

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Dec 3	WPMC Annual Christmas Party
Fri Dec 16	Johnny Angel & The Halos Christmas Concert

Address: 5847 Meridian Road
Gibsonia, Pa

Date & Time: Friday December 16 at 7:30 PM. Show starts at 8:00.

Cost: \$29 per person

Rsvp: By Nov 14 to Linda Zimliko at 724-327-1762 or lzimliko@westpennmiataclub.com.

WEST PENN MIATA CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY BY PAM GREGAR

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the Comfort Inn on Rodi Road in Penn Hills. This marks the end of another wonderful cruising season and I'd like to thank the leaders who made our weekends so enjoyable. I'll be at the Christmas Party so you'll also have the opportunity to pay your 2012 dues at this event. Cash or checks are accepted. See the invitation at the end of the newsletter for more information.

JOHNNY ANGEL & THE HALOS CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

This year we will be going to the Kean Theatre to get us in the Christmas Spirit. Popular group Johnny Angel & The Halos are performing. I have reserved tickets for Friday December 16 and need to know if you'll attend by November 14. Hope you will join us for an evening of holiday standards and rock n roll Christmas Carols.

Place: Kean Theatre

2011 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Well WPMC's Cruisin & Zoomin 2011 Season is over for another year. We have visited some great places and zoomed some mighty nice Miata roads. I wish to thank all of the leaders for planning such great cruises and leading us down those twisty country roads.

Next year is already starting to shape up. We'll have two overnights with one trip to Gettysburg. Many members have asked for an overnight train cruise. I have asked for the names of some operating trains since many have ceased operation. Thanks for the replies as I can tell we have some train lovers. Next year Joe and I will combine the promised trip to Finger Lakes with our Annual Train ride. If anyone has a cruise to plan, please consult me. Sometimes members have the same idea and I can let you know if there are already plans in the works.

Don't forget your check for the Christmas Party. I'll see you there.





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WPMC 2011 Fall CRUISE BY BARBARA & LARRY SHOCKLING

October began with a wet cold spell that had us concerned the tops down romp through the Westmoreland highlands might be a bust. But oh, we newbies had not recognized that the WPMC has connections in high places. So as the weekend of Oct 8-9 approached, the weather warmed, the sky cleared and the days became beautiful. The leaves remained on the trees and had started to turn colors.

The morning was crisp and beautiful when 25 Miatas showed up at the Fifth Third Bank in Murrysville. Cruise leader Linda Zimliki organized us into three groups with leaders to make sure there would be no Miata left behind. That worked great as we didn't lose any of the few newbies.

We set out on Old Haymaker to the southeast and onto some great country roads. Joe and Linda had scoped out some great twisties. The train of top down Miatas was very eye-catching as it meandered through the countryside at a brisk pace. The group leaders did a great job of keeping everyone together. We made our way past Keystone State Park and on to a gas station rest stop after a few hours. Continuing on, the Miata train skirted around Greensburg and into the Latrobe area. We went by the beautifully kept Rolling Rock Estates, near the Zimliki estate(?). We then passed the alpaca, or was it a llama and stopped for a respite at The Pie Shoppe on Route 30, where some folks bought items. Linda warned everyone that lunch would be in about an hour, so take it easy on the pastry!

Joe and Linda then continued the cruise, leading us to a lunch buffet at DiSalvo's Station Restaurant in Latrobe. DiSalvo's was built around the Latrobe train station and opened in 1989. After lunch we were treated to a tour of the facility as well as Joey D's, an elegant cigar bar downstairs.

Although we all probably had plenty to eat the DiSalvo's, the Zimlikis forced 12 of the original cars on to southeastern Greensburg for frozen custard at The Meadows. Tough duty! It was there, however, that we were informed of a cruise mishap - one slightly shattered windshield on the

red Miata of Judy O'Hara. Apparently something, perhaps a chestnut, fell and hit the windshield.

All in all a delightful cruise on a beautiful October day - some great twisty roads, great vistas, and the trees and leaves, although perhaps not yet at their peak, were still nice to see in the surrounding rolling hills. Linda and Joe Zimliki, the group leaders and the sweeps all did a great job. A good time was had by all!

BUGGIES and BRIDGES II REPORT BY MICHAEL SPRAGUE

The PACE, Pennsylvania Central, Miata club held their second big event in five years, Buggies and Bridges II, September 22 through 25. JoAnn and I were there; my impressions and remembrances follow

We drove the direct route from the south hills of Pittsburgh to Lancaster's Eden Resort and Suites on Thursday. The weather was pleasant and we had the top down. Although we missed the cruises that were planned for that day, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday more than compensated. The amazing experience provided by the PACE club people started with our registration and welcome into their hospitality room. Everything was well-organized and ready to go. Eighty-eight cars and 169 people were signed up. This included ten members of West Penn Miata Club. Covered Bridge tours happened every day. PACE members went to a lot of extra effort to revisit all of the bridges during the weeks preceding to be sure they had not been damaged or washed away by the remnants of the September hurricane. Some had. In some cases the route was changed in such a way that the travel-around took people to both side of a damaged bridge. It was a great extra effort. Friday was the day having the greatest variety of drives; JoAnn and I visited the Harley-Davidson Engine Company's assembly plant. Good place to be on a rainy day but certainly the kind of place you would want to see on any kind of day. All American-made and a showcase of amazing manufacturing technology.

Friday's Zoom-Zoom drive had to be canceled but Saturday's was driven under gorgeous skies. PACE member

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Ken Hill lead us on roads perfect for people who love driving as well as those, like me, who relish the passenger-seat experience. Ken recovered nicely when the road that would have lead us the last three miles into Shamokin, our lunchtime destination, was found to be closed owing to storm damage.

There were several GPS guided-tours that people could do in groups or on their own. This idea is new and was conceived by the members of PACE. We received reports from people that Friday evening's Amish Dinners were spectacular and the Shady Maple Country Drive with Dinners was really something to remember. The Friday evening Banquet Dinner at the hotel made a perfect opportunity for renewing old acquaintance and making new. Sunday morning's hotel breakfast, closing comments, 50/50 drawing, awarding of door prizes and awarding of the grand prize, a gorgeous Amish quilt, capped a nearly perfect four days. Only Friday's rain kept it from being perfect.

Members of the Mass Miata Club were very evident and they are encouraging us to get together with them next year, October 11-14, for their Fall For New England event. It's open for enrollment now, www.massmiata.net. Members of the Utah Miata Club wanted us to know about Miatas in Moab V, May 3 through May 5, 2011; www.utahmiataclub.com, enrollment ready early next year.

And yes, many people remember our Miata Mountain Mania 2010 very fondly. JoAnn and I heard nothing but high praise. The PACE officers even included pictures from Seven Springs in their opening and closing slide-show presentations which included a sing-along, "This Miata is My Miata, This Miata is Your Miata". Very flattering.

CURVY ROADS WITH BILL BY PRESIDENT BILL WILLIS

This is the end of the 2011 WPMC cruises for the year. We had some fantastic cruises this year, and I want to thank everyone for making 2011 WPMC cruise year great. We now have the Christmas Party on December 3, 2011 to look forward to.

Below is some interesting information I found on line.

LONDON - To mark the success of the 275-horsepower Mazda MX-5 GT racecar competing in the 2011 Britcar Production GTN Championship, the Japanese automaker is offering British customers a choice of two limited-edition cars, the Mazda MX-5 Sport Black and the Mazda 2 Black.



The Mazda MX-5 Sport Black is priced from \$37,785 and comes in a choice of three exterior colors - Spirited Green metallic, Crystal White Pearlescent and Velocity Red mica - with a black powered retractable hardtop. Only 500 cars will be available, starting in July.

The MX-5 Sport Black is based on the 2.0-liter MX-5 Sport Tech model. Features include 17-inch alloy wheels painted dark gunmetal, fog lamps, and black leather interior with contrasting sand color stitching, piano-black steering wheel and deco panel, air-conditioning, premium Bose audio system, integrated hands-free Bluetooth system and unique Black Limited Edition exterior badging, uniquely numbered interior plaque and limited-edition floor mats. The Mazda 2 Black carries a \$20,365 sticker and will be offered in a limited run of 618 cars.

Based on the 84-horsepower 1.3-liter model, the Mazda 2 Black can be ordered in Spirited Green metallic, Crystal White Pearlescent and True Red.

Features include a black vinyl roof, matte-black 16-inch alloy wheels, front fog lamps, privacy glass and a rear bumper sports trim. The sports interior adds air-conditioning, a Parrot Bluetooth hands-free system, power rear windows, plus unique "Black Edition" exterior badging, uniquely numbered interior plaque and Limited Edition floor mats.

Inside Line says: Mazda's Britcar Production GTN Championship run benefits us all. Okay who wants to place an order?

Zoom, zoom zoom!





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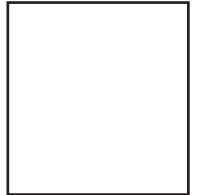
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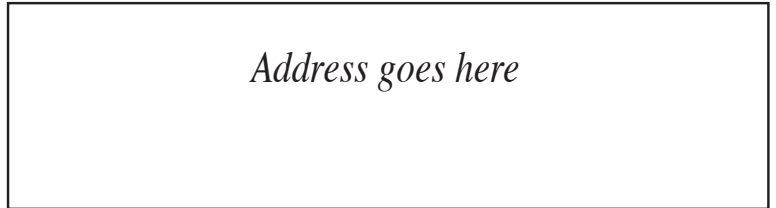
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WEST PENN MIATA CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Date: Saturday December 3, 2011
Time: Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00PM
Cash Bar w/hors d'oeuvres
Dinner: 7:00 PM

Place: Comfort Inn - Formerly Harley House
Seasons Ballroom
699 Rodi Road - Parkway East at Penn Hills Exit 11

Spending the night - Special room rate \$59.00
includes Continental Breakfast
Reservations (412-244-1600) – Mention WPMC Christmas Party

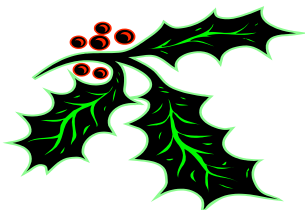
Main entrée selections:

- 1. Grilled Salmon*
- 2. Roast Prime Rib of Beef – Rare, Med, Med-Well or Well Done*
- 3. Chicken Cordon Bleu*

Entertainment: Streetlights “Doo Wop”

Send your check made out to “WPMC” for \$18.50 per person and meal selection to Bob Wachter by November 19, 2011.

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