

## Upcoming Events

Mon May 28	Memorial Day Parade
Thu May 31 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jun 9	Coal Miners Museum Cruise
Sat Jun 16	Penn State Creamery Cruise
Sun Jun 24	Zoomin' with PIMC
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

## Butler Memorial Day Parade

by Joe & Linda Zimliki

**B**aglier 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. We will then return to Baglier where a lunch will be provided for us. There will be give aways from Mazda... No, not a car!

The club will provide a sign to display on your 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-5s) and honor the veterans.

**Date & Times:** Monday May 28th, 9:15 AM @ Baglier, 10:00 AM Line up starts, 10:40 AM Parade starts, 11:00 AM Moment of Silence

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

**RSVP:** By May 22 to [lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com) or 724-327-1762

## Coal Miners Museum Tour

by Tom and Kay Cypher

**T**he 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.

**W**e 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.

**W**e'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.

**W**e 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 9, 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](mailto:tomandkay111@comcast.net) by May 30th 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](mailto:bclj8@comcast.net)

## Penn State Creamery Cruise

by Pat & Ron Hoffman

**P**lease join Pat and I on Saturday, June 16th for a cruise to Happy Valley and the Penn State Creamery (best ice cream ever made!!). I have not had a chance to finalize all the details yet, but we will be stopping for lunch midway, probably somewhere in the Altoona/Hollidaysburg area. I plan to start the cruise in Blairsville. Let's meet at the McDonald's, 10 Resort Plaza Dr., Blairsville, PA (to the right of the Walmart) in their BACK PARKING LOT at 10:00 AM. There is a Sheetz right across US RT 22 where you can gas up if necessary.

**I** have not come up with a final route yet, but for right now I plan to head east on US RT 22 for our lunch stop. In the coming weeks, I will check out some good back roads we can then take up to Penn State. I will have more details in the June newsletter and possible changes to the start time.

**A**fter "filling up" 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.

**S**ince I have not chosen a restaurant yet, I want to limit the number of people on the cruise to 25 for now. Please RSVP to [rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com) or 724-392-7932 by Wednesday, June 13th if you will be joining us.

**I** am rating this cruise as Leisure to Sporty.





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## 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 3rd 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 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.pvgp.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.

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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.

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!

## For Sale

- Hard top from a 1995 Miata with cover and stand excellent shape - \$1,200.00
  - 4 original wheels and tires from a 1995 Miata (one tire bad) - \$100.00
- Call John at (412) 491-6149 for more information.



## Cruisin to the Blue Canoe Report

by Nancy & Jack Bartek

May 5th dawned bright and warm as 19 cars fueled up and 25 WPMC members gathered in Gibsonia for a the first cruise of 2018, guided by Pat and Ron Hoffman . Navigators were each presented with a turn-by-turn guide for the tour that would take us through Amish country and the winding country roads north towards Titusville, and lunch at the Blue Canoe restaurant. For many of us, this was the first time this year for a top-down drive under a sunny Pennsylvania sky. Ron and Pat made sure we enjoyed plenty of twisty roads, sweeping curves, and gently rolling hills. More than once, we encountered locals who waved as our train of shiny Miatas passed. Having arrived in Titusville, we walked a block to a local restaurant and micro-brewery, the Blue Canoe, a freshly restored building which had housed the Blue Canoe Brewery. The menus was varied and ranged from burgers, salads, and seafood, along with creamy homemade root beer, and at least 10 different craft brews. After an excellent lunch, we wound our way through Oil Creek park ending up at Polly's Ice Cream stand, home the largest "small" cone we've ever seen! Thanks to Ron and Pat for such a relaxing and well-planned spring trek through northwest PA.



They tied the knot. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Bartek from all of your WPMC friends. We wish you the very best!



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## 2018 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**I** think we have finally turned a corner with the weather. Good-bye winter finally and hello spring & summer! The club had its first cruise this past weekend and our members couldn't wait to get on the road again. Thanks Ron & Pat for a great cruise. Membership lists have been emailed to members. New lists will be sent each month only if changes have occurred.

**I** have sent cruise leaders an updated "Leaders Information List". Please make sure you read it, as new information has been added. If you have any questions please contact me. Leaders if you want to change your cruise, add or change a destination, please consult me. Someone else may already be doing it. Great minds think alike. If you need help with a cruise, contact me.

**W**e have quite a few single drivers this year which means there are empty seats. If you want to bring a guest with you they are welcome to join us, however, they must sign our Terms & Conditions Agreement. This can be done at the cruise or you can download a copy from our website, have it signed, and then bring it to the cruise.

**W**e have a change in WPMC's Cruisin schedule. "The Glass Center", Sunday June 24, has been changed to "Zooming with PIMC". Mitch McQuown will be zooming the roads south of I-80 and east of I-79 instead of going to The Glass Center.

**O**ther Miata Club Events - We now have more information about the Texas Miata Roundup - 2018. The registration fee is \$85 per person which includes track day, T-shirt, and Saturday night's banquet. Dinner will feature Filet Mignon and Chicken, plus sides. Friday night Barbeque is optional for \$10 a person. We will have car games and of course multiple different guided rides through historical and scenic parts of Texas, twisty roads (maybe not as good as the Twisted Sisters but fun), wine runs with real Texas wines, and great places to eat lunch on the all-day rides. Historical Granbury is a great place to explore the old

west. The barbeque will be in a park across the street from the Hilton Garden Inn. The banquet will be held in the Resort Conference Center close to the Hilton Garden Inn. The dates are Thursday October 11 (registration starting at 1:00 PM) to Sunday October 14. Also, the State Fair of Texas will be going on from the end of September through mid-October and Sunday is a great time to attend. If you have not been to it, it is one of the largest state fairs in the US. We are attempting (no guarantees) to get the Car Corral for Sunday, which will provide free entrance and parking for those attending, but whether it is free or not it is a great time.

**H**otels: Hilton Garden Inn - 817-579-3804 Rate \$109 - \$129,  
Holiday Inn Express - 817-579-9977 Rate 89.99 to \$99.99

**F**or information and registration please go to following website:  
<http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Events/TexasMiataRoundup2018.aspx>

This link is also on Calendar of Events page at bottom

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### 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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## Ragtop review by Ron Hoffman, President

**H**EAR YE, HEAR YE!! The WPMC cruising season is officially open for business. I had the pleasure to lead our first cruise last Saturday and it was a fine day from a weather standpoint, a lot better than the downpour we endured on our first cruise last year. I don't think the route I laid out (with lots of input from Linda Z.) was too bad either with some good twisty roads and not too many potholes. I hope everyone that went, all 28 members, enjoyed themselves. I know I did. It was great to get reacquainted!!

**T**here are still no less than 12 cruises planned through October so start marking your calendars. There should be at least a couple cruises everyone can enjoy. All the cruises and events are listed at the top of the newsletter in **UPCOMING EVENTS**. Please pay attention to the event dates, newsletter articles, and club forum on our website so you know what's going on including updates and changes.

**M**ost of our cruises have limits on the number of cars and/or individuals that can join in. Call or email the cruise leader well ahead of time to make sure you are on the "good to go" list and don't end up missing out. Some cruises can fill up fast.

**I** know I have mentioned this before in previous newsletters, but it is important you arrive on time for the cruises. We meet an hour before the start of our cruises to go over details of the drive. It is also important not to miss this pre-cruise meeting. Again, please be on time since most cruises are on a time schedule with reservations made at certain times. If for some reason you are not able to make the cruise, then contact the cruise leader immediately so we don't wait around for your arrival. Every club member has received a "glove box" directory and full directory of the club members including phone numbers. Keep these directories handy in case you need to contact us in an emergency.

**I**f you should run across some good Miata news or videos that our club members would enjoy reading or seeing,

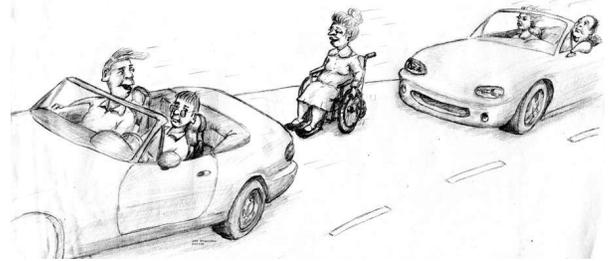
PLEASE send them to my email address:  
rhoffman@westpennmiataclub.com.

**I** will add them to my monthly newsletter article and make sure you get credit for it. I am starting to run out of new things to put in the newsletter!! As one of our members said to me at Saturday's cruise, "You can only say so many different ways how good or bad the cruising weather has been." I can sure use some help.

**I**f 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!!

Have you noticed these slow cruises attract a different type of Wannabes?



by Jim Pacillo

## June Deadline

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





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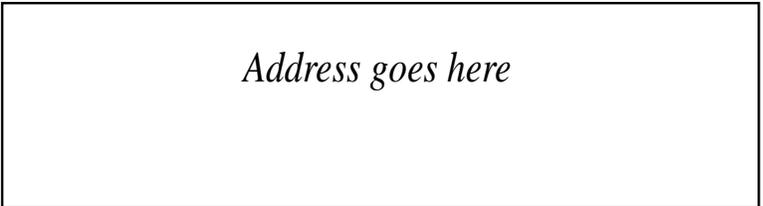
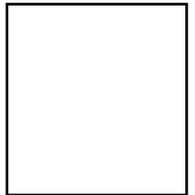
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