

## Upcoming Events

Sun May 17	Curvy Roads to Gray Goose Cruise by Smail Mazda
Mon May 25	Butler Memorial Day Parade Sponsored by Baglier Mazda
Wed Jun 3 7:00 PM	WPMC Monthly Teleconference Meeting
Sat Jun 6	Trolley Tour of Underground Railroad with NorthCoast Club
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

## Curvy Roads to Gray Goose by Linda Zimliki

**J**D Greene, from Smail Mazda, will be leading a line of Miatas on the curvy back roads of Laurel Highlands to Gray Goose Restaurant. The Gray Goose reminds you of a southern home with a veranda and pond. The pond has ducks and endless wildlife and geese, hence the name. Join us for an hour and half ride ending in a buffet lunch.

**Date & Time:** Sunday May 17th at 10:00 am

**Meeting Place:** Smail Mazda parking lot (For a pre-cruise rest stop, please stop at Sheetz. Traveling east, Sheetz is past Smail on your right and traveling west, it is on your left before Smail.)





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Cruise Type: Sporty

RSVP: Linda Zimlik - bclj8@comcast.net

## Butler Annual Memorial Day Parade by Linda Zimlik

**W**PMC will participate in the Butler Memorial Day Parade again at the invitation of Baglier Mazda. Cars will meet at the Baglier dealership for coffee and donuts, where we will be led by Chic to the parade. Afterwards, Chic will lead us on a short cruise back to the dealership where we will have lunch provided by Baglier.

**T**his is an event members enjoy every year. It is an opportunity to honor the brave men and women who lost their lives fighting for our country. Members can decorate their cars with flags, banners, or anything appropriate. You can get ideas from prior parades on the Event Photos page on our website. The club will provide a placard to place on your windshield to honor those that gave their lives. The parade is videoed and posted on YouTube.

Date & Time: Monday May 25 at 9:15 am

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

RSVP: by May 18 to Linda Zimlik - bclj8@comcast.net

## The Underground Railroad Trolley Tour by Vickie Buzzelli

**J**oin us on Saturday, June 6th as we take another step back in history as we cruise to Salem, Ohio on curvy back roads to an underground railroad site at the Salem Historic Society. In 1856, the Underground Railroad was an organized network of secret routes and safe houses for fugitive slaves to escape to the Abolitionist Northern United States. The underground railroad started at various locations in the South and worked its way up to and as far

as Philadelphia. Since the homes are private and entrances are not possible, we will be taking a Trolley Tour. There will be a docent on the Trolley to answer questions. The Trolley is set up with a screen which displays over 100 slides of the insides of the homes, the underground hiding places, and several abolitionists who lived in or visited them.

**W**e will be meeting up with the North Coast Miata Club at Ricky's English Pub Main for lunch prior to going to the Underground Railroad. The cruise will be limited to 17 individuals from each club. The trolley can only accommodate 34 individuals. You can be placed on a waiting list if the cruise is full.

Date & Time: Sat June 6 at 9:30 am Pre Meeting. Leave promptly at 10:00 am

Meeting: Sheetz Route 19 North & Ehrman Rd. Next to Victory Church.

Type of Cruise: Sporty - 1 1/2 hour cruise to English Pub

RSVP: Vickie Buzzelli at vjs@zoominternet.net or text to 724-272-2806. We still have room for 9 people.

Hope to see you soon!

### 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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## 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

"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.

## Colebrookdale Railroad Cruise

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

**T**his 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

**T**he 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.

## Tech Session Review By Tom Meyers

A beautiful day and beautiful cars are what we had during the first WPMC event of the 2026 year - "Tech Day". It was great for everyone to catch up with friends, see what some have been working on, how they did it, and to tell some nice stories of things that happened through the long cold winter. Our event for the day was located at Smail Mazda, with special thanks to them for providing us with our own parking spaces up front, as well as the availability for use of their dealership (restrooms, questions, etc.). They were very appreciative of the club being there which attracted many onlookers including customers. A dealer rep, employees, and techs all came outside to check out the awesome machines that now were the centerpieces along Route 30. We received some cool information on future Mazda products, as well as some insight to the planned future NE Miata, and a cruise they are planning with the club from them. Hopefully the new NE is as cool as the ND when released. The techs came out to answer any questions our members may have had regarding many models and took an interest to all the Miatas. Our star modifier for this year was Joel with his now turbo'd NC he installed himself. What awesome blow off valve noises it makes. His turbo install was complex, but doable with a complete kit from Flyin Miata that included the turbo, piping, intercooler, catted down pipe, tuning, and other parts needed for a successful install. He has some Zoom Zoom now. Some other members' work done over winter included John that installed cool factory body aero parts on his ND, and I installed myself on my NC Xida coilovers from Super Miata, and had a corner balance with performance alignment done. Everyone's cars looked great and ready for this year's cruises.

Our day wrapped up with a tasty lunch at Longhorn Steak House. A nice western themed atmosphere and a well sized table for all was available for us. We had a great lunch where we wrapped up some club business with Linda and left tops down to cruise home before the storms came through. Here's to an awesome and fun 2026 with the WPMC.

## Irwin Car Show Review by Linda Zimlik

Saturday April 25 turned out to be a rainy day. A limited number of members attended. Main Street was lined with cars and they did have the Opening ceremony. Have to give it a try next year.

## Washington Trail Cruise Review by Peg & Bruce Neeley

On a rather cold, gray day, Seven die hard Miatas left the warmth of their garages to embark on a 121 mile venture following the historical 1753 winter journey of George Washington & his troops from Logstown, Pa to Fort Le Boeuf in Waterford Pa. As a British colonist, Washington was commissioned by Britain to claim Fort Le Boeuf from the French.

Our cruise began at Sheetz in Baden (where Joel commented on snow in the sky coming our way ?? ) We traversed beautiful Miata roads & countryside. With minimal traffic & signal lights mostly in our favor, it was a great ride. Some even travelled with tops down & heaters on! After travelling about 50 miles passing Washington trail signs along the way, we took a quick break at Sheetz in Harrisville where we were greeted with a sprinkle of snow (Joel was right!) After a quick break, we were off to continue the cruise. As we travelled north through Meadville & onward to Waterford, the sun & blue skies greeted us. In Waterford, we toured the LeBoeuf Museum. Although the fort is long gone, the museum houses many artifacts, letters, weapons, uniforms, artwork depicting historical scenes & a diorama of the original fort. The museum curators were very informative answering our questions & giving a historical account of the fort. After viewing a short film documenting the history of the fort & Washington's journey, we took a short walk to the Waterford Hotel pub & restaurant where we enjoyed a delicious lunch & great conversation. The cruise concluded with the traditional ice cream stop in Waterford.





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A huge shout out to Joel who went above and beyond planning the cruise, holding a video chat about the cruise and providing handouts documenting Washington's journey as well as historical writings from Washington & Gist. Thank you Joel for sharing your knowledge and planning such a great cruise to kick off the Miata season! (P.S. ...a bit of trivia from Linda in case you are ever on Jeopardy - The zipper was invented in Meadville, Pa!)

## Miata Musings: The 2026 Season has begun

By Joel Starr, President

### 2026 CRUISIN & ZOOMIN SEASON

BY LINDA ZIMLIKI

**W**e have had our first cruise of the season. It was a cruise with great roads and weather appropriate for reliving Washington's trip to Fort Le Boeuf in December of 1753. Make sure you read the cruise review. There have been changes to the schedule. The Miatas at the Red River Gorge has changed to Sept 12 & 13 and the Explore Washington Country Roads is on Sept 19th.

Just wanted to make you aware of Pennsylvania's Paul Miller's Law. It is aimed at reducing distracted driving. This law prohibits the use of hand-held devices while driving, even when the vehicle is temporarily stopped at traffic signals or in traffic jams. Drivers are not allowed to use hand-held devices for any purpose, including texting, calling, or browsing the internet. Handsfree, Bluetooth or mounted GPS usage is allowed. The law has been in effect since June 5, 2025. Starting June 6, 2026, if stopped for Paul Miller's Law you will be fined \$50 plus Court costs.

Just a reminder, please email or text the leader of the group if for some reason you can't make it to the cruise the morning of the event. You can also contact me. If you email the leader of a cruise to RSVP and you don't get a response, please contact me. Leaders make sure you let the member know you received their RSVP.

Zoom Zoomm Zoommm!

**T**he 2026 season has officially started! 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.

**N**ow that the schedule has been published, make sure your car's ready, your tank's full, and mark your calendar for upcoming events. Here's to sunshine, smooth shifts, and miles of smiles. See you on the road!

### June Deadline

The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is June 8, 2026





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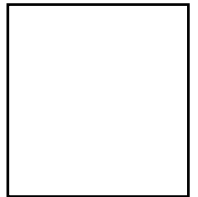
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