

## MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY MIATA / MX-5 MEANDERINGS



### President's Letter, from Karen McKissock

I hope this note finds that you have all taken your cars out of storage and that you've had a chance to do some Zooming around the area in this beautiful spring weather. And I hope you have looked over the schedule of events we are offering for your entertainment this season...and that you have marked them on your calendar to reserve your time to attend. It's about time we got back to having a lot of fun with friends.

Speaking of that, I hope we can all make some time to build new friendships and foster camaraderie across chapters this season. Let's all try to meet someone new at each event and find out a little bit about them. Our (national) culture feels like we are isolating more and more while these difficult times should be drawing us closer together... especially with folks with like interests. Please try to do your best to build

relationships within the club. We all need more friends. Thank you!

Lastly for me for this month, please read the Help Wanted ad below in the newsletter asking for your help to establish a committee to plan our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for 2024. It's not that hard if we have a group of members working together. I have all the materials (budget, some vendors, marketing materials etc.) from our 25<sup>th</sup> celebration that can be used so you don't have to start with a 'blank page' and I'll help in any way the committee needs.

So long for now, but I'll be waiting to hear from you about volunteering. And don't forget to check out our presence on Facebook and our YouTube channel. Details on finding us are near the end of the newsletter.

*Vada yada,  
Karen*

**Volunteers are needed** from each chapter (Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, and Ithaca) to assist in planning our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for 2024. It would be great to have two folks from each area work on the following:



- Brainstorming ideas for a club-wide event to take place in a central area in 2024 (could be a multiple-day event)
- Assist in the selection of venues based on the format of the event
- Research resources/vendors needed and request quotes as required
- Create a detailed budget for the event
- Create an action plan for the event
- Create marketing materials to share with members as incentivize for members to participate
- Request funding approval from the Board
- Enlist additional volunteers as may be needed
- Communicate status to the Board monthly

Please let your Area Representative know by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and they will share your name with Karen McKissock, who will kick off a committee meeting by the end of July. The contact list for your Representative is near the end of the newsletter.

### *WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!*

#### **Welcome to the Midstate Miata Club of New York!**

We have many events planned this year, some with meals and ice cream. We ask all the new 2023 members keep your orange sticker on their ID badge for 2023, so the old hands can say, "Hi, and Welcome to the Club!"

NAME	CITY	CHAPTER	CAR YEAR	CAR COLOR
Jim Moore	Rochester	Rochester	1991	Red
Adrian Pollock & Shelley Haley	New Hartford	Syracuse	2016	Ceramic Metallic
Ron & Linda Young	Harpursville	Binghamton	1995	Red
Ted & Wendy Blodgett	Binghamton	Binghamton	2019	White
Len & Bobbie Tundermann	Medina	Rochester	1992	Red
Jim Holden & Karen Quartz	Pulaski	Syracuse	2006	Red
John & Lindy Krieg	Spencerport	Rochester	2006	White
Eric Davis	Liverpool	Syracuse	1997	White

Refresh yourself with the "[Caravan Rules](#)" before each event, as it will help with delays in the departure time.

#### *FUTURE EVENTS*

### Friday, June 2, Zoom Zoom Shop Hop

Event Coordinator - Al & Merrilee MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

We will meet at 9:15 at the back of the parking lot at [Peppermints Family Restaurant](#) in Avon, NY (next door to McDonalds). At 9:45 we will depart for our first shop, [Chestnut Bay Quilting](#) in Caledonia. From there we will run our Miatas down the Oatka Creek Trail and on to our second shop, The [Quilter's Daughter](#) in Perry, NY.

Lunch will be at the [Glen Iris Inn](#) in [Letchworth State Park](#). After lunch we will drive through the Park, then work our way via route 20A to our final shop, the [Aurora Sewing Center](#) in Victor, NY. Figuring 45 minutes at each of the first two shops, and 90 minutes for lunch, we should get to Victor after about 6.5 hours, and 120 miles. Victor has a NY Thruway entrance to make it easier for people with a long ways to travel to get home.



Lunch at the Glen Iris Inn is limited to twenty people, so if participation in this event exceeds twenty we will have to make different arrangements for lunch. Therefore, please let us know by May 30<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

Click here for the event flyer and photos, [link](#).

Register with Al & Merrilee by May 25 at [macwill77@gmail.com](mailto:macwill77@gmail.com) or 585-392-7702 or 585-465-3888 and your Area Representative. ....

### Saturday, June 3, Marcellus Parade

Event Coordinator - Chuck Paul, Syracuse Chapter

Once again we have been invited to participate in the Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at 2:45 at the convenience store on the corner of Lee-Mulroy Rd. (Rt. 175) and Pleasant Valley Rd. The parade moves at 3 and lasts about an hour. We will end in beautiful Marcellus Park where food is available (sausage peppers onion and others) with a short drive including the famous "13 CURVES" and a portion of the "Iroquois Trail". We'll end the drive at [Skan Ellus](#) where you will find great food and ice cream.

Please note: Parade organizers are requesting that candy not be thrown



Just show up, no need to register. Questions, contact Chuck at [cpaul@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cpaul@twcny.rr.com) or 315-673-4432.

### Saturday, June 10, Twisty and hilly roads on the west side, believe it or not!

Event Coordinator - John & Susan Amon, Rochester Chapter

Modified route. East Aurora is hosting the 2023 Musical Fest this year, so we will detour around it. Get your Miata ready for a fun run of approximately 125 miles round trip! We are going toward East Aurora, and on to the [Elma Towne Grille](#), and then to the [Marilla Country Store](#). You do not want to miss this trip. All that, plus great roads on the way!



We will drive together, including that fun and twisty drive down Oatka Creek Trail, with a pit stop in Warsaw. Over some big hills, and past a huge windmill farm toward East Aurora (look for the elephant in a yard on your right near Wales and then to Elma. There will be farm country with really big fields for the east coast. We'll have lunch at the Elma Towne Grille. After lunch, we will explore the Marilla Country Store, opened in 1851, just north of Marilla.

Is anyone interested in ice cream? We'll go to [Cruiser's Creamery](#), behind [Leroy's No Finer Diner](#), to satisfied your desire.

Register with John at [john.n.amon@gmail.com](mailto:john.n.amon@gmail.com) or 585-617-4334 and your Area Representative.



## Saturday, June 17, The Full Gulick

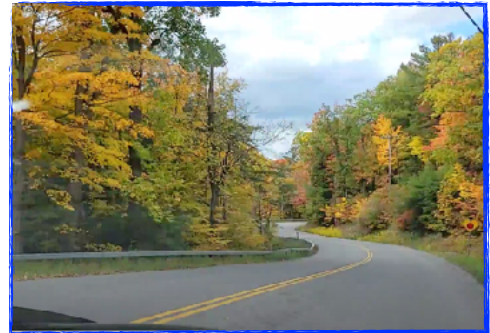
Event Coordinator - Elisha Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

During an hour and a half of driving, you will go left and right and up and down on the curving roads, followed by more lefts and ups and downs and rights. Join us for a fun tour of the road south from Bloomfield towards lunch in Naples and an ice cream stop at Linnie Lou's, with a trip to the Olde Country Store. The road will be mostly fun and sometimes a little boring, with at least one point at which you'll think, "I didn't expect the road to do THAT!" This is the road that proved that I'm 10% telepathic because one of ten squirrels read my mind when I was thinking, "Oh, don't even try!"

Lunch will be at the [Redwood Restaurant](#) in Naples.

[Linnie Lou's](#) has been serving Homemade Ice Cream and Custard in Naples, NY for over 20 years. There's a nice little picnic shelter with tons of flowers, and picnic tables with magic 8 balls on each.

The [Olde Country Store 1849](#) offers local food and craft items as well as imported German specialties and original hand-blown glass Christmas ornaments formed in molds used over 100 years ago. They have a variety of over 350 candies, such as Penny Candy, Candy Bars, and Nostalgic Old Fashioned Candies.



As a bonus, we'll drive past the secluded Bloomfield Tennis Courts for bragging rights, and for that future, awkward, "have I been here before?" feeling. But you'll have to be very observant to spot it. I expect EXPLORATORIUM veterans to excel.

We'll meet at [Quicklees Mobil Service Station](#) in Bloomfield at 10:15 am, featuring a restroom rated 5 out of 5 Rubber Duckies by a local observer, at the corner of NY SR 444 and East Main.

Join us and avoid all the time you'd otherwise spend having to listen to others talk about how great it was.

Event is rain or shine. Register by June 15th with Elisha at [ekasinskas@hotmail.com](mailto:ekasinskas@hotmail.com) or 585-737-5425 and your Area Representative.

## Saturday, June 18, European Car Club Show

Information only

The [European Motor Club of CNY](#) will be hosting their Father's Day Car Show. They again invited the Miata Club to participate, and there will be many great cars at the show. It is a rain or shine event.

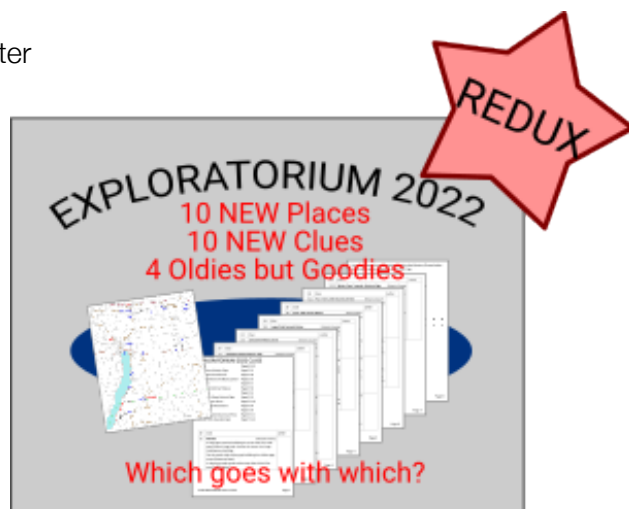
The European Car show at [Lafayette Applefest Grounds](#) is on Sunday June 18. Interested Miata/MX5 Club members that want to show their car can preregister on their club's website using the form. the cost is \$20.00, \$25.00 on the day of the show. Otherwise, you can just park outside and walk into the show for free. Those that will want to continue the day from there, or start their day from home, for the drive down to the Binghamton 'Great American Race' can meet with us at the Lafayette Byrne Dairy at the top of the hill by McDonalds at 2:30 pm. We will depart there at 3:00 pm. When we get to Binghamton we will park and get something to eat before the old and interesting 'Great American Race'. The cars will start rolling in between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. They're a sight to behold.

## Saturday, June 24, Exploratorium 2022 REDUX

Event Coordinator - Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

The much-enjoyed Exploratorium 2022 event is back, restored, and improved! Here are some comments from last year: "This event was way more fun than we anticipated. It was fun figuring out the clues [and] was also educational. We look forward to another one! Count us in!" A few of last year's locations and clues remain, but many more new ones have been added.

Come and enjoy a great ride in the Finger Lakes while searching for answers to clues. You will have around a dozen locations shown on a map and the same number of clues but in random order. Your challenge is to find out which clue goes with which place!



You plan your route. Everyone will go separately and maybe along different roads. Most of the answers are on the main roads or readily visible from the main roads. Many are easy to find, and some require a bit of thought. None of the clues are difficult or tricky! You may have to walk as far as 100 feet a few times to read letters on a sign. You can even get the answer at some locations while sitting in your car. You can reach all clues via paved roads that are in good condition.

You will drive in a 20 x 15-mile area north and east of Canandaigua Lake. The entire drive should be about 80 miles. It is best with two people per car, and they work together. However, you can do it alone. Gas, restrooms, and food are available at many locations along the way. Last year, everyone completed the event in about three hours.

This event is NOT a road rally or a poker run.

Roy's Restaurant, 4123 NY Rt 96, Manchester. Meet at 8:00 am for breakfast and briefing.  
Ray's Restaurant, 2510 Rochester Rd., Canandaigua. Plan on finishing your drive, complete or not, and being at Ray's at about 1:00 pm for lunch and sharing experiences.

Come and enjoy some new and different roads!

Register with Darius on or before Friday, June 16 at [miata@kasinskas.com](mailto:miata@kasinskas.com) and your Area Representative.....

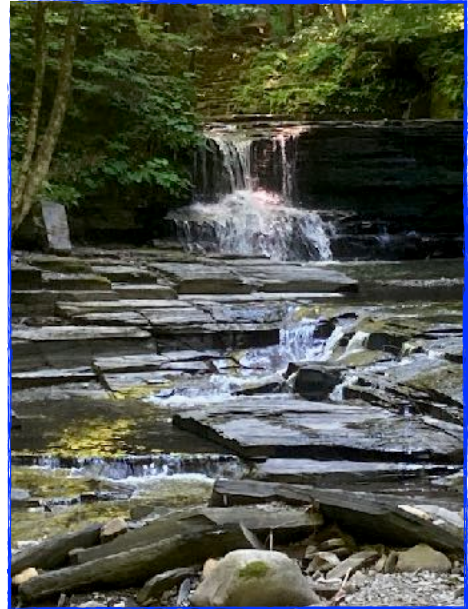
## Sunday, July 2, Club Annual Picnic

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

It's picnic time! The club will hold its annual summer picnic at [Fillmore Glen State Park](#), just south of Moravia (1686 State Route 38, Moravia) on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 11:00. It's been at the same venue for several years and is centrally located for the entire club. The park features a wonderful gorge to hike up, with waterfalls. It also has a natural swimming area, so bring your swimsuit and towel! The club will be renting the pavilion and providing free admission to the park but you will need to provide the money-taker with the coupon below. Cut it off and give it to the money taker at the park kiosk. Otherwise you will be charged the \$8 admission fee!

There will also be food! We are having the picnic catered again by 10-10 BBQ in Moravia. The meal will be pulled pork, speedies, baked beans, salt potatoes, and macaroni salad with iced tea and lemonade.

The club is subsidizing the meal, so the only cost to you is \$15 per person. Please pay me with cash on the day. Exact change is appreciated.



To make sure we have the correct amount of food, you will need to sign up NO LATER THAN JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up by email at [mosherrskl@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com). We will be traveling all of June and will not be answering our land line phone and cell will be too hard to keep track of while we are on the road.

We have the Fillmore Room off the pavilion in the lower area to ourselves. We have access to a refrigerator and bathrooms. The room is enclosed with tables and chairs and there are outside tables, so we should be comfortable rain or shine. We plan to have the food delivered around noon.

Each area can coordinate their own caravan to the park. Ray and Sue will lead a Syracuse area caravan from Baldwinsville. Your area rep (Dale) will provide details. There is an ice cream stand in Moravia folks can stop at on the way home if desired.

Park admission ticket is on the next page. Be sure print it and bring it with you!

Ticket~::~::~::~::~Ticket

ADMIT ONE VEHICLE TO FILMORE GLEN STATE PARK  
FOR MID-STATE MIATA CLUB PICNIC JULY 2, 2023

Ticket~:::Print and bring to the picnic~:::Ticket

Contact and register with Ray at [mosherrskl@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

## Saturday, July 8, North Rose Model Railroad

Event Coordinator - Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter

North Rose Railroad Company, 10336 RR Ave., North Rose, NY

Think model trains are simply for going in a circle beneath the Christmas tree? This is an event that will change your mind forever. For 15-years, Gary Poole has been transforming most of the first floor of an old kidney bean packing plant in Wayne County, NY into his model railroad empire. At the moment, it occupies roughly 15,000-square feet of space and includes about two-miles of track. Wind farms, urban and suburban scenes, construction sites, amusement parks and much more make up the highly detailed scenery that surrounds that Lionel-sized railroad track...all of it painstakingly created by Gary. He is so dedicated to this endeavor that he actually lives in a portion of the building housing his display.



An up-to-date video of this massive layout can be viewed on [YouTube](#). More images are [here](#).

For those in the Rochester area and points South and West of there, we will gather at the Walmart parking lot in Webster (1990 Brandt Point Road, Webster, NY....in Baytowne Plaza) at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> to begin the run to Gary's place. It is suggested that those coming from Syracuse and other points East plan their own route as they are encouraged to join in this event.

Along the way, we'll do lunch at Orbakers in Williamson...then on to the trains, planning to arrive in North Rose around 1 pm. Parking will be in the gravel lot to the right of the building housing the layout.

Register with Bill at [blowe0542@gmail.com](mailto:blowe0542@gmail.com) or 585-865-6158, no later than July 3, and your Area Representative.



### Early or mid July, Apple Hard Cider Crawl

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter



This is mostly a repeat of previous runs. We meet at the Byrne Dairy on US-20, Lafayette, just west of I-81, the same location that the Apple Fritter Crawl begins at, to start our drive. We meet at 11:15 for an 11:30 departure. Snacks, potties and gas are all available here. After about a 30-minute drive we arrive at Critz Farms Brewing & Cider Co. near Cazenovia to taste their cider and beer. (There may be a food truck). Then it's an hour or so of backroads driving to Awestruck Ciders in Sidney. Awestruck has great ciders (including Hibiscus Ginger and Lavender Hops) and snacks. Then, a return drive home via a mostly different route, stopping at 1911 Beak & Skiff. The

Binghamton and Ithaca Chapters could organize their own drive to meet at Awestruck Ciders. Bring your growlers! Bottled products are also available.

This is a shine only event, but will be cancelled only in the event of a total washout day. We will run with the odd shower. There is no food on the run until we get to Awestruck around 2:30, so plan to eat lunch before you come or bring a snack. There are toilets at each stop, but none planned on the road. Indoor and outdoor seating is available at all venues.

Check out food and drink menus at [Critz Farms Brewing & Cider Co.](#) and [Awestruck Ciders](#) and [1911 Beak & Skiff](#).

Register with Ray at [mosherrskl@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

### Sunday, July 16 or 23, Skaneateles Polo Club

Event Coordinator - Dale Nagel, Syracuse Chapter



This event is not to be missed.

Detail coming from Dale next month.

Register with Dale at [dalen262@aol.com](mailto:dalen262@aol.com) or 315-677-9342 and your Area Representative.

## Saturday, July 22 (Rain Date July 23rd), Ride to Old Ft. Niagara and lunch at the Wilson Boat House

### *This is a shine only event*

Event Coordinator - Nancy Lowe, Rochester Chapter

The trip begins at the [Parkside Diner](#), 4353 Culver Rd, Rochester, 14622 (Seabreeze). The drivers meeting will be at 8:15 AM and we'll leave at 8:30 AM sharp. If you'd like to start the day with a great breakfast, meet at 7 AM. Breakfast headcount needed by 7/21. We will be arriving in Youngstown by 10:30 AM.

**Admission to [Old Ft. Niagara](#) is \$15.00 per person (Group Rate). The Event Coordinator will need to pay for everyone's admission upon arrival, so please have your cash or checks available. The money will be collected in the parking lot before entry.**

Due to the possibility of weather, no pre-payments will be accepted.



There is a special program that weekend called [Reverberations of Revolution](#), depicting life on the NY frontier during the American Revolution. There will be period camps, musket and artillery demonstrations, and military skirmishes.

We are free to roam around and discover the fort on our own. There's a log cabin offering food and drink if needed.

We'll start heading back east at 1:00 PM for a ride to the [Wilson Boat House Restaurant](#) (57 Harbor St, Wilson, NY 14172) for lunch at 1:30 PM. Lunch headcount need by 7/21. You can review the menu before you arrive. After walking off lunch on Wilson Pier or the Marina, we'll hop in our cars and go 13 minutes down the road and end at Baehr's Ice Cream Cottage, 7080 Lake Road, Appleton, NY for ice cream.

NOTE: Breakfast (optional), fort, and lunch reservations required by 7/21.

Register with Nancy at [nanlowe53@gmail.com](mailto:nanlowe53@gmail.com) or 585-305-4410 and your Area Representative. ....

## Wednesday, August 2, Annual Log Cabin Cruise Night

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

Come one, come all. Another of our events that has been on hold too long! This is a shine only event We will meet again for our annual visit to the Log Cabin Restaurant on route 31F in Macedon. Reserved parking spaces for the club, great food outdoors or indoors if you prefer. A great selection of hundreds of cars and motorcycles to look at and reminisce. Let your area rep know if you will be going to set up caravanning to the event.

Register with Chuck at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 or 585704-9940 and your Area Representative. ....

## Saturday, August 12, Northeast Classic Car Museum

Event Coordinator - Del Austin, Binghamton Chapter

Rain date, Sunday, August 13

We will meet at the [Price Chopper](#) on Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY, in the rear parking lot. The entrance is on Route 12 just past the traffic light, near Route 12 and Chenango Bridge Road. We will meet at 10:00 am and depart at 10:15 am, departing onto Route 12 and heading north.



We will travel to the [Northeast Classic Car Museum](#), 24 Rexford Street, Norwich, NY, and arrive between 11:00 am and 11:15 am. Our group rate entrance fee is \$13 per person. Please wait until all members are present before entering the museum.

We will depart the museum for lunch between 1:00 pm and 1:15 pm on Route 12 south for the drive to [Dickey's Barbecue](#), 5698 New York 12, Norwich, NY.

I would ask any area representative who has members attending this event to give me a head count and list of names so i can inform the restaurant how many are coming by *August 9<sup>th</sup>*. My email and phone number are shown below. If there are any guest, be sure they have completed the [Guest Disclaimer Form](#).

Dickey's Barbecue has complementary soft ice cream. Or we can drive to an ice cream shop in Oxford, NY. More photos are [here](#).

I am looking forward to a safe run and seeing new and old friends.

Register with Del at [virdel2347@aol.com](mailto:virdel2347@aol.com) or 607-217-5794 and your Area Representative.

### Saturday, August 26, Middlesex Fire Department Family Style Roast Beef Dinner

Event Coordinator - Chuck & Grace Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

After a 3 year hiatus, it's time again for the best roast beef dinner you will ever have at our annual Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner trip. We will meet at Bill Gray's 1225 Jefferson Rd in Henrietta for a 2:00 pm A.I.S.M.R. departure time. For any new members that's "Ass In Seats, Motors Running".



There will be approximately a 1 ½ to 2 hour ride to Middlesex. It has been over 47 years the Middlesex Fire Department has been doing this dinner and I can guarantee that you will not leave hungry. For those who haven't done it before this is a fresh cut roast beef dinner with all the trimmings served family style at tables of eight. The cost is \$15.00 per person. After you have had your fill, they will ask you what pie you would like for dessert. I suggest you get your pie to go as we will be continuing on after dinner to Canandaigua for the required ice cream stop.

Register with Chuck or Grace at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 or 585704-9940 and your Area Representative.

### Sunday, August 27, Western NY MG Car Show

Event Coordinator - David King, Rochester Chapter

We are invited to participate in the [Western NY MG Car Club's](#) annual Car Show. Many of us, of a certain age, were owners of MGs and former members of this club. We will be grouped together on the field among the other entrants and able to mingle and enjoy all the sports cars there. Food and beverages will be available to purchase. The show is on the Rush Fire Department field behind the fire house, 1971 Rush Mendon Road, Rush. This will be a rain or shine event. No drive will be planned for the Rochester Area group, but the other groups may organize rides. If we have at least ten cars we may elect to have a judging of our roadsters with a prize awarded. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters.

Register with David at [doeskygato@aol.com](mailto:doeskygato@aol.com) or 585-3776461 or 585-662-7635 and your Area Representative.



## Friday, September 8, Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter, Information Only

Every year, on the Friday after Labor Day, Watkins Glen celebrates the Grand Prix Festival. For those of you who are unfamiliar with racing and Finger Lakes history, in 1948, Watkins Glens hosted the first post-World War II auto race in the USA. Cars raced on the local roads including running straight through the middle of town. The racing continued each year until following a fatal accident in the 1952 race, after which the race moved to a dedicated track and later to its current facility now called Watkins Glen International (WGI).

The weekend after Labor Day, WGI hosts a weekend of Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) vintage car racing. On the Friday, many of these vintage race cars come down from



WGI en masse, lap the 6.6 mile “old course” (which still exists pretty much as it did in 1948) and park on Franklin St for the evening. Spectators line the streets to celebrate a tribute to the return of these vintage racers to the village of Watkins Glen. During the day, a number of “tours” are held for the auto enthusiasts where you drive your car along a prescribed course, have a group lunch, do laps of the old course, park in a group and generally have a good time. One of these is the “Sporting Roadster Tour”. This is limited to sporting convertibles to which the Miata/MX5 certainly qualifies and a number of our

members participate every year.

Whether you come for the evening to watch the cars roar through town, see all the cool cars parked in town, spend the day on a tour, or attend the vintage races at WGI, it’s a great time. I encourage you all to check it out! See [GrandPrixFestival.com](http://GrandPrixFestival.com) for full details.

Register with Ray Mosher, Club Vice President, at [mosherrskL@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrskL@yahoo.com) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

## Sunday, September 10, Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter

As always, this event is less about the drive, more about Fall, apples, and which apple fritter is better. So, join us this year, see your friends and cast your vote. This is a rain or shine event.

The total event will travel down route 20 for a total trip of 6 miles, stopping at 4 apple orchards along the way. Some years Jay has organized an invitation for us all, after the orchards, for parade laps at Pineview Run Auto & Country Club in Lafayette.



Register with Lee at [nrmiataman@yahoo.com](mailto:nrmiataman@yahoo.com) or (315) 637-0472 or (315) 952-7148 or (315) 383-2454 and your Area Representative.

## Sunday, September 16, EXPLORATORIUM 2023 (NEW)

Event Coordinator - Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

### NEW EXPLORATORIUM!

Come and enjoy a great ride in the Finger Lakes while searching for answers to clues. We will provide you with a list of clues to identify something specific and a map that shows where each item is, but not which clue is at which location. You plan your route, from the map provided, and each Miata MX-5 can go a different way. Most of the answers are on the main roads. A few are off the main road but visible from the main road. Some are easy to find, and some are less easy to find. None of the clues are difficult or tricky! A few items require you to walk as much as 100 feet to read letters on a sign. At some locations, you will be able to get the answer while sitting in your car. You can reach all clues via paved roads that are in good condition.

(TBD) You will drive in the area bounded by the Thruway to the north, but not driving on the Thruway, Canandaigua Lake to the east along its length, as far west as the village of Conesus, and as far south as Springwater. The entire drive should be about 80 miles. It is best with two people per car, and they work together. However, you can do it alone. Gas, restrooms, and food are available at many locations along the way, especially in the northern part of the drive.

This event is NOT a road rally or a poker run.

Register with Darius at [miata@kasinskas.com](mailto:miata@kasinskas.com) and your Area Representative.

## Sunday, October 1, Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter

Attention one and all! The annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.



Meeting place is: TBD

Meeting time is: TBD

For those that may not be familiar with the road rally, it's kind of a driving scavenger hunt. You are given clues and directions to follow and answer questions along the way.

Follow the instructions correctly, and your team will end up at the finish line and restaurant where a good time will be had by all!

This event is for all members, not just Syracuse members. The best part is, the winner is presented with an awesome, one-of-a-kind trophy to bring home, and proudly display for the next year. I invite you to win the trophy and bring home the glory home, so you can plan next year's road rally challenge to your area.

Still planning the when and where. Check back for more details soon.

Register with Lee at [nrmiataman@yahoo.com](mailto:nrmiataman@yahoo.com) or (315) 637-0472 or (315) 952-7148 or (315) 383-2454 and your Area Representative.

## Wednesday, October 18, Annual outing with the Niagara Club for a great ride and lunch

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

We will tentatively meet at the McDonalds in Avon, 250 E, Main St. for a pit stop and drivers meeting at 8:30am and we will depart at 9:00 am A.I.S.M.R. (I will explain for any new members). This will be approximately a one hour ride to meet up with the Niagara Club for the ride to Sprague's and pit stop at the Burger King and gas station. The drive will include a stop at the Cuba Cheese Shoppe in Cuba NY. If you have never been there before this is one of those "if we don't have it you didn't need it" stores for cheeses. The Niagara Club uses the FRS radios Channel 5 for communication on their rides so if you still have one stashed away in a drawer or box somewhere bring it along. After lunch we will do a return trip with Colby's Ice Cream & Bake Shop in Rush as our final destination. I can guarantee you good food, good ice cream, and some great roads. Sprague's Maple Farm, Cuba Cheese Shoppe, Colby's Ice Cream & Bake Shop.



If you choose not to stop at the Cheese Factory Store just continue on route 305 south to Sprague's where we will meet up to go into the restaurant together.

There will be a new route for the return trip to Colby's in Rush as our final destination. No more three mile downhill ride from Stoneybrook Park to Dansville

Register with Chuck at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 and your Area Representative.



## Sunday, December 3, Annual Holiday Party

Event Coordinator - Full Name, X Chapter

**EVENT COORDINATOR WANTED** - Karen McKissock will provide guidance and support!

Holiday party time is FINALLY BACK!! We will be having a beautiful Holiday Brunch at the Springside Inn's "[The Point at Sand Beach](#)" facility located at **2924 Sand Beach Rd, Auburn, N.Y.** There will be a cash bar available, cost of the brunch is yet to be determined. There is a maximum capacity of 80 guests so we will number registrations as they arrive. We will number and hold any received after 80 are received and after the cut off date to be used in case anyone that has registered has to drop out.

We will be making donations to an area charity. If you would like to participate please bring an unwrapped toy or other gift for a child up to 12 years of age.

We will also continue our tradition...a White Elephant gift exchange which we started several years ago. To participate, bring a wrapped gift valued under \$10 (new, used, gag or anything else) to exchange. It has been a lot of fun and generates a lot of conversation and joking.

Also returning will be the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. Let's kick it up a notch this year and see how over the top we can go. Lot's of fun and makes for great conversation!!!

RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED NO SOONER THAN OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>  
AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>

Should you need to cancel your reservation, please contact ???? ASAP so we can let other members attend. Karen can be reached at email or phone. Thank you.

Do you have any questions? Karen will answer them.

There are several rooms available upon request if you would like to spend Saturday or Sunday night. Call the Springside at 315-252-7247 or visit their [website](#) for room reservations.

P.S. There will be few Miata/MX-5s in attendance, but lots of Miata/MX-5 people!

Register with **HELP WANTED** at email or phone and your Area Representative.....

## TBD, WGI Pace Laps

Event Coordinator - Full Name, X Chapter

**EVENT COORDINATOR WANTED** - Gail Wagner will provide guidance and support!

Meet at [Watkins Glen International Raceway](#) no later than 11:30 a.m. Three or four laps following a pace car beginning at 12:00 noon for 20 minutes. Prepaid before the event, \$20. Experience the thrill of driving on a real race track at your own pace.

After laps are complete, optional lunch will be at the [Seneca Harbor Station](#) at approximately 1:00 p.m. Individual check, no prepay for lunch.



More information and registration form coming soon! Check out "[So You Want to be a Race Car Driver](#)" under [TECH](#) on the [Miata Club website](#).

Register with HELP WANTED at email or phone and your Area Representative.

*POST EVENT REPORTS*

**Sunday, May 7, Laps at Pineview Run: Auto & Country Club**

Event Coordinator - Jay Cartini, Syracuse Chapter

**Everyone took the checkered flag.....**

10 Miata's lined up to test their skills at Pineview Run race track. The current track configuration is a 1.1 mile combination of twists and turns, coupled with elevation changes with a few straight-a-ways tossed in. It demands technical precision to run the "perfect line" and each and every one of our attendees did their absolute best to show why the Miata Is Always The Answer.

After a brief drivers meeting the group was broken up into 2 smaller groups of 5 cars apiece. Each group ran 5 laps behind a pace car (OK so that would be me in my Alfa). After lunch on the covered patio we went out for a second round of 5 laps. With everyone fully confident in their newly found racing abilities we kicked it up a notch and drove at a faster pace to everyone's delight.



Afterwards Dave King decided he wanted to do some more aggressive driving that required him to take a brief online safety test and wear his helmet. The two of us went out again at a more spirited pace in which he got a better feel for how important the optimal line was (I have a sneaky suspicion that he has driven the track before, plus with additional road racing experience he wasn't exactly a noobie at this).

Over the summer the track will go through a major renovation as it will double in length and offer multiple course configurations that will allow multiple events to occur at the same time. So if we decide to return next year there will be some new challenges to overcome. So you have a year to sharpen your skills and ask yourself.....can I take the checkered flag????

Register with first name at [jpcartini@aol.com](mailto:jpcartini@aol.com) or 315-430-3014.....

## Saturday, May 13, Waterfalls Tour

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

On May 13th, Sunny skies and warm temperatures accompanied 11 cars carrying 19 members amongst this year's Waterfall Tour.

The water was flowing as we walked on the new DEC boardwalk to see Carpenter Falls, then down the twisties to the southwest shore of Skaneateles Lake where we spotted a roosting bald eagle. Next up was a quick run over to Bucktail Falls south of Otisco Lake. We appreciated the Town of Spafford's resurfacing the pavement just two days earlier.

Then past Song Mountain on to a snack and potty stop, then on to a nice stroll to Tinker Falls. Back on the road, we headed over to the new county park featuring Delphi Falls. Soon there will be a trail to the upper falls, but not today.



Heritage Hill Brewhouse was our lunch stop. Being graduation and Mother's Day weekend, it was busy, but they let us sit outside, which was nicer than inside anyway. You can't beat BBQ and beer. The last stop was at Three Falls Woods, a CNY Land Trust property that we had recently learned of. Those that scrambled up and down the rocks could see all three main falls and the supporting cascades.

What's a Miata Club event without ice cream? So a few of us stopped at Sno-Top in Manlius for refreshment. Hopefully a good time was had by all!

There are more images [here](#).

Contact Ray at [mosherrskl@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631.

## Saturday, May 27, Scenic drive and lunch at Rainbow Lodge

Event Coordinator - Lou & Carol Trelease, Binghamton Chapter

Watch for Lou and Carol's report in the July newsletter!

Contact Lou & Carol at [buckshotfarm@aol.com](mailto:buckshotfarm@aol.com) or 607-655-3061 or 607-372-7134 (cell).



TECHNICAL TIPS

by Gail Wagner, the “Wench With A Wrench”  
Midstate Miata Club of New York



**Keeping Up The Shiny Side – Washing, Waxing & Detailing**

Hello Fellow Miata Folks, ☺

Now that we’ve taken our Miatas out of storage, looked them over carefully and taken care of any maintenance issues for the new driving season (tires, oil change, fluids, inspection under the hood, NYS DMS inspection, etc.) it’s time to consider a truly first-class detailing.

Not only will a good wash, wax and detailing make your car look snazzy, it’ll also help protect and preserve the paint, convertible top and leather seats (if applicable). This is especially important on older Miatas. And besides, it’s fun on a hot day with a cold beer!

I have attached a link to a very, very “O.C.D.” detailed list for what I do each spring. I admit to being a perfectionist but I hope you can find a few things that would be helpful in taking care of the “aesthetic” parts of your Miata.

In the meantime, here’s a quick list of the most salient points to consider before you read the attached detailed list:

- Good car wash soap WITHOUT WAX ADDED like *Mother’s* or *Meguiars*, etc. (Do not use dish detergent – it’ll strip your wax and tends to spot as it dries.)
- Soft sheepskin wash mitt.
- Chamois cloth to pre-dry your car after washing and rinsing.
- Couple of microfiber towels for final dry (won’t leave lint).
- Good convertible top cleaner and protectant like *RaggTop* or *303 Top Cleaner/Protectant*. (DO NOT use dish detergent or car wash soap.)
- Good quality car liquid or paste wax. The new “ceramic” waxes are great too.
- Good quality leather cleaner and protectant for leather seats.
- Spray bottle of window cleaner (non-ammonia that is bad for vinyl).

Nice to have:

- Clay bar for removing paint contaminants before washing.
- Liquid swirl and haze remover (not rubbing compound) great for picking up faded paint before washing.

Suggested progression:

- Thoroughly rinse entire car with plain water.
- Clean the convertible top first with appropriate cleaner (not car wash soap) and a soft brush and rinse well.
- Clean the wheels and tires with a soft brush (not the one for the top) and a bucket of water with car shampoo. Rinse well.
- Wash the car 2/3's of the way down all around with your soft mitt and bucket of car shampoo. Dunk mitt often in the bucket.
- Then go around and wash bottom 1/3 of car all around that is the dirtiest part.

- USE UP AND DOWN, SIDE-TO-SIDE MOTIONS – DO NOT WASH IN A CIRCULAR MOTION (causes swirls in the paint).
- Rinse well and dry with your chamois, rinsing it occasionally with clean water.
- Dry completely with microfiber lint-less towels.
- Clean the glass windows inside and out with paper towels.
- Vacuum the inside thoroughly.
- If using, apply the convertible top protectant after top is 100% thoroughly dry.
- For touch ups between washings, I use a good silicon detail spray and a microfiber towel I keep in the trunk.

Just so you know, I hate shiny *Amor All* and shiny tire stuff. I use a matt-finish protectant product for vinyl and plastic parts.

All items above are available either Walmart, Target or a good auto supply/parts store.

If you are interested in more detail on detailing, do you see what I did there, click [here](#).

*Thanks for reading and remember, if you take care of your Miata, it'll take care of you on the road!*

p.s. Remember to check out my previous archived tech and tip columns on our Club website under TECH: or click [here](#).

*Zoom Zoom Safely!  
Gail*

DISCLAIMER

Please note these tips are not reviewed or approved by the Mazda Motor Corporation or any other corporation or entity other than the originator. The Midstate Miata Club of NY does not accept any liability for damage or injury as a result of utilizing these tips and pointers. Please use common sense and always remember safety first!

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**Is there a new 2023 Miata in your future? Or any Mazda? Keep reading!**

Dealers have the OPTION to honor this, or not, but it is worth asking. As a Mazda non-employee, you can join the [SCCA](#) for \$100 and then you get the S-Plan discount.

### **MAZDA EMPLOYEE PRICING S-PLAN**

The Mazda Employee Pricing S-Plan offers eligible participants set, no-hassle prices at a significant savings vs. the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP). Eligible customers receive this price without having to negotiate at the dealership.

The Mazda Employee Pricing S-Plan price is equal to the total dealer invoice price including freight and any voluntary assessments and state-regulated fees. Every new Mazda vehicle has an individual Mazda Employee Pricing S-Plan price. The amount is printed in the lower left corner of the factory invoice and labeled as "SPLAN."

All SCCA members are eligible to receive Mazda S-Plan pricing, which provides a no-hassle, set price to purchase a new vehicle at a significant savings versus the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP). SCCA members may generate an S-Plan pin on [www.MazdaUSA.com/Splan](http://www.MazdaUSA.com/Splan) by entering Partner ID S001080 on the PIN request form. Take your printed certificate to your local participating Mazda Dealer to receive exclusive pricing on the new vehicle of your choice.

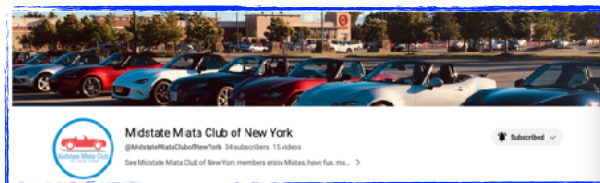
Miata price saving range from about \$1,536 to \$2,141, less the SCCA membership of \$100.

Does not include tax, title, license, DMV fees or dealer-installed options.

### **Typical Pricing Examples**

#### *MEMBER STORY*

Are you interested in telling your story? I know that there are many great stories out there! Send it along to me, John Amon, at [John.N.Amon@gmail.com](mailto:John.N.Amon@gmail.com).



We will create a YouTube video at the end of the year to highlight special times at the ice cream nights.

Contact us for instructions on how to contribute your memories throughout the season.  
[MMCoFY@gmail.com](mailto:MMCoFY@gmail.com)

The following people have made submissions to be including in upcoming Facebook and YouTube videos. You could be a contributor also. Give it a try!

Nancy & Bill Lowe  
Elisha & Darius Kasinskas  
Ellen Bellino Havens  
Tony & Joette Colucci  
John & Susan Amon

*MIATA/MX-5 FOR SALE AND WANTED*

If you have a Miata/MX-5 or item for sale or want a Miata/MX-5 or item and would like it to be in our newsletter, please send me the information. [John.N.Amon@gmail.com](mailto:John.N.Amon@gmail.com). If you want the it to be on the website, also send the information to Lee Maddy at [mrmiataman@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmiataman@yahoo.com). Include a heading, description, your name and contact information (phone, email, address), price, and a photo or two.

**FOR SALE**

Club Frequency Radio  
\$50 Complete with radio, charger, & headset



Contact Chuck Rischenole if interested at [candqr@gmail.com](mailto:candqr@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE**

Year and model ..... 1991 Miata, Special Edition  
Exterior and Interior color . British Racing Green (BRG)  
with tan interior  
Soft or hard top ..... New soft top plus Hard Top  
(\$1,000 value)  
Engine ..... 1.6 L  
Transmission ..... Manual 5 speed  
AC or other major option . AC  
Mileage ..... ????  
Other major options ..... Hardtop same color as the car!  
Price ..... \$8,000 (appraised at \$9,000)



General description ..... New stereo & speakers, stainless steel kick  
plates, leather seats, cruse control, tonneau  
cover, very good tires, wind block, Nardi wood  
shift knob, car cover, maintenance records, and  
always kept in storage from November 1 until

[More photos](#) on Google Drive

Contact Anthony at [aalduino@yahoo.com](mailto:aalduino@yahoo.com) or 607-775-5654.



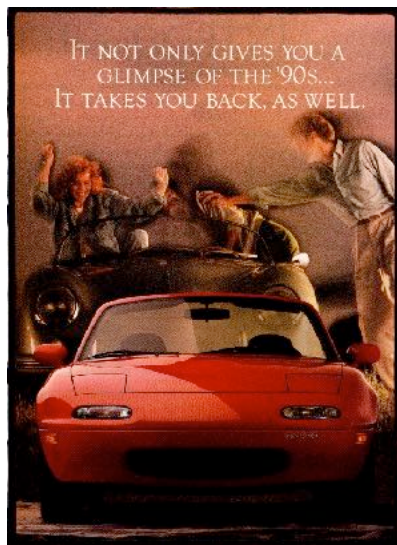
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Do you remember these early ads?

It seems fitting to recall some of the Miata's history as our Club approaches 30 years old.



Thanks you Al & Merrilee MacWilliam

## CLUB INFORMATION

**Ice Cream Nights:** The schedule for all four Chapters' Ice Cream nights is on this [shared spreadsheet](#). The file is updated each month.

**Website:** Our Club has a [website](#). It also works on your phone!

**Facebook:** Our Club is also on [Facebook](#). There is a lot of information here, and there are updates most days.

**YouTube:** **NEW** Our Club has a [YouTube Channel](#). Take a look, like, and subscribe!

**Maps:** Ever wonder where Club members live? Check out this Club [map](#). Each Chapter has a map. [Syracuse Rochester Binghamton Ithaca](#)

**Favorite Car Shops, Part Stores, Service Centers, and Stuff:** The list is [here](#). Send additions and updates to [John.N.Amon@gmail.com](mailto:John.N.Amon@gmail.com).

**Deadlines:** Submissions for the newsletter are due to the on the 24th of each month. [John.N.Amon@gmail.com](mailto:John.N.Amon@gmail.com).

**Events:** When advertising your event, include details! Write it as an ad and remember to include that date and rain date if applicable, the meeting location and time, the distance of the drive, and maybe a photo or two. It does not need to be long but should include everything to encourage participation!

**Flyer:** You can print the [Club Flyer](#), it is a trifold with Club information and an application form.

**Registration:** To help gather the list of who is attending our events, we will require members to contact the Event Coordinator directly AND copy your Area Representative. You will only need to respond if you are planning to attend, but if you need to cancel at the last minute you need to let both the Event Coordinator and Area Representative know so they do not hold up the ride waiting for you. Please pay close attention to the contact information and **deadlines**. When an accurate or advanced headcount is required, please do not just show up for an event. Register ahead of time with the Event Coordinator and your Area Representative.

**Guest Waiver:** Here is the [guest waiver form](#). If you bring a guest, you must print, complete, and give it to the Area Representative or Event Coordinator. Just one part.

**Rules:** [Caravan Rules](#) to consider before the event. We suggest you bring sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, or a visor. Be sure you have a full tank of gas and your bladder is empty.

**Reports:** You should include what people enjoyed in your post-event report. Everyone enjoys hearing about the people and seeing people in or next to their Miata/MX-5s.

**Hosting Events:** For the more experienced people, there is a shorter checklist at this [link](#). Would you like to host an event? Not sure where to start? We have written this guide and have mentors who will help you. [This link](#) will take you to "Beginners Guide to Route Planning."

### QR CODES FOR YOUR FAVORITE PLACES

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## REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
June 2	Quilt Shop Shop Hop	Al & Merrilee MacWilliam
June 3	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
June 10	Twisty and hilly roads on the west side	John & Susan Amon
June 17	The Full Gulick	Elisha Kasinskas
June 18	European Car Club	Info Only
June 24	Exploratorium 2022 Rerun	Darius Kasinskas
July 2	Club Annual Picnic	Ray Mosher
July 8	North Rose Model Railroad	Bill Lowe
Early-mid July	Apple Hard Cider Crawl	Ray Mosher
July 16 or 23	Skaneateles Polo Club	Dale Nagel
July 22	Old Ft. Niagara & the Wilson Boat House	Bill and Nancy Lowe
August 2	Annual Log Cabin cruise night	Chuck Rischenole
August 12	Northeast Classic Car Museum	Del Austin
August 26	Middlesex Fire Dept. Family Style Roast Beef	Chuck & Grace Rischenole
August 27	Western NY MG Car Show	Dave King
September 8	Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend	Info Only
September 10	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy
September 16	EXPLORATORIUM 2023 (NEW)	Darius Kasinskas
October 1	Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally	Lee Maddy
October 18	Annual Outing with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole
December 3	Annual Holiday Party	Help Wanted
TBD	WGI Laps	Help Wanted