Our fall foliage cruise this year will take us to Chautauqua, NY, where we will be joined by our friends from The Trillium Club of Canada. We will leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday. We will meet up with the Trillium Club on Friday for dinner. For those of you interested, the restaurant will have a local distillery present to give a discussion and 4 samplings with light appetizers if you would care to participate. There is a charge. This would be before dinner and it is optional.

Saturday morning we will tour Frank Lloyd Wright's Greycliff located on the cliffs of Lake Erie before the wineries open. After our tour, we will visit 4 or 5 wineries on the Chautauqua Wine Trail for wine tasting. Some of the wineries will have a slight charge.

Sunday we will visit Lucy & Desi Arnaz's Museum & Studio in Lucy's hometown of Jamestown. There is a limit of 12 cars and I will need to know if you plan on zoomin with us by end of August because hotel rooms will be released by September 1. I will also need to know if you plan on participating in the spirit sampling. For your information, we will not be driving anywhere Friday evening. Restaurant is on premises.

**Information Only - Cruise is filled.**
New River Gorge Cruise Report
By Susan & Mark Tuite

The forecast for Saturday was for thunderstorms, lightning, and heavy rain with a flood watch. But it didn’t rain on our Miata parade. We all met at the Microtel in Bridgeport, WV late Friday afternoon. Joe & Linda Zimliki led us a short distance to the Oliveri restaurant where we met with our cruise leaders, Sally and Bob Taylor and a big surprise, Clara Fuscaldo. We were all seated together at a long table in the back dining room enjoying great food and great conversation with great friends. It was so nice seeing Clara and seeing that she is doing well. We miss her and John on our cruises to WV.

After dinner we all made our way back to the Microtel, gassed up the Miatas and some hit the Dairy Queen for the WPMC favorite dessert, before turning in for our early call in the morning. Everyone was very apprehensive about the weather forecast and what we may be facing Saturday.

Much to our surprise, Saturday morning dawned with beautiful blue skies and very comfortable temperatures. After a brief drivers meeting with Sally and Bob, everyone was eager to get started on those WV roads. What can we say? The roads were "WILD and WONDERFUL" and that doesn’t even begin to describe the white knuckle, hair-raising roads that we traveled.

After attacking the roads for about 2.5 hours, we stopped for lunch at Shoney’s in Flatwoods for some much-needed nourishment. After lunch we were all rejuvenated as we began our final trek through the mountains on more challenging roads leading to our destination - Hawks Nest State Park Lodge. At this point we were a little ahead of schedule so Sally and Bob took us to the Canyon Rim visitors center for a view of the New River Gorge Bridge. After relaxing at the visitors center enjoying the view of the bridge, we journeyed on to Hawks Nest Lodge where we checked into our rooms exhausted. After everyone had a chance to freshen up, take a nap or ride the tram, we were led to Dirty Ernie’s Rib Pit for (you guessed it) ribs. The restaurant was packed but Sally and Bob's planning had us in the restaurant feasting on ribs and other assorted delicacies after a very short wait. To finish the day, Sally

and Bob had everyone come to their room for a relaxing get together with snacks and drinks. This was a perfect end to a great Miata day.

Sunday morning was a little cloudy with a few light sprinkles in the air but it didn’t dampen our excitement as we were led to the scenic overlook of the New River Gorge for a group picture and then to Cathedral Falls.

We then journeyed on through the twisting, winding roads of beautiful WV through little towns and some of the most spectacular scenery you could find anywhere. After a lunch break, a few of the travelers started home while the rest of the group continued their quest for the curviest roads anywhere and the obligatory ice cream break. What a weekend. Thank you Sally and Bob for a perfectly coordinated, fun, friendly weekend with delicious food, fantastic scenery, plus old and new friends. Well done. Thank you from all of us that were on the cruise. This cruise was one to remember.

Christmas in September Cruise Report
By John & Shar Whitmire

For those WPMC members that have not enjoyed the Miata made roads and spectacular scenery of the Mercer County countryside, September 20th would have been your perfect opportunity. Meeting near the Grove City Outlets, Dan and Vera DeMatteis led an enthusiastic group across twisty, windy roads that few of us knew existed. Our first stop was "The Avenue of 444 Flags", a beautiful and patriotic tribute to service men and women who lost their lives to terrorism. Vera had arranged for a guide to meet our cars and walk us through the memorial. What a special treat to hear first hand the history and significance of the memorial park. Of course always ready to eat, our next stop was Montana's Rib & Chop House, where everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch. Back on the road, it was a short jaunt to Kraynaks, where we indeed experienced “a little bit of Christmas in September.” The decorated Christmas trees were spectacular and reminded everyone that the Holiday season

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was just around the corner. From Kraynaks, we cruised on to Reyers, the world’s largest shoe store. As Vera had the foresight to ensure that everyone had a discount coupon for the store, many of us departed with a new pair of shoes. Of course a cruise wouldn’t be complete without ice cream, so our final stop was for gelato at Dan’s favorite stand. The weather was perfect; with crisp early fall temps in the early morning and warm sunny skies throughout the day. We were tops down from beginning to end. Thanks to Dan and Vera, who led a great cruise across perfect Miata roads.

Foxburg Cruise Report

By Jack and Mary Jo Mitesser

It was a beautiful Saturday morning in September when nine...here comes.....make that ten Miatas lined up in Harmarville for Ray and Barb’s Foxburg cruise. Although it was a little short of the 47 anticipated cars, it was a nice turnout. Miata cruise etiquette was reviewed along with an announcement that if anyone got lost during the cruise, the penalty for this horrible crime was to wash everyone's Miatas. We departed on our journey a little past the anticipated departure time of 9:33 am. The cruise consisted of lots of twisty and curvy Miata type roads until we reached a "Road Closed" sign and Ray made a seamless detour. Although we may have missed a few miles of Miata roads, it kept us right on schedule. We arrived at our first destination, The Glass Blowing Center in Hilliards, PA. A very informative demonstration was provided to us on this ancient art form. After becoming enlightened, we browsed the gift shop. We continued on our cruise and the next stop was in Foxburg at the Allegheny Grille where we dined for lunch along the banks of the Allegheny River. After filling our bellies with lots of good food, we visited the Foxburg Wine Cellars (which offers 29 varieties of naturally processed wines) and the various unique shops along the main street of Foxburg. After shopping, we started on our quest to find that cool treat which usually involves a cow. We arrived at Mazzanti’s Beans and Cream only after losing Jim along the way who made a wrong turn. We were unable to radio him due to his radio being turned off. These were 2 major violations of the Miata Cruise Code and the penalty of washing all of the cruise Miatas was inflicted on Jim. Jim quickly realized his mistake and was back on track. It was a unanimous vote, however, of all other cruise members to inflict the penalty upon him which he readily accepted, however, has not fulfilled his obligation at this time. Knowing Jim, he will wash all of our Miatas in Photoshop, thus fulfilling his obligation. We enjoyed our ice cream delights and departed homeward bound. At least most of us did.......Dan almost left without Vera. Other than our few mishaps of losing Jim, and almost losing Vera, and losing a hat that blew off Mary Jo's head during a photo op while attempting to stand up while the Miata was in motion, we had a spectacular time. Thank you Ray and Barb for a very enjoyable cruise.

2014 Cruisin’ & Zoomin’ Season

By Linda Zimliki

The end of cruisin season is near. Two more cruises in October, and hopefully we will see some autumn colors. The Chautauqua Cruise is filled. The Bellefonte Train deadline for tickets has passed, however, we have two tickets available for the train. One couple had to cancel. If you are interested, please let me know. Let’s hope the weather for our autumn cruises includes nice fall days.

We have our annual Christmas Party December 6th at the Comfort Inn. There will be entertainment, door prizes, and time to socialize with other members. The information for the Party is at the end of the this month’s newsletter. Hope to see you there.

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Date: Saturday
December 6, 2014
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 $69.00
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 Blu
Entertainment: Pittsburgh Pals

Send your check made out to “WPMC” for $18.50 per person
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