
Flasche's Cruisn Delight - Brown's  
Kitchen in Portersville

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 10  
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

Sat-Sun  
Oct 12-13  
Watkins Glen

Sat  
Dec 7  
WPMC Annual Christmas Party

## April Deadline

The deadline for articles for the  
April newsletter is April 6, 2019





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## 2019 Membership Dues by Larry Shockling

**N**ow that we are into the new year of 2019, your 2018 Membership is obsolete, and must be renewed. Remember your membership, and your spouse/rider is contingent upon submitting, or having on record with the Club, a signed copy of the "WPMC Terms & Conditions". If you have already submitted a signed T&C, you **DO NOT** need to submit another one. However, recall that every person that will participate in a WPMC activity must have a signed T&C on record, so if you have changed spouse, or added another rider, they must also have a signed T&C in our records. We **DO NOT** need a **NEW** filled membership form each year, unless your info, such as address, phone numbers, vehicle info, or license plate number has changed. We do need current info so we can get info to you and identify you in your car. Mail a signed check for \$30, and any required signed forms to the address below before March 31, 2019. You will receive a new membership card and a receipt in the mail, and you will be included in the updated membership list. The Membership Application, and the T&C form can be downloaded at:

<http://www.westpennmiataclub.com/docs/Memberapp+Terms.pdf>

Make your check payable to "West Penn Miata Club", and mail to

West Penn Miata Club  
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116 Teton Drive  
Pittsburgh PA 15239

After March 31st, the membership list will reflect those who have paid their 2019 dues. Thank you for your continued support, and your participation in the club events.

## Tech Session by Larry Shockling

**O**ur Spring Tech Session will take place at Jim Locke Automotive on Rte 130 in Level Green. We have been treated to sessions here previously. A visit to Jim's shop is always informative and stimulating.

Although a general purpose automotive shop, Jim makes a specialty of Miatas. He is a builder, race driver instructor,

and also at times a racer. He is well known for his expertise with Spec Miatas. He can build one for you, deliver it, and teach you to get the most out of it on the race track.

**J**im Locke has taught many drivers the best methods to handle their cars in difficult situations, and that will be the theme of this session - defensive driving. He will share some of his valuable tips so we will be better equipped for handling our Miatas in difficult situations. The garage has a heater, but dress warm since we will be there on likely a non-working Saturday. We'll have coffee and donut holes. After the Tech Session, we will have lunch at Lucci's Pizza and Pasta which is down the road on Rt 130. When you RSVP me, let me know if you will be joining us for lunch.

**T**he Tech session is open to Dues Paying Members **ONLY**, so make sure you have sent your 2019 dues to me. You also need to inform me you if are coming to the session and to lunch so I can do some planning.

**Date & Time:** Sat March 23 at 10:00 AM

**Place:** Jim Locke Automotive - 549 Harrison City Road (RT 130) , Trafford, Pa 15085

**RSVP:** by March 14 to [lshockling@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lshockling@westpennmiataclub.com)  
Please reply for both Session & Lunch and include your phone number

## 2019 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**A**s I'm writing this article it is 16 degrees outside. Days for zoomin seem far far away, but I'm hopeful warm weather is coming soon. The 2019 Cruisin & Zoomin season schedule currently has 19 cruises and events.. The Tech Session will be early this year because of Jim Locke's racing schedule. The topic will be Defensive Driving. Please RSVP to Larry Shockling to let him know if you will be attending the tech session and lunch. He needs to know so there will be enough chairs at the garage along with seating at the restaurant. You will then have

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to wait a little before the first cruise on May 4th. The destination cruises are self explanatory except for Come to Meadows and Devil's Road & Moonshine. Come to the Meadows will visit the original Meadow Custard store and find out its history. Devil's Road & Moonshine is driving RT 666 and visiting the Blackbird Distillery. There are four driving cruises with restaurants at the end.

This year is considered the 30th anniversary of our beloved sports cars and I suspect there will be some regional club events to celebrate this fact. I will let you know as they come up. Here is the list of other club events so far.

**MIATAS AT MYRTLE BEACH XIII - APRIL 25 - 28**  
Sponsored by Triad Miata Club - Host Hotel is Ocean Dunes Resort. Make reservations at 800-599-9872. This is a casual event with no car limit. Check the website for different events scheduled. Fee is \$30 per car. <http://miatasatmyrtlebeach.org>

**ZOOMIN THE MOUNTAINS OF EAST TENNESSEE - JUNE 4 -9** - There are two hotels, Fairfield Inn & Suites - 423-574-4500 & Hampton Inn Bristol - 423-764-3600. The hotels are next to each other. There is a night at Bristol Speedway and other activities. You pay for what you choose to do. They are still working on the event. I contacted Lori and she sent me the current schedule. This is not on the website - Wednesday June 5, Kicks off at Noon at the hosting hotel, Fairfield Inn and Suites Bristol, TN, Ride to Dinner. Thursday June 6, Ride day. We plan to offer 3 rides to choose from for the day, then dinner, and Cornhole tournament with music / Karaoke Miata get to Know Ya social. Friday June 7, Morning - Autocross at Bristol Motor Speedway, A Ride for those not interested in the Autocross, Late afternoon Parade to Bristol Motor Speedway, Pizza Party, Laps on the track. Saturday June 8, Shine and Show Car Show @ Bass Pro Shop, Afternoon Ride, Dinner, Live Auction, Party and Music. Sunday June 9, Breakfast and farewell. <http://www.zoominthemountains.com>

**FALL FOR NEW ENGLAND II - SEPT 17 - 22**  
**SPONSORED BY MASS MIATA CLUB** - Hotel is Westward Regency. The car limit is 125 cars and it is full. There is a waiting list. <https://ffne2.massmiata.net>

**TEXAS MIATA ROUNDUP - SEPT 18 -22** Sponsored by Bluebonnet Miata Club - There are two host hotels: Inn On Barons Creek - 830-990-9202 and Hangar Hotel - 830-997-9990. Hotels are in Fredericksburg, Texas. Car limit is 300. Registration fee is \$68. They are blessed with the Twisted Sisters (Hill Country Racetrack) provided by Mother Nature; full-day runs will carve the curves on both Friday and Saturday. There will be specialty runs and activities such as the POKER Run, the Fun-Cana (Rodeo with Cars), the Show-n-Shine, and a wide variety of self-guided runs such as the Admiral Nimitz Museum, and the 290 Wine Corridor - THE place for wine & beer tasting. For more info check out <http://texasmiataroundup.com>

**GREEN MIATAS IN THE GREEN MOUNTAINS - OCT 3 - 6** Sponsored by Tom Davies - This event is for 1991 & 2001 British Racing Green Miatas only, and is the first time for this event. It will be held at Grey Ghost Inn in Vermont. Phone number is 802-464-2474. There are only 26 rooms. There is no website. Here is the email of the event leader Tom Davies - 01BRGse@gmail.com.

**MIATAS AT THE BACK OF THE DRAGON - OCT 17 - 20** Sponsored by Country Road Miatas - This is a casual event and the third year for it. They are still planning, and it is in Wytheville, VA. <https://www.countryroadsmiatas.com/events>

**BUGGIES & BRIDGES III - SEPT 24 -27, 2020** Sponsored by PACE Club and is in planning stage.

Leaders if you want to make a change to your cruise, please contact me with your plans. If you are planning on adding an activity, please let me know, as someone else may also be doing it. Members thinking of doing a cruise please let me know where you are planning on going. It may have already been done or someone else is planning on doing it.

We have some great cruises planned for the year. Looking forward to seeing you soon where we will

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## Topless Times

by Scott Coatsworth, President

**W**ell, the weather forecast, as I write this on March 4, shows temps dropping into the low teens over the next couple nights. I have had the top down three times since the last newsletter, and have some hope for this weekend. I know many of you have your Miatas safely garaged and off the insurance, so maybe you'd like some reading and pictures to keep the spirits up. Past-president Ron Hoffman has sent me two articles that you may find interesting:

<https://www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/mazda-mx5-miata-history/>

This recounts the history of the four models: NA, NB, NC, and ND.

<https://www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/mazda-mx5-miata-30th-anniversary-edition-chicago-auto-show/>

This talks about the 30th anniversary edition – already sold out! Lots of pictures of this little orange rascal.

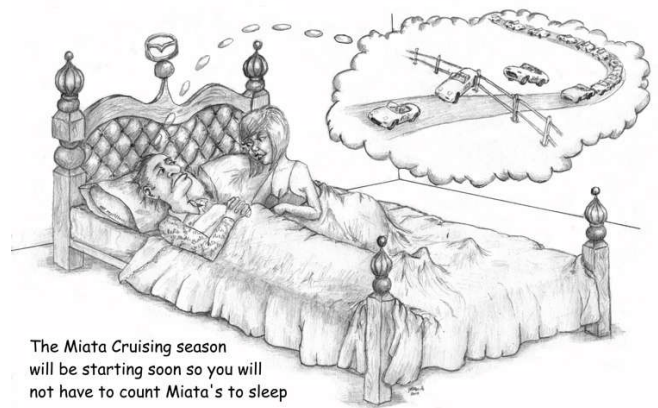
**T**he Pittsburgh International Auto Show occurred at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, February 15 through February 18. Mazda's corporate headquarters stepped back from the event this year, so some of the local dealers provided cars and sales staff. WPMC was represented on all four days by volunteers who passed out club information. I believe several people joined WPMC as a result of this effort. My thanks to all the volunteers. Tom Austin from Budd Baer Mazda provided the tickets for the volunteers. I don't know all of the dealers who helped out, but on my shift both Cochran (Monroeville) and Baglier (Butler) were there.

**T**here were perhaps nine cars vandalized at the car show. Two were Mazdas (not the Miatas.) One sedan had its steering wheel bent – yes, BENT! I don't want to meet the person who did that. An SUV was keyed on the middle of the front passenger door.

**O**ur first Board Meeting of 2019 was held at Smail Mazda on Saturday March 2. My thanks to Jeff Dohallow and Frank Kohler for providing the space for us. We had about 24 members in attendance. Since we are basically an eating

club with a driving problem, we had to stop for lunch at The Boulevard Restaurant afterward. I don't know if Joe got ice cream on the way home.

**T**he next event will be the Tech Session at Jim Locke Motors on March 23. A schedule of upcoming cruises is in this newsletter.



The Miata Cruising season will be starting soon so you will not have to count Miata's to sleep

by Jim Pacillo

## 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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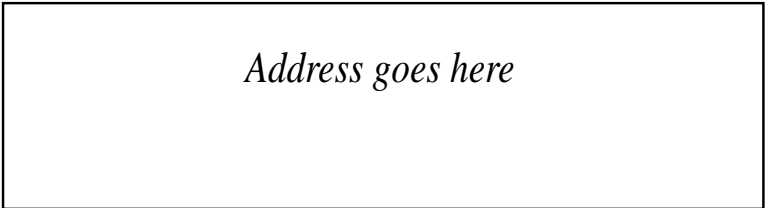
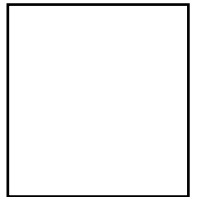
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