

Upcoming Events

Wed
Apr 1
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Apr 18

Tech Session at Smail Mazda

Sat
Apr 25

Irwin Car Cruise

Wed
Apr 29
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
May 2

Washington's Trail Ohio Valley Cruise

Sun
May 17

Curvy Roads to Gray Goose Cruise by Smail Mazda

Mon
May 25

Butler Memorial Day Parade Sponsored by Baglier Mazda

Wed
Jun 3
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Jun 6

Trolley Tour of Underground Railroad with NorthCoast Club

Sat
Jun 13

Packard Car Museum Cruise

Sun
Jun 28

Touring Indiana County Cruise by Colonial Mazda

Wed
Jul 1
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Jul 4

Independence Day Cruise

Sat
Jul 11

Lenny's Classic Car Collection Cruise

Sat-Sun
Jul 18-19

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

Sun
Jul 26

Tara Country Inn Cruise

Sat
Aug 1

Covered Bridges of Somerset and Bedford Counties Cruise

Wed
Aug 5
7:00 PM

WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting

Sat
Aug 8

Cruise to Stonecroft Manor in Maryland

Sat
Aug 15

Johnstown Flood Museum Cruise

Sat
Aug 29

WPMC Annual Picnic

Sat
Sep 5

Labor Day Cruise

Sat
Sep 12

Explore Washington County Roads Cruise

Sat-Sun
Sep 19-20

Cruise to Red River Gorge in Kentucky

Fri-Sun
Oct 2-4

Colebrookdale Train Cruise

May Deadline

The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is May 4, 2026





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Tech Session

By Joel Starr

We are changing things up a bit this year. Smail Mazda (yes we are doing Smail again, it's a long story) has agreed to clear part of their parking lot so WPMC Members can display their cars and chat about what makes their car interesting and/or any modifications they have made. So, if you have a car you are proud of (I'm assuming that is all of us) and you would like to present it to the rest of the club, now is your chance. We will line up our cars, pop the hoods and do a walk around each car as the owner discusses it with the other attendees. If you don't want to present your car and would just like to attend and learn about other cars, that is fine as well.

Date & Time: Saturday April 18, 10:00 am

Location: Smail Mazda, 5094 US-30, Greensburg, PA 15601

Lunch: Longhorn Steakhouse, 5296 US-30, Greensburg, PA 15601

Please email me at: jgtexstarr@gmail.com to let me know if you plan to attend, would like to present your car or not, and if you will join us for lunch.

Annual Irwin Car Cruise

by Linda Zimliki

The Irwin Car Cruise is presented by Kenny Ross, a sponsor of the West Penn Miata Club. The Event is Saturday, April 25 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Check in will be 11:00 am at Third and Main Streets. Pre Registration is \$10 and done online at <https://irwincarcruise.org/car-cruise/> The price increases to \$15 on the day of the Cruise. Trophies and Plaques will be presented, along with a food court, and DJ "Daddy G Georgeo." We hope you will come and show your Miata as the club tries to support our sponsor's events. I have it on good authority that it is a good time. Members Ron and Pat attend every year.

RSVP: Linda Zimliki belj8@comcast.net after you pre register.



Washington Trail Cruise

By Joel Starr

This is a historical, scenic, and curvy cruise. We will be following George Washington's 1753 journey from the site of the Indian village of Loggstown (Ambridge, PA) to Fort LeBeouf in what is now Waterford PA. In Waterford we will visit the Fort LeBeouf Historical Museum followed by lunch and ice cream. Washington's journal is rather vague about the actual route they followed but his guide, Christopher Gist, made journal entries most evenings when they stopped. Between Washington's and Gist's journals and the map Washington published, historians were able to reconstruct his route. The history and controversy surrounding the Washington trail is too involved to review the day of the cruise so I will be hosting a web meeting Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 pm to discuss the details.

Date & Time: Saturday May 2, meet at 9:00 am - we will leave promptly at 9:30 am

Location: Sheetz, 100 Ohio River Blvd, Baden, PA 15005

Lunch: Waterford Hotel, 213 High St, Waterford, PA 16441

Ice Cream: The Scoop, 13124 US-19, Waterford, PA 16441

Please email me at: jgtexstarr@gmail.com. Let me know if you plan to attend the cruise and/or you would like a Zoom link to access the web talk.

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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Curvy Roads to Gray Goose by Linda Zimliki

JD Greene, from Smail Mazda, will be leading a line of Miatas on the curvy back roads of Laurel Highlands to Gray Goose Restaurant. The Gray Goose reminds you of a southern home with a veranda and pond. The pond has ducks and endless wildlife and geese, hence the name. Join us for an hour and half ride ending in a buffet lunch.

Date & Time: Sunday May 17th at 10:00 am

Meeting Place: Smail Mazda parking lot (if you need a restroom stop, please do that before you get to the dealership)

Cruise Type: Sporty

RSVP: Linda Zimliki - bclj8@comcast.net

The Underground Railroad Trolley Tour by Vickie Buzzelli

Join us on Saturday, June 6th as we take another step back in history as we cruise to Salem, Ohio on curvy back roads to an underground railroad site at the Salem Historic Society. In 1856, the Underground Railroad was an organized network of secret routes and safe houses for fugitive slaves to escape to the Abolitionist Northern United States. The underground railroad started at various locations in the South and worked its way up to and as far as Philadelphia. Since the homes are private and entrances are not possible, we will be taking a Trolley Tour. There will be a docent on the Trolley to answer questions. The Trolley is set up with a screen which displays over 100 slides of the insides of the homes, the underground hiding places, and several abolitionists who lived in or visited them.

We will be meeting up with the North Coast Miata Club

at Ricky's English Pub Main for lunch prior to going to the Underground Railroad. The cruise will be limited to 17 individuals from each club. The trolley can only accommodate 34 individuals. You can be placed on a waiting list if the cruise is full. The style of cruise will be sporty. Details about time and meeting place will be in May's newsletter. Hope to see you there! RSVP to Vickie Buzzelli vjs@zoominternet.net.

Colebrookdale Railroad Cruise by Joe & Linda Zimliki



This October, we are stepping back in time to the 19th century, the Gilded age and Progressive era with the rise of industrialization. We will be riding the Colebrookdale Railroad, that was built to connect Pottsville and Boyletown for the iron industry. It is a 35 mile trip that cuts through the heart of the Schuylkill Valley's earliest iron industries and the sites of the first iron works in Pennsylvania, the first blast furnace, and the first refinery forge. Area metal industry was involved in significant projects including the Panama Canal and, later, the Golden Gate Bridge.

You will take a 90 minute journey into Secret Valley, which looks much the same today as it did in the 19th century aboard the Gilded Age luxury First-Class Parlor Car "Storm King". You will enjoy a tapas plate of hors-d'oeuvres with a complimentary glass of wine, beer or soda plus champagne followed with cheesecake or carrot cake. There is a player piano in the car and we'll have narration about Secret Valley and things of historic significance. The open air car will be part of the train if you would care to go to it. You may get a glance of the other Gilded Age cars as well. This car is an adult only car and we would





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have it to ourselves.

I am advertising this trip now because I have the Parlor Car on hold for the moment. I need to know by April 18 so I can get it under contract. I am taking 20 people on this trip. If you would like to go on this trip, or have questions, please contact me ASAP.

Pertinent Information: Dates: Friday Oct 2 - Sunday Oct 4, Travel To: Boyletown 1 hour outside of Philadelphia, Limited : 20 People, Cost: \$95 per person, Deadline: April 18, 2026 bclj8@comcast.net.

2026 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Well it is finally here - the start of the 2026 Cruisin and Zoomin season. I never thought it would get here. The weather has been a roller coaster ride. Let's hope we have dry weather for our events this spring. Here is a preview of our events.

April 18 -Tech Session at Smail Mazda where members will present their cars to show the new additions they have made to their Miatas.

April 25 - Irwin Car Cruise 11:00 am to 4:00 Sponsored by Kenny Ross. We like to support the dealerships that support us. Info in this Newsletter.

May 4- Washington's Trail - This follows the trail Washington took to deliver a letter to the French telling them to halt their building military Forts in Ohio Valley-Details in this newsletter

May 17-Curvy Roads to Gray Goose - Details in this Newsletter

May 25- Annual Butler Memorial Day Parade- Parade honoring soldiers that have died in service to our country with lunch at Baglier

June 6- Underground Railroad Trolley Tour with Northcoast Miata Club - Tour with docent showing slides of inside of home on the Underground Railroad

June 13 - Packard Museum in Ohio with Packard automobiles and documents recognizing the influence in transportation and industrial history

June 28 - Touring Indiana County- Chad Segnar from Colonial Mazda will lead us on Miata roads to a local restaurant

July 11-Lenny's Classic Car Collection in Altoona consists

of Jaguars, Rolls Royce, Aston Martin, Bentley and a Thunderbird Tour on how they restore them
July 18 & 19 - PVGP car races of vintage cars
July 26- TARA - Sunday Buffet with self guided tour of mansion & grounds

Aug 1- Covered Bridge Tour of Somerset & Bedford Counties- self explanatory

Aug 8 - Headed down to Maryland to have lunch at 1868 Stonecroft Restaurant in heart of Oakland

Aug 15 - Johnstown Flood Museum- the May 31, 1889 Flood - dam broke 14 miles from town and the water traveled down to the town where 2,209 died

Aug 29 - Annual WPMC Picnic with Team Challenge
Sept 12-13 - Red River Gorge Slade,Kentucky, No Charge - Drive the roads in area

Oct 2-4 - Colebrookdale Railroad in Boyletown - Ride into Secret Valley - a Luxury Ride in Parlor Car from the Glided Age

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

Miata Musings: My Winter Mod Project By Joel Starr, President

Every winter I like to work on my Miata to perform some modification. This year I installed the Flyin' Miata NC turbo kit. I chose the Flyin' Miata kit for a few reasons. While being CARB compliant is a plus, the real reason I went with FM's offering was the smaller housing with the .64 A/R which delivers increased power at lower RPM. I don't want to go faster than the speed limit but I want to get there faster. Another benefit is the well documented instructions, seven hours of YouTube videos following a mechanic installing the kit as well as the patience of the customer service technicians answering my dumb questions.

I consider myself a hack when it comes to auto mechanics but with patience, determination, and a Harbor Freight club membership it was a very doable project. If you want to see the final results and hear about all my mishaps, come to the tech session.





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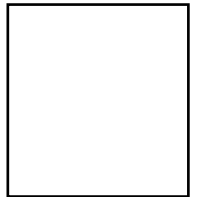
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