

Upcoming Events

Wed Apr 30 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat May 3	Covered Bridges of Greene County Cruise
Sun May 18	Smail Cruise to Seven Springs
Mon May 26	Baglier Memorial Day Parade
Sun Jun 1	Joint Cruise with the Jaguar Club
Wed Jun 4 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jun 7	Frick Mansion + Car & Carriage Museum Cruise
Sat Jun 21	Tour-Ed Mine Cruise
Sat Jun 28	Swigart Antique Auto Museum Cruise
Wed Jul 2 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sun Jul 6	PVGP Start-Up Rallye
Sat-Sun Jul 12-13	Miata Gathering at PittRace - PVGP
Sat-Sun Jul 19-20	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix - Miata is the Spotlight Car

Wed Jul 30 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Aug 2	Railroaders Memorial Museum Cruise with the PACE Club
Sat Aug 9	Tara Country Inn Cruise
Sat Aug 23	WPMC Annual Picnic
Sat Sep 13	Explore Washington County Roads Cruise
Sat Sep 20	Vineyards at Pine Lake Cruise
TBD	Cass Railroad Cruise
Sat Dec 6	WPMC Annual Christmas Party

Greene County Covered Bridge Cruise By Joel Starr

Our first cruise will be to Greene County to 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. Lunch will be at the Ice Plant in Greensboro. The owner has nicely agreed to open on Saturday just for the WPMC so we will need an accurate head count the week before. After lunch we will get ice cream at "Rt 21 Ice Cream and More" in McClellandtown, about a 20 minute drive from the Ice





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Plant.

Date & Time: Saturday May 3, Meet at 8:30 am, Depart promptly at 9:00 am

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

Cruise Type: Sporty

RSVP: By April 30 to jstarr@westpennmiataclub.com

Curvy Roads to Seven Springs

by JD & Brittany Greene

This cruise is very scenic and full of curves. Come with us on an enjoyable ride through the Laurel Highlands. We included Rt. 259 which I understand is a club favorite. We'll stop at the Pie Shoppe to pick up goodies and have lunch at Seven Springs. We also have a few surprises for cruisers on this Sunday cruise.

Date & Time: Sunday, May 18 at 9:00 am

Meeting Place: Smail Mazda, 5094 US-30, Greensburg, PA 15601

Cruise Type: Sporty

RSVP: Linda Zimlik at lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com by May 14

May Deadline

The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is May 5, 2025

Butler Memorial Day Parade

by Linda Zimlik

Baglier Mazda has once again invited us to participate in the Butler Memorial Day Parade. We'll meet at the Baglier dealership for coffee and donuts, and then Chic will lead us to the parade. Following the parade, Chic will lead us on a short cruise and then back to the dealership where we will have lunch provided by Baglier.

This is a very enjoyable event, along with an opportunity to honor the brave men and women who lost their lives fighting for our country. Members can decorate their cars with flags or anything appropriate. Check out the Event Photos on our website for ideas from previous years. The club will provide a placard to place on your windshield to honor those that gave their lives.

Date & Time: Monday May 26 at 9:15 am

Meeting Place: Baglier Mazda, 630 Evans City Road, Butler, PA

RSVP: Linda Zimlik at lzimlik@westpennmiataclub.com by May 21

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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Smail Mazda Grand Opening



by Linda Zimlik

The club was invited to Smail's Grand Opening of their new Mazda dealership on Wednesday, March 26th. The ribbon cutting was performed by the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce. Our club members were welcomed as part of the Smail family. They had String Theory for entertainment, along with catered food.

Walt Dillen took advantage of the music to show he knows what to do on the dance floor. He was applauded for his efforts at the end. Smail's new dealership is very nice as are all the new Mazda dealerships. We were very happy to help Smail celebrate their Grand Opening.

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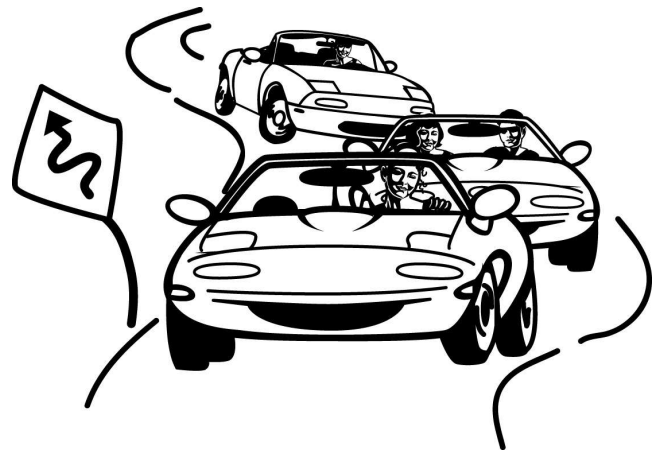
BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

As I sit writing this article, I checked the weather. Tomorrow it is going to snow with a high of 36 and low of 24 overnight. So I jumped ahead to May 3, our first cruise, where the weather is supposed to be 72 and sunny. Spring is coming. The Greene County Covered Bridge Cruise is our first for 2025. We will see four bridges and will drive through two of them. We'll take our group photo at the last bridge. This bridge is the site of Covered Bridge Festival every year since 2002. Your Miatas will love the roads. The May 18th cruise will be led by JD Greene from the Smail Dealership. Details are in this newsletter.

I hope members will participate in the 13 days of events for PVGP. Three of the events are part of our calendar, July 6th Rallye, Historics at the Pitt Race July 12/13 and Schenley Park Race Weekend. Miata is the Spotlight Car this year. Our club will have a much larger tent. More details will be provided in the coming months.

Hope to see you at our first cruise.

Zoom Zoommm Zoommm!



Tech Session Review

by Linda Zimlik

We held our Tech Session this year at Rohrich Mazda. I want to thank the dealership for their hospitality. We had a list of questions which members had submitted, and were able to answer all of them and solve some of problems members had with their Miatas. It was agreed by all to be the best Tech Session we ever had.





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Miata Musings: The 5th Generation Mazda Miata Goes Hybrid (maybe) By Joel Starr, President

I've been researching about a possible 2026 release of the 5th generation Mazda Miata. MotorTrend published an article on the subject in July of 2023 and teased a similar view in February of 2025. By the time this article is published, perhaps those that were able to attend the April Tech Session will know more than me. There is still no official news release for a 2026 Mazda MX-5 Miata 5th generation. Current rumors and speculation suggest it will be electrified, possibly with a hybrid powertrain, likely featuring Mazda's Skyactiv-Z engine technology.

Mazda is expected to maintain the sleek, low-slung design and sporty aesthetic that has made the Miata an icon since its debut. The hybrid version introduces a 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine paired with an electric motor. This powertrain provides a balance of performance and efficiency, allowing the Miata to retain its agile, responsive driving experience while reducing its environmental impact. With its combination of modern hybrid technology, timeless roadster design, and thrilling performance, a Miata hybrid would mark a new chapter for enthusiasts looking to embrace both driving pleasure and sustainability.





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