

Upcoming Events

Sat Sept 10	Spontaneous Adventure Cruise
Sat Sep 17	Blackwater Falls Cruise
Fri Oct 7	Cuyahoga Scenic Train & Stan Hywet Mansion Cruise
Sat Dec 3	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

RSVP: by September 2 to jflasche@juno.com or call 724-935-0872

Cruise Type: Sporty

West Virginia Cruisin' to Blackwater Falls by Ron and Pat Hoffman

Please join Pat and I on September 17th for a scenic and fun cruise through wild and wonderful West Virginia. We promise to take you on some of the best mountain valley roads around. A good portion of the ride will follow the scenic Cheat River. This "cruise" is exactly that: all about driving our Miatas on some great twisty roads. Warning: It will be close to a two hour drive to our pit stop (not much civilization where we are going) so make sure you have an empty bladder starting out and keep those water bottles behind your seat and out of reach!!

Other than the pit stop, we will be heading straight to lunch at the Smokehouse in the Blackwater Falls State Park main lodge. You can check out the Smokehouse's lunch menu if you like at the park's website:

<https://wvstateparks.com/park/backwater-falls-state-park/>

Go down to the DINING section near the bottom of the webpage and click on the Lunch Menu link. We will be ordering off the menu at the restaurant. The view of the Blackwater River gorge from the restaurant is spectacular.

The restaurant manager has promised he will try to seat us at the windows.

We will leave time after lunch to hike down to the Falls if you want. There are about 200 steps to get to the main observation area of the Falls. Make sure you bring good walking shoes. For those who want to stay back, there is the park's Trading Post at the parking area. There is also a "gentle" trail to another observation area on the opposite

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side of the Falls for those who don't want to climb back up 200 steps.

We plan to take a little quicker and direct route back home through Deep Creek, Maryland. We can make an optional stop if we want at the smallest church in the lower 48 (Our Lady of Pines in Eglon, WV) right off the route we are taking; it's worth seeing. As is tradition, we will be stopping for an ice cream break at the Lakeside Creamery right on Deep Creek Lake where we can enjoy our treats on their deck overlooking the lake. The Copper Kettle Popcorn Factory and Candy Shop is also right next-door!!

Date & Time: Saturday, September 17th – Meet at 9am. Depart at 9:30.

Meeting Place: Sheetz Store #87, 6272 State Route 819, Mt. Pleasant, PA

RSVP: By September 11th, email Pat Hoffman: pat.hof@hotmail.com or call 724-392-7932.

Cruise Type: Sporty with NO deadlines other than the meeting time

Cuyahoga Scenic Train & Stan Hywet Mansion Cruise by Joe & Linda Zimlik

This year we are headed for Akron and Cuyahoga Valley National Park for our Fall Foliage ride.



The first day we will visit Stan Hywet Mansion. Stan Hywet means Stone Quarry in Old English. It was the home of F. A. Seiberling, co-founder of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The 70 acre estate includes 5 historic buildings, 10 fully restored historic gardens and collections and furnishings with 95% original to the estate. The Manor house is 65,500 sq ft which includes 65 rooms. It is the sixth largest historic home open to the public. The tour includes the Manor House, Corbin Conservatory, and Gardens and Gate Lodge, the place where Alcoholics Anonymous was founded.



Afterward we will travel through Cuyahoga Valley National Park to our hotel. The Park is 32,572 acres, and is the only National Park that has a non-profit Scenic Train. The train has Dome cars which are enclosed in glass so you get a clear view. See the photo above. I was able to get 20 tickets in dome cars and 2 in first class. Note that we will be leaving on FRIDAY, Oct 7 with a 12 car limit.

Date & Time: Fri & Sat - Oct 7 & 8. Meet at 8:00 AM

Meeting Place: Sheetz #234, 239 Three Springs Dr, Weirton, WV 23262 located off Exit 4 Route 22W

Costs: Stan Hywet Tour - \$12, Train - Dome: \$34.50, First Class: \$28.50, Hotel: \$137.48

Limit: 12 Cars

Type of Cruise: Sporty & Zoomin

RSVP: bclj8@comcast.net by Sept 23 (Note: THIS CRUISE IS FULL. PLEASE CONTACT ME TO BE PLACED ON THE WAITING LIST. YOU COULD BE CONTACTED AT THE LAST MINUTE.)



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Flight 93 National Memorial Cruise Review

by Karin Flanagan

On Saturday August 13th the WPMC began our cruise in Latrobe at the Get Go on Rt 22. Linda Zimliki (Event Coordinator) said she did her happy weather dance and it sure did work. Mr. Rogers, who is from Latrobe, would agree "That it was a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood!". We had 15 cars; two cars had 4 new members from Ligonier, PA & East Liverpool, OH joining us on their first cruise.

Dennis picked exceptional Miata roads with breathtaking vistas. There were times when canopies of trees covered the roads with rays of sun shining through as though we were in a deep forest. The locals gave a pleasant smile and wave as we passed through the various towns. We also came across a turquoise Model "T" Ford truck that gave a loud approving old-fashioned beep! (AAAHHHooougaaa!) Nestled in the rows of a corn field was a baseball diamond that looked right out of the movie "Field of Dreams."

We proceeded to lunch at Coal Miners Diner, a rustic restaurant with your choice of large portions of comfort foods. Our servers were efficient and very friendly. As we left the Coal Miners Diner, we put the pedal to the metal on our way to The Flight 93 Memorial.

We arrived at the Flight 93 Memorial just in time to hear the emotional and impressive presentation that brought tears to your eyes knowing how brave and heroic all of the passengers were aboard Flight 93. On our way out of the Memorial, we stopped at the Tower of Voices Wind Chime Monument.

The last stop on our agenda was ice cream at Krause's Soft Serve Ice Cream. While we were eating our ice cream, you could see and hear in the background NASCAR and late model style cars revving their engines and performing warmup laps, getting ready for the evening's race at Jennerstown Speedway. Hats off to Dennis Clawson and to his Pilot Tom for their hard work and planning that had all the right ingredients for a perfect Miata Cruise.

Friendship Hill & Oglebay Park Cruise Review

by Pat Hoffman

Bright and early on Saturday, August 20th, we met at Budd Baer Mazda in Washington, PA to start our cruise. After a photo op at the dealership, 13 cars headed out on our drive, led by Bruce and Mary Edwards.

We wound through the hills of southwest PA for about two hours until we reached our first stop at the Friendship Hill National Historic Site in Fayetteville County. Friendship Hill was the home of Albert Gallatin, the fourth Secretary of the Treasury, serving under Presidents Jefferson and Madison. After touring the house, watching several brief informative videos and walking around outside the beautiful property, we continued on our way to Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV. After a two hour drive over many twisty, fun back roads, we arrived at Oglebay and had lunch at the Garden Bistro. The weather cooperated and we were able to enjoy our lunch outside on the Bistro's beautiful terrace. After lunch, we toured the spectacular gardens and continued on to our final stop at Sarris' Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor and Candies in Perry Como and Bobby Vinton's home town of Cannonsburg. After enjoying generous portions of ice cream, we headed home.

Thank you to Bruce and Mary for planning a wonderful, zooming cruise. It truly was a most enjoyable day!

October Deadline

The deadline for articles for the October newsletter is October 15, 2022





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WPMC Annual Picnic Review by Linda Zimlik

On August 27th, WPMC members got together for our Annual Picnic. They enjoyed an array of delicious appetizers, salads, casseroles and desserts. If you would like to share your recipe with the rest of the club, please send it to me by e-mail.

We celebrated a very special birthday for Pat Hoffman. It was her 70th, and we surprised her with birthday cupcakes.

We had plenty of games to play. Members enjoyed card games, bocce ball, and horseshoes. Some just enjoyed catching up with fellow members.

Thanks to Officers, Mary & Bruce Edwards for organizing the picnic. Also thanks to Walt Dillen, Jim Blok, Jack & Nancy Bartek, and Vickie Buzzelli for their help in making this a wonderful picnic.

2022 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Fall weather is upon us and with it comes the remaining cruises for the season. I hope you can enjoy the remaining cruises.

If you have a cruise you want to do next year, please let me know. Someone may already have chosen it or we may already have done it. I can suggest a cruise if you need an idea.

The last event of the year is our Christmas Party on December 3. The Officers will be starting to plan the party this week. There will be entertainment and door prizes and an opportunity to socialize with other members. Make sure to put the Christmas Party on your calendar.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Now I remember why I dislike cruises that use the Interstate.



by Jim Pacillo

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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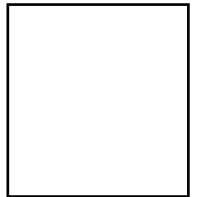
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