

## Upcoming Events

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-Sun Sep 12-13	Cruise to Red River Gorge in Kentucky
Sat Sep 19	Explore Washington County Roads Cruise
Fri-Sun Oct 2-4	Colebrookdale Train Cruise

## Packard Museum Cruise by Jim Blok

**M**ark your calendar for Saturday, June 13, 2026, for our curvy road trip to the National Packard Museum in Warren, Ohio. It includes a private tour, and special parking. Our journey will include, curvy roads to Warren, Ohio. We will have lunch at the Sunrise Inn. They have a big selection, and I have tested their food, which was very good. The owner said they have hosted many car clubs, in the past. As usual, we will stop for ice cream, after the cruise. Please contact me if you plan to participate.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, June 13 - Meet at 8:30 AM, depart 9:00 AM sharp

**Place:** Sheetz, 12000 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090

**Cost:** \$8.00 per person (Discounted Museum Rate)

**Contact:** Jim Blok at jameslblok@yahoo.com or (412) 287-9954

## July Deadline

The deadline for articles for the July newsletter is July 6, 2026





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## Scenic Roads to Yellow Creek State Park & Buttermilk Falls by Chad Segner Colonial Mazda

**T**hank You to the West Penn Miata Club for coming to cruise with us at Colonial Mazda in Indiana, Pa. The dealership has been under the same ownership since 1946, and a Mazda franchise for 30+ years. We look forward to hosting this cruise. I am Chad Segner your Cruise Director.

The Cruise will start with a Meet & Great at Colonial Mazda. From there we will travel some scenic roads to Yellow Creek State Park. After a short stop, we will proceed to the Beautiful Scenic Buttermilk Falls, then travel to "The Villa" in Blairsville for lunch. We look forward to seeing you

**Date & Time:** Sunday, June 28 at 10:00am Leave at 10:30am

**Meeting Place:** Colonial Mazda, 349 North 4th Street, Indiana, Pa.15701

**Category:** Sporty

**RSVP:** Linda Zimlik at bclj8@comcast.net by June 24th

## Lenny's Classic Car Collection Cruise by Jim Blok

**O**n Saturday, July 11th, we will be departing from the Sheetz in Blairsville taking Miata back roads to Altoona PA. We will have lunch at the Park Hills Golf and Grille. After a relaxing lunch, we will continue

on to Lenny's Classic Car Collection. This collection is housed in the former Willy's Overland building that produced Jeeps for many years. After purchasing the building, Lenny converted it into a first class restoration facility. Not the largest collection, but certainly one of the highest quality collections in the country. I got a first class private tour by Wayne Farabaugh, who does all the restorations in the collection. He and possibly Lenny will be giving our group a private tour. Of course, we will finish the cruise with an ICE CREAM stop.

**Date & Time:** July 11, 2026, Meet at 8:30 AM, Leave at 9:00 AM sharp

**Meeting Place:** Sheetz 610 US RT 22 Blairsville PA

**RSVP:** 412-287-9954 or jameslblok@yahoo.com

## Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix by Vickie Buzzelli

**T**he West Penn Miata Club will get together on Saturday, July 18th and Sunday July 19th. We meet in the Asian Car Section to enjoy our Miatas, the camaraderie of others, and watch the only remaining Vintage race still run on city streets. Vintage racers take to the streets of Schenley Park for a thrilling weekend of competition. Qualifying races on Saturday set the grid for Sunday's featured Helltown Winners Circle races. As the nation's only vintage street race, the PVGP delivers a competitive experience found nowhere else-tight corners, elevation changes, tree-lined straights and enthusiastic crowds just feet from the action.

The PVGP is more than a race, it's a festival. You will enjoy one of the most engaging motorsports experiences in the country with racing action unfolding through a city park surrounded by car displays, food vendors, and family friendly attractions. Visit the paddock on Prospect Drive and meet the drivers. Please go to the registration web page located at <https://pvgp.org/car-show-overview/asian-car-show/> The rate for the weekend is \$60. This rate is available until June 30th which at that time will increase to \$70. Please use the web site to register for any of the events you would like to attend. The entrance to the





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International Car Show is at the top of Schenley Drive where it intersects Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill, just below the Schenley Park Golf Course Clubhouse. You will enter at Gate D, but actual instructions will be given on race day. Please note that your receipt will contain a QR code that will be scanned upon entry to facilitate a quick and touchless process. So please print your receipt or save it in your phone and bring it with you. The car show runs from 9:30am-5:00pm.

WPMC's main day will be Saturday July 18th. We will have a tent. This year we will all bring a covered dish. Details to follow in emails.

The tent and tables will remain in place for both days for anyone who wishes to attend on Sunday, which is the featured Vintage Race, which begins at 11:00am with opening ceremonies. Food will only be available in our tent on Saturday. We also need folks to take turns staffing the information and merchandise table during the day. Please take a bit of time to help promote our club and to meet prospective members. There are a lot of people signed up for the Miata section who are non-members of WPMC. Please mingle with the others and encourage them to join. Hope to see you all in Schenley Park on July 18th and 19th.

"We have fun with it, but we focus on good behavior/safety (I have zero tolerance for people doing anything stupid) and trying our best not to lose anyone on the spirited driving segments. It tends to work out fairly well."

I am advertising this now so if you are interested, you need to get rooms now. If you want to go, please contact me for more information at [bclj8@comcast.net](mailto:bclj8@comcast.net).

## Colebrookdale Railroad Cruise by Joe & Linda Zimlik (Information Only - Cruise is Full)

This October, we are stepping back in time to the 19th century, the Glided 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 Glided 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 Glided Age cars as well. This car is an adult only car and we would 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.

## Miatas at Red River Gorge by Joe & Linda Zimlik

The date for this event has been changed to September 12 & 13. This is strictly a driving cruise, with two days of driving some great curvy roads. We will be driving the Dragon Slayer, RT 160 in Kentucky & Virginia. Joe and I have driven this road, which transcends Black Mountain, the highest point in Kentucky. It is very challenging with elevation changes and tight curves - 225 of them in 24 miles of total badassery. Great views await, if you can get a glimpse. We'll drive The Gorge on the first day and the Dragon Slayer on the second.

A note from the Organizer: The event will be broken down into smaller groups according to driving ability.





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

## Curvy Roads to Gray Goose Cruise by Smail Mazda Review

by Ron and Pat Hoffman

**S**unday, May 17, was a picture perfect day for an exciting cruise through the Laurel Highlands. Eleven Cars met at Smail Mazda in Greensburg for the start of our cruise. After a short meeting, we took off at 10:30 for an exceptionally fun, curvy trip led by Garrett and DJ from Smail Mazda. We traveled past Twin Lakes, Keystone Lake and upon arriving in Derry, had a beautiful view of Chestnut Ridge. After passing through Derry, the fast, fun curves began. I know I was holding on with white knuckles! After coming through the heart of Ligonier, around the gazebo, we continued on to Rector, Rolling Rock, Route 381 and a view of Idlewild for our lunch stop at the Gray Goose. We all had a delicious lunch and a beautiful view of the pond behind the restaurant. Luckily, none of us got bitten by the geese. Following lunch, we stopped for ice cream at Ligonier Creamery by the Diamond. Many thanks to the guys from Smail for planning and leading the cruise. Some of their family and friends came along for the fun. Also want to welcome Mina and Robert who joined us on their first cruise. We hope that Garrett and DJ can take us on another cruise next year!

## Review of Butler Memorial Day Parade by Linda Zimlik

**O**n May 25, Memorial Day, 12 Miatas showed up at Baglier for the Butler Memorial Day Parade. Baglier has been hosting us for the Parade for many years. After donuts, coffee, and some socializing, we lined up behind Chic, Baglier's official cruise leader, and drove to Butler to decorate our Miatas for the parade. After the

Parade, Chic took us on a cruise then back to Baglier for a wonderful lunch. We met the new sales managers for Baglier, Justin Anderson & Jerry Miller, and thanked them for including WPMC in this annual event. It was great to see 12 cars for this event. We got a new member for the club. Jim Pacillo gave his grandson his Miata. Jim can no longer drive the Miata. It was bitter sweet. Kenny would come with Jim on our Miata Cruises when he was younger and now he is driving the Miata. The torch has been passed. Thanks to Baglier for giving WPMC the opportunity to be able to honor the Men and Women who gave their lives for their Country. It always is a pleasurable day. See you next year.

## Review of Salem Underground Railroad Trolley Tour by Bill Heffer, Northcoast Miata Club

**O**n Saturday, June 6th, the West Penn Miata Club and the NorthCoast Miata Club met in Salem, OH for a wonderful lunch at Ricky's Irish Pub. We had a group of 31 people and unfortunately a few couples had some issues with getting their meals. Sorry about that! In spite of that, I believe the majority of our members enjoyed their meals.

**A**fter lunch, we drove about 4 blocks to the Salem Historical Society to board a trolley and take a guided tour of Salem. Our guide and driver took us past 9-10 significant homes that played a major role in helping slaves escape their bondage on their way to Canada and true freedom. While Ohio did not support slavery, we also could not protect escaped slaves from their pursuers. Many of the abolitionists in Salem were wealthy merchants and even some Quakers. Many homes had hidden rooms, cellars, or even tunnels to help in hiding those seeking freedom.

**A**fter our tour ended, we drove back to the northwest corner of town and completely overwhelmed the young man, who was the only employee there when we arrived, at Craver's Ice Cream. Help eventually showed up, but his shop went from 0 patrons to 40+ in a matter of moments.





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Thank you to Linda and Vicki from the West Penn Club for all of their planning. Linda ...Thanks to Bill for choosing the restaurant. Food was great. I also want to thank all the members from both clubs for coming out on a rain threatening day, that thankfully held off, to enjoy a great event.

Hope to see you next year at our fourth annual get together! Linda ...You can plan on it. Send me places and we can check it out.

## 2026 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**W**e are hitting the main part of our season with some great cruises. Check out the articles in this newsletter for more details.

**REMINDER: PAUL MILLER'S LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT. POLICE WILL ISSUE \$50 FINES PLUS COURT COSTS FOR THE USE OF HANDHELD DEVICES WHILE DRIVING. CHECK JOEL'S ARTICLE FOR DETAILS.**

**Other reminders: If you sign up for a cruise but do not hear back from the cruise leader, contact me. Cruise leaders, please remember to confirm receipt of RSVPs from your attendees. If you make any changes to your cruise, please transmit that to the attendees. If you do attend a cruise, please write a few sentences on the WPMC forum about your experiences. This allows anyone surfing our website to know more about our club and perhaps join us. You will need to register to post articles and can do that on the Forums page of our website. Steve will approve your registration after verifying you are a member and then you can post.**

**Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!**



## Miata Musings: Paul Miller's Law By Joel Starr, President

**A**s of June 5, 2026, Pennsylvania police will start issuing \$50 fines for the use of interactive mobile devices while driving. This includes the walkie-talkies we commonly use during our cruises. Even if you are stopped at a stop sign or red light, drivers of a vehicle cannot use their mobile devices.

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/penndot/news-and-media/newsroom/statewide/2025/-paul-miller-s-law--effective-june-5>

**Y**ou can contact emergency services with your mobile device while driving a motor vehicle but that is the only exception as I understand it. You will need to use a hands free setup (i.e headset) where you are not holding the device and only need to push a single button, or restrict use of the walkie-talkies to your passenger.

<https://www.palegis.us/statutes/consolidated/view-stature?txtType=HTM&ttl=75&div=0&chapter=33&section=16&subctn=1>

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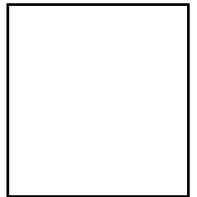
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