

## Upcoming Events

Sat  
Mar 21  
10:00 AM

Board Meeting at Smail Mazda

## 2026 WPMC Dues by Mary Edwards

**S**pring is just around the corner and you don't want to miss any fun, so it's time to renew your membership in our West Penn Miata Club. Our deadline is MARCH 31, 2026. Please take a few minutes now to write your \$35 dues check, payable to "WPMC" and mail it to:

WPMC  
c/o Mary Edwards  
40 Sheraton Drive  
Washington, PA 15301

If you have any changes to your membership information, such as different address, phone numbers, car, or license plate, please complete a new page 1 of the Application Form and return it with your check. The Application Form can be downloaded from our WPMC website at the "Becoming a Member" heading on the left. Also, if you have a new rider to accompany you on our cruises, please have that rider complete and sign the Terms & Conditions form pages of the Application before they join a cruise. This form can be included with your dues check or provided prior to any cruise participation. It is important to keep our records up-to-date. If you are just renewing you can just send a check for \$35. An application is only needed if your information has changed. You will be notified by email that we received your check.

<https://www.westpennmiataclub.com/newmember.html>

There is something fun for everyone in our busy West Penn Miata Club. Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones in 2026!

## March Board Meeting by Joel Starr

**G**et ready to start your engines. We have started planning for this year's driving season. The first step is the annual board meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

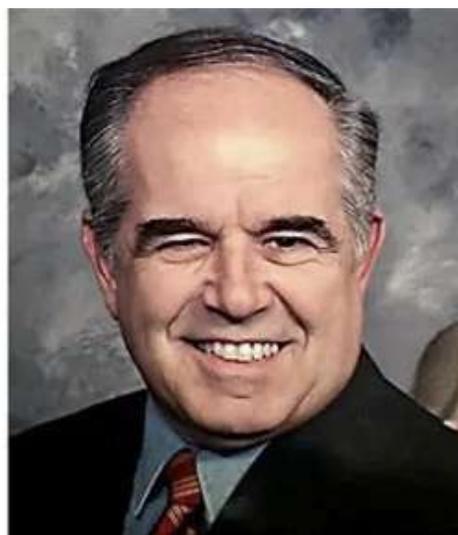
**Date & Time:** March 21, 2026 at 10:00 am

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

**Lunch:** Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 5163 US-30, Greensburg, PA 15601

**RSVP:** [jgtxstarr@gmail.com](mailto:jgtxstarr@gmail.com), so we can let the restaurant know the number of people attending.

## Ed Diaz 1938 - 2025



**Joel Starr:** Ed Diaz gifted \$1,000 to the West Penn Miata Club. We are very grateful for Ed's contribution and will endeavor to ensure the money is spent on the activities that Ed enjoyed so much.





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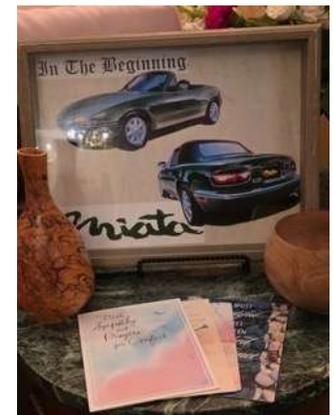
**Linda Zimliki:** In March of 2025, I informed the membership of Ed's passing on February 11, 2025 and posted an article in the March, 2025 newsletter. In November, 2025 I was contacted by Ed's sons. He had an incredible Christmas gift for the West Penn Miata Club. He gifted the Club \$1,000.

I've known Ed since 2008. He was a quiet and unassuming man. During that time, Ed spent extended time in the hospital off and on. I spoke to him at those times and he was always upbeat. He could not wait to get in his Miata and go on a cruise. Ed was part of a group of about 6 guys who always sat together for lunch on the cruises. I called it the guys' table.

His last cruise was Dave & Luann Kopco's cruise, Laurel Highlands Smiles for Miles, on June 29, 2024. He canceled a dialysis appointment to go on that cruise and it was a memorable one. After that cruise, he spent 6 months being passed around every 28 days to another hospital. He was on dialysis. This was going to be his future, and he decided this was not what he wanted. He told his sons he wanted taken off of dialysis and they honored his wishes. They called me and Joe & I went to see him. Our visit was not what I expected. Ed was upbeat. We spent our time talking and laughing about past cruises. He was at peace with his decision.

We attended his funeral. Ed was a very talented man. The room was filled with all of his paintings and wood craft. He made all types of vases and bowls out of wood. He built recumbent bikes, and painted American scenes, always with cars in them. He loved vintage cars, made his own Christmas cards, was into photography, and rebuilt cars as well. In his casket, they placed items that were important to him - a photo of his wife, PVGP program, and a Mazda MX-5 hat.

He loved his Miata, the Miata club and the people in the club. His son told me he looked forward to weekends and a Miata cruise. West Penn Miata Club brought a lot of enjoyment into his life especially after his wife passed away. His son wanted the members to know what a difference the Club made in his life. It is nice to know that our Club brings a lot of enjoyment to members' lives. I get emails and phone calls all the time from past members asking about the club and how much they miss it. So Ed, here's hoping you are zoomin around in Miata heaven. A few photos follow.





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## 2026 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**I**f you look outside, it is not top down weather. You are thinking when is the snow & cold going away - hopefully by the time of our monthly meeting March 21. At that meeting, the schedule for the year will be revealed. I am working on the schedule now. If you would like to do a cruise, please contact me at [belj8@comcast.net](mailto:belj8@comcast.net). Make sure you RSVP to Joel to let us know if you are attending and if you will join us for lunch.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!



## Miata Musings: A New season is Here

By Joel Starr, President

**A** brand-new season of Miata cruises is officially here! As the days get longer and the weather warms up, it's time to drop the tops, fire up those engines, and get back to carving up some beautiful roads together.

**T**his season we're planning more scenic routes, more sporty cruises, more destinations, and plenty of chances to connect with both familiar faces and new members. Whether you've been with the club for years or just picked up your first Miata, you're part of what makes these cruises special.

**K**keep an eye out for the upcoming schedule. Make sure your car's ready, your tank's full, and get ready to mark your calendar for upcoming events.

**H**ere's to sunshine, smooth shifts, and miles of smiles. See you on the road!

## April Deadline

The deadline for articles for the April newsletter is March 29, 2026





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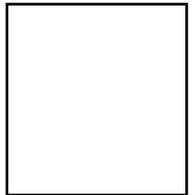
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