

Upcoming Events

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Sat Aug 27	WPMC Annual Picnic
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Sat Sep 17	Blackwater Falls Cruise
Sat Oct 8	Zimliki Cruise
Sat Dec 3	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

Back in Time Cruise! by Jim Blok

THIS IS A RESCHEDULED CRUISE DUE TO THE RAIN. ALL PRIOR ATTENDEES WHO CAN ATTEND ON THE NEW DATE ARE ON THE LIST. IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US ON THE NEW DATE, PLEASE CONTACT ME.

Spring has Sprung!! The first Cruise of the 2022 driving season is getting close. We'll meet at Sheetz in Wexford and then take a short trip to Warrendale Village where the cruise will start.

We will take part in the Cars and Coffee car show which occurs every other Saturday. The hours are from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Cars and Coffee is a national show with local events in every state. It began several years ago in Southern California by a group of car enthusiasts. Barry Meguiar and fellow car buddies started it and it has spread nationally. We are fortunate to have an example of the Saturday morning event here locally. The location offers a great coffee shop with great breakfast food and coffee. To learn more about the event you can Google the history of "Cars and Coffee" and "Pittsburgh Cars and Coffee". We will

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spend an hour or so looking at some of the best examples of local Exotic, Custom, Muscle, and Hot Rods in the tri state area.

We will then depart and drive some great Miata roads to Shakespeare's Castle. This 269-acre property includes an 18-hole golf course, and a Restaurant and Pub. Construction on the venue happened in 13 months. The property is surrounded by boulders that weigh 2 to 7 tons each and collectively weigh over 600 million pounds.

We will enjoy lunch at this amazing building after entering through the 12 foot high wooden doors weighing over 800 lbs. I hope we get as many members signed up as possible to start the season.

Date & Time: Saturday May 21 at 10:00 AM

Cruise Type: Leisure/Sporty

Meeting Place: Sheetz, 1200 Perry Hwy, Wexford, Pa 15090

RSVP: by May 18 to jamesblok@yahoo.com

Butler Memorial Day Parade

by Joe & Linda Zimlik

We will be participating in the Butler Memorial Day Parade again this year, at the invitation of Baglier Mazda. This is a very nice event, and is an opportunity to honor our brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. We will meet at Baglier where we will be led to the start of the parade. After the parade, we will be led on a short cruise then back to Baglier for lunch.

The club will provide a plaque you can place on your window thanking those that served. Everyone decorates their car once we arrive at the parade. You can check our

website for photos of previous parades to get ideas. We will honor the veterans while showing off our Miatas.

Date & Times: Mon May 30 meet at 9:15 am, 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 25th to lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com or 724-327-1762

Animal Lovers Delight Cruise

by Vickie Buzzelli

Join us on June 11, 2022 as we cruise to the Keystone Safari, an interactive zoo and adventure park in Grove City Pa, that educates and entertains guests of all ages. We will first cruise to Sharon, Pa for lunch at the Original Quaker Steak and Lube, founded in 1974 when the co-founders bought a vacant automobile service station in Sharon, Pa and converted it into a restaurant and bar appropriately named "Quaker Steak & Lube."

Date & Time: Saturday, June 11, 2022, meet at 8:30 AM

Cruise type: Sporty

Price for safari : to be determined (\$12-\$15)

Meeting Place: Seven Fields Giant Eagle Parking lot by the Pharmacy. (206 Seven Fields Blvd, Seven Fields, Pa 16046.

RSVP: by June 4th to vjs@zoominternet.net

When you RSVP, please go to the Quaker Steak and lube web site, TheLube.com, and select your lunch and drink and email it to me. This will save us time at the restaurant. Hope to see you there for a fun day of cruising.



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Swigart Auto Museum Cruise

by Dr. Thomas Cypher

The trip will be on back windy roads through farm country in the southern Cove and crossing Blue Knob Mountain. We will need to keep an eye out for buggies and bicycles and will encounter many curvy roads - be ready to downshift. We will arrive at the Lake Raystown Resort for lunch and a chance to see the large fish fight for food with the ducks - bring some bread to feed them if you want. After lunch, we will travel on more back roads before arriving at the museum. The cost for car club members is \$6.00. We'll conclude our cruise at the Meadows Ice Cream Shop in Huntingdon.

Meeting Place: Ebensburg Sheetz. From Pittsburgh, take route 22 east. The Sheetz will be on your right at the red light. Go through the light and take the first right into Sheetz. From the east, turn left at the light.

Date and Time: Saturday, June 18 - Meet at 9:00 AM and depart at 9:30 AM

Cruise Type: Leisurely

RSVP: by June 8 to tomandkay111@comcast.net or 814-232-7449

Breezewood, with a stop in Everett for ice cream before continuing on to Breezewood on what we believe to be the best roads of the cruise. This is a zooming cruise and we will be enjoying our Miatas as they are meant to be enjoyed. We hope that you can join us.

Budd Baer Tech Session Report

by George Kniss

The weather turned out to be perfect for our first day out and Tech Session at Budd Baer Mazda in Washington PA. About 14 members and guests attended and we were greeted by Mazda Sales Manager Jennifer Parish who, after lining up all of our tops-down Miatas in front of the dealership, convened us to the Conference Room and morning coffee. Linda Zimliki, our Events Chair, opened the meeting promptly with the announcement of our first cruise "Back In Time" on May 7th.....to 'Cars & Coffee' and Shakespeare's Castle. She went on to introduce Mazda Technician Lorenzo who immediately took a volley of questions from members running from tire tread depths & pressures to engine lights, to brake fluid levels, safety belt hang ups and timing chain concerns. Reserved for last was my subject, which I had prepared the group and Lorenzo on and that was my discovery, when I purchased my slightly used 2010 Miata PRHT (power retractable hard top) in December, of what to do if your powered hard top gets stuck in midcourse of going up or down.

I discovered that in the glove box was a small plastic bag with two steel rods, two loops of white plastic cord and a small printed note describing what this "tool kit" was. I learned through the Installation Manual, an 8 page detailed description of how to use the tool kit to secure the top if it hangs up. I read the guide over and over again, looked at the illustrations and the tool kit but could not understand the process completely.....I had questions! So, this was a perfect fit for a tech session examination. I discussed this with Lorenzo and he was willing, as was I, to use my car and tool kit to go through the procedure. The group then convened outside and Lorenzo proceeded. Many members were interested because we have more that a half dozen PRHT's in the club and apparently no one knows how to do this procedure in an emergency.

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Rocky Gap Casino Cruise

by Dave & Luanne Kopco

On Saturday June 25th Luanne and I will be leading a cruise to Rocky Gap Casino in Maryland. We are not gamblers but know some great roads to get us to and from the casino and also a few more to cruise on before we get there and on the way back. The plan is to spend about 2 hours at the casino which also includes having lunch there. If you don't gamble, the resort is beautiful and you can easily spend an hour just relaxing on the resort grounds and watching the sailboats on the lake. The cruise will start in Somerset and end in





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I raised the top mid way and Lorenzo proceeded, after some struggle with a screw that needs backing off 4 turns with the Allen Wrench rod tool in the kit, and not having a wrench socket to do otherwise, Lorenzo followed ahead in reading the rest of the procedure. We both read it over and over again many times and resolved that it was cryptic at best! It sort of reminded me of the old days when Japanese car instruction manuals were very poorly translated from Japanese to English. We did ultimately understand that one had to disengage the elevation gear on both sides of the rear of the top, place the looped rods and the white cords, then raise the top, then lower the cover with the cords and then tie them to the safety belt harness so that it doesn't open while driving.

As such, Lorenzo could not do the procedure, but promised that he would take this problem to the Mazda Technical Manager for resolution. He, though a bit embarrassed, promised that they would resolve this issue and post a video for us. He noted that the dealership had never encountered this problem before, not with the 2009 - 2015 PRHT nor the 2015 - 2022 'Fast Back' PRHT's. We all agreed that we would not be happy getting stuck with a stuck hard top out driving somewhere.

Lunch followed at the Union Grill in Washington PA with good food and conversation.

NOTE: The newer PRHT's (2015 - 2022 'Fast Back') apparently have the same tool kit, but also a pressurized container? TBD. We will inform all members of information we get back from Budd Baer on this.

2022 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

I want to remind everyone that if you sign up for a cruise and either cannot attend or will be late, call the leader on their cell. The cruises are labeled as to the type of cruise, leisure, sporty, or zoomin. The explanation of the type will always be listed in newsletter.

Let's hope the weather improves so we can

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!



Miata Cruisin! by Jim Blok, President

Our first cruise was cancelled due to rain, however, we are rescheduling it for Saturday May 21st. We had a good turnout but hope those that signed up can also attend on the 21st. If you signed up for the original date, please let me know if you are still joining us on the 21st. Also, we are going to extend the sign-up date until Wednesday May 18th. Hopefully if the original date didn't work for you, May 21st will.

Shifting gears, I read an interesting article recently that caught my attention. As Mazda is in the process of entering the new world of how best to propel their vehicles, questions arise. Not new by any stretch but what year is the best Miata? As I read several different opinions on this subject a common thread ran through all of the comments. In view of those giving their opinions on which year is the best Miata it was usually the one they owned and enjoyed.

Keep Zoomin!!

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

June Deadline

The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is June 4, 2022



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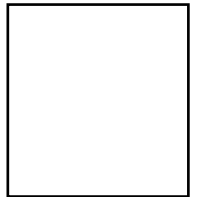
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