

# MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

## "MIATA/MX5 MEANDERINGS"

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### President's Letter from Karen McKissock

Due to some significant family issues requiring my time, I'd like to be short and sweet this month.

I hope you're all enjoying the driving season and taking advantage of the great rides so far. I also hope you'll put some more events on your schedule

as we continue. There's new ride proposals still coming in so watch the newsletter and your email. Looks like more fun on the way.

I hope to see you at the Club picnic on July 3rd.

Zoom Carefully

Karen

CHECK ALL RAIN DATES.

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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### Welcome to the MidState Miata Club of New York!

WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

We have dozens of drives planned, some with meals and ice cream. We ask all the new 2020, 2021, and 2022 members to keep your orange sticker on their ID badge for 2022 so the old hands can say *Hi* and *Welcome to the Club!*

Name	City	Chapter	Car Year	Color of Car
Bill Stasik	Marcellus	Syracuse		
Alison Schaefer	Swiftwater	Binghamton		
Suzy & Cling Tankersley	Jamesville	Syracuse		
Paul Trumbull	Napanoch	Binghamton	2019	Black
Frank & Lisa Cantone	Ithaca	Ithaca	2020	Red
Michael & Patricia Melac	Walworth	Rochester	2017	Jet Black Mica

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## **FUTURE EVENTS**

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### **Sunday, July 3, Midstate Miata/MX5 Club Annual Picnic**

Event Coordinator – Ray & Sue Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

Reservations are required, **RSVP by June 22.**

The MMC will pay for park entrance fee, to rent a pavilion with toilets, at [Fillmore Glen State Park](#) for our Club picnic. This year we also will have a BBQ lunch that will be catered and will be paid for by the Club. The food will be delivered at noon, so be sure to be there before that. You can hike the gorge and swim through the day.

Each Chapter can coordinate plans for a caravan to reach the park, and there is an ice cream stand we can stop at when we leave if so desired.

Register with Ray at [mosherrsli@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrsli@yahoo.com) (the last character is a L, not i) or call with question to 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

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### **Saturday, July 16, Exploratorium 2022 (Note date correction to July 16)**

Event Coordinator – Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

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 showing you where each item is, but not which clue is at which location. You plan your route, and each Miata/MX5 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.

You will be driving in the area bounded by the Thruway to the north, but not driving on the Thruway, Canandaigua Lake to the west along its length, and midway to Seneca 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, especially in the northern part of the drive. You can stop at the RUSHCO Oil (gas station and more), 1 Warehouse St, Rushville, shown on the map, in the southern part of the drive.

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

Breakfast is at Roy's Restaurant at 8:00 am. we will meet to start the event here.

Lunch is at Ray's Restaurant afterward, at about 1:00 pm.

Sign up before the event.

Come and enjoy some new and different roads.

[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 awards.

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

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## Saturday, July 23, 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), 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 [mosherrsli@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrsli@yahoo.com) (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

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## Saturday, July 30, Tour the National War Planes Museum

Event Coordinator – Nancy and Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter

**New Date, was June 30**

We will meet at 11:00 am and departing at 11:30 am. from [City Tavern](#) parking lot, 7635 NY Rt-96 in Victor NY. Drive 20-miles to lunch at [Tom Wahl's](#) in Avon at approximately noon, where we will have lunch. Depart Tom Wahl's for short ride to the National WarPlane Museum near Geneseo.

Aircraft at the [National WarPlane Museum](#), 3489 Big Tree Ln, Geneseo, include a C-47 (DC-3) named "Whiskey 7," a true WW II veteran. She flew as one of the lead aircraft dropping paratroopers in the first strike of D-Day in 1944. This great aircraft is still flying! With any luck, we may actually get to see this great plane in the air.

Incidentally, rides on this incredible aircraft are available but must be booked in advance. To do that, go to this [webpage](#).

Other planes on display include a C-130 Hercules, a C-119 "Flying Boxcar," a C-45 Expeditor, a PT-26 trainer and more.

There are also outstanding static exhibits depicting life at home and abroad during the years of WW II. In addition, the Museum displays a military uniform collection as well as military vehicles and other artifacts.



There will be no admission charge to the Museum but they do encourage visitors to donate as this is a non-profit organization and every little bit helps keep their mission alive.

The report will be in the August issue.

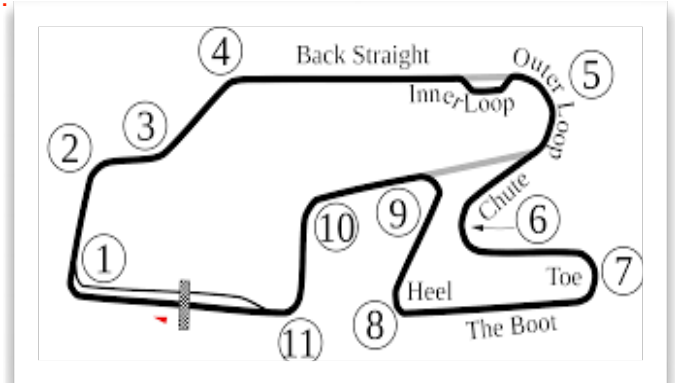
Register with Nancy at [nanlowe53@gmail.com](mailto:nanlowe53@gmail.com) or 585-305-4410 and your Area Representative.

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## Sunday, August 7, Watkins Glen International, Laps and Lunch

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson, Ithaca Chapter

This is a shine only event. The rain date is Sunday, August 28.



Would you like to experience what it's like to drive around Watkins Glen race track at your own pace?  
**Here's your chance!**

**Meet:** [Watkins Glen International Race Track](#) no later than **11:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Gate #2 - Main Gate for car staging and individual signing of track liability waiver.**

**All track payments MUST BE PREPAID TO THIS EVENT BY JULY 23, 2022**

**(use form on next page)**

**\*\*\* SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS \*\*\***

**IMPORTANT:** We need to be at the gate, staged, and signed off **no later than 11:45 a.m.** We cannot wait for latecomers or we will lose our reserved time slot.

**Our on-the-track reserved time is approximately 12:00 p.m.** and will take approximately 20 minutes behind a WGI pace car in front, one in the middle, and one following behind.

**\*\*\* VERY IMPORTANT \*\*\* PLEASE LINE UP AT THE TRACK WITH "SPIRITED" DRIVERS UP FRONT IN THE LINE AND THOSE WHO JUST WISH TO "CRUISE" AT A MORE LEISURELY PACE AT THE REAR.**

**OPTIONAL LUNCH:** (Track laps NOT REQUIRED, you may come only for lunch if you like). After our laps, we will continue to the [Seneca Harbor Station Restaurant](#), 1 Franklin St., Watkins Glen, at the waterfront marina for a group luncheon at the covered outdoor pavilion at approximately 1:00 p.m. **R.S.V.P. is required but no lunch prepayment is required.** Please use form on the next page. You will pay individually at the restaurant with cash or credit card.

**TRACK LAPS PREPAYMENT REQUIRED AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022. NO EXCEPTIONS, PLEASE.**

**Our Watkins Glen three track laps are \$20.00 per car** (Discounted for our Club, normally \$30.00!)  
**Check to be made out to: MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY**

**Mail form on the next page with track check and optional RSVP luncheon/choice(s) by 7/23/2022 to:**



***Gail Wagner, 105 Iroquois Road, Ithaca, NY 14850***

Watkins Glen International Race Track Laps (prepaid)  
&

**OPTIONAL LUNCH (WGI laps not required, you can come just for lunch. Pay at restaurant.)**

**[Seneca Harbor Station Restaurant](#) LUNCHEON R.S.V.P. **REQUIRED (No prepayment required)****

**I / We will be attending the WGI Laps. \$20.00 check enclosed.**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I / We will be attending optional lunch: (Track Laps not required to attend lunch)**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch Choice(s): circle choice(s) below:**

**MENU:**

Sandwich platters, cost \$20.99, are served with pickles and homemade chips. Caesar salad with chicken cost \$20.99. All choices include soft drink, coffee, or hot tea, but do not include tax and gratuity.

**FRENCH ONION STEAK SANDWICH**

Steak sandwich topped with grilled onions & melted cheese on Italian bread with au jus.

**GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH**

Marinated chicken breast with lettuce & tomato on fresh Italian bread.

**DOCKSIDER BURGER**

A juice burger topped with optional sautéed onions, mushrooms and melted cheese on Italian bread.

**HARBOR TURKEY PANINI**

Turkey, prosciutto, fresh mozzarella, spring mix, tomato, basil and sweet balsamic vinaigrette on ciabatta bread.

**FISH SANDWICH**

Crispy beer-battered fish with traditional tartar sauce.

**CAESAR SALAD WITH CHICKEN**

Fresh romaine lettuce with seasoned croutons and aged Parmesan cheese

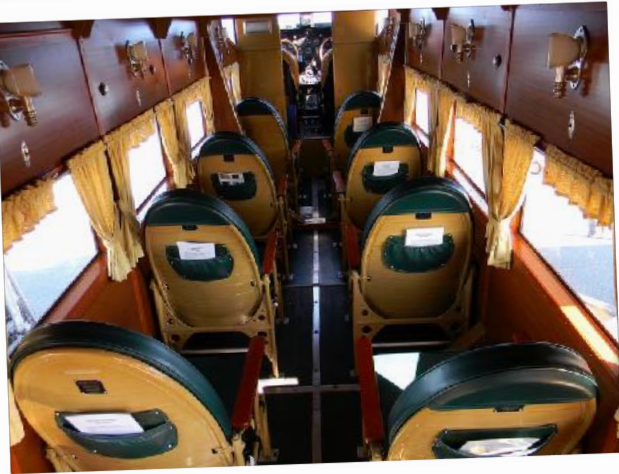
Check out "[So You Want to be a Race Car Driver](#)" under [TECH](#) on the [Miata Club website](#).

Register by **July 23** with Gail at [gwtr3red@gmail.com](mailto:gwtr3red@gmail.com) or 607-257-7445 or 607-227-8877 and your Area Representative.

## Saturday, August 20, Ford Tri-Motor Airplane Visit

Event Coordinator – David King, Rochester Chapter

The Club has been invited by the local chapter, number 44, of the EAA ([Experimental Aircraft Association](#)) to attend an event they are sponsoring at the Ledgerdale Air Park, 21 Eisenhower Dr, Brockport, in Sweden, just southeast of Brockport. The main attraction will be a visiting 1928 Ford Tri-Motor aircraft that was involved in establishing early transcontinental commercial aviation. It will be available for viewing and for rides. There will also be other old and new aircraft of the EAA available for viewing with opportunities to speak with some of the owners and builders. We will have reserved parking, there will be food, and picnic tables for the Club. Admission to the event is free, but the food will cost you. I will have information later about the cost of rides and an opportunity to buy your tickets at a discount and in advance. Maybe we could get a Club flight!



Register with David at [doeskygato@aol.com](mailto:doeskygato@aol.com) or 585-377-6461 or 585-662-7635 and your Area Representative, except for Rochester Chapter members :) .

## Sunday, August 21, Pineview Run Laps & Lunch

Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter

Sunshine Event Only

**Track Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**(Meet at the track at 10:30 a.m.)**

**Pineview Run Auto & County Club**

**2250 Case Hill Road, Lafayette, NY 13084**

Join us at central New York's premier *private* race track and country club, [Pineview Run Auto & County Club](#), for 5 pace car/driving coach-led laps, at your own pace, and a group box lunch afterwards under a covered open picnic area. Restrooms available on site. (We will have a few groups of 4-5 cars at a time on track.) Signed liability form, required, at the track. **No helmets required.**

**Meet at the track at 10:30 a.m.**

**THIS IS A PREPAID EVENT:**

\$35.00 + 8% tax (**\$37.80**) for driver - 5 laps & sub sandwich lunch

\$15.00 + 8% tax (**\$16.20**) for passenger lunch

(Passenger may also drive in same car in a separate on-track group for \$37.80)

**RSVP AND PAYMENT TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 12th**

**MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK & LUNCH CHOICE(S).**

**CHECK MADE OUT TO & MAIL TO:**

**GAIL WAGNER**

**105 IROQUOIS ROAD**

**ITHACA, NY 14850-2222**

Driver Name \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Is passenger also driving?) \_\_\_\_\_

Sub Sandwich Choice(s): (includes chips, cookie & soda/water), enter number of each that you would like.

\_\_\_\_\_ # Assorted Turkey, Ham & Roast Beef

\_\_\_\_\_ # Turkey

\_\_\_\_\_ # Ham

\_\_\_\_\_ # Roast Beef

Payment: **\$37.80** Driver/Lunch

Payment: **\$16.20** Passenger Lunch (\$37.80 if passenger also wishes to drive 5 laps)

Register with Gail at [gwtr3red@gmail.com](mailto:gwtr3red@gmail.com) or 607-257-7445 or (607) 227-8877 and your Area Representative.



## Saturday, August 27, Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In and Save Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum

Event Coordinator – John Gingrich and Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

This is a ride with several options for starting points and activities. The first starting point is at **10:00 am** at [Bill Gray's 1650 Penfield Rd, Rochester](#). Chuck Rischenole will lead the caravan to the second starting point, which is **11:00 am** at [Fastrac 5666 Whiskey Hill Rd, Wolcott](#). From there, John Gingrich will lead the group on a route, which includes his favorite stretch of back road which has sixteen turns in four miles, to the third meeting place at **noon** at [Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In 78 Co. Rte. 89, Oswego](#), where we will eat. Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In is scenically located right on Lake Ontario, and has a great variety of food, specializing in seafood. After we have lunch, ice cream is right next door at [Bev's Dairy Treats](#).

From there, for those who are interested, we will then drive to the [Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum](#) located at Fort Ontario in Oswego. Plan on spending over an hour touring the museum, which includes a video featuring persons from among the 982 Holocaust refugees who came there 78 years ago after Italy was liberated in World War II. The museum has been renovated with several new displays since some of us were there three years ago. The entrance fee is \$3.00, a special group rate for our Club. It is a poignant experience which will leave you moved!

Register by **August 15** with Chuck ([candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com)) 585-223-7586 or 585-704-9940 or John ([jginger1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jginger1@rochester.rr.com)), or 315-594-8980 or 315-729-4372, and your Area Representative. *Include which starting point you will use and if you will go to the museum.*

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## Friday, September 9, Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational 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.

Contact Ray Mosher, Club Vice President, at [mosherrskl@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com) (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631.

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### **Saturday, September 10, Ride To and Dinner at the Beef 'N' Barrel**

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

**Rain or Shine Event**

For you folks who remember the roast beef dinners at the Middlesex Fire House this is one event you don't want to pass up. They average serving more than 1-1/2 tons of beef on a weekend and 10 ton for each week. They offer a full menu offering roast beef in more ways than you can imagine, as well as other favorites. We will meet at [Bill Gray's](#) 1225 Jefferson Rd in Henrietta for a drivers meeting and instructions at **10:30 am and leave at 11:00am. That's A.S.M.R.** Exact headcount is needed for this event for the restaurant. If you have to cancel me know at 585-704-9940. **If you haven't registered please don't just show up at the meeting place the day of the event and say you would like to go.**



The [Beef 'N' Barrel](#) is at 146 N. Union St, Olean. They have much more than just beef, but they do have many great beef meals. Their menu is [here](#).

Register with Chuck, no later than September 1, at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 or 585704-9940 and your Area Representative.

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### **Sunday, September 18, Apple Fritter Crawl**

Event Coordinator – Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter

**This is a shine only event. The rain date is Sunday, September 25.**

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 [mrmiataman@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmiataman@yahoo.com) or (315) 637-0472 or (315) 952-7148 or (315) 383-2454 and your Area Representative.

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## Sunday, October 2\*\*\*, Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Event Coordinator – Dale and Cathy Nagel, Syracuse Chapter

\*\*\* It maybe scheduled from early to mid October this year.

Register with Dale & Cathy at [dalen262@aol.com](mailto:dalen262@aol.com) or 315-677-9342, 315-706-8015, or 315-256-1138 and your Area Representative.

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## Saturday, October 8, Honesdale, PA Harvest and Heritage Days

Event Coordinator – Lou and Carol Trelease, Binghamton Chapter

This is a shine only drive. The rain date is Sunday, October 9.

[Honesdale PA Harvest and Heritage Days](#) This consists of the following all along the Main St: craft vendors, food vendors, shops open with special sales, restaurants open, a festive atmosphere with pumpkins, hay bales, and fall colors.

Meeting place would be in Windsor NY with about a 1 hour scenic drive to Honesdale.

Register with Lou & Carol at [buckshotfarm@aol.com](mailto:buckshotfarm@aol.com) or 607-655-3061 or 607-372-7134 and your Area Representative.

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## Wednesday, October 12, Sprague's Maple Farms with the Niagara Miata Club

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

It's time again for the annual ride with the [Niagara Miata Club of Western NY and Southern Ontario](#) to [Sprague's Maple Farm](#) in Portville. If you haven't been there before, take a look at their lunch menu on their website.



We will 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 or 585-704-9940 and your Area Representative.

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## Sunday, December 4, Holiday Party

Event Coordinator – Karen McKissock, Rochester Chapter

We are planning to have the Holiday Party this year. Welcome back!!!

There will be a delicious brunch and opportunity to mix with other Club members we have been missing. Plan to come and see everyone again.

P.S. There will be few Miata/MX5s in attendance, but lots of Miata/MX5 people!

Register with Karen at [kmckiss1948@gmail.com](mailto:kmckiss1948@gmail.com) or 585-820-0626 and your Area Representative.



**The Event Coordinators have not selected dates for the events listed below.**  
*More details will follow as details are developed and finalized.*

## Middlesex Fire Company Dinner

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

It is in their plans to do it this season but nothing firm yet. Still on pause.

Serving 100% USDA Choice Angus Beef!

This meal is Middlesex's Fire Department fundraiser. They host the event on the last Saturday of the month, from March to October, 4:00 till 7:00 p.m. Dinner is served family-style in their all-you-can-eat dining room. Typically they serve Sliced Roast Beef (be sure to bring horseradish if you want it), Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Gravy, Corn, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Pickles / Beets, Iced Tea, Coffee, and A slice of Pie. Middlesex Fire Department has been doing this for more than 47 years, and they know what they are doing!



It is a great drive, super dinner, and ice cream on the way home.

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

## Train Ride Excursion, Medina Railroad Museum

Event Coordinator – Nancy and Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter

Stay tuned for a new and different experience, coming soon!

Information about the Museum is [here](#).

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

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## POST EVENT REPORTS

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### Saturday, June 4, Road trip to Labrador Hollow Unique Area

Event Coordinators – Debbie Bogan and Chet Wilk, Syracuse Chapter

After meeting at the Lafayette Byrne Dairy store on June 4, six cars backroads to Labrador Hollow Unique Area and Tinker Falls in Tully. A very bright sunny sky greeted us with a cool steady breeze. To our enjoyment we observed a rich lively wildlife enclave which we all appreciated. See the [video post](#) on the Midstate Miata Club of New York, Inc. Or the [Facebook Home page](#) and scroll down to June 5.

We took a different route back stopping at Country Flavors in Little York where some of us had a taste of their short order menu and noted ice cream.

Thanks to all who joined us for a great outing, including Elisha and Darius from the Rochester Chapter who also provided the above mentioned post.

Contact Debbie or Chet at [chet.wilk@gmail.com](mailto:chet.wilk@gmail.com), 315-454-3850, or 315-726-2530 and your Area Representative.

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## Saturday, June 11, Drive to and Lunch at Rainbow Lodge, near Walton, NY

Event Coordinator – Lou and Carol Trelease, Binghamton Chapter ([Note date change, was June 5](#))

The weather forecast during the week leading up to the drive was for showers, but by Saturday skies were partly cloudy with no rain in sight. It was a pleasant day for tops down driving! What a relief. Even though you say it's a rain or shine event, nobody really wants to drive in the rain. Twelve cars joined us for the drive and 3 cars met us there for a total of 26 people.

The interior of Rainbow Lodge has been newly renovated and looks great. We were their first large group after re-opening. Considering the number of people, they handled us pretty well. The menu has been re-done also with many new dishes and people said they were happy with their food.

After lunch it was still nice weather and we were able to stop at Country Classics in Bainbridge for ice cream on our way home.



All in all, an enjoyable day with Miata friends! 😎

Full size photos can be found [here](#).

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

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## Wednesday, June 15, Log Cabin Car Show

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

Finally after a three year hiatus we were able to do it again. The weather was let's say “just a little warm” as 9 cars parked in our reserved spaces, and a grass area to sit on and reminisce about old club events and talk about future ones.

Perfect weather, good food, cars, and old friends. It just doesn't get better than that.

Contact Chuck at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 or 585-704-9940 and your Area Representative.

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**TECHNICAL TIPS – “Wench With A Wrench”**  
**By Gail Wagner – Midstate Miata Club of NY**



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

Hi, Miata Folks,

Here's some great tips to keep your Miata looking brand-new along with some great advice I've learned from a professional detailing expert and car collector. Follow my suggestions and your Miata/MX5 will look like it just came out of the showroom when you're done.

You'd think washing your car would be pretty straightforward and simple: a little soap, some water, wax, a few towels, maybe a cold beer .... ? Nope. It's way more "technical" if you want to preserve your paint finish and expensive your convertible top but it's fun and definitely worth the hard work. While no serious hand tools are required (thankfully), the following items are highly recommended. An investment in the right stuff will make a big difference in the finished job and much easier on you. And remember - the best carwash is your hand!

Stuff to Have Ready and Available:

- a garden hose with water supply.
- two buckets of clean water (one for car wash soap and one with plain, clean water to rinse your wash mitt).

- a clean, soft wash mitt (I like the big, soft sheepskin mitten type or microfiber mitts).
- a clean chamois cloth rinsed out in plain water.
- a big bunch of microfiber non-lint towels. Do not use linty bath towels, cut up old undies or paper towels!
- a single-purpose, long-handled soft brush for cleaning wheel wells, wheels and tires.
- a single-purpose soft brush for gently cleaning your convertible top.
- a vacuum cleaner or shop vac with hose and flat crevice tool for interior vacuuming.
- about 1-2 hours of time, some good tunes and a lotta' elbow grease. (I personally prefer 80 decibels of early 60's *Rolling Stones* for car washing motivation. ☺ )

Products To Consider:

Any good quality product such as *Mother's* or *Meguiars* is fine.

- good quality plain old car wash soap without the wax added in the soap. DO NOT use dish soap or laundry detergent. It strips protective wax coating and has a tendency to spot the finish as it dries and it's not good for convertible tops.
- "detail" silicone spray quick shine (I love this stuff - for spot cleaning and quick shine-ups between washes).

- a good quality car wax (any good quality liquid or paste is fine). The new “ceramic” waxes are amazing too.
- a non-petroleum, non-acid based tire and wheel cleaner (acid-base will ruin the wheel clear coating and petroleum products not good for the tires).
- glass-cleaner, non-ammonia (ammonia is bad for vinyl upholstery and interior panels and it stinks!).
- A good quality leather cleaner/conditioner if you have leather seats (lucky you; I’m jealous).
- IMPORTANT: “*Ragg Top*” brand Convertible Top Cleaner and Top Protectant - This is one product I really highly suggest. It’s recommended by leading convertible top manufacturers. Ragg Top will gently clean, condition, protect and restore your top to its original look. It ain’t cheap but worth every cent and available on-line. Be sure to get the cleaner and protectant made specifically for either vinyl top or cloth top, whichever your Miata has. My detail expert friend does not recommend car wash soap or detergent on the convertible top.

#### Not Necessary But Nice to Have:

- a clay bar (available in auto products shops to capture embedded contaminants within the paint before waxing).
- an air compressor with hose to blow dust and detritus from the heater and A/C ducts and to dry between badges, nooks and crannies after washing to prevent spotting/streaking.
- a good quality liquid swirl and haze remover product (not “rubbing compound”).
- a good quality liquid paint finish restorer (amazing for oxidized paint to restore the color and glossy finish).
- *RainX* for your clean windshield and rear glass window (I don’t like to drive *Scarlet* in the rain but sometimes it’s unavoidable around here! ☺)

#### So Let’s Get It On, Literally:

1. Convertible top: Do this first. Find a shady spot in the driveway out of the sun. You’re gonna’ clean the convertible top first. Rinse the top thoroughly with the garden hose. If using Ragg Top Cleaner, spray it on the top in a small reachable area and scrub lightly with the single-purpose very soft brush. Rinse well and go on to another small area until the entire top is cleaned. Do not apply the *Ragg Top* Protectant spray until the top is absolutely, positively, completely dry.
2. Wheels, wheel wells and tires: Do this second. Shoot the garden hose spray under the wheel

wells and at the wheels and tires to rinse off surface dirt. Spray the tires and wheels with wheel/tire cleaner and scrub with the long-handle single-purpose wheel cleaning brush rinsing after each wheel is cleaned. Run the brush inside the wheel wells to clean out the accumulated dirt and gunk and rinse with the hose.

3. Washing the Car: Finally, rinse the entire car except the convertible top with the hose and add car wash soap to one bucket of water and fill the other bucket with plain water. Carefully wash your car with the wash mitt and then dunk in the plain water bucket after a few soap passes (this will help to remove dirt and grit off your mitt and help prevent paint scratches and swirls) and then back into the soap bucket. Important: Do not wash in a circular motion; use vertical and horizontal strokes only to prevent ugly paint finish swirls. This is a professional detailer’s tip. Wash the entire car with soap only 2/3 of the way down the doors. Do not rinse. Then wash the bottom 1/3 of the car all around since that’s where the car is usually dirtiest as you don’t want to pull dirt into your wash mitt and scratch the heck out of your paint on the top half. Don’t forget to frequently dunk in plain water! Rinse the entire car well after you have completed washing it.
4. Dry the car with the chamois and microfiber towels: Use the clean, wet, wrung-out chamois cloth to go over the entire wet car and window glass to mostly dry it, dunking frequently in clean water and wringing out thoroughly. Do not use circular motions to dry. Do a final dry with your microfiber towels (available at Walmart, Target or any auto parts store). If you have an air compressor, use it to blow-dry the top, wheels, badges, nooks and crannies to prevent streaking and spotting.
5. Convertible top protectant: If you are using the recommended *Ragg Top Protectant*, carefully spray it on a microfiber cloth or clean sponge and wipe completely over the surface of the completely dry top. Wipe off any extra with a microfiber towel. The protectant picks up the top color and makes it look like new. Honest. Wipe off any product that gets on the window glass or paint.

6. Clean your window glass inside and outside with glass cleaner and a clean, dry microfiber towel. Don't use linty paper towels, old bath towels, etc.

7. Vacuum the interior thoroughly, address any upholstery or carpet stains (I like *Blue Coral* upholstery cleaner for both) and dress your leather upholstery with cleaner/conditioner, if applicable.

8. Trim Restorer: I am not a big fan of shiny *AmorAll*. I use an *Adam's matte-finish* product made especially for interior and exterior vinyl and plastic trim but there are other good ones out there.

9. Waxing: Yeah, the hard part. If you have any energy left (if not, take a break, have some lunch and a beer and come back and finish) this is the most important. The factory-applied clear coat on your Miata is probably worn off by now as it doesn't take long. Waxing is important as it absorbs stains and small scratches and protects the paint from UV oxidation. Liquid or paste wax is equally good these days. You might try the new "ceramic" coating that last quite a while and leave a really high-gloss "wet" look. Just be sure to use up-and-down, side-to-side right angle application and removal (no circular motions) to prevent paint swirls. Use your clean, dry microfiber towels to remove it and another clean one to final polish. (FYI, the pros use two coats of wax.) Wax once a month, if possible, and use a detail silicone spray for touchups in between waxes to shine 'er up and remove paint-damaging road tar and bugs.

10. Tip: If you drop your microfiber towel on the ground, don't reuse it as it has a fatal attraction to dirt that will scratch your paint finish.

11. Yup, there's more. If you're feeling really energetic or want your Pride & Joy to look especially spiffy (for a club event?), try these before washing and waxing:

a. Liquid Haze & Swirl Remover/ Liquid Paint Restorer: I'm not talking about harsh "rubbing compound" here. If your paint is older, a product like this will pick up the color like you can't believe and remove some swirls and scratches. It doesn't take that long and you won't believe the difference.

Just be sure to save some energy to wax afterwards to protect that finish. I don't recommend power buffers for this unless you really know what you're doing. Ever see a car with super-big paint swirls all over it? My point.

b. Clay Bar: If you're a real detailing fool (unapologetically, that's me) try this: Put your hand in a clean, plastic Ziploc bag and run it lightly over the surface of your clean car. Feel rough or slightly bumpy? You're feeling surface contaminants that have become embedded right into the paint finish and haven't been removed by conventional washing/waxing. This is what the clay bar and detail silicone spray is for. It's a mixture of a clay base (polybutene) and various soft abrasives but detailing clay is not abrasive to your car's paint; it's abrasive to paint contamination. It works by hydroplaning (floating) over the surface you're cleaning on a thin layer of clay lubricant (detail spray). Before waxing, spray some detail spray on a piece of clean clay bar that you have stretched and folded over in a small hand-held piece. Wipe in vertical and horizontal strokes over the surface of the whole car body, stretching and folding the clay over and over to obtain a clean piece occasionally. If you drop it on the ground, throw it away and use a clean piece. Rinse the entire car when you're done to remove the clay residue. Try the plastic baggie thing again. Feel smooth as glass? Proceed with your personal waxing ritual.

c. Detail Spray: More obsessive-compulsive behavior. ☺ I cover my car after every outing but before I do, I take my silicone detail spray and a microfiber towel kept in the trunk and remove all the splashed dirt, bugs and road tar from Scarlet's nose, bottom of her door sills and behind the wheel wells to help preserve the paint and keep her looking spiffy. I freely confess to doing this in the dark with a flashlight after a late-night drive. Yes, I know, can't help it....I'm certifiable. ☺

p.s. Maintenance tip: Don't forget to check your oil dipstick level, coolant level, window washer fluid level and tire pressure while you're thinking about it.

Please be sure to check out my past tech and info columns on our Club [website](#).

Remember: Take care of your Miata/MX5 and it will take care of you!

*Gail*

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## MEMBER STORY

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Would you like to tell a story to the other Club members? *If you are the co-pilot, then we would love to hear about your experiences!* Everyone, why did you choose a Miata/MX5, and how did you get yours? What other hobbies do you have? Share, and let everyone get to know everyone better. If you are interested, please email, text, or call me at [John.N.Amon@gmail.com](mailto:John.N.Amon@gmail.com) or (585) 617-4334

Hello! My name is Ashley, and I'm 22 years old. My boyfriend Nick and I have been a member here for 2 years. In 2021 Nick and I saw a 1990 Miata with a hardtop for sale on Facebook Marketplace for \$3k. Nick previously owned a Miata while stationed in the Army in Washington in 2016.



We made the drive the next day from Rochester to Syracuse. When we got there, the owner said they had over 40 people message them already.

We test drove it and fell in love, it wasn't perfect, but it was ours! Naturally, we made a list of improvements it needed, and the one that stood out the most to me was a new paint job. My co-worker told me about a BOCES class for \$500 to paint your car yourself. I have no prior experience when it comes to bodywork or painting. The class was 7 weeks and met every Saturday. I can say with confidence that it definitely took blood, sweat, and tears to get the results I wanted, but it paid off. It's still not perfect, but I even surprised myself with the end result!



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You can see more photos on this [link](#)!

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## Miata/MX5 & Miata/MX5 ITEMS WANTED & FOR SALE

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If you have a Miata/MX5 item for sale or wanted a Miata/MX5 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 would like the item to be on the website, please also send Lee Maddy the information. [mrmiataman@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmiataman@yahoo.com). Include a heading, description, your name and contact information (phone, email, address maybe), maybe the price, and a photo or two.

### FOR SALE

Item 1 of 2. Motorola BPR40 Mag One UHF radio with our club radio frequency installed. Included is a charger, battery, and manual! Cost new \$145 plus \$15 to have the club frequency installed on radio. Total cost was \$160.

Asking price is \$75 plus shipping.



Item 2 of 2. Here is a black hoodie that anyone with any generation of Miata/MX5 would love. It features all four generations in profile. The front of the roadsters is shown on the front of the hoodie and the rear profile is shown on the back of the hoodie. It is size 2XL. Hoodie I have worn several times, asking \$45.00, and I will pay shipping to a club member!



Contact Del Austin at [VIRDEL2347@aol.com](mailto:VIRDEL2347@aol.com) or 607-217-5794 or 607-242-6178

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### Cleaning the Front Window Glass, by Chuck Rischenole

If you are looking for an easy way to clean the bugs, dirt, and whatever off your windshield, give this a try. Buy what the ladies call a 'nail brush' at the \$ Store or the \$1.25 Store (due to inflation). Spray on with whatever you are using for a glass cleaner and scrub away. Finish by wiping the glass dry, wash out the brush, and you are good to go until the next time.





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## CLUB INFORMATION

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

**Website:** Our Club has a [website](#) that most of you know about. It now works well on your phone too!

**Facebook:** Our Club is also on [Facebook](#). Members' posts are here. There are new posts almost every day!

**Maps:** Every wonder where Club members live? Check out this [map](#). And ... [Syracuse](#) [Rochester](#) [Binghamton](#) [Ithaca](#)

**Favorite Car Shops, Part Stores, Service Centers, and Stuff.** More information is [here](#).

**Deadlines:** Submissions for the newsletter are due to the newsletter editor on the twenty-fourth, 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, remember date and rain date if applicable, meeting location and time, the distance of the drive, and maybe a photo. It does not need to be long but should include everything to encourage participation!

**Flyer:** You can print the Club Flyer, the trifold with Club information and an application form.

**Registration:** To help streamline communications for gathering the list of who is attending our events, we will require members to contact the **Event Coordinator directly AND copy your Area Representative** to help them plan for caravans from your area. You will only need to respond if you are planning to attend, but if you need to cancel last minute, you still need to let both parties know so they don't hold up the ride waiting for you. Please pay close attention to the contact info 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. See below.

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

**Rules:** [Caravan Rules](#) to consider before the event. Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, or visor are recommended. Make sure that your gas tank is full and your bladder is empty.

**Reports:** When writing the after-event report, try to include what people enjoyed. Everyone enjoys hearing about the people and people in or next to their Miata/MX5s.

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

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**REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2022**

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Date	Event	Coordinators
July 3	Midstate Miata Club Annual Picnic	Ray & Sue Mosher
July 16	Exploratorium 2022	Darius Kasinskas
July 23	Hard Cider Crawl	Ray Mosher
July 30	Tour the National War Planes Museum	Nancy and Bill Lowe
August 7	Watkins Glen International, Fall Laps and Lunch	Gail Wagner
August 20	Ford Trimotor Airplane Visit	David King
August 21	Pineview Run Laps & Lunch	Gail Wagner
August 27	Rudy's and Museum	John Gingrich Chuck Rischenole
September 9	Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival	<b>NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational Only</b>
September 10	Ride To and Dinner at the Beef 'N' Barrel	Chuck Rischenole
September 18	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy
October 2	Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally	Dale and Cathy Nagel
October 8	Honesdale PA Harvest and Heritage Days	Lou & Carol Trelease
October 12	Sprague's Maple Farms with the Niagara Miata Club	Chuck Rischenole
December 4	Holiday Party	Karen McKissock