

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat Sep 12	Powdermill Cruise
Sun Sep 20	Second Annual Miata Golf Outing - Ligonier
Sat-Sun Oct 10-11	Eighth Annual Train Ride - Titusville
Sat Dec 12	WPMC Christmas Party

## PAM & Zac's POWDERMILL CRUISE BY PAM GREGAR

**Z**ac and I wish to invite you on our first tour as cruise leaders. We will be riding past some historical places in Irwin, and then continue onto Zac's farm to see Norman the bull and others. As we leave Zac's we will be crossing the Bells Mill Bridge... which is a historical covered bridge. Continue on with us to the Sandhill Berry Farm where we can enjoy all the fresh berries, baked goods, jellies, and jams.

**L**unch will be at Brady's Restaurant...to include soup/salad bar, choice of 5 sandwiches, drink and dessert for \$10.75. I will get the specific choices available to you later.

**W**e will be traveling up RT 31 to the Powdermill Nature Reserve, which is past Donegal. It is a field station of Carnegie Museum and features two nature trails, unique avian, stream, and solar energy exhibits all in a very relaxed setting. And... as our final treat... we will be stopping at The Meadows (frozen custard) in Greensburg.

**P**lease join Zac and I. We hope to have 15 cars, and want to suggest that you bring a cooler for all of the goodies you

are going to buy at Sandhill Berry Farm.

**Meeting Place:** Target parking lot in North Huntingdon

**Meeting Time:** 9:30 am on Saturday, Sept. 12 - Leaving at 10:00 am

## 2009 GOLF OUTING BY HARRY HARBAUGH

**D**o you play golf, want to play golf, dislike golf, or have no opinion? You are all invited for a fun afternoon of golf, dealing with club members, and dinner. The golf course is located just 3 miles south of Ligonier on route 711. The non-golfers will be invited to see a play while we golf. Last year's outing was a total success. We have pictures to prove it.

**Date:** September 20, 2009

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Place:** Ligonier Country Club

**Cost:** \$40.00

**Dinner:** 5:30 PM

**Contact:** Harry Harbaugh at h.harbaugh@comcast.net or 724-837-8361

## THE GLASS MENAGERIE BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**F**or the spouses of the golfers and anyone wishing to join us for the day, I have reserved tickets at the Mountain Playhouse for Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie," the matinee performance. Actress Sandy Duncan will be playing the lead. We will meet at Ligonier Golf Club and have dinner there as well. Again, please note the play is for anyone who would like to attend - not just spouses of the golfers. Sandy Duncan, well known television, stage, and film actress and her actual son, Jeffrey Correia will perform together for the first time. This production may turn into a national tour. There will also be a talkback after the matinee performance where Sandy Duncan and the cast will take questions from the audience.

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## OIL CITY & TITUSVILLE RAILROAD EIGHTH ANNUAL FOLIAGE TRAIN RIDE

An article on Sandy at the Mountain Playhouse is at <http://dailyamerican.com/articles/2009/09/03/news/local/news692.txt>

Date: Sept 20  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Place Ligonier Country Club  
Cost: \$26 per person  
Contact: Linda Zimliki [lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com)  
or 724-327-1762

### DIRECTIONS:

#### From Greensburg:

Take Route 30 through Latrobe to Ligonier. Go to the second red light below Fort Ligonier and make a right turn over a bridge onto Route 711 South for 3.1 miles. We are the second golf course (Laurel Valley is first) located on the left side of the road. When you see a white "Ligonier Country Club" sign make a left. Go approximately 1/4 mile down that road and make another left into the club. There will be another sign indicating where you should turn. Follow that road into the parking area.

#### From the Turnpike:

You will exit at Exit #91 (old Donegal Exit #9). From the exit make a left. Go 1/4 mile and make another left onto Route 711 North. You will then go approximately ten miles. We are located on the right hand side of the road. There will be a "Ligonier Country Club" sign indicating where you should turn. (If you should by chance miss the turn, you'll immediately see the golf course on your right.) Follow that road into the parking area.



BY JOE & LINDA ZIMLIKI

**T**he Miata train is pulling out again to travel country roads and byways. We will view the fall foliage along the way. Our destination this year is Oil City & The Titusville Railroad. The Titusville train is pulled by #75, an ALCO S-2 switch engine built in 1947 by American Locomotive Company. It's a 1,000 HP turbocharged diesel engine. There are 7 passenger cars built by Pullman in 1930 as electric powered commuter cars for the Lackawanna Railroad in Hoboken, NJ and used until 1986. They are made of solid steel, with wood sills and arm rests. They have concrete floors and walkover seats so you can face forward or sit in groups of four.

**W**e will be staying overnight at the Caboose Motel. These are actual cabooses which have been renovated into motel rooms. The car limit for the Fall Foliage Train Cruise is 16 cars. This trip fills up fast. Please contact us to verify space availability and we will give you information so you can book your caboose.

**T**he train ride will be Saturday and after dinner we have a special evening planned for you. On Sunday we will be traveling some curvy roads to view beautiful scenic vistas. We call it nature day.

**M**eeting Time: 7:45 AM, Saturday, October 10 - Miata Train leaves at 8:00 AM

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## OCTOBER DEADLINE

THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 5, 2009





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**Meeting Place:** Walnut Hollow Plaza in Murrysville on Rt 22

Cost - Train Ride - \$13

Cost - Motel - \$89.95

There is a limit of 16 cars for this event.

**RSVP:** Linda Zimliki at [lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com) or 724-327-1762 by September 8th

## Miata Mountain Mania 2010

BY Linda Zimliki

**R**egistration has exceeded our expectations. We have reached our limit and have increased it to 150 cars. WPMC membership is invited to participate in the panoramic photo on Thursday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. as well as the Twisty, Windy, Curvy Dance on Friday evening.

For members who plan to attend all activities, we need you to fill out an electronic registration ASAP. A check is not requested at this time but we must receive your check by Jan 24, 2010. All information is on our website. Any questions just email me [lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com) or call 724-327-1762. To fill out your registration form, go to WPMC's Home Page. Click on Miata Mountain Mania 2010 on the left. When the event site comes up, there will be topics under Miata Mountain Mania 2010. Click on Registration. Download and fill out the form on your computer. Then save it and email it to me at [lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com](mailto:lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com). The registration fee is \$125 per person which includes dinner Thursday & Saturday evenings, Panoramic Photo, Friday Dance, Event Pin, Event T-Shirt, and Goody Bag.

**M**any members are helping with preparations for MMM 2010 and have volunteered to help out at the event. If you wish to help, please contact me at above email address, phone number, or on one of the cruises.

## 2009 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**S**eptember is here. The number of cruises is dwindling. There is a cruise this weekend. Pam & Zac will lead their first cruise and have planned a very nice event. The second Annual Golf Outing is September 20th. If you don't want to golf, I have reserved seats for the play "Glass Menagerie" at the Mountain Playhouse starring Sandy Duncan and her son Jeffrey Correia. Next month's newsletter will have information on our Christmas outing and Christmas Party.

### CAR SHOW

Krepps Covered Bridge Festival 4th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show on Sunday Sept. 20th.

Registration 9 A.M. to Noon

For Information contact John Bernard at [bernard@hky.com](mailto:bernard@hky.com) or 724-356-7935  
website: [hickoryup.org](http://hickoryup.org)

## PEACHES & BISON CRUISE REPORT BY JOANNE WELTY

**T**he Peaches and Bison Cruise on Saturday, August 8th was a delightful trip. We traveled to New Paris, PA via some nice Miata back roads. In New Paris we stopped at one of the many peach orchards to get our share of peaches. The orchard we stopped at had the regular cling-free peaches and they also had those funny looking peaches called "donut peaches". They kind of do look like a donut and are very tasty, but I still prefer the regular peach. The orchard also had nectarines, assorted jams and jellies, jarred apple sauce - both sugar and sugarless, and honey. I think they have their own bee hives. Everyone on the cruise found something they liked at that orchard.

After the orchard, we stopped for lunch at a local restaurant. Bison Burgers were on the menu and some of us ordered

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that for lunch just to try the meat. The burgers were done just right; smothered with sautéed red and green peppers and onions. Those of us that ordered the Bison Burgers enjoyed them. We also got to enjoy lunch outside on the deck under the canopy.

**A**fter lunch we stopped at the Bison Corral where the clerk in attendance gave us a short narrative about the bison; i.e. how much they weigh at birth, the weight when fully grown and how easy they are to maintain. They graze on the open fields. They are not brought in at night and are not grain fed unless it is an extremely cold winter. They are out in the field everyday, all day and all night. The best part about hearing about the bison is we actually got to see them. The attendant told us where they were (in the field) and we drove there. So we got a real good look at a herd of bison. Many of us took pictures.

**A**fter that we headed back to Greensburg, stopping only for ice cream to complete the day. We stopped at an independent ice cream stand that I think was fairly new. We lined up our cars as we usually do when we park and got out. The owner was so impressed with all the Miatas she actually took a picture. I am not sure what she was going to do with the picture, maybe advertise her ice cream stand. But it was nice to impress a non-Miata owner. I think everyone enjoyed the day.

## IT'S ALL BECAUSE BY CYNTHIA STIFFLER

**L**ittle did I know that at the beginning of this lovely cruise I would find myself being the trip "editor", but oh, what a joy the weekend has brought! Let me tell you about our cruise! The switchback roads of beautiful West Virginia led us all to smile as we felt the excitement of the road beneath us. It was similar to the smile of those days of roller coaster riding that many of us remember. We were "zoom-zooming" for sure as we leaned to the left and then leaned to the right, as we made our way to the bottom of the mountain through multiple S-turns! We paused shortly for a welcome bathroom break as we surprised and crashed the Carpenter Reunion which was being held at Holly River State Park that very afternoon. The glorious smell of bacon cooked in the open air enticed us, but we remembered our manners and didn't intrude! Although, it was tempting!

**T**he West Virginia roads gave us an exhilarating ride with 90 degree angle turns as we traveled along "The Backway Mountain Parkway". We paused to catch a quick group photo under the rocks as our little cars lined up and "smiled" for the picture. West Virginia opened its arms to us by offering us heavenly scenic byways, roadside wildflowers and smiles beyond compare. I would imagine that all of us were in awe of the construction of the New River Gorge Bridge as we passed under it. What an engineering feat!

**W**e raced together as a team as we wound down the mountain through circles of multiple hairpin turns similar to a dog chasing his tail. And we couldn't have asked for more when almost in precision timing, the club members were entertained by a train, white water rafters, and kayakers all at once while we stretched the cars across a narrow bridge to take in the view. As we ventured onward, we zigzagged through the breathtaking mountain peaks of the Mountaineer Expressway. I for one was hanging on to the door handle! But, oh what fun it was! Whoa! What a ride!

**W**e stopped to grab a bite to eat for lunch at Shoney's restaurant and got ourselves refueled. Our day was jam packed with activities that only added to our fun and friendship and we needed to wear off some of our lunch too. So, we all survived a worthwhile hike (too many steps to count) down and back, to a fantastic overlook of the gorge!

**W**e also learned some words to the wise on this cruise: "If you don't obey, your pocket will pay!" These are felt by many drivers as the Summersville area police have little mercy for anything over the designated speed limit! Many words were overheard in conversations throughout the weekend. Words and phrases alike that spoke of the fun had by all! Here are but a few: "Bring on the food!", "Awesome!", "Wonderful!", "Oh my!", "Where did you find these roads?!"

For supper Saturday night let us not forget Dirty Ernies' finger licking ribs! Remember the sights and smells too! Shirts were flapping in the breeze of the air conditioner. The smell of BBQ ribs filled the room. Dollar bills covered all of the walls of the restaurant as if they were wallpaper just waiting to be read! Previous customers had signed

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and dated each George Washington in their own style. And if Uncle Sam only knew who defaced all of these American dollars he would flip some peanut shells on the floor himself! It was a place to remember! We finished this glorious day of cruising by returning to the lodge at Hawks Nest State Park for some evening wine, snacks and friendship. And yes, I had been told that "What happens at Hawks Nest stays at Hawks Nest!" Hmm?!

**S**unday morning we awoke to a hearty breakfast buffet at the lodge to refuel ourselves for a second day of adventure. We were ready for more fun and Miata riding, which is exactly what we received! After snaking our way round and round on some of the best Miata roads in W.V. we arrived at the Cathedral Falls. The falls graced us with their natural beauty as a large amount of water cascaded over and down the rocks with lush greenery as a backdrop for fabulous picture taking!

**L**ast, but not least, let us not forget, our much awaited ice cream stop. It arrived as promised to satisfy our cruising sweet tooth. We enjoyed our frozen treats at DQ together as we sadly said our "farewell until we meet again goodbyes." In closing I would like to say: "Little did I know, that when I joined this car club, that it's all because of this little car that new found friendships would be formed around the love of our Miatas. It is all because of this little car, that we get together regularly to enjoy good eats, treats and friendships. And for this cruise I want to say: "THANK YOU BOB AND SALLY!" and "THANK YOU JOHN AND CLARA!" for everything, especially for the memories!"

## West Penn Miata

### Picnic Report

BY Bill & Karen McCullough

**T**he skies threatened rain, but 23 Miatas showed up anyway at The White Oak Park for the annual picnic on August 29th. Joe Zimliki cooked the hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages which were delicious. Although he didn't bake the chicken, it was yummy too. Everyone brought a covered dish and Linda was collecting the recipes so that we can all enjoy the scrumptious selections (so don't forget to send your recipe to her).

There was a downpour while we ate, but the sun came out afterward just in time for the games.

**T**he first game challenged us to see who could get the most items (luggage, coolers, & chairs) into the trunk of their Miata. There were some inventive ideas, but Todd Welty won in the end getting all but one item into the trunk.

**N**ext came the blindfolds as the driver had to parallel park with his/her partner giving the directions. There were many gasps from the on-lookers, but in the end almost everyone was able to park within the assigned space. George & Dayle Kuhn were the most successful with this endeavor. As far as we know there wasn't anyone applying for a divorce afterward and the grandson of one of our members is still talking to his grandmother.

**F**or the ring toss, the passenger in the Miata had to throw hoops over upright "noodles" while the driver continued to move around the circle in the parking lot. Again, there were some inventive attempts to win this event, but in the long run, Bill and Juliette Flasche were the winners.

**W**ater filled balloons were tossed from sheet to sheet in the next game. The team that won was very coordinated and was able to keep their balloon off the ground. Then came the balloon toss where couples tossed the water-filled balloons at each other. A few people got a shower when their balloons broke, but John Blevin & Mimsie Shiply persevered winning that game. Again, no divorces were threatened.

**F**inally, the real test - since it was the 20th anniversary of the Miata, we were all quizzed on how much we all knew about our favorite car. Fortunately, there were many knowledgeable & helpful people in the group, we were able to answer most of the questions.

**T**he picnic was great fun and thanks to Betty & Don Heim and Linda & Joe Zimliki for planning the event!! (Any errors in the names listed above are due to senior moments & we apologize.)





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## REPORT on TOPLESS in THE MOUNTAINS XV



BY **Steve LAPP**

**S**ometime during Topless XV, it struck me that this was my tenth anniversary of participating in this event. Many of the roads are now familiar and driving them is like visiting old friends that you haven't seen for a year. Spectacular is the only word to describe the experience. I do believe you could throw a dart at a map of West Virginia and as long as you didn't hit an Interstate, you'd find a great Miata road. Many thanks to Trillium leaders Bill Olijnyk and Debbie Miller for another wonderful job with this event. Oh and the sound of the Borla at 7000 RPM and the pull of the supercharger didn't hurt either.

## CRUIS'N WITH JIM

BY **PRESIDENT JIM PFEIFFER**

**C**rusin' season is winding down and it has been a great year! Janet and I have been on a number of cruises since becoming members of the West Penn Miata Club. We have traveled many great Miata roads, visited historical sites, socialized with other club members and stopped at some really good ice cream places. The cruise leaders did a great job planning their cruises and they are commended for their effort.

**I**f you are planning a cruise for next year you will want

to put your cruise information on the forum. There will be a couple of changes on the forum for the next season. On the forum there will be two tabs. One tab will be for the "West Penn Miata Cruises Only." This is where you will post your cruise information. The other tab will be the "Miata Chat Room." This tab, clearly, will be a chat room, where information or ideas can be exchanged among members. With the two tabs, if one wants only to see what cruises are scheduled for our club, all they need to do is click on the "West Penn Miata Cruises Only" and find the schedule.

**A**lready being planned for June 24-27, 2010 is the Miata Mountain Mania 2010 to be held at Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA. The committee has been working hard and steady to get the event rolling and it has been posted on the website. Spaces have been filling up fast. The number of accepted cars has been expanded to 150, after that those that are interested will be put on the waiting list. There will always be room for our club members, plus some may be asked to work during the event. If you know now that you can and want to volunteer for this event, please give our Event Coordinator, Linda Zimliki, a phone call or email her.

**L**et's not forget our last couple of events for the season. The Powder mill Cruise is coming up on September 12th which seems like it will be very interesting. If you want to get on board for that cruise, give Pam Gregar a call or email her. Our Second Annual Miata Golf Outing in Ligonier is planned for September 20th. This is a very good event for golfers. The non-golfers or spouses and/or mates of golfers will be seeing a play at the Mountain Playhouse. If you are interested in the play, (The Glass Menagerie) call Linda Zimliki for reservations. The Eighth Annual Train Ride in Titusville is scheduled for Oct. 10-11. Again, if you want to get on board for that, call Linda Zimliki for information.

**A**nd lastly, our WPMC Christmas Party is planned for Saturday, Dec. 12th. Look for the reservations being sent out in October to be returned by the end of November. Along with the reservations will be an application for next year's club dues.

**I**t has been a good Miata year and we are looking forward to 2010 being a great year!

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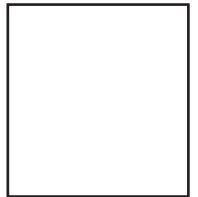
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