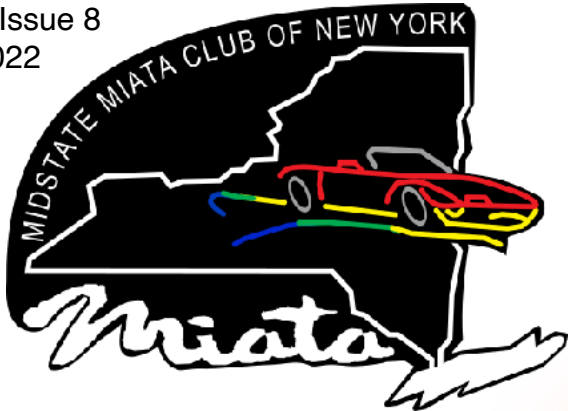


# MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

## MIATA/MX-5 MEANDERINGS

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### President's Letter from Karen McKissock

Wow! October already!!! The season sure went too fast for me...I don't know about you. But I think we did a very good job of filling our calendar with some cool new events as well as several old favorites. I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to coordinate our Zoom Zooming this year and hopefully you'll be able to host some again next year. Keep your eyes and ears out for new ideas and write them down so you don't forget to submit them for our annual planning meeting in February. I know how easy it is to see something interesting and then forget what it was come planning time. For our new members, we are happy to partner you with a 'mentor' to help you with your first event, so please don't feel you aren't qualified to take your idea to fruition. Our seasoned members will guide you.

Thinking about seasoned members and new members it's come to my attention that we need to

remind folks to be a little more diligent about reaching out to new members and welcoming them to events, so they feel valued in the club. The orange dot on name tags indicates they are new, so please keep your eyes open for the 'dots' and introduce yourselves and try to get to know them. Remember when you first joined, and nobody welcomed you? Thanks.

Finally for this month here's a reminder that registration for the **2022 Holiday Party** opens October 1<sup>st</sup>. It's a first come first served registration. **Details and the registration form are later in the newsletter**, pages 6 & 7. It's always a good time, good food and one last time to visit with friends before the long winter's nap.

See you all soon. Please stay safe and healthy.

*Always,  
Karen*

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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 many drives planned each year, 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
Lex Sleeman	Fairport	Rochester	2017	Gray
David & Sue Merry	Homer	Ithaca	1992	Yellow
Carolyn Miller	Macedon	Rochester	2013	Black

Thank you, Darius Kasinskas, for recreating the Club logos. It is easy to change their size without losing their resolution. I think they look great. Well done, Darius!

If you are ordering apparel from Lands' End through the Club's website, you should use our logo that they have on file. Lands' End has optimized it for embroidery work. There are directions on ordering pins using the current artwork. They have optimized it for that purpose. The Club link to Lands' End and pins is [here](#).

The new logos are available for your use by clicking on the link above the images below. The .png file is 507 x 368 pixels, not resizable to a larger size without losing definition, and is approximately 50 - 60 KB in size. If you would like a different size, just let me know.

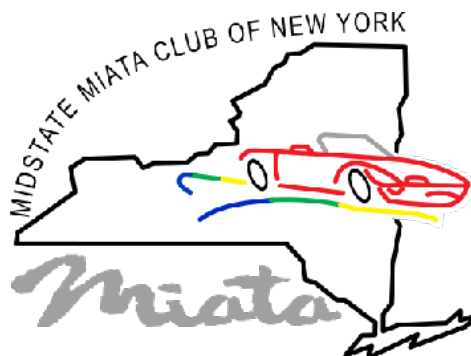
Darius [miata@kasinskas.com](mailto:miata@kasinskas.com) is happy to help with specific questions.

Please send your resizing requests to my email, which is, [John.N.Amon@gmail.com](mailto:John.N.Amon@gmail.com).

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## FUTURE EVENTS

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

Event Coordinator – Dale and Cathy Nagel, Syracuse Chapter

Reservations are required before midnight September 27

**Attention one and all!** The annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally will be held on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting place is:

[Tops Friendly Market, 251 W. Genesee St., Auburn](#)

Meeting time is 12:30 PM. Starting time for first car will be no later than 1:00 PM. May be sooner if we're ready.

Note that the starting point, Tops, (and the finish, wherever that may be) is more centrally located this year than it has been lately. This is an opportunity for more of the Club members to participate.

For those that may not be familiar with the road rally, it's kind of a driving scavenger hunt. You are given clues and directions to follow and you answer questions along the way. Attached you will find an example of the rules and questions from 2017 to better understand. This year's rules and questions will be similar. Follow the instructions correctly, and you'll end up at the finish restaurant where a good time will be had by all!

This is a link to the [Rules and Questions](#).

The best part is, the winner is presented with an awesome, one of a kind trophy to keep and proudly display for the next year. See the photo above.

In the spirit of full disclosure, there is a chance that the rally will be postponed. The ending restaurant that I had planned notified me late last week that they were closing. Permanently. So Cathy and I are in the process of making revisions to our best laid plans. If we're unsuccessful, we will probably postpone until the spring. We will know by Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> if it's going to happen with a new restaurant as planned.

Register by Tuesday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 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, Fall Binghamton Area Picnic

Event Coordinator – Dave & Anita Van Winkle, Binghamton Chapter

Call David and Anita for details.

Register with Dave & Anita at [dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com](mailto:dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com) or 607-338-7777 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.~~ **NOTE!! TIMES CHANGE: Meet at 9:00 a.m. for drivers meeting and A.I.S.M.R. DEPARTURE at 9:30 a.m.** (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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**Saturday Sunday, October 22 23, Autumn Adventure Train Ride <— New Date**

Event Coordinator – Nancy and Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter  
(Rain or Shine)

**Reservations are required before midnight September 16 28 <— New Date**

Enjoy a two-hour round-trip train ride through the wooded scenery and along the Erie Canal from [Medina Railroad Museum](#) to Lockport. This is the [Autumn Adventure Train Ride](#). As the leaves transform into brilliant hues of reds, oranges and gold, you won't miss a beat as you pair your trip in vintage cars with the magnificent sights of the season. There is no better time to enjoy a train ride than during the autumn as the trees are ablaze with fall foliage!

Tickets are \$28 for Adults, \$26 for Seniors 60+, and includes admission into museum.

**RSVP by September 16th 28th <— New Date**

Meet at 9:30 AM at [McDonald's Restaurant](#)

35 Spencerport Rd, Rochester, NY  
14606

43.1651° N, 77.6926° W

10 AM departure

11 AM arrival for visit to museum

12:45 – boarding time

1 – 3 PM – train ride

3:15 Quick trip to local diner (optional)



- TICKETS are valid ONLY for the date/time printed on the ticket and will be handed out prior to boarding by Nancy
- NO smoking on site
- NO outside food or beverages (**Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase inside the Railroad Museum and can be brought onto the train to enjoy during your ride**)
- NO pets allowed

**ALL SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS. NO EXCHANGES.**

Must RSVP by **September 16th 28th (<— New Date)** to Nancy Lowe 585-305-4410 or [nanlowe53@gmail.com](mailto:nanlowe53@gmail.com) in order to reserve Coach seating. Reservations will be closed after that date.

Send payment by **October 12th** via Venmo (address to be provided when you contact Nancy) or check to:

Nancy Lowe  
66 Strathmore Drive  
Rochester, NY 14616

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.



## Sunday, December 4, Midstate Miata/MX-5 Club's Annual Holiday Party

Event Coordinator – Karen McKissock, Rochester Chapter

Reservations are required beginning **October 1** and before midnight, **October 30**

### Midstate Miata/MX-5 Club's Annual Holiday Party

[Springside Inn's, The Point at Sand Beach](#)

11:30 am registration; 12:00 noon cocktails and holiday cheer; 12:30 pm brunch

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



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



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

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

**RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED NO SOONER THAN OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

***Should you need to cancel your reservation, please contact Karen ASAP so we can let other members attend. Karen can be reached at [kmckiss1948@gmail.com](mailto:kmckiss1948@gmail.com) or 585-820-6010. Thank you.***

Do you have any questions? Karen will answer them.

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

**Please send the form on the next page when registering.**

## UGLY SWEATER PARTY



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**Reservation for the 2022 Midstate Miata/MX-5 Club Holiday Party**

To register please mail this form no sooner that October 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than October 30<sup>th</sup> to:

**Karen McKissock 121 Cranbrook Terrace Webster NY 14580**

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

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Date sent \_\_\_\_\_

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ <— *This field will be filled in by Karen upon receipt.*

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

Register with Karen at [kmckiss1948@gmail.com](mailto:kmckiss1948@gmail.com) or 585-820-6010 and your Area Representative.

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## POST EVENT REPORTS

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

Event Coordinator – John Gingrich and Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

Saturday, August 27 was a beautiful sunny, comfortable day for a great ride to Oswego. Three cars, led by Chuck Rischenole, started out from Bill Gray's on Penfield Rd., Rochester, enjoying a scenic drive to Wolcott, taking note of the Venus statue in the center of the village. Seven more cars joined at the Fastrac there, with a total of ten cars, led by John Gingrich, proceeding to Oswego. This leg of the drive included John's favorite four-mile section of road, which has sixteen amazing turns. At Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In they joined nine other cars that had caravanned from Syracuse, making a total of nineteen cars.



The group enjoyed lunch outdoors with a spectacular view of the east end of Lake Ontario, followed by ice cream at Bev's Dairy Treats just a short walk up the street.



Following ice cream, nine cars then proceeded to the Safe Haven Holocaust Museum, located at Fort Ontario. There we took in a powerful story of 982 Holocaust refugees, liberated from a camp in Italy in 1944, who were brought as "guests" by President Roosevelt to the then recently decommissioned Army barracks there as a safe place to stay until the European war ended. Following the war, President Truman devised a creative way for those who wanted to stay in the United States to legally apply as immigrants. This group

of people later became highly productive persons, including doctors, lawyers, musicians, and many other professions. We all left having witnessed a people who, when given the opportunity, overcame great suffering in a moving example of triumph of the human spirit.

Here is the link to. And a link the [Club's Facebook page](#) and to two short videos, [one](#) and [two](#).

Contact 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.

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## Sunday, August 28, Fun Run from Ithaca to Watkins Glen to the Grist Iron Brewery & Pub

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson, Ithaca Chapter



A spur of the moment event and a Miata/MX-5 Club Ithaca Chapter pop-up brought out 8 beautiful Miatas / MX-5s including Ithaca, and Rochester Chapter members! Either they all enjoy a cold micro-brewery beer or they've heard about our famous Ithaca to Seneca Lake famous back roads drive but it was a great bunch of folks! It couldn't have been a more gorgeous late summer day for the

curvy, scenic drive to Watkins Glen and then making the turn onto Route 414 to Burdett. The brewery overlooks Seneca Lake and their outdoor covered patio provided the unparalleled scenic views and sun shelter.

Among our group were a Watkins Glen race track volunteer flagger, John Fleiderer; a new member from the Ithaca Chapter, Art McFall; and (previously unbeknown to me) a honest-to-gosh real sports car racer from the Rochester Chapter, Brian Schirano, who was to race his 1969 Triumph GT6 at The Glen in the Vintage Sport Car Races in September! We also enjoyed seeing our friend "Roast Beef" Chuck Rischenole who drove down all the way from Rochester!

I want to give a shout out to Elisha and Darius Kasinskis from the Rochester Chapter who took the still photos and the video of this event. Thank you! (Elisha also administrates our Miata/MX-5 Club Facebook page and did a great write up there as well.)

The weather was wonderful, the food was delicious, and the company was even better! I hope we can do it again if we get another weekend of Indian Summer!

Link to [images and video](#).



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

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

NON-CLUB SPONSORED EVENT - For Informational Only



The weekend after Labor Day, Watkins Glen International (WGI) race track hosts a weekend of Sports Car 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 Street 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 in a group along a prescribed course, have a group lunch, do laps of the old street 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/MX-5 certainly qualifies and a number of our members enjoy participating every year.

This year there only two of our clubs cars participated in the rally, but a couple more joined us for the afternoon and evening festivities. We enjoyed admiring the vintage race cars, (including more Bugattis that we ever seen in one place before), the Concours d' Elegance entrants, and the cars driven in the various tours, including Mustangs (which was the featured marque this year).

This year we were again blessed with lovely weather, which always helps. I even got to meet Grand Marshall Al Unser Jr. We hope to see you there next year.

More images are [here](#).

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

It wasn't a day like any other day when 14 Club members and one guest started out. It was a Miata day, clear skies, sunshine, reasonable temperatures, and, of course, some fun roads. The drivers were kept busy with hills, curves, dips, and a few hard turns.



The restaurant was ready for us, the service was excellent. Several members ordered different entrees from the menu and all said the meal was excellent. A few of the members had to leave the return trip early to head home and the rest stuck with me to the end which was, of course, an ice cream stop. It has been three long years since we have been able to this event or the Middlesex Fire Department Roast Beef Dinner. Enough is Enough!. As Clara Barton was famous for saying in the commercial. *"Where's The Beef"*

More images and movies are [here](#).

Contact Chuck 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

It was a lovely day to go to the Apple Orchards this year. Weather was great, mostly sunny, not too hot, and no rain. 13 Miatas / MX-5s attended + 1 OTM. Everyone was in good spirits. It was the usual drive down Rt 20 in Lafayette to visit 4 apple orchards (Dear Run, O' Neal's, Navarino, and Beak & Skiff). But everyone was happy to be out in their cars, without having to wear a mask this year.



We got lucky and the orchards weren't crazy busy like in other years, but the prices were up a little. However, everyone got their fill of Fritters. Usually, the judging for the best fritter is pretty close, however the big surprise this year was the vote was almost unanimous, with the big clear winner this year being "Dear Run Orchards"

When asked why their fritters were the best, some reasons stated were that they were: crispy, thin, hot, tasty, freshly made-to order, light coating, and traditional.



There are more images [here](#).

Contact 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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## Saturday, September 24, Early Fall Binghamton Area Miata Run

Event Coordinator – Del Austin, Binghamton Chapter

**A day full of F Words! *Now don't get excited.***

**Fog, Frost, Friends, Food, Frog Pond, Flowers, Fabulous** country roads and **Fall** vistas. And ending with Ice Cream and **FIRE!** All in one Fabulous Miata **Fall** run. The area weatherman was calling for a possible overnight **Frost** and **Fog** in some of our area, but warming up by noon. Six Miata's were to meet at the Airport Inn parking lot at 10:45 and depart by 11:00.

Right on time six Miatas some with tops up and some tops down, probably with their heaters on, took country roads to US Rt 11 heading NW toward Whitney Point, NY and the Aiello's Ristorante, tradition Italian, known to their **fabulous food**, and pizza, and **food** portions. After a lunch of lobster soup and large sausage subs, and oh, those sweet potato fries.



The group of now seven Miata, were off across Route 206 toward the Bainbridge, NY and the Pine Ridge grocery store, known their very good meats and Amish **foods** and bake goods, and a very large supply of candies. Traveling route 206 is one very special Miata Road, many long views of country valleys, sweeping curves, and hills and vistas. Many of the country **farms** had sweet corn and pumpkins in their front yards for sale. In Bainbridge, we headed south on NY RT11 toward the **Frog** Pond for their mouthwatering plain, cinnamon, and **frosted** very large donuts, and of course some **fruits** and vegetables too.

Then, after their fill on the donuts, the of now **four** Miata was heading south toward Afton, NY and onto Port Crane, NY for a stop at a new (to us) ice cream stop, Cones Ice Cream in Port Crane. That's where the **Fire** comes in. We all sat around a very nice stone warm **Fire** pit and enjoyed our very delicious Ice cream.

After a **FULL F-Day**, we said our goodbyes, we are looking **Forward** to our area club picnic at Dorchester Park in Whitney Point, NY on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there!

There are more images [here](#).

Contact Del at [viridel2347@aol.com](mailto:viridel2347@aol.com) or 607-217-5794 or 607-242-6178 and your Area Representative.

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

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



### **WINTER STORAGE TIPS**

Hi, Miata/MX-5 Folks,

As I do each fall, it's apropos to print this column again for our Club newbies and as a refresher to us "oldies" as we tuck our Miatas/MX-5s away for their long winter's storage nap.

Below are some tried-and-true pointers I have found invaluable to keep our Miata's/MX-5's in good condition over the long, cold, NY winter and ready for spring reawakening. *Warning:* Most of you know I am obsessive-compulsive about Miata/MX-5 maintenance. 😊

- **Change the oil and filter BEFORE storage** to remove acids and other waste products that can corrode your motor if you changed it in the spring. Be sure to use a good quality oil filter (I use Mobil One) with an anti-drain-back valve in it. Use a good quality motor oil too. I now use Mobil One 100% synthetic motor oil. It's your choice to use 100% synthetic oil or real petroleum-based oil but do not mix both together. Use one or the other. (In my opinion as well as others, I think the 50/50 blend synthetic on the market is a waste of money.) (Note: If you wish to switch from "dinosaur" petroleum oil to

100% synthetic oil, just be sure to drain ALL old oil first, then add the 100% synthetic.)

- **Wash, wax and thoroughly clean the interior of your car.** This includes washing underneath with a hose, especially the wheel wells, to remove dirt. (Automatic car washes are not recommended.) Vacuum inside thoroughly to remove any food crumbs that entice small creatures to picnic on leftover Doritos. Critters can be unbelievably destructive not to mention their indiscriminate excretory habits. 😞 Consider taking your removable carpets indoors for the winter to prevent becoming musty or mildew-laden. Place a couple of really stinky scented dryer sheets inside the cabin and the engine compartment to discourage critters. Important: PLEASE DO NOT use mothballs; nasty naphthalene fumes are toxic to breathe.
- **Check all fluid levels** before storage, especially the coolant/antifreeze level. Buy a little hydrometer at an auto parts store and check the freeze point or have it checked and coolant flushed/replaced, if necessary, before winter. Old coolant can corrode the engine, cooling system and heater core. (Read my recent article about flushing/replacing your coolant.)

- **Fill the gas tank completely** to prevent condensation that may contaminate your gasoline and corrode the fuel system. Some, including me, suggest ethanol-free gas.
  - **IMPORTANT:** add a gasoline stabilizer additive such as “Sta-bil” brand and run the engine to mix it in to prevent the gasoline from becoming “gummy” to prevent clogging injectors from sitting over time.
- **Check your tire pressure.** Some suggest a slight tire over-inflation may prevent flat spots on your tires if you’re not putting the vehicle up on jack stands. I do not store on jack stands. (More on jack stands below.)
- **Consider placing a sheet of heavy plastic polyethylene sheeting or a large piece of cardboard** under the entire vehicle to prevent vapor buildup, plus it’s easy to spot any fluid leaks (I hope not!).
- **Remove the battery** to a warm, dry place (and charge once a month, if possible) **OR** leave it in the vehicle and consider plugging in a trickle battery charger if you have access to an electrical outlet. **OR**, merely disconnect the battery terminals and leave the battery in the car which is what I do. It’s a popular myth that the battery will discharge if stored on a concrete floor. It won’t, but if you’re a non-believer, set it on a piece of wood.
- **Wrap the wipers in plastic wrap** to prevent the rubber from sticking to the windshield or remove completely and store indoors. *I told you I was O-C.*
- **Jack Stands:** If you’re considering putting your vehicle up on jack stands to prevent flat spots on your tires, don’t put the jack stands under the frame as it will stress the rubber bushings in the suspension if the suspension “droops”. Try to keep the weight as it is now... that is, put the jack stands under the outer ball joints to approximate it sitting on the ground.
  - **IMPORTANT:** Release the parking break. If left on, the brake pads may stick to the rotors.
- **Exhaust & air intake:** Remove the air filter, wrap it in aluminum foil and replace it for critter-nesting defense. Cover the end of the exhaust pipe with aluminum foil to prevent warm, fuzzy critters from nesting and causing havoc. Note: A plastic orange juice bottle top (such as Tropicana) fits snugly over the exhaust tip of NC’s (years 2006-2015). Again, do not use toxic moth balls.
  - **IMPORTANT:** leave yourself a little note taped to the steering wheel to remind yourself to move the aluminum foil from the intake air filter and exhaust pipe or the car won’t start and you’ll be wondering why. Also, note any maintenance issues you might want to address in the spring so you don’t forget, i.e., new wipers, fluid replacements, new hoses, a coolant flush, new tires, etc.
- **Insurance:** You might be tempted to cancel your auto insurance when your vehicle is in storage, that is to cancel completely the Collision insurance and just keep Fire and Theft only. Although that might initially save money, there is a chance that the insurance company will raise your rates due to the gap in coverage when you re-insure which could cost you more in the long run. This can vary based on where you live and who your provider is so contact your insurance company to see what options are available to you. Also, it’s a pain in the neck to remove license plates and get new plates or store at DMV each fall and spring with accompanying paperwork, standing in line, etc. I personally keep all insurance coverage 100% while in storage.
  - p.s. I insure with Haggerty Insurance – it’s so inexpensive for great coverage for older Miatas / MX-5s. They insurance and appraise antique, sports and exotic vehicles.
- **Car Cover:** Consider a good, ventilated, breathable car cover to allow water vapor to leave the vehicle surface and to keep dust and dirt off the finish as well as any felines who love to sleep on convertible tops.
- **Lock the doors,** give ‘er a little pat on the fender and say, “*See you in April*”.

Please be sure to check out my past tech and info columns on our Club [website](#).  
Remember: Take care of your Miata/MX-5 and it will take care of you!

## *Zoom-Zoom Safely Gail*

### **DISCLAIMER**

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

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### **MEMBER STORY**

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

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### **Miata/MX-5 & Miata/MX-5 ITEMS WANTED & FOR SALE**

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If you have a Miata/MX-5 item for sale or wanted a Miata/MX-5 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.

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### **FOR SALE**

#### **Club Frequency Radio**

\$50 Complete with radio, charger, & headset



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

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## FOR SALE

### NC Winter Tires on Rims For Sale

#### Wheel Specs:

- 16 x 7 Sport Edition F10 Silver Painted rims, 2011 retailed at \$340 for 4 wheels before tax

#### Tire Specs:

- 205/50R-16 Michelin X-Ice Xi3 XL (Qty:4)
- Size: 205/50-16
- Purchased in 2017
- Mileage: 18,000
- The taller side wall works well in the winter in the snow.

Price: **\$400** for the set of four (4) wheels and tires.



Contact Nancy Lowe if interested at 585-305-4410 or [nanlowe53@gmail.com](mailto:nanlowe53@gmail.com)



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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 information and **deadlines**. When an accurate or advanced headcount is required, please do not just show up for an event. Register ahead of time with the event coordinator and your Area Representative.

**Guest Waiver:** Here is the [guest waiver form](#). If you 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/MX-5s.

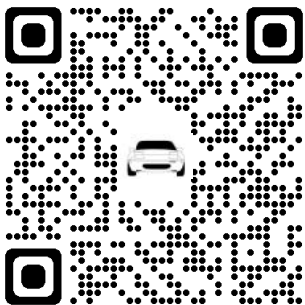
**Hosting Events:** Would you like to host an event, but not sure where to start? We have written this guide and will have mentors who will help you. [This link](#) will take you to the document, "Beginners Guide to Route Planning." For the more experienced people, there is a shorter checklist at this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

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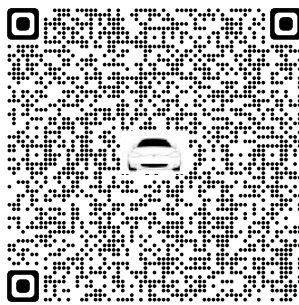
**REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2022**

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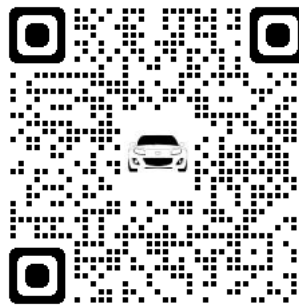
Date	Event	Coordinators
October 2	Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally	Dale & Cathy Nagel
October 8	Early Fall Binghamton Area Miata Run	Dave & Anita Van Winkle
October 12	Sprague's Maple Farms with the Niagara Miata Club	Chuck Rischenole
October 22	Autumn Adventure Train Ride, <b>Registration Required</b>	Nancy Lowe
December 4	Annual Holiday Party, <b>Registration Required</b>	Karen McKissock



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