

Upcoming Events

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Straub Brewery Cruise

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Vineyards at Pine Lake Cruise

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Covered Bridges of Greene County
Cruise

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Oct 4-6

Cass Railroad Cruise

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Dec 6

WPMC Annual Christmas Party

Straub Brewery Cruise by Tom Cypher

We will leave from Sheetz, Rt. 22, in Blairsville and travel to St. Mary's. The roads are leisurely and sporty, but always traveling at the speed limit. The cruise will travel through Amish country, and we will need to be aware of buggies and bicycles. Lunch will be at the brewery (Tap Room) restaurant. The Tap Room has a variety of choices. We will have a speaker at lunch, who will give us some history of the brewery and St. Mary's. After lunch, we will tour the brewery. It is not handicap accessible and has many steps — no open toe shoes are allowed. The tour lasts about an hour. We will have a special guided tour following lunch — only twenty (20) people in the group — let me know if you are going on the cruise but will not be taking the tour. An ice cream wagon may show up or we will stop for ice cream.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 13, 2025. Meet at 9:00 and leave by 9:30.

Meeting Place: Sheetz route 22 in Blairsville, 610 ROUTE 22, Blairsville, Pa

Limit: 10 cars

Cruise Type: Leisure and Sporty

RSVP by September 5 to tomandkay111@comcast.net

The Vineyards at Pine Lake Cruise by Ed Southon

Join us on Saturday, September 20 as we cruise to The Vineyards at Pine Lake, in Columbiana, Ohio, about 15 miles south of Youngstown. The Vineyards began operations in 2016, and are owned and operated by the Glista family. The business includes vineyards, hops growing, a winery, a craft brewery, a tasting bar, two restaurants, and a large events center. In addition to the Vineyards, there is the attraction that we will be joined at the restaurant by a cruise from the Northcoast Miata Club, from northeast Ohio and centered in Cuyahoga Falls, southeast of Cleveland.

The cruise is a relatively short one, so you can sleep in a bit that morning. We'll meet in Sewickley at 9:30, leave at 10:00, and arrive at the Vineyards around 12:30. We'll build in a little time both before and after lunch so you can check out the variety of wines made at the Vineyards. Afterwards, we'll stop for ice cream and then head home.

Fun fact: the phrase "In vino veritas" is usually credited to the Roman natural historian Pliny the Elder. It's less well known that the entire phrase is "In vino veritas, in Miata gaudium" — "In wine there is truth, in Miatas there is joy". Come with us on September 20 when we find the joy in traveling to the wine.

Date & Time: Saturday, September 20. Meet at 9:30 am, leave by 10:00 am

Meeting Place: Sheetz at 2686 Nicholson Road, Sewickley (use Route 79, Exit 73)





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Cruise Type: Leisure to Sporty

RSVP: by September 6 to Ed Southon at southon@comcast.net

Greene County Covered Bridge Cruise By Joel Starr

Join us on a cruise through Washington to Greene County where we will visit some of the covered bridges the county has to offer. This will be a scenic/sporty cruise taking advantage of the hilly terrain to zip along the back roads including the "Warrior Trail" a 5000 year old trail (now road) along one of the ridge lines. We will make a stop at the "White Covered Bridge" for a group picture. After the White Covered Bridge, we will head back toward Pittsburgh to have lunch at the Vesta 88 River House along the Monongahela River followed by the traditional ice cream stop.

Date & Time: Saturday September 27, meet at 9:00 am, Depart promptly at 9:30 am

Meeting Location: Sheetz 3109 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017

RSVP: jstarr@westpennmiataclub.com

Cass Railroad Overnighter by Linda & Joe Zimlik

This cruise is full. I advertised it last March due to bus companies booking the original days I wanted. If anyone would like to be put on a wait list, contact me. We leave Saturday Oct 4th and visit Seneca Rocks. Legend has it that Princess Snow Bird, only daughter of Chief Bald Eagle and his wife, White Rock, found her true love there. Our Cass Bald Knob Train ride will be at 12:00 pm on Sunday October 5. It will take us to the second highest point in WV, and will last 4 1/2 hours with

stops. Lunch is provided.

We will visit the Green Bank Observatory on Monday, October 6th. With over fifty years of experience in radio astronomy and uniquely located within the National and West Virginia Radio Quiet Zone, the Green Bank Observatory is home to seven large radio telescopes ranging in size from 14m to 100m in diameter. As a result, the facility's telescopes have been used in a wide variety of ways, including satellite tracking, spacecraft tracking, atmospheric studies, monitoring of astronomical and planetary phenomenon, and educational programs. We will be taking a tour of the telescopes.

We can't forget the curvy, twisty & windy roads that our club loves. We will be staying at a B & B on a 1905 farm with unique features. It is advertised as casual elegance with country hospitality. Each room has a different theme. There is a two story private library containing over 27,000 books and movies, along with a recreation room with fireplace, pool table, jukebox and large screen 3-D TV. You can also visit the horses.

If you want on the wait list place contact me at lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com.

Review of Annual WPMC Picnic by Linda Zimlik

On the day of the picnic, the weather cooled down a little and we had a beautiful day. We had a nice turnout for the picnic with several new members there. Some great side dishes, along with Joel manning the grill with hamburgers, hot dogs, and fried chicken made certain that no one left hungry. After everyone enjoyed the variety of foods, it was time for games. I asked Nancy Bartek to come up with an interactive game we all could play. She came up with a relay game with 4 teams. Each team had to complete 6 tasks and the fastest won. The winners got medals and a prized WPMC Pin. A discussion of the club's history followed since it was the WPMC's 35th Anniversary. At the end of the day everybody helped clean up. It was a great fun day!





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2025 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

Our season is winding down with about a month left for cruises. Our year ends with the Christmas Party, which will be at Courtyard Marriott in Monroeville. This year, the party will be an afternoon event from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

We have 3 cruises plus an overnighter left. The details are in this newsletter. Hope to see you on one or all of them. It is the time of the year I make my pitch for cruise leaders. We need people to do cruises for 2026. If you have a destination or just a driving cruise you would like to do, please let me know. If you would like to do a cruise but don't know where to go I can help you. I have plenty of suggestions.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

October Deadline

The deadline for articles for the October newsletter is October 11, 2025

Miata Musings: Making connections through cruising

By Joel Starr, President

Just to be clear, I like cruises. It is why I joined the West Penn Miata Club and it is why I actively support the club. A side benefit to cruising is the connections one makes with others who share your interests. Since I joined the WPMC two years ago, I've had discussions with the other members on what modifications make sense (and which do not), what auto shops are good to work on your car, and which roads are good alternatives to the standard highways for traveling from one part of the state to the other. It has been a big help to have these conversations with other people who share my enthusiasm for driving around in a Mazda Miata.

We still have a few cruises left in the year. With the weather cooling down, it is a great time of year to get out and feel the road. I hope I get to see you out there on an upcoming cruise.

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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