

Upcoming Events

Sat May 13	SCCA 65th Cumberland Fire & Ice Majors Race	Sat Aug 19	Meadowcroft Rockshelter & Historic Village Cruise
Mon May 29	Butler Memorial Day Parade Sponsored by Baglier	Sat Aug 26	WPMC Annual Picnic
Thu Jun 1 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting	Sat-Mon Sep 2-4	Topless in the Mountains
Sat Jun 3	Swarmers' Cruisn'	Sat Sep 9	Lunch in the Park & Harvest Festival Cruise
Sun Jun 11	Back Roads to Jean Bonnet Tavern	Sat Sep 16	Laurel Highlands, Somerset, Bedford, Cambria County Cruisn'
Sat Jun 17	Retro Cruise	Sat Sep 30	Johnstown Flood National Museum Cruise
Thu Jun 29 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting	Sat-Sun Oct 14-15	Annual Fall Foliage & Hocking Train Cruise
Sat Jul 8	Presque Isle Annual Picnic - Make A Wish		
Sat-Sun Jul 15-16	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix		
Sat or Sun Jul 22 or 23	Cruising to Cruise		
Sat Jul 29	Nemacolin Woodlands Cruise		
Thu Aug 3 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting		
Sat Aug 5	Casa Narcissi Winery Cruise		

Butler Memorial Day Parade

by Joe & Linda Zimliki

Baglier Mazda has invited us again to participate in Butler's Memorial Day Parade. This event will be held Memorial Day morning. We participated last year. It is a very well organized and nice parade. Check out last year's photos on our website. This is an opportunity to honor our brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms. We will meet at Baglier and be led to the parade start. After the parade, one of Baglier's sales people will lead us on a cruise in the area. After the cruise, we will return to Baglier where a lunch will be provided for us. There will be give aways from Mazda... No, not a car!

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They ask that everyone have a sign displayed on their vehicle thanking those that served. You can decorate your car if you wish. Hope we have a good turnout for this event. Time to show off our Miatas (MX-5) and honor the veterans.

Date & Times: Mon May 29th, 9:15 AM @ Baglier, 10:00 AM Line up starts, 10:40 AM Parade starts, 11:00 AM Moment of Silence

Meeting Place: Baglier Mazda, 630 Evans City Road, Butler, Pa 16001

RSVP: By May 22 to lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762

Swarmer's Cruisin by Wally and Sherry Swarmer

Join us on Saturday, June 3 for a day of cruisin' and eatin'. We'll meet at Target in Harmarville at 9:30 and leave at 10:00. A pit stop is planned after about an hour and a half. Then we'll arrive at the Red Rock Falls restaurant in Slippery Rock for lunch around 1:00. After a nice leisurely lunch, we'll cruise for about another hour to the Meadows Custard Stand in Cranberry. The cruise will end there around 3:30. This will be a Sporty type cruise. We have a 12 car limit. Please RSVP by email to swarmerws@yahoo.com or call us at 724-443-0834.

A Drive into History - Jean Bonnet Tavern by Scott Coatsworth

This is a back road cruise through western Pennsylvania from Greensburg to Bedford, stopping at the historic Jean Bonnet Tavern (<https://www.jeanbonnettavern.com/>) or (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Bonnet_Tavern) for a ghost tour (<https://www.jeanbonnettavern.com/ghosts/>)

and lunch, followed by an ice cream stop and a return trip via the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

We'll make a half-way stop at Seven Springs Ski Resort for stretching and comfort. Before arriving at Jean Bonnet Tavern, there will be a brief stop for probably the closest encounter you'll ever have with one of the giant electricity-generating windmills that dot the Laurel Highlands. The hills will be in full greenery, and it should be a beautiful drive!

Date & Time: Sunday, June 11, 2017, Meet at 9:00 AM, Leave at 9:30 AM.

Meeting Place: Eastgate Shopping Center, 5142 State Route 30, Greensburg, PA 15601, just east of the Westmoreland Mall. Please assemble in the downward parking lane in front of AAA, just to the left of the Giant Eagle.

Gas: If you need gas before starting, proceed past the Eastgate Shopping Center, making a left at the next traffic light to a Sunoco station. Then return west to the next traffic light, making a left into the Eastgate Shopping Center.

RSVP: By Monday, June 5 to Scott Coatsworth at scoatsworth@comcast.net or 412-951-3340.

Cruise Type: Zoomin' (or not quite).

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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WPMC "Retro Cruise" by Larry Pietropaoli

Ok, so you bought a car to relive the glory days of "open road" driving. Simple, straight forward driving, rag top (must be down), not a lot of horsepower, and, most importantly, a stick shift.

You seek clear, warm summer days, twisty / windy roads, lots of hills, a good place for lunch, and a cool place for ice cream. Being a discerning driver, you also seek an eclectic group of like minded car enthusiasts to share the unique experience.

How do you beat all that? Let's take it a step further. Instead of a restaurant, the original version was a picnic basket, a blanket, a private country scene, and someone special to share the day. So.....

We are planning for just that day, starting at Sheets, 1200 Perry Highway, Wexford, traveling through the old highway routes into the country, to the historic site Old Economy Village, Ambridge. There you will experience a "behind the scenes" tour that will focus on the entrepreneurial / business end of the Harmonist settlers.

Want to score some really big points? Let's do it in "period" costume. Got all that?

Assemble at Sheets on June 17, 2017 at a civilized 9:30 AM, and depart 10:00. Due at Old Economy Village after a LEISURELY drive at 11:30 AM. LEISURELY PICNIC BASKET lunch at 12:00 (pack one that will fit in your trunk. NO RESTAURANT this trip.) LEISURELY Tour of the grounds. Return to Wexford via Graeters Ice Cream Parlor. Tour cost \$10.00 per person.

NOTE: This cruise is classed "LEISURE" to "enjoy the countryside" Reservations limited to 15 cars. Please email Larry Pietropaoli by June 15 at larrydep@msn.com. A warm and sunny day is scheduled. See you there.

Presque Isle Miata Club Annual Picnic – Make-A-Wish

By Pat and Ron Hoffman

Please join Pat and I on Saturday, July 8th for a cruise up north near Erie to join the Presque Isle Miata Club (PIMC) for their annual picnic that benefits Make-A-Wish. The invitation with details to our members is below. We are still putting together the details of the cruise but we will probably start out north of Pittsburgh close to I-79. Final details for the cruise will be in the June newsletter. Pat and I will be staying in Erie on Saturday night and plan to take in a concert early Sunday afternoon at Chautauqua Institute in western New York not far from Erie so this can be a one day cruise or an "optional" overnigher. The concert starts at 2:30pm.

The US Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus will be performing at the Institute on Sunday. Note: Sunday performances are free and open to the public. If you have never been to Chautauqua Institute then it is a trip you need to put on your "bucket list"! There is nothing quite like the Institute. Check out their website: www.ciweb.org. We are also planning a short cruise through Chautauqua County, NY and a place to have brunch on Sunday before going to the concert. **IMPORTANT:** If you are interested in spending Saturday night in Erie, then contact me ASAP, (rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-392-7932) to discuss where to make overnight accommodations. The sooner you make reservations the better. Also, please note, you will send your reservation FOR THE PICNIC directly to Jan Stork at Make-A-Wish as detailed below in the invitation.

WPMC Invitation:

The 10th Annual PIMC Summer picnic will be held Saturday, July 8th, starting at 1:00 p.m., at Camp Notre Dame, 400 Eaton Road, Fairview, PA. Camp Notre Dame is an outstanding facility and we have it to ourselves. There is a large area to park and a dining hall if the weather doesn't cooperate.

This event is a great opportunity to meet with Miata enthusiasts and help the club raise some money for our

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local Make-A-Wish. There will be a Chinese auction, corn hole tournament, and maybe another music video. <http://eriemiata.wixsite.com/pimc/video>. Everyone will then have the chance to select an item from the Mazda Zoom-Zoom box of gifts. Hot dogs and pop/water will be provided. Alcohol is OK. Everyone is asked to bring a food item to share.

Cost for the picnic is:

- \$10 per person if paid before June 30th.
- \$15 per person if paid after June 30th.
- \$15 per person if you can't bring a food item to share.

This is a fundraising event, so any money left over will be donated to Make-A-Wish.

Please make your check for the picnic payable to: Jan Stork (it is important that you make your check payable to Jan Stork and not Make-A-Wish) and mail it to: Make-A-Wish
1001 State St. ?Suite 501
Erie, PA 16501

We hope you can join us! Regards, Herm Stork, Presque Isle Miata Club

Super Charge vs Turbo Charge

by Dennis Weber

The West Penn Miata Club held its 2017 Tech Session April 8th at Small Mazda in Greensburg. We all thank Jack Bartek & Nancy Galvin for organizing and presenting a very interesting session. They invited two of our club members, Steve Lapp and Mark Tuite to share modifications they have made to their own cars.

We learned about Super Charging and Turbo Charging, Wheels, Tires, Shocks, Springs, Cold Air Intake and Sway Bars. Since we all love our Miatas in a different way, our finances and desire to go faster often dictate how we modify our "babys". As Jack explained, SCCA has many classes to compete in, it is your choice to invest \$800.00 to \$45,000.00 to test your driving skills.

I would suggest that any member who is interested to go

to North Park on Sundays to check out the competition. Just check the SCCA/ North Hills Sports Car Club web site for dates. (PS Jack and Nancy always welcome a cheering crowd!) My favorite car is the Miata with the Corvette engine, sounds great

Volant and Combine Brothers Cruise Report

by Patty Pietropaoli

Our fearless leader and president Ron Hoffman, along with his co-pilot Pat, gave us Miata lovers our first cruise of the season. It was nice to get reacquainted with one another since it has been a while since our Christmas party. We are very fortunate here in southwestern PA to have such nice Miata roads. I live only 10 minutes from our meeting location at the Sheetz in Wexford and thought I knew all the back roads in the area. Ron took us on some I have never driven. Best of all, he just moved here about a year ago and he still surprised me.

We had 14 Miatas in our group and for a rainy day, that was pretty good. We were all wearing our rain jackets and had heat in our cars so we were prepared. It has been a while since most of us visited Volant and it has changed quite a bit. A few new stores are there and a new winery to give Volant Wine some competition. On the way to Volant we drove through McConnells Mill State Park which is always a nice ride even on a rainy day. You can't help but duck your head going under some of those boulders as they hang over the road, even though the top was not down.

Ron was definitely right about the super sized meals at Combine Brothers restaurant. You can get any type of pasta ever made there. They are known for their extra large rolls which were very yummy. Everyone left with a box and we still had room for ice cream at Katie's Korner in Grove City.

Thank you to Ron and Pat Hoffman for starting the cruising season for 2017 with an afternoon of driving the twisty and winding roads of SW PA.





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WPMC Store by Linda Zimlik

We have license plate frames with the club's name and website printed on them. This is a good way to advertise the club. The cost is \$20. We also have shirts that can be embroidered with our logo or your Miata. Check out the WPMC Store on the website.

2017 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Our first cruise of the season got us off to a great start even if it was a little wet. Hoping weather improves for our other cruises this month. Some of our members will enjoy watching the SCCA Majors Race this weekend. They will be taking their Miatas on laps around Pittsburgh International Race track. Some will enjoy an hour Go Karting.

News! News! West Penn Miata Club has made it into a National magazine, Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car. There was an article on last year's PVGP. Photo is shown below. Does anybody recognize themselves?



Remember to check the Events page for a list of Other Clubs' Events. Below is notice of MotorFest at Moss Motors in June. The ZTMOET Event is incorporating this event into theirs. Details Below.

MOSS MOTORFEST 2017

On Friday June 2, we will have a Pre-Party from 4-8 pm. From 4-6 Moss will host the induction of the inaugural class of the British Sports Car Hall of Fame. While not necessarily devoted to Miatas, we think you might be interested to know the class involves famous names such as Peter Egan, Bob Tullius, and Sir Stirling Moss. From 6-8 your \$15 ticket will include hors d'oeuvres and a demonstration by the Moss Upholstery team. Beer, wine and sodas will be available for purchase.

Then Saturday June 3 is our really big day! Our car show will start with cars arriving at 8 am, and you'll have all morning to look at all the entries and vote for your favorite. We'll have tours of our facility every half hour, led by our owners. There will be a DJ, a bounce house for the kids, and food truck vendors on site, including a dessert truck. Our Sales staff will be on hand to take your orders for parts with a 15% discount. Spectators will have free parking but I'd like to encourage you to enter your Miatas in our show! Winners will be announced and awards handed out at 1 pm. Car Show entry is \$20 per car.

We will have many vendors on-site as well. Jaguar will have a huge tent to show off their new cars. Findanza, DBA Brakes, and Mishimoto will be on hand. We are also welcoming Miata Custom Luggage and Palm Breeze Detailer. You can have your car's photo taken and printed into a poster by Double Vision Photo. Show off your racing skills at the Sim Racing trailer, where you sit in a real race seat, use real pedals, even shift a manual transmission as you race a competitor on tracks from all over the world.

I've been in touch with Miata owners from Florida to Canada and all points between who are coming to our event. I hope to add you to that list! If you have any questions, please let me know. Please forward this to your club members. Also note if you enter before April 30 you

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will be entered in a drawing to win a \$250 Moss gift certificate!

I look forward to seeing you at Moss in June!
Website: eventbrite.com for information and registration.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Ragtop review by Ron Hoffman, President

ATTENTION EVERYONE: The West Penn Miata Club 2017 Zoomin' Season has started, if you don't already know!! Yes, we are now in full swing and there is cruise or event scheduled almost every weekend through October. If you haven't signed up for a cruise yet, then what are you waiting for? You are going to be missing out on a lot of fun if you don't participate in our club's activities.

Seriously, check out the details in the newsletter and on the club website for the cruises and events planned for the next couple of months and try to sign up for one or two minimum. There should be a cruise to satisfy everyone. Mark the ones you want to attend on your calendar so you don't forget and pay attention to the deadlines. Also, some cruises restrict the number of cars that can go so if you don't want to miss out, sign up early.

It is also important that you pay attention to the meeting times and locations for each cruise. We meet at least a half hour before the start of the cruise to go over important details and have a chance to ask questions. Make sure you give yourself enough time to fill up with gas and take one final "potty break". Most of the cruises are on a time schedule so it is important that you **BE ON TIME**. If you have to cancel for some reason, then please contact the cruise leader immediately so we know not to wait for you to show up. All members are provided with a "glove box" list of members with phone numbers so please keep it handy should you need to contact us. If you are new to the club and/or have never been on a cruise, fear not, we will place you not far behind the cruise leader so there is no way you can get separated from the "pack".

Finally, I hope everyone who went on our first cruise of the season last Saturday had a good time in spite of the weather being less than ideal. We just didn't look quite as cool with tops up as we would have looked with tops down. I'll have to admit, I was a bit nervous since it was my first cruise with the West Penn Miata Club as a cruise leader. I thought: "First cruise and it's still early May, there won't be that many going." Well, when the car count hit 10 and there was still 3 weeks to sign up, I began thinking this is going to be a little bigger than I expected.

Panic really set in when the final count hit 19!! But with the help of our middle and end "sweeps", the Webers and Zimilikis, things went fairly smooth. Thanks guys and gals!! If you are asking, "What's a SWEEP?", then come to a cruise and you will find out!!

Cruisin' season 2017 is now officially open for business!! If you are visiting this site for the first time just to check us out, Welcome!! I hope you'll join us for an event so you can experience first hand a new level of Zoomin' fun.

Later!!



June Deadline

The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is June 5, 2017





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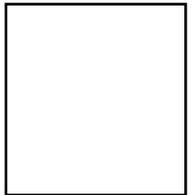
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