

Upcoming Events

Sat May 10	Cars and Coffee
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

Cars And Coffee By Linda Zimlik

The Cars and Coffee Event will be held at Cochran Monroeville Mazda this Saturday. Andy Hegerty, General Sales Manager, is putting a day together which may include a Q & A session about the Miata, along with a car detail raffle. E-Mail me to let me know you are coming along and whether you'd like to stay for lunch.

Date & Time: Saturday May 10th at 10:00 AM

Place: Monroeville Cochran Mazda

RSVP: lizimlik@westpennmiataclub.com





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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

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

Road Tour and Dinner with the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh and the West Penn Miata Club

by Stu Benson

The Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh and the West Penn Miata Club are joining together for a road tour (a/k/a "a cruise") on back roads in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh. Using vintage Pittsburgh vernacular, it might be appropriately called the "North of Da 'Burg Tour". The route involving back roads will be about 40 miles in length and take a couple hours with a rest stop part way. Printed directions will be given to all vehicles as well as hopefully most, if not all, vehicles will have a walkie-talkie radio. A navigator/radio operator in the front passenger seat is a big help with each car. We will end up around 3:00 PM at the Brick & Barrel Cross Keys Restaurant, located in an Historical building at 599 Dorseyville Road near Fox Chapel, PA. We will have a private room upstairs to enjoy the companionship of both old and new friends as we can enjoy cold liquid refreshments and an early Sunday dinner so everyone can get back home while it is still daylight. There will be ample parking for our prized vehicles. Both JCOP and WPMC have members who are passionate about their vehicles and the enjoyment of driving them, as well as using the vehicles to provide a stage for socializing. Having such an event involving both clubs will provide the ability for everyone to see the others' vehicles up close and be able to have fun both driving and eating together. That entire experience will be the Zoom-Zoom of the day.

Date & Time: Sunday June 1 - Drivers Meeting - 1:15, Departure - 1:30





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Meeting Place: Sheetz 5300 Route 8 Gibsonia, PA 15044

Cruise Category: Sporty

RSVP: Izimliki@westpennmiataclub.com by May 25

Cruise to the Frick by Jim Blok

We are looking forward to cruising back in time and reliving the GILDED AGE. We will visit the well-manicured grounds of the Frick. This 10-acre facility includes a first-class Art Museum, Buggy and Automobile Museum, Cafe where we will enjoy lunch and more. A highlight of the day is a guided tour of Clayton, The Frick's home for many years. The Artwork, Furniture and other Personal Purchases are said to be 90% original to the home. Being an Industrialist in many parts of the country, Pittsburgh was home.

Our plan is to have lunch at the Café, and go for Ice Cream at the end of our tour. There is a \$17 Senior fee, but I am trying to get a group rate.

Date & Time: Saturday June 7th, meet at 8:30, depart 9:00 sharp

Meeting Place Sheetz 1000 Dori Drive Valencia, PA 16059

RSVP: Jameslblok@yahoo.com

to many local concerns, including Tarentum Power, PPG, and the Allegheny County Workhouse. Ira Wood then decided he wanted to share the history of coal mining and began plans to create one of the most unique Pittsburgh attractions.

Put on your authentic Tour-Ed Mine hard-hat and climb into a real coal mine car for a 1/2 mile journey Experience what it was like to be a coal miner in the 1850s and today. Your guides are real coal miners who will treat you to an amazing educational coal mine tour 160 feet below the earth's surface. It's one of the most unique attractions in Pittsburgh.

Coal Mine Tours are approximately 30 minutes underground A light jacket is suggested with a coal mine tour temperature of 52 to 55 degrees year-round.

Depending on the time we arrive, there is a museum, souvenir shop, and a reproduction of a coal miner's home. This will not be a real early day since the Mine is only 20 miles from Pittsburgh. We will be driving sporty back roads. The cruise is on June 21 and details will follow in the June newsletter.

June Deadline

The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is June 1, 2025 (one week earlier than usual)

Tour-Ed Mine Cruise by Vickie Buzzelli

The earliest record of mining activity at the site of Tour-Ed Mine was in 1850. Known later as the Avenue Mine, it was operated by Allegheny Steel and mined by the Leechburg Mining Company. The coal extracted during this period was used locally at the Allegheny Steel Plant in Brackenridge and also shipped by rail throughout the nation

Ira Wood acquired the mine in 1964 and provided coal

Cruise Types

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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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2025 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

May is when the club starts its cruises for the season but unfortunately we had to cancel our first one. The storm that moved through the Pittsburgh area left a broad area of chaos. 70,000 people are still without electricity in southwestern Pennsylvania Saturday May 3. Roads are closed as the clean-up continues. Greene County Covered Bridge Cruise we will try to reschedule later this year. We have a new event ,Cars and Coffee, for next weekend May 10th, 10:00 AM at Cochran Monroeville Mazda. Andy is putting a day together which may include a Q & A session, along with a car detail raffle. Let me know if you plan on attending and if you will stay for lunch at lzimliki@westpennmiataclub.com .

The Miata is the Spotlight car for the PVGP this year. The West Penn Miata Club will play a big role and has two of their 13 day events on our schedule that hopefully you will attend. The Start Up Rallye Sunday July 6 and Miata Gathering at Pittsburgh International Race Complex – July 12/13 Weekend. There are other events each day that you may want to attend so check things out at <https://pvgp.org/car-show-overview/miata-2025-spotligh/> or <https://www.westpennmiataclub.com/spotlight.html>.

From our website, you can access the page by clicking PVGP Spotlight Car on Home page then click the PVGP link for more information. More detail will be on the website later this week. There is a link on the home page for the Spotlight Car and I will be posting on a forum page dedicated to this as well.

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