# MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY "MIATA MEANDERINGS" NEWSLETTER

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## President's Letter from Karen McKissock



Let the countdown begin...3-2-2-1 GO! As you'll read about further in this newsletter we have moved through our 2022 elections process and completed an Annual Planning meeting. Yahoo!!! Good start!!!

To the first accomplishment, you'll see we have some changes in elected officers starting with our former President, Ray Mosher, being elected our new Vice President for the next 2 years. Congratulations to Ray. We are changing the Treasurer's role from Ronnie Sabella to Bev Wike. It's always good to get some 'new blood' periodically so I'd like to thank Ronnie for many years of service taking care of our finances. It's no small task and she did a great job of it. I'd also like to welcome Bev Wike as our new Treasurer. She is very qualified to take the job and she and Ronnie have begun the transition already. The President's role was uncontested so I will remain in office for 2 more years. Miriam was elected as Secretary again. You can see details of voting below.

The Annual Planning meeting took place on Feb. 26th and resulted in a good starting list of events for the season. We have also had a few more be submitted since that date. Unlike past years we did not assign dates to the events but Jay accepted responsibility to get them lined up and get 'teaser' information for each event. That activity isn't complete at this moment. However, we've attempted to use some information we have to at least begin to paint the picture of some fun and interesting events that are in the works. I'm sure there will be more detail and confirmed details as we

finish the 'formal' schedule but hope you'll enjoy a preview of possibilities.

There are no events on the calendar for April except for an Information Only note about the Watkins Glen International Opening weekend. There will be no caravans for rides planned but members are welcome to participate on their own. Given no activities in April we should be OK to wait another couple weeks for formalize the calendar of Approved (formerly Sanctioned) events. Thanks for your patience.

Another activity that is in the winter works is an update of our club by-laws. I have input from the Board members and will begin compiling the suggestions for further discussion. I will let you know when we have a 'cleaned up' draft.

This is a great newsletter this month so please be sure to ready it. There's been a lot of work done to try to improve it as a means of communications for important information. John Amon's survey results show a picture of what's important to our members. Thanks to everyone who participated in helping John produce our news.

Until next month, when the salt gets rinsed away, get those cars out and take them for a spin! We're almost there. We'll be together soon, with or without masks at your comfort level. It's sure better conditions than the last 2 years. Just be careful.

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Karen McKissock, MMC President

#### ELECTION RESULTS, 2022 - 2024

On Saturday, February 26, 2022, election results were compiled for the four board positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for two-year terms. Sixty-four responses were submitted via electronic voting or ballots mailed to Miriam White, current secretary.

The results of the elections were:

**President** - Karen McKissock (re-elected), ran unopposed

Vice President - Ray Mosher, ran unopposed with 6 write-in votes for Mary Lou Reisdorf

**Secretary** - Miriam White (re-elected), 35 votes Nancy Lowe, 27 votes

Treasurer - Beverly (Bev) Wike, 33 votes Ronnie Sabella, 27 votes Christine Kuhn, 4 write-in votes

Congratulations to all elected or re-elected officers.

## 2022 Is Here! Are you ready? By Jay Cartini

Thank you everyone that participated in our virtual planning meeting for 2022. We have a nice line up of some new, and some familiar events this year for us to go out and enjoy what the Miata is all about: driving. In addition, we will have ice cream get together's within each "geographic chapter" as well as "pop-ups" that will appear for you to participate in.

If you haven't participated in an ice cream event they're pretty laid back. We spend most of the time talking about the cars, what people have done to the cars over the off season. If you have a question regarding a modification, or a routine maintenance item, this is a great venue to discuss it because there is always someone there that's either thought about it, or done it.

The pop-up events are just that. Perhaps a last minute idea, or special event, comes to light and BAM, someone decides to see if anyone else wants to go. You might only have a day or two to decided if you can make it, but sometimes longer. They typically don't get as large of a turnout as an official event does, but 6-12 cars can be a lot of fun!

The revised schedule with many more confirmed dates/times/etc. will be coming soon. Please stay tuned. There are no formal Club events in April but we have information regarding Watkins Glen Opening day for those of you who would like to attend. There will be no planned/coordinated events in April by the Club but everyone is welcome to 'phone a friend' and take a drive. Note: in this case there is no coverage by our club insurance.

These 2021 Midstate Miata Club Event Coordinators qualify for gifts. Some of the people below have hosted multiple events.

Ray & Sue Mosher Gail Wagner Lee Maddy/Miriam White Chuck Rischenole Jay Cartini Lou & Carol Trelease Del & Virginia Austin Jerry & Linda Willis
Bill & Nancy Lowe
Jim Lamb
Dale & Cathy Nagel
Dave & Anita Van Winkle
Karen McKissock

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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



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 & Lynne Demetros	Barton	Southern Tier	2006	Blue
Steve Edgerly & Julie Chevalier	Elmira	Ithaca	2016	Red
John Fero & Wendy Ellis	Cold Brook	Syracuse	1991	Green

As an added membership bonus each year, the Club awards a free year's membership to the member(s) who has recruited the most members. In the event of a tie, the winner's name is drawn from a bowl. It would have been a hat, but no one wears hats anymore? Everyone can participate. All you need to do is put your name on the membership application form on the line titled "How did you hear about us?", and give the form out to everyone you see with a Miata.

The winner is **Pamela Gilbert** for the free membership. She is from the Ithaca Chapter. Congratulations Pam!

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewals are due and payable now through May 1, 2022. The cost is \$30 per year for the pilot or pilot and co-pilot. If there are no changes to your membership, you may mail a check. If there are any updates, you should use the form on the <u>Club website - membership page</u> and mail the form and check to Bev. Please make your check payable to <u>Midstate Miata Club of NY Inc.</u> and send it to the address below. Here is a <u>link</u> to the membership document. See page 2.

Please note that we have a new treasurer, the check and form should be sent to Bev.

Beverly Wike C/O Midstate Miata Club of New York, Inc. 313 Torrance Ave Vestal, NY 13850

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

## **Pineview Run, Auto & Country Club Memberships**

For Informational Only

Pineview Run Auto & Country Club 2022 Track Pass Offering for 2022

Miata Folks,

Last June Gail Wagner sponsored a Club event at Pineview Run Auto & Country Club in Lafayette, NY. Driving the track was so much fun!

She received an offering from Pineview for a yearly April-November 2022 track pass (1 day/week limit). She believe you can also purchase professional coaching and even rent a car to assist your driving experience.

Be sure to read everything on their website about first-timers including car inspection and required short driving class before your first driving session.

#### Pineview Run, Auto & Country Club 2022 Track Pass

This is NOT a full access membership, which is detailed here.

## 2022 Track Pass

#### LIMITED ACCESS PASS

\$100 - Initiation fee waived for returning pass holders.

OPTION 1 - "All In" plan

- Dues \$1,799
- Iimited time promotion Payable in 12 installments of \$149.90/month or \$1,599 lump sum before 12/31/21.

OPTION 2 - "Pay as you Play" plan

- Dues \$999
- limited time promotion- \$799 by 12/31/21.
- Pay \$35 for each track day

#### BENEFITS

- ➤ Includes 1 track day/week limit.
- Access to track, limited clubhouse access.
- > Family access Yes (spectating only)
- Guest Driver privileges Yes
- ➤ Plan good April Nov. 1st 2022
- Challenge Cup Access
- ➤ Formula Sport Series Access
- Two Wheel Wednesdays
- \* \$200 Lump Sum Discount & Payment Plan options, available up to 12/31/2021
- \* Financing option available through PayPal.



New York's premier lifestyle club with year round activities for the outdoor and auto enthusiast



#### ACCESS DESCRIPTION

Limited Access Pass: Limited Access Pass holder has access to track driving activities and limited clubhouse access. Immediate family members may attend with the pass holder for spectating only. The pass is not a full access membership, nor provides membership privileges.

Track Reservations must be made a minimum of 24 hours in advance; 1 day/week access -additional day/week available for additional fee.

(315) 960-2566 | 2250 Case Hill Road | Lafayette, New York 18084 | www.pineviewrun.com

## **April 9 & 10, Watkins Glen International Opening Weekend**

For Informational Only

Opening Weekend at The Glen (April 9-10, 2022), providing fans with the opportunity to drive their vehicle on the track at controlled parade laps speed around the legendary 3.45-mile course to benefit the facility's Racing and Community Enrichment (R.A.C.E.) Foundation. Individuals and car clubs are both welcome to participate in this unique opportunity to experience one of the most historic circuits in the world first-hand.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** ALL PARTICIPANTS INSIDE THE VEHICLE MUST PRINT AND BRING THE REQUIRED TRACK WAIVERS TO THE EVENT. <u>ONE WAIVER PER ADULT</u>. *MINOR WAIVERS ARE REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.* 

Forms and more information are on the WGI's website here. Be sure to read all the rules

Tickets are \$25.00.

Just show up and have a great time!

## June 4 or 5, Labrador Hollow (Lafayette / Tully)

Event Coordinator - Chet Wike, Syracuse Chapter

More information coming soon! In the mean time, read this.

Labrador Hollow's topography is responsible for its unique character. The area is located in the middle of a valley running north to south that was dug out by glacial movement that occurred during the Pleistocene Epoch. Massive ice sheets from the last glaciation episode (Wisconsinan glaciation episode) retreated from the area approximately ten thousand years ago. They left behind numerous sedimentary deposits and superficial features, some of which filled with water and are now called the Finger Lakes, while others became known as valleys.

The floor of Labrador Hollow's valley is only about one-half mile wide, but its walls rise abruptly for several hundred feet. Today, this unique and attractive area provides diverse ecological, economic, and recreational services for many New York residents and visitors alike.



Register with Chet at <a href="mailto:chet.wilk@gmail.com">chet.wilk@gmail.com</a>, 315-454-3850 or 726-2530 and your Area Representative.

## June 16 - 26, Great American Race

Event Coordinator - Jerry Willis, Binghamton Chapter

The <u>Great American Race</u> will be coming through southern New York this summer. Specifically, Erie, PA, Wellsville NY, Binghamton NY, and Newburgh NY. There will be an overnight stop in Binghamton! I THINK that overnight is June 19, 2022. Can anyone confirm that? Be sure to check out the website for more details.

In any case, they have a website with a lot of information and contact phone numbers and emails.

We'll meet and together for a light dinner before the 5:00 p.m. start of this leg of the race. Details to follow. The Great Race will be stopping in Binghamton on Sunday, June 19, from 5-8 p.m. on Court Street, downtown.

It would be cool to go and watch the cars go driving past. They expect 150 automobiles to start. The oldest cars are three 1916 models; Hudson Hill Climber, Hudson Speedster, and a Chevrolet Baby Grand to two 1974 models; Plymouth Bluesmobile and Peterbilt 359.



Register with Jerry Willis at o lake 676@hotmail.com (there are underbars in the username, \_ ) or 315-676-3072 or 315-436-6937 and your Area Representative.

## Sunday, July 3, Midstate Miata Club Annual Picnic

Event Coordinator - Ray & Sue Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

The MMC will pay to rent a pavilion at <u>Fillmore Glen State Park</u> for our Club picnic. We expect to have a lodge and access to refrigerators, power outlets, and bathrooms.

Each area 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.

Contact and register LATER with Ray at <a href="mosherrskl@yahoo.com">mosherrskl@yahoo.com</a> (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.



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

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson, Ithaca Chapter (Rain date is Sunday, August 28)

Meet at Watkins Glen International Raceway no later that 11:30 a.m. Three or four laps beginning at 12:00 noon for 20 minutes. Prepaid before the event, \$20. Lunch will be at the Seneca Harbor Station at approximately 1:00 p.m., after laps are complete. Individual check, no prepay.

More information and registration form coming soon! Gail at <a href="mailto:gwtr3red@gmail.com">gwtr3red@gmail.com</a> or 607-257-7445 or (607) 227-8877 and your Area Representative.

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

Event Coordinator - Lou & Carol Trelease, Syracuse Chapter

Honesdale PA Harvest and Heritage Days, Saturday Oct 8 (with a rain date of Sunday Oct 9) 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 <a href="mailto:buckshotfarm@aol.com">buckshotfarm@aol.com</a> or 607-655-3061 or 607-372-7134 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.

## **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 <a href="mailto:dalen262@aol.com">dalen262@aol.com</a> or 315-677-9342, 315-706-8015, or 315-256-1138 and your Area Representative.

## **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 <a href="Princeton">Pineview Run Auto</a> & Country Club in Lafayette.

Contact with Lee at <a href="mrmiataman@yahoo.com">mrmiataman@yahoo.com</a> or (315) 637-0472 or (315) 952-7148 or (315) 383-2454 and your Area Representative.

## Fun Run Pizzeria Ride (shine only)

Event Coordinator - Del Austin and Bob Gingell, Binghamton Chapter

Everyone likes pizza, right? What else can we say!

Register with Del at <u>VIRDEL2347@aol.com</u> or 607-217-5794 or 607-242-6178 and Bob at <u>boging@stny.rr.com</u> or 607-748-2136 or 607-and you624-0993 and your Area Representative.

## **Middlesex Fire Company Dinner**

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

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 at candgr@gmail.com or 585-223-7586 or 585704-9940 and your Area Representative.



### **Hard Cider Crawl**

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

It will be a lot of fun. The crawl will take you to 3 to 5 hard cideries where you can enjoy samples. It is the best of everything. Great roads, great people, and great cider!

Register with Ray at <a href="mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com">mosherrskl@yahoo.com</a> (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

## **Lorenzo European Car Club on Father's Day**

Event Coordinator - Bob Sabella, Syracuse Chapter

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.

If any one wishes to volunteer the day of the show to help, contact Peter Sanborn at e-mail <a href="mailto:1chnsawone@gmail.com">1chnsawone@gmail.com</a>

This is the European Motor Club of CNY website.

Register with Bob at <u>rsabella@twcny.rr.com</u> or 315-463-9643 or 315-420-7274 and your Area Representative.



## **Holiday Party**

Event Coordinator - Ray & Sue Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

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

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

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

Register with Ray at <a href="mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com">mosherrskl@yahoo.com</a> (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

## **Log Cabin Car Show**

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

It 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 cars and motorcycles to look at and reminisce. I will need a headcount to get enough spaces set aside for us.

Register with Chuck at at <a href="mailto:candgr@gmail.com">candgr@gmail.com</a> or 585-223-7586 or 585-704-9940 and your Area Representative.



## **Rudy's and Museum**

Event Coordinator – *Are you interested in hosting this? We can help.* 

Two for one event. Enjoy a great lunch on the shore of Lake Ontario at <u>Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In</u>. Then a short drive to learn some history at <u>Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum</u>.

Register with ??? and your Area Representative.

#### **Marcellus Parade**

Event Coordinator - Chuck Paul, Syracuse Chapter

It has been a while since we have been in this parade and I am sure it will be a super parade again this year. The time is coming again for the annual Olde Home Days Parade in Marcellus. The day starts early when more than 45 vendors and informational booths line Main Street for "the way it used to be" on parade day. Anytime after 12:00 there will be activities (mostly food vendors) in Marcellus Park (Platt Road). How about a sausage sandwich pre-parade?

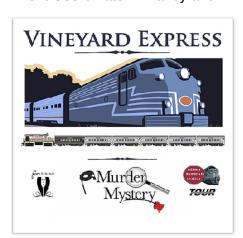
We will likely meet at the convenience store located at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Route 175. We line up trying to vary colors (some are more obsessive than others). The last time we went, we had new directions from the village that we could not toss candy to the children along the route, which is about one mile long and very heavily populated on parade day. We'll see what the directions are this year. The parade ends at beautiful Marcellus Park where we will re-group and count the cars (40 is the record-can we beat it?). We will shortly depart for a short scenic, drive ending at Skan-Ellus drive-in for great food and ice cream or have a picnic in the park. This location is a great jumping-off point in all directions for the drive home.

Watch for developing details!

Register with Chuck at <a href="mailto:cpaul@twcny.rr.com">cpaul@twcny.rr.com</a> or 315-673-4432 and your Area Representative.

## Vineyard Express Train Ride & Lunch, Medina Railroad Museum

Event Coordinator - Nancy and Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter



Information about the Museum is here.

Register with Nancy at nanlowe53@gmail.com or 585-305-4410 and your Area Representative.

## **Tour the National War Planes Museum**

Event Coordinator - Nancy and Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter

The museum is dedicated to the preservation of WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam-era aircraft, equipment, and the stories of the men and women who served our country at home and abroad. This is a great place to learn what it was all about and fun to explore.

Register with Nancy at <a href="mailto:nanlowe53@gmail.com">nanlowe53@gmail.com</a> or 585-305-4410 and your Area Representative.

## **Skaneateles Polo Club**

Event Coordinator - Chuck Paul, Syracuse Chapter

Polo typically starts at 3:00 at the <u>Skaneateles Polo Club</u>, 783 Andrews Rd, Skaneateles. Ahead of that, we will met at <u>Bob's Barbecue</u> on Route 281 between Homer and Little York. You can arrive early at Bob's and either eat there or get something to go to eat later at the polo grounds in Skaneateles. We will depart Bob's at 1:00 sharp (you know the rules) for an approximately 45 minute drive to the Skaneateles Polo Grounds. We can tailgate prior to the start of the match at 3:00. Also, I will lead a caravan for those interested from Lafayette to Bob's. We'll meet at <u>Byrne Dairy</u>, Route 20 Lafayette at 11:15 for an 11:30 departure. We'll take a short scenic drive to Bob's and arrive there at about 12 noon.

The polo match will be held shine and dry field only If it is a sunny day but if polo is canceled due to poor field conditions, we'll still hold the event IF the parking/tailgate area is not too wet. We'll all still meet at the polo grounds and tailgate. Just no polo. Let Chuck know if you plan to meet at LaFayette Byrne Dairy or Bob's Barbecue. No need to reply to Chuck if you plan to meet at the polo grounds.

As always, other Chapters can meet in their area and either make their way to <u>Byrne Dairy</u>, <u>Bob's Barbecue</u> or the <u>Skaneateles Polo Club</u>. If you decide to do this, be sure to let Chuck and your Area Representative know you will meet the Syracuse Chapter at Byrne Dairy, Bob's (*inform Chuck and your local area representative*) or at Skaneateles Polo Club (*inform you local area representative only*).

Register with Chuck at <a href="mailto:cpaul@twcny.rr.com">cpaul@twcny.rr.com</a> or 315-673-4432 and your Area Representative.

## 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 <u>Niagara Miata Club of Western NY and Southern Ontario</u> to <u>Sprague's Maple Farm</u> in Portrville. 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 will depart at 9: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 their ride to Sprague's. Their drive will include a stop at the <u>Cuba Cheese Shoppe</u> 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 <u>Colby's Ice Cream & Bake Shop</u> 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

Register with Chuck at candgr@gmail.com or 585-223-7586 or 585-704-9940 and your Area Representative.

#### Wheels on Main Street in Waterloo

Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter

Wheels on Main Street.

Register with Gail at <a href="mailto:gwtr3red@gmail.com">gwtr3red@gmail.com</a> or 607-257-7445 or (607) 227-8877 and your Area Representative.

#### **Waterfalls**

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

Welcome to another in a continuing series of waterfall drives. I hope you like this iteration. Hopefully, it will not be like the washout rain of the previous one!

Watch for more information as we get closer to the event date.

It will be an outstanding drive to discover several beautiful waterfalls.

Register with Ray at <a href="mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com">mosherrskl@yahoo.com</a> (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281 and your Area Representative.



## Walton NY Drive to The Rainbow Lodge

Event Coordinator - Carol Sherwood and Lou Trelease, Binghamton Chapter

Come for a wonderful drive to a cool restaurant in a great location.



Register with Carol and Lou at <u>buckshotfarm@aol.com</u> or 607-655-3061 or 607-372-7134 and your Area Representative.

#### **POST EVENT REPORTS**

## January 20 - 31, Caribbean Cruise

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

We weren't sure if this cruise would happen or how it would go. COVID and associated masking rules and ports closures were happening almost daily. San Juan closed and we had to substitute St Thomas for St Lucia before we even left port. We weren't sure about St Kitts until we arrived there. But we sailed and had a great time. We even made it to St Kitts. We all wore masks unless outside or eating or drinking (which was a lot of the time). No passengers and less than 1% crew tested COVID positive on the cruise. There were four Miata folks (or alumni) from our Club: the Moshers and the Abbots (formerly the Syracuse area reps).



We sailed out of Cape Liberty (Bayonne), NJ on Jan 20 on Royal Caribbean's Anthem of the Seas. We had

two days at sea to wait for it to warm up, and it did nicely. On board we rode bumper cars, went skydiving in a vertical wind tunnel, played shuffleboard and ping pong and went to shows. One of us even rode the surfing wave. The ship was barely a third full, so there were deck chairs available and there were good seats for the shows. Food and meal service was great as usual. The weather got rough for a day on the way home, but it was not big issue (though it did close the surfing wave). We called in St Martin, Antigua, St Thomas and St Kitts where we sailed, beached, snorkeled, and rode horses on the beach. One of us even went SCUBA diving with sharks! We kept track of the weather at home and gloated with our sunny days!

We disembarked with full tummies, tanned bodies and great memories. Maybe we can do it again with more Club members. There are more photos <u>here</u>.

Contact Ray and Sue at <a href="mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com">mosherrskl@yahoo.com</a> (the last character is an L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281 and your Area Representative.

## TECHNICAL TIPS – "Wench With A Wrench" By Gail Wagner – Midstate Miata Club of NY



## **Bringing Your Miata/MX5 Out of Winter Storage**

Hi, Miata Folks,

It's time again to think about getting our Miatas out of storage and back on the road for some top-down fun. I usually aim on or about April 1st but only after I am assured of a couple of good rain storms to wash away any residual road salt from the final snowstorm of the season.

I hope you find the attached checklist useful. Click on this link to use the checklist.

Remember, most of our Miatas are oldies but goodies and in order to keep them running smoothly and trouble-free, a bit of extra (and on-going) attention is required of these older cars.

p.s. Check out my previous archived tech tips on the Club website.

See You on the Road and Zoom Zoom Safely!



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## FAVORITE CAR SHOPS, PART STORES, SERVICE CENTERS, AND STUFF

Alloy Wheel Repair	Will come to you in some areas
Berg Racing	General auto service on most makes and models
Carl's Auto Seat Covers & Upholstery	Serving the Rochester area for over 50 years now
Flyin' Miata	Making your Miata as fun to drive as possible
J&R Upholstery	Auto upholstery and convertible top installation and repair
Moss Miata	Provides you with the best parts and service at competitive prices
MX5things	Unique accessories for your Mazda Miata MX-5 (ND)
Panorama Collision	Where quality is not an accident
Rev Limiter	Gauge Faces and other electronics
Vision Hyundai Webster Body Shop	For Body Repair That Excels
Webster Auto Clinic	General Mazda Miata (and other) repairs
Car Cruise Finder & Hemmings	Choose your geographical area of interest and find car shows

Do you have a favorite place? Let me know. John.N.Amon@gmail.com or call or text (585) 617-4334

#### **MEMBER STORY**

Would you like to tell a story to the other Club members? <u>If you are the co-pilot, then we would love to hear about your experiences!</u> Everyone, why did you choose a Miata, 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 <u>John.N.Amon@gmail.com</u> or (585) 617-4334

### MIATAS & MIATA ITEMS WANTED & FOR SALE

If you have a Miata item for sale or wanted a Miata item and would like it to be in our newsletter, please send me the information. <u>John.N.Amon@gmail.com</u>. If you would like the item to be on the website, please also send Lee Maddy the information. <u>mrmiataman@yahoo.com</u>. Include a heading, description, your name and contact information (phone, email, address maybe), maybe the price, and a photo or two.

#### **FOR SALE**

New in-the-box Progressive anti-sway bar for NC Miata (2006-2015 models) with hardware from Good-Win Racing. Paid \$205 sell for \$175. Local pick up best Ithaca area.

Text call Phil Cornell at pcornell@twcny.rr.com or (607) 793-4191 or leave message (607) 273-3054.



NOTICE & USE CAUTION: According to WD-40's website which lists 2,000 uses, there is not a mention of adding it to your fuel system.

A Club member just had something on their phone about adding 8-oz's of WD-40 to a tank of gas to help remove the water from your gas, and it helps clean gunk from your engine. They Googled it and this was what they found!

WD-40 should **not** be used in the gas tanks of vehicles that have sensitive fuel systems or in those that have fuel injection. WD-40 may not work properly when mixed with ethanol gasoline. Ethanol is formulated to attach to water in the fuel tank, so it eliminates the need for an additive to remove water from the fuel.

## **FOR SALE**

Year and model: 1985 Mazda RX-7 GS

Exterior and Interior color: Sunbeam Silver Metallic exterior with gray interior, cloth seats, reupholstered

with matching OEM design, all in excellent condition

Hard or Soft top: Hard top, with sun roof added in 1995

Engine: 1150 cc, Wankel Rotary

Transmission: Manual 5-speed

AC or other major option: Inoperable, AC and Windshield Washer

Mileage: 124,900 miles

Other major options or features:

Price: \$11,500

General description: Family owned; FL until 1993 & NY to present. Requires premium leaded fuel; 20

mpg average. Garaged year round. Not driven in winter. Well maintained with full record. Possible to transfer custom plates in NY: 85 RX-7. Valued as VERY

GOOD; average price \$12,550.



Photos:

More photos on Google Drive: No

Contact: Bob White, 607-687-6294, aa2rwwhite@gmail.com

#### **CLUB INFORMATION**

- Our Club has a website that most of you know about. It now works well on your phone too!
- Our Club also is on <u>Facebook</u>, with 539 followers. Members' posts are <u>here</u> on Facebook.
- You can print the Club Flyer, the trifold with Club information, and an application form.
- When advertising your event,
- Here is the <u>guest waiver form</u>. If you are going to bring a guest, then you must print, complete, and give it to the Area Representative or Event Coordinator.
- 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 Miatas.
- Every wonder where Club members live? Check out this <u>map</u>. And ... <u>Syracuse Rochester</u> Binghamton Ithaca Did you know that the maps have been viewed 390 times?
- The Club apparel is here on the Club Website. Wear our logo with pride!
- The schedule for all four Chapters' Ice Cream nights is on this shared spreadsheet.
- Submissions for the newsletter are due to the newsletter editor on the **twenty-fourth**, **24th**, **of each month**.
- 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. Guests must bring this completed form.
- <u>Caravan Rules</u> to consider before the event. Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, or visor are recommended. Make sure that your car has enough gas and you have an empty bladder.
- 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 <u>link</u> will take you to the document, "Beginners Guide to Route Planning."
  For the more experienced people, there is a shorter checklist at this <u>link</u>.

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## **REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2022**

Date	Event	Coordinators
All Season	2022 Track Pass, Pineview Run Auto & Country Club	Non-Miata Club Sponsored
April 9 & 10	Watkins Glen International Opening Weekend	None
June 4 or 5	Labrador Hollow (Lafayette / Tully)	Chet Wike
June 19	Great American Race	Jerry Willis
July 3	Midstate Miata Club Annual Picnic	Ray & Sue Mosher
August 7	Watkins Glen International, Fall Laps and Lunch	Gail Wagner
October 8	Honesdale PA Harvest and Heritage Days	Lou & Carol Trelease

