

# MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

## *“MIATA/MX5 MEANDERINGS”*

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### **President's Letter from Karen McKissock**

So spring is really here!!! I actually got a sunburn yesterday...best pain I can think of! Thankfully the weather is ready for us to get our cars out of storage. No more salt! Rinse cycles ongoing. Warm enough for some fresh polish and the price of gas is slowly going down. All the good signs for let's go for a ride! Even though we don't have any planned events for the rest of April, I encourage you to phone a friend at the very least and get out on the roads.

We should all be thinking about submitting new ideas for the rest of the season so we can get together with friends and put some memories in our databases. Please put your thinking caps on and

get back to Jay Cartini or me and we can help you execute on your idea. Any of our seasoned Event Coordinators would be glad to help you with your planning. It's really easy. Without your ideas and initiative we can't expand our season calendar. We recognize many venues and restaurants are hesitant to commit their availability due to short staffing so please bear with them and keep checking back with them if you're thinking of an event location. Feel free to call me at 585-820-6010 or [email](#) if you want a sounding board first.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at events this year. Thank you all for your membership in the Club. It will be good to see you again.

**Zoom Zoom**  
**Karen**

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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### 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
Dale & Jana Sain	E. Meredith	Binghamton	1995, not 2995 😞	Merlot
Cathie Thomas & Mike Dickinson	East Aurora	Rochester	2012	Red
Tom Wilson & JoAnn Loehr	Fayetteville	Syracuse	2017	Red
Ed & Joanie Orinski	Endicott	Binghamton	2007	Red
Mathew Dudzic	Central Square	Syracuse	2000	Red
Jeff Hemsley & Arlene Pritzker	Fayetteville	Syracuse	2019	Red

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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**PAST DUE, last notice :** 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 [Club website - membership page](#) and mail the form and check to Bev. Please make your check payable to **Midstate Miata Club of NY Inc.** and send it to the address below. Here is a [link](#) 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**

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## FUTURE EVENTS

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### May 29, Sunday, Wheels on Main Street in Waterloo

NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational Only.

[Wheels on Main Street.](#)

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

Event Coordinators – Debbie Bogan and Chet Wilk, Syracuse Chapter

Alternate Date, Sunday June 5, 2022, if it rains on June 4.

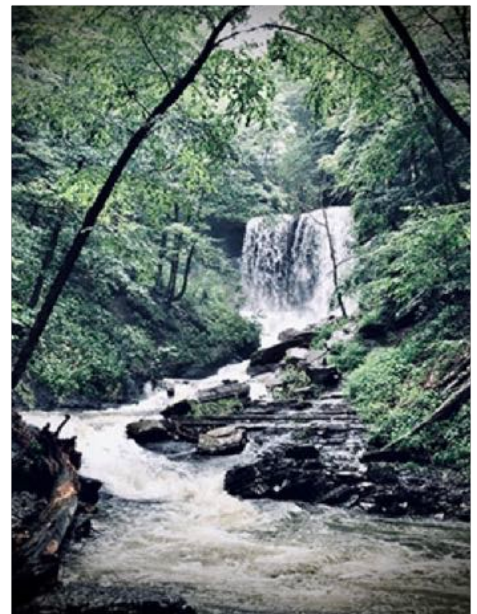
More information coming soon! In the mean time, read [this](#).

This event includes a road trip of 10 miles from [Byrne Dairy in Lafayette](#) to [Labrador Hollow Unique Area](#) which includes Labrador Pond and Tinker Falls located on Labrador Rd. Tully, NY 13159. The nature trail features a 2,000-foot accessible boardwalk ending up at a spectacular view of Labrador Pond with surrounding steep hills. The complete hike is 0.5 miles. Pack your own lunch. We will spend about 1 and 1/2 hours there. From there, we can take a 12-mile road trip to [Country Flavors](#), 5935 State Route 281, Little York, NY 13087. They serve ice cream, beverages and some food.

Start/meet time: 10:30 a.m. at [Byrne Dairy Lafayette](#), 2394 US Route 11, Lafayette, NY 13084

Register with 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 4, 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. Meeting time is 2:45 pm and the parade starts at 3:00 pm. We line up trying to vary colors (some are more obsessive than others). Rotary club who is in charge of the parade has directed that candy should not be “thrown” but may be “given” to individuals. 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 [cpaul@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cpaul@twcny.rr.com) or 315-673-4432 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)

**Sign up deadline is June 9. Rain or shine event**

Join us for a scenic drive to and along the Cannonsville Reservoir in the Western Catskills to Rainbow Lodge for lunch. Food is excellent, setting is very pleasant. We've been many times and always happy with our meals. Last year we were joined by a family of black bears and may be again! Lunch will be followed by a return drive and probable ice cream stop. Approx. 1 hour drive each way.



We will meet at the [Mirabito Gas Station and Convenience Store](#), 3622 Route 79, Harpursville, just off Interstate 88 at exit 6. Meeting time is 10:30 a.m. and we will leave at 10:45 a.m. for the drive to the Rainbow Lodge.

Call or email to register by **Thursday, June 9** to sign up, so we can give the restaurant a head count, with 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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## Saturday, June 16, Exploratorium 2022

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.

Signup on or before June 3, and you will win a token prize. Sign up afterward to enjoy the competition without winning a prize.

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.

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

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## Sunday, June 19, Lorenzo European Car Club Show on Father's Day

**NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational 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 19. Interested Miata/MX5 Club members that want to show their car can preregister on their club's [website](#) using the form. the cost is \$15 for preregistration or \$20 at 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.

Please let Jerry Willis know if you are going to Binghamtom so we don't leave anyone behind.

If any one wishes to volunteer the day of the show to help, contact Peter Sanborn at e-mail [1chnsawone@gmail.com](mailto:1chnsawone@gmail.com)

This is the European Motor Club of CNY [website](#).

Register with Jerry Willis at [o\\_lake\\_676@hotmail.com](mailto:o_lake_676@hotmail.com) (there are underbars in the username, \_ ) or 315-676-3072 or 315-436-6937 and your Area Representative.

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## June 19, Great American Race

Event Coordinator – Jerry Willis, Syracuse Chapter

Shine or sprinkle only event

NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational Only

The [Great American Race](#) will be coming through southern in New York this summer. Specifically, it will be coming through Erie, PA, Wellsville NY, Binghamton NY, and Newburgh NY. There will be an overnight stop in Binghamton on June 19, 2022. Be sure to check out the [website](#) for more details.

The website has a lot of information and contact phone numbers and emails.

The cars will arrive in front of the Binghamton Courthouse on Court Street, about one car per minute, between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. The drivers will then have dinner and spend the night at the Holiday Inn and Doubletree Inn.

We will have an early dinner 3:30-4:00 pm in Binghamton after the drive down from the Lorenzo European Car Club Show in Lafayette. We can watch the cars and then head home. Sunset it about 9:00 pm., so there will be great light for photo taking!

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



Register with Jerry Willis at [o\\_lake\\_676@hotmail.com](mailto:o_lake_676@hotmail.com) (there are underbars in the username, \_ ) or 315-676-3072 or 315-436-6937 and your Area Representative.

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

Event Coordinator – Ray & Sue Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

The MMC will pay 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.

Reservations will be required **BUT ARE NOT REQUESTED YET.**

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.

Contact and register **LATER** with Ray 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 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 [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 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  
(Rain date is Sunday, August 28)

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](#).

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

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## Friday, September 9, Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival

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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.

Ray Mosher, Club Vice President, at [mosherrski@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrski@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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### **Friday, September 18, 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.

Contact 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

[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 [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

**Date may change, more information to follow when available.** 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 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 their ride to Sprague's. Their 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](#)

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.

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

## Pineview Run Laps & Lunch

Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter

More to come soon...

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

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## Middlesex Fire Company Dinner

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

It on their plans to do it this season but nothing firm yet.

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.

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## Log Cabin Car Show

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

More to come once they open.

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 [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) 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 [Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In](#). Then a short drive to learn some history at [Safe Haven Holocaust Refugee Shelter Museum](#).

Register with ??? 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.

## 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 [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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None yet ... Stay tuned! Great reports are coming!

## **TECHNICAL TIPS – “Wench With A Wrench”**

### **By Gail Wagner – Midstate Miata Club of NY**



### **HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SPARK?**

#### **What you need to know about spark plugs**

Hello, Fellow Miata/MX5 Folks. When was the last time you either looked at or changed your spark plugs? They play a big role in starting and keeping your Miata/MX5s running smoothly. ☺

#### **A Little History**

An electric spark plug was first used in a gas engine in 1860!

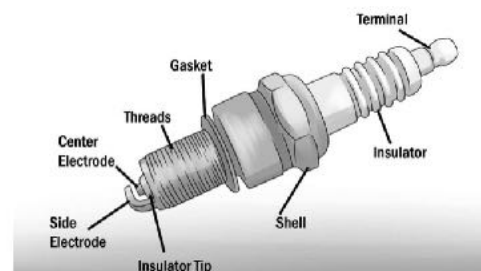
Early patents included some from Nikola Tesla (you know him) in 1898 and Robert Bosch in 1902, the first commercially available high-voltage spark plug. These developments made the spark-ignition engine possible that we drive today. Other improvements were made by Albert Champion (you know Champion spark plugs) and a Guinness brewing heir, Keneim Guinness (I assume you know Guinness ☺). And yes, a woman, Helen Blair Bartlett, played a vital role in making the spark plug insulator in 1930. ☺

#### **So What is a Spark Plug?**

Our Miata/MX5s have four of them and can't run without them. The spark plug (plugs) function is to make a spark to ignite a compressed air/fuel mixture in the cylinder that starts the engine and allows it to continue to run. The spark plug is composed of a shell, insulator and central conductor/electrode. They are specified by size (thread or nut), sealing type, and spark gap.

#### **What Does a Spark Plug Do?**

The plug's metal shell is screwed into the engine's cylinder head and electrically grounded. The plug is connected to high voltage generated by an ignition coil and spark plug wires or individual coil packs in newer Miata/MX5s. As the voltage rises, the resulting gases become ionized. The ionized gasses become a conductor which allows current to flow across the plug gap. The spark's intense heat causes the ionized gas to expand quickly creating combustion that fires up your engine and pushes the piston down within the cylinder. As you drive, the plugs keep firing and igniting to keep the engine running. That they are so essential to vehicle operation, the condition of your plugs directly relates to the performance of your engine.



From: "Engineering Choice: A Journal To Excellence" 2022



## **Replacing Spark Plugs**

At one time it was common to remove plugs, clean deposits off the ends and file the end of the electrode to restore sharp edges. This practice is no longer recommended as modern high-temperature electrodes made of platinum or iridium have longer lifespans. Manual cleaning can cause a weak electrical conduction path and weaken the spark. And plugs are cheap relative to current labor costs. (Remember your dad removing, cleaning and re-gapping the family car's spark plugs? ☺)

The good news is that spark plugs are pretty durable and don't need to be replaced very often. BUT forget the 75,000 – 100,000 mile replacement in your owner's manual. Prudent Miata/MX5s owners change their plugs (and/or spark plug wires depending on year of Miata/MX5) every 30,000 miles or even sooner if ignition problems arise. Thankfully, changing plugs (and spark plug wires if applicable on older Miata/MX5s) is pretty simple and can be done right in your driveway with a couple of socket wrenches and taking your time. If I can do it, you can do it. Otherwise, it's a fairly quick job for your mechanic.

Just make sure to use the recommended spark plug in your owner's manual. Spark plug coil packs in newer Miata/MX5s never need maintenance replacement unless they are determined to be bad for some reason, which is unusual. Be forewarned: the OEM iridium spark plugs for newer Miata/MX5s are about \$14.00 - \$15.00 each. It's recommended you replace spark plug wires when you change to new plugs if you have an older Miata/MX5 equipped with them rather than coil packs. They're usually under \$50.00 for four.

## **Signs of a Bad Spark Plug**

You may notice that your Miata/MX5 is idling rough (sounds rough and jittery when running at idle), misfiring (momentarily cuts out and feels jerky), surging (uncomfortable and potentially dangerous) or engine "knocking" (this is very serious and can cause engine component failure). Or you may have trouble starting or notice it's using a lot more gasoline than usual. Another common problem is lack of acceleration (a bad fuel filter will also do this). You or your mechanic can pull plugs and look for signs of fouling or carbon deposits, etc. to determine any additional problems. (p.s. In addition, reading spark plugs is a diagnostic tool for finding other problems in the engine, such as rich fuel mixture, carbon build up, shot rings, etc.)

**This is another friendly summer maintenance reminder for your consideration.**

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*

## **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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The President has issued an emergency waiver to allow the use of E15 gasoline this summer, it is normally only available in the winter. Historically, you may purchase non-ethanol, E10 (10% ethanol), E15 (15% ethanol - only in the winter), and E85 (85% ethanol). This is in an attempt to increase the supply of gas, reduce the price of gas, and reduce the inflation rate.

This **MAY** or **MAY NOT** be a problem for your car.

The U.S. Department of Energy has a [website titled Alternative Fuels Data Center](#), where you can read more.

I encourage you to read your Miata/MX5's Owners Manual to see what type of fuel Mazda recommends for your specific Miata/MX5.

John Amon

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

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<a href="#">Alloy Wheel Repair</a>	Will come to you in some areas
<a href="#">Berg Racing</a>	General auto service on most makes and models
<a href="#">Carl's Auto Seat Covers &amp; Upholstery</a>	Serving the Rochester area for over 50 years now
<a href="#">Flyin' Miata</a>	Making your Miata/MX5 as fun to drive as possible
<a href="#">J&amp;R Upholstery</a>	Auto upholstery and convertible top installation and repair
<a href="#">Moss Miata</a>	Provides you with the best parts and service at competitive prices
<a href="#">MX5things</a>	Unique accessories for your Mazda Miata MX-5 (ND)
<a href="#">Panorama Collision</a>	Where quality is not an accident
<a href="#">Rev Limiter</a>	Gauge Faces and other electronics
<a href="#">Vision Hyundai Webster Body Shop</a>	For Body Repair That Excels
<a href="#">Webster Auto Clinic</a>	General Mazda Miata/MX5 (and other) repairs
<a href="#">Car Cruise Finder &amp; Hemmings</a>	Choose your geographical area of interest and find car shows

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

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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

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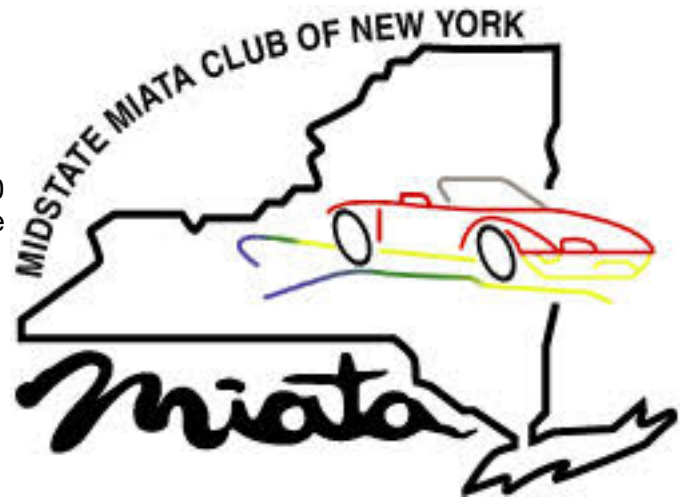
### **Miata/MX5S & Miata/MX5 ITEMS WANTED & FOR SALE**

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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.

## HELP WANTED

I am looking for a Club member who has experience as a graphic designer or artist, who is willing to contribute a little time. As far as I know, we only have two logos shown below. They are both low resolution only about 250 by 180 pixels. They work ok at the scale shown, but if you enlarge them, they pixelate quickly. I am not asking for a new design, just someone to redo the existing logos in high resolution. Contact John Amon at [john.n.amon@gmail.com](mailto:john.n.amon@gmail.com) or 585-617-4334 if you are interested.



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Getting the salt out of the Car Carpets

Here's one I found that works.

- Remove as much salt as you can with a vacuum.
- Mix a solution 50/50 of vinegar & water in a spray bottle.
- Spray affected areas until they are wet.
- Let them dry (I left mine overnight).
- Use a stiff bristle brush on the affected areas to loosen the salt.
- Use the vacuum as you are brushing the areas.

You may have to repeat the process as needed.

I suggest doing this outside with the windows & doors open.

Chuck Rischenole

## FOR SALE

Item 1 of 4. I am selling my imported English Boot Bag by *The Boot-Bag Group* and the model is the Vacation Bag. I bought it from England several years ago to take on Rally trips. Made from waterproof material and is easy to install on your Miata/MX5 trunk! It does not require drilling or any other permanent modifications.

Installation is quick and easy. Six simple steps shown on the website; open the car's trunk, spread the four straps, close your trunk, lay the mat out, place the bag on the mat, and hook up the straps. You can open and close the trunk with the bag in place. It saves all the space in the car's trunk for your wife's shoes. 😊

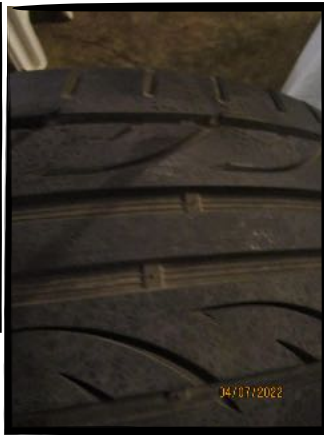
I have used it on short weekends trips and long trips to rallies in Boston, Nashville, Connecticut, and Ottawa.

This is the companies [website](#) and more images are here.

The condition is very good. It cost \$225 new, in US dollars, and I am selling it for \$125.



Item 2 of 4. 2006-2012 NC OME 17" wheels in good shape, and they come with four Hankook Ventus V12EVO 2, 205/45ZR17/88 wide tires on them. Tires are in fair shape. Two tires have about 5,000 miles, the other two are marginal.



I am selling them for \$250.

Item 3 of 4. Motorola BPR40 Mag One UHF radio with our club radio frequency installed on it, also has a charger and battery included! Cost new \$145.00 plus \$15.00 to install club frequency on radio.

\$75.00 plus shipping.





Item 4 of 4. Also, like new NC Miata/MX5 muffler, fits 2006 - 2015. off a 2009 Miata/MX5. The owner replaced it after 8,000 miles on the car with a Borla (louder) muffler. See pictures below. Like new!

Best offer!



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

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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, just 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](#), with 555 followers. 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](#) Did you know that the maps have been viewed 609 times?

**Deadlines:** Submissions for the newsletter are due to the newsletter editor on the twenty-fourth, 24th, of each month.

**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
May 29	Wheels on Main Street in Waterloo	<b>NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational Only.</b>
June 4	Road trip to Labrador Hollow Unique Area (Lafayette / Tully)	Debbie Bogan and Chet Wilk
June 4	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
June 11	Drive to and Lunch at Rainbow Lodge, near Walton, NY	Lou & Carol Trelease
June 16	Exploratorium 2022	Darius Kasinskas
June 19	Lorenzo European Car Club on Father's Day	Jerry Willis <b>NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational Only</b>
June 19	Great American Race	Jerry Willis <b>NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational Only</b>
July 3	Midstate Miata Club Annual Picnic	Ray & Sue Mosher
July 23	Hard Cider Crawl	Ray Mosher
August 7	Watkins Glen International, Fall Laps and Lunch	Gail Wagner
September 9	Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival	<b>NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational Only</b>
September 29	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