

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat | WPMC Christmas Party  
Dec 2

## 2017 WPMC CHRISTMAS PARTY BY SCOTT COATSWORTH

**O**ur annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017. There is a separate page in this newsletter that has all of the details – please read it and RSVP to me with menu selections and dinner checks written to “West Penn Miata Club”.

**W**e have made some changes behind the scenes to make the time flow more smoothly this year. One change that I ask you to help with is to reduce the check-in time at the party so that people can get their table assignments more quickly instead of backing up at the registration table. Here is how you can help:

- Download the Membership Application at <http://www.westpennmiataclub.com/docs/Memberapp+Terms.pdf> and print it out
- Fill out the application, write a check for \$30 to “West Penn Miata Club”, and follow the instructions for mailing it to Nancy Galvin.

**Y**our cooperation will be appreciated. For those who still want to fill out paperwork and write a check at the check-in table, if you happen to be a Seinfeld fan, the Soup Nazi might say “No soup for you!”

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES BY NANCY GALVIN

**A**utumn is here and another cruising season is zooming to a close. I'd like to remind everyone that 2017 Memberships will expire on December 31st.

**R**emember that membership is contingent on submitting a signed copy of the WPMC "Terms & Conditions" with

your 2018 application. If you have already submitted a copy of the "Terms & Conditions" you need not sign it again. Once & done! Please read and choose one of the following options for renewing your WPMC Membership.

### RENEW EARLY!

I invite current members to consider mailing in a completed 2018 Application, signed Terms & Conditions, and \$30 check at this time. I'll get a receipt and 2018 Membership Card out to you straightaway! Avoid having to queue up to pay for your 2018 Membership at the Christmas Party!

### RENEW AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

If you prefer to renew at the Christmas Party check-in desk, please remember to bring your completed 2018 WPMC Membership Application & signed "Terms & Conditions" with you. A completed 2018 application must be submitted, even IF you're already a member. This process ensures our contact information for every member is up-to-date. If you have already signed and submitted the WPMC "Terms & Conditions" you don't need to sign it again at the party. Please staple or paperclip your \$30 check (or cash) to the completed documents.

### RENEW BEFORE MARCH 31st!

Mail your 2018 Application, signed "Terms & Conditions" and \$30 check at any time through March 31, 2018.

**T**he WPMC Membership Application and Terms and Conditions can be downloaded at:

<http://www.westpennmiataclub.com/docs/Memberapp+Terms.pdf>

**M**ake your check payable to: West Penn Miata Club and mail to::

West Penn Miata Club  
3420 Country Club Rd  
Mt Pleasant PA 15666

**T**hanks for your continued support of WPMC and your participation in club events!





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## TOPLESS in the MOUNTAINS REPORT

BY JACK BARTEK

**H**urricanes - They never do what you want them to... Kudos to Linda & Joe Zimliki for transforming their carefully planned 3-day cruise into an 11th hour 2-Day cruise, courtesy of Hurricane Harvey bringing a forecasted deluge to the 1st day cruise plans. Participants agreed, sadly, to let the storms pass and start the cruise on Sunday. The Cruise Leaders did a heroic job of reworking their cruise around this unforeseen snag.

**S**eptember 3rd dawned dreary and misty but by 8:00 AM 8 Miatas were gathered at Ohiopyle State park anticipating a real driving adventure in the mountains of West Virginia. As we gathered around, our cruise leader Linda Zimliki, took a moment to mark the sad absence and loss of Dennis Weber, recently deceased, who loved this spirited drive through the West Virginia mountains. Part of the intrigue of this cruise was that we knew our destination for the night's stay, but we had no idea of what routes we might take to get there. Fog and drizzle didn't put a damper on our spirits. As a matter of fact, glimpses of the mountains partially visible in the rolling fog were eerily breathtaking.

Drivers were on their games for this Zimliki Zoomin Cruise; adjusting gears, setting up for each turn, keeping their Miatas humming along as the navigators listened for the voice of our Cruise leader calling out each landmark and switchback.

**T**here were several interesting diversions along the way such as Mitch's mid-road encounter with a giant Newfoundland dog, turkey-dodging, and a stray chicken who decided to cross the road both ways - autocross time!!!

We sped along classic highways such as Rt 33, Rt 72, and Back Mountain Road, passed through Monongahela State Forest, stopping for lunch and a photo op at Seneca Rocks. Then it was back in the cars and back on the road for another 4 hours of twisty road excitement. After checking into the hotel and having a quick nap, we capped off the evening with a wonderful buffet at the beautiful Stonewall Resort.

**W**e set off again at 8:00 AM on Monday, September 4th with tops down in the bright sunshine. It was a perfect day for zipping up and down through mountain tops and

creek bottoms. At times we found ourselves on one lane roads through areas you'd swear were "still" territory and imagine yourself evading The Revenuers! After another 4 hours of zoomin, our Labor Day adventure ended with Lunch at Arbys. We enjoyed recapping the weekend's adventures before heading home. Tired but smiling, we clocked over 12 hours and more than 500 miles of topless zoomin in the mountains in under than two days !!! Thank you, Linda and Joe! It was an amazing experience!

## LUNCH in the PARK REPORT

BY Pat HOFFMAN

**S**eptember 9 was a beautiful sunny day for a cruise with our leaders Ken and Karen Nagel. After meeting at the Giant Eagle parking lot in Bridgeville, we were off for our adventure with 8 cars participating. We traveled through Wheeling with many windy roads and some interesting intersections. After an approximate 100 mile drive, we arrived at Salt Fork State Park in Cambridge, Ohio. There was a 7 mile drive into the park before we arrived at the lodge for lunch. This is truly one of the nicest state parks I have ever visited. Several of our members asked for lodge information to possibly return for an overnight visit. The dining room was very rustic with wonderful views of the park through the dining room windows. After an excellent lunch and a quick view of the lodge, we headed to Berlin for shopping. After driving through Berlin, which was holding their Harvest Festival and Rib Cookoff, we arrived at Hershbergers Bakery that offered many Amish food items for sale. I wish I had brought a cooler to take home some of the homemade frozen pies. Some of our members left to go antiquing or grab some Amish donuts at the festival. Our last stop was the Walnut Creek Cheese Store where none of us got cheese, but did visit the Mudd Valley Creamery inside the store. Karen told us that it was "no Calorie Saturday" so we believed her and enjoyed the ice cream. Thank you to Karen and Ken for a well-planned drive with lots of great roads, beautiful scenery, and good eats - Wonderful next to the last cruise of the season.





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## 2017 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**T**he season has come to an end. The only events left are the Hocking Valley Railroad & Fall foliage cruise and the Christmas Party. WPMC members enjoyed the September cruises. Joe & I thoroughly enjoyed zoomin the twisties of West Virginia on Topless in the Mountains.

**T**here was a strange phenomenon that occurred while we were zoomin the country roads. Steve noticed that his Fitbit, when he updated it, showed work out activity during our day and half of zoomin. My phone told me that I had reached a new high in number of steps I took. I have never activated my phone to count my steps. Considering that Steve and I were in the Miata riding and not walking, I can only conclude that our Miatas had one heck of a workout. Steve has his Fitbit and I have my phone to prove it. Members also enjoyed their lunch at Salt Fork State Park then the Harvest Festival in Berlin. We headed straight for the Amish bakery.

**O**ur Christmas Party is Saturday, Dec 2 at the Comfort Inn. The invitation is attached to the end of this newsletter with all the particulars. Please send in your checks with meal choices as soon as you can. It will be a fun time. This year there will be a DJ so wear your dancing shoes. I'm asking members to bring a homemade item for our homemade item table. This could be an something you have made like: (items people have bought in past) clock, plaque, necklace, key chains, paintings, wreaths, Christmas ornaments, Christmas item, stain glass, scarfs, cookies, candy or baked goods. This is a list to give you ideas. Some people have bought items. We have very talented members. Please notify me of any items you will be bringing.

**M**embers should have read the email about the club's new Terms and Conditions policy. This document must be signed as a condition for membership, however, it only needs to be signed once.. You can pay your dues at the Christmas Party, however, you are encouraged to renew early by mail. The membership application and terms and conditions are available at:

<http://www.westpennmiataclub.com/docs/Memberapp+Terms.pdf>

**B**elieve it or not I have two new events from other clubs.

**MIATAS AT THE BACK OF DRAGON**, Oct 19 - 22 at Fairfield Inn in Wytheville, VA, Phone number is (276) 228 - 8080. There is a \$30 Event Fee. More information is at [countryroadsmiatas.com/events](http://countryroadsmiatas.com/events)

**ZOOMIN IN THE FALL HALLOWEEN GATHERING**, Oct 26 - 29 at Holiday Inn Johnson City, TN. Phone number is (423) 282 - 4611. Registration Fee is \$5 per person. More information is at <https://sites.google.com/view/ztmoet>.

**W**e need cruise leaders for our 2018 Cruisin Season. If you would like to lead a cruise, please contact me. I want to make sure we don't have duplication. Great minds think alike.

**Z**oom Zoomm Zoommm!

## RAGTOP REVIEW

BY RON HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT

**O**n the first day of October, I woke up to our first frost of the season in our thriving metropolis of Harrison City along with lows in the 30's, so I guess fall is officially here!! Unfortunately, that means our club's cruising season is wrapping up for the year. On the other hand, I also heard from a reliable weather "prognosticator" that October should be warmer and dryer than normal in our neck-of-the-woods. Therefore, there shouldn't be any excuses from a weather standpoint for some solo cruising in your Miatas for a while longer. Hopefully, with the cooler nights upon us, the leaves should start showing their fall colors fairly soon.

**I**n last month's newsletter, I suggested a route through the Laurel Highlands with a stop in Ligonier, Westmoreland County, that is a favorite of Pat and me, especially in the fall. Check it out if you haven't already. Also, grab a map and plot out a route in your area that you think would be good and try it out. On occasion, I like taking roads that I have never been on before. No matter how many new

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roads I find, I can always come up with more. If you find a particularly interesting and somewhat twisty route, write it down and consider leading a cruise for next year – be brave!! The club is always looking for new cruises and cruise leaders. This is a great time of the year to go exploring.

**REMINDER:** It won't be long before it will be time to renew your club membership for next year. Our club Treasurer, Nancy Galvin, has a reminder in this newsletter with options on how to submit the application and dues. Please check it out.

**T**here will be an **ADDITIONAL** document to sign this year with the membership application form. It is a "Terms and Conditions" form that all members must sign in order to participate in club cruises and other activities. Every club member received an email dated August 8, 2017 with additional details about the document and a link to it from the club website. Please review and sign it before sending in your 2018 membership renewal application. **NOTE:** The Terms and Condition document needs only be signed once. If you have already signed one, then no need to sign another one.

**F**inally, guess what I saw for the first time this past week cruising "topless" on one of our local roads? It was one of "them thar" Fiat Spiders that was showcased at last February's Pittsburgh International Auto Show. If you are not familiar with this new roadster, it is a Miata knockoff and even built by Mazda -- HMM!! What does everybody think, should we allow them in the club?? I think we should take a vote at the Christmas Party.

**L**ater!!

## NOVEMBER DEADLINE

**THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 4, 2017**



A different kind of driving - Joe Zimliki launching one at the WPMC Golf Outing at Cranberry Highlands on September 11, 2017

## CRUISE TYPES

**L**EISURE - A NICE DRIVE WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE COUNTRY SIDE - COMBINATION OF BELOW SPEED LIMIT & AT SPEED LIMIT

**S**PORTY - A SPEEDIER RIDE SO YOU CAN ENJOY THOSE CURVES - AT SPEED LIMIT

**Z**OOMIN - YOUR MIATA WILL BE MOVIN THROUGH A LOT OF CURVES WITH SPIRITED DRIVING





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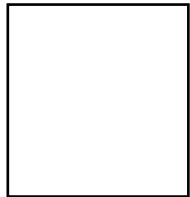
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## **WEST PENN MIATA CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday – December 2, 2017  
6:00 TO 11:00 PM**



**Social Hour 6:00 PM–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 \$65.00 includes  
Hot Breakfast – Pet can stay \$15 extra  
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: DJ “MIKE”**

**Send your check made out to “WPMC” for \$20.00 per person  
and meal selection to Scott Coatsworth by November 21th.  
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