

Upcoming Events

Sat Sep 14	West Virginia Twisties & Homemade Comfort Food Cruise
Fri-Sun Oct 11-13	Watkins Glen
Sat Dec 7	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

West Virginia Belly Buster Cruise by Don Hamm

Come take a leisurely cruise through the Western PA countryside. We will traverse state maintained roads consisting of some straights and a few sweepers leading us into more frequent and tighter turns as we close in on our quest of the ultimate comfort food buffet at Quinetts Restaurant in New Martinsville, WV. Overview: mileage to restaurant 117 (3 hrs) with midway stop at a Sheetz. Return via Ohio expressway 37 miles to I-470/70 (PA line) and 26 more to I-79 Washington PA

Date & Time Saturday, September 14, meet at 9:00 AM and depart at 9:30 AM after drivers meeting

Meeting Location: 3029 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA, Exit 54 off I 79 - This is behind the Get Go in Crossings, South Fayette Plaza.

Category: Leisure to Sporty

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October Deadline

The deadline for articles for the October newsletter is October 5, 2019

Annual Fall Foliage - Watkins Glen & PA Grand Canyon by Joe & Linda Zimliki

This year we will be zoomin to Watkins Glen on some great Miata roads with spectacular scenery. When you say Watkins Glen, you immediately think of the International Race Track and wineries. You will drive your MX-5 on the 3.4 mile Grand Prix storied road course for 2 laps behind a pace car. After the 2 laps, you'll stop at the Start/Finish Line for a photo. Not only will you drive the speedway track, but you'll also drive the original street race course used 1948 - 1952.

You will be able to visit the many different wineries in the Finger Lake region and visit the beautiful Watkins Glen State Park. Within two miles, the glen's stream descends 400 feet past its breathtaking gorge with 200-foot cliffs, generating 19 waterfalls along its course. The gorge path winds over and under waterfalls and through the spray of Cavern Cascade.

On the way home Sunday, we'll visit the PA Grand Canyon. In 1968, the National Park Service designated 12 miles as a National Natural Landmark. The gorge is 47 miles long with its southern tip 1450 ft deep. Two parks have views of the gorge, and the best time to visit is autumn for the foliage. Following the Grand Canyon visit, we will continue home by way of more great Miata roads.

I have invited the Trillium Club to join us. We'll have a limit of 14 cars from our club. Once you have made the list for the cruise, I will send you hotel information so you can make your reservation. Reservations have to be made by September 11.

I have reserved a block of rooms in DuBois for those wishing to spend Thursday night there instead of leaving early Friday morning. Cost is \$79.90 for two double beds.

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Date & Time Fri-Sun, October 11-13, meet at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place Sheetz #148 - 2120 Blinker Pkwy, Dubois, PA 15801

Car Limit: 14 (ONLY 2 SPOTS REMAIN!)

Cost: \$20 per car for the track, \$104 plus tax - 2 queen beds, \$114 plus tax - king suite for Watkins Glen hotel, \$79.90 plus tax for DuBois hotel for those wishing to spend Thursday night in DuBois

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Gravity Hill and Peaches Cruise Review

By Dan Muchnok

On a bright sunny morning, 14 Miatas met behind the GetGo in Latrobe for a beautiful day of cruising through the back country of Somerset and Bedford counties. Walt did an amazing job picking out the route we travelled; there were some great twisty back country roads. We did have to contend with the occasional pile of horse debris and a couple of dogs curious about the funny little cars zooming past. We took a quick break around the 90-minute mark and then we were off to the Jean Bonnet Tavern (est. 1762, says the sign) for an excellent lunch. I can personally vouch for the crab cake sandwich. After lunch, it turns out that Walt was just getting started! We traveled more outstanding winding roads on the way to Boyer Orchards in New Paris, PA. We could tell we were getting close when we started passing acre after acre of peach, plum, and apple orchards. The selection of Honeycrisp apples, Bubble Gum plums, and multiple varieties of peaches greeted us at the orchard store and we left with slightly heavier cars to take on even more excellent roads on the way to Gravity Hill. The hill was not impressed with the soccer ball demo, but the water demo worked out well – it ran uphill! We debated whether it was an optical illusion or delusion and then let the cars coast up the hill in neutral. Finally, it was off to the Shake Shak on Route 30 for a late snack and home.



2019 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Well the leaves will start to change soon. Fall is here. After this past Saturday's cruise, we have two more cruises and then our Annual Christmas Party. If you haven't signed up for the last cruise on the 14th, please do so now. I'm starting to plan next year. We need cruise leaders for the 2020 season. Please let me know if you would like to do a cruise. You may know a place you would like to take the members or roads you would like to share. If you need ideas, I have a bunch.

We hope to see many members at the Christmas Party. We'll have door prizes, grand prizes, 50/50, and the homemade gift table. We ask attendees to make something or donate an item to our homemade table. Our entertainment will be 2Broke Country Girls. We have it on authority that they are very good.

Our Annual WPMC Picnic was a lot fun. We did a lot of socializing. There were numerous members that attended. The board members did a great job with the picnic. Members really enjoyed the games, bocce ball, ladder ball, and kicking of shoe. We had prizes and door prizes plus a lot of great food. I believe I can say our members had a good time.

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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



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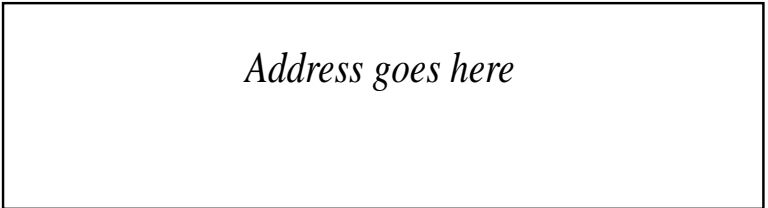
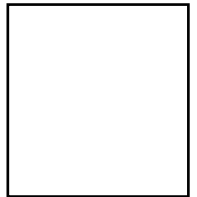
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