

Upcoming Events

Wed
May 1
7:00 PM
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
May 4
Cars & Coffee with Cruise to Libations Winery

Mon
May 27
Baglier Memorial Day Parade

Sat
Jun 1
J. M. Smucker Cruise

Wed
Jun 5
7:00 PM
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Jun 15
Eldred World War II Museum Cruise

Sat
Jun 22
Rock & Rad @ Highmark Stadium - Marque: Miata

Sat
Jun 29
Laurel Highlands Cruise Traveling Through Five Counties

Wed
Jul 3
7:00 PM
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sun
Jul 7
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels @ South Park Cruise

Fri
Jul 19
Victory Cruise - Featured Car: Miata

Sat
Jul 27
Penn Shore Vineyard Cruise

Sat-Sun
Aug 3-4
Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

Wed
Aug 7
7:00 PM
WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Aug 17
Volant, McConnell's Mills, & Combine Brothers Cruise

Sat
Aug 24
WPMC Annual Picnic

Sat
Aug 31
Labor Day Weekend Cruise

Sat-Mon
Sep 7-9
Watkins Glen International Racetrack Cruise

Sat
Sep 14
Castle Noel Cruise

Sat-Sun
Oct 5-6
Train Cruise

Sat
Dec 7
WPMC Annual Christmas Party

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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Cars & Coffee with Cruise to Libations Winery by Jim Blok

Our first cruise will be to 901 Warrendale Plaza for Cars and Coffee. We want to get there early before it fills up and enter together. We will then leave and take some great back roads to Libations Winery for lunch. This is a new place, and the Ownership is looking forward to having us. Then finishing up for ice cream, just a short distance from the Outlet Mall in Grove City. If anyone has any questions, please contact me.

Date & Time: Saturday, May 4, Meet at 8:30 AM, Depart at 9:00 AM sharp

Meeting Location: Sheetz 1200 Perry Hwy, Wexford, PA 15090

RSVP: By May 1 to jblok@westpennmiataclub.com

Tech Session Report By George Kniss

On Saturday April 6th we kicked off our first excursion in the field by doing our Club Tech Session with our gracious host, #1 Cochran Mazda in Monroeville. Andy Wilson, Mazda area Rep, and Pat #1 Cochran Mazda Mechanic, provided us 16 odd members a unique facility and took on a host of questions that, some of which, would stump most of us.

Andy and Pat dazzled us in their ultra modern lobby and display area that is state-of-the-art! A customer reception area with much seating and cafe comforts was only the beginning. A large two story atrium-like area glass enclosed and railed off contained a member's vehicle on a hydraulic lift! A bright Silver Miata sat there, of course, for our examination. Photos of the facility on our club website better capture this outstanding facility. The members

encircled this corral and after a brief introduction by President Jim Blok and review of the cruise schedule by Events Chair Linda Zimliki, the program opened and the questions flew, fast and deep!

Since I had already accumulated two serious questions about my very own Miata that I tagged Pat with earlier...I started out. My first question had to do with an unresolved question from a recently past tech session in which I was attempting to find out how to use the Emergency Hard Top Take-Down Kit if our 2008 to 2015 Hard Tops would get stuck in mid-transit in being put up or taken down. Apparently little-to-no-one has ever tried it or a dealer has ever had to do a service on a stuck open hard top. The vehicle will not move if the top is stuck open! Pat and Andy promised to schedule time later to attack this issue. I had a second question that is now pressing with my 2010 Miata in that I have a clicking noise on the upper right side of the engine...again, scheduling that for later. More questions flew hot and fast...but only after Pat & Andy raised the Silver Miata on the rack and raised it up about 4 or 5 feet above our heads...an impressive way to look at your vehicle without being in the service shop. Good salesmanship! Pat thereby reviewed mainly the undercarriage of this Miata and highlighted the engineering design expertise that Mazda is well known for. Pat took questions on timely service items one should accomplish and especially pointing out items in the suspension that should be inspected after a winter where Pittsburgh area roads chew up and beat on your favorite convertible! After the program, we all assembled outside for much desired group and vehicle photographs.

We all couldn't have been more appreciative of the time and effort that #1 Cochran Mazda and Andy and Pat took in hosting us and sharing their technical knowledge and experience!

Lunch followed as planned and we headed off to a local favorite Murrysville/ Monroeville hang out....Dick's Diner. I think everyone enjoyed their food...even poor Joe Zimliki who was the very, very last to receive his Hot Roast Beef Sandwich for some odd reason...but that was finally delivered by the Manager himself! It was late but very good.





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2024 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

In a few weeks our 2024 Season will start with Cars & Coffee followed by a cruise to Libations Winery. Cars & Coffee is an exotic and modern performance car group that meets every two weeks. You'll see some very nice cars there - a nice way to start the season off for the 35th Anniversary of Miata.

We have several changes to our schedule this season. May 18 cruise, Eldred WWII Museum, has moved to June 15. The June 15, Rock N Rad at Highmark Stadium with Marque Miata, has been moved to June 22. The June 22, Laurel Highlands Cruise Traveling Through Five Counties, has moved to June 29. The Dirty Rotten Scoundrals @ South Park Theater is now on July 7th. Sorry for any inconvenience but when Rock N Rad changed their date we had to adjust our season's schedule. Hopefully there won't be any more changes.

We have been invited to another event - "Cruizin the Ridge". This is a series of Car Cruises this summer every third Saturday until October. They have a 50/50 drawing, basket raffles, food trucks & music. Admission is free and held at 4301 Dutch Ridge Rd, Beaver, Pa 15009. Sponsored by The Pennsylvania Hot Rod Company, the first one is May 18th.

I have an update for Zooming the Mountains of East Tennessee. The event is May 29th to June 2nd. Entrance fee is \$220 for Miata occupied by two and \$160 for Miata occupied by one. The fee includes Bristol Speedway, Friday & Saturday night dinner, subway box lunch at Speedway and Car Show. Registration at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel has to be reserved by May 6. There will be cruises and social time. For more information visit our website, click on "Calendar of Events" and go to the bottom of the page where other clubs events are listed and click on Zoomin the Mountains of East Tennessee.

Hope to see you on the road

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Miata Cruisin! by Jim Blok, President

Have you had a chance to look at our Club schedule for 2024? If so, you know you are in for a treat. Linda has put together a great driving season for our Club.

We completed our Board Meeting that took place at Rohrich Mazda and a Tech Session at #1Cochran Monroeville.

Now it is time to focus on the beginning of our famous cruises. All members have access to our Web Page, and our schedule is there as of last month. Check the activities that work for you and participate. Please check out our monthly Newsletter to learn the latest status and the dates to sign up for the activities.

May Deadline

The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is May 6, 2024





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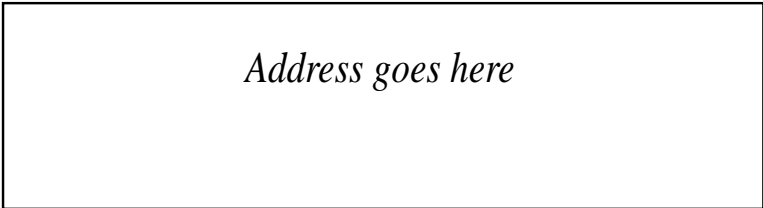
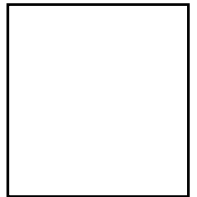
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