

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY MIATA / MX-5 MEANDERINGS



President's Letter, from Karen McKissock

As I sit by my window watching the snow falling (again) I'm wishing it to be over soon!!! Even though it's been a light winter here in our areas I can't wait to be able to get into my Miata any time I want to (until next winter). I feel very selfish to complain at all about the winter given the horrendous weather in Buffalo a couple months ago and the ongoing catastrophic weather out west and across the country. I guess I'm glad I live in NY after all!

So let's get started with 2023 season news. On March 11th we held the Annual & Planning meeting which was very well attended even though we are still conducting them via Zoom meetings. I have received several emails with opinions that members really like them and appreciate not having to travel several hours to get there and then back again and not to have to worry about the weather. We'll revisit what to do again next year and maybe the Covid threat won't be a factor in the decision. So for those of you who did not attend, the process was we shared the input from the electronic tool to discuss the details shared as far as the name of the event, proposed date if known, ultimate destination location and length of ride to get there, if food is available and a

brief description/vision of the event. We used the same method for proposed events that were sent via snail mail to Jay. After discussing each event we 'plugged' them into a rough calendar for the season. Later in this newsletter you will find more detailed information about each event and the current planned schedule. Please be advised that sometimes we need to adjust the dates but will send emails as soon as possible to let you know. The second thing to note is that we will continue to add more events as they pop up with new ideas from our members. Once they are approved we will send details and include them in a revised overall season schedule. Please use the schedule to reserve the dates of interest on your personal schedule ASAP. And if you think you're interested in hosting an event you'll find some helpful information later in this newsletter rear bottom of page 24.

If you are an Event Coordinator please remember to prepare your write ups and send them to John per his schedule, the 24th of each month, so as not to hold up the publishing of the newsletter. He usually sends a reminder but try to be prepared for the month before detailed plan and as soon

as possible after the event to describe the day. Thank you from John Amon and me.

I'm very excited to see several brand-new-events as well as a number of our old favorites. It's a great start to another great year and I hope to see many of you at the rides. And don't forget about ice cream nights! I think we have some members that join our club just to go to get ice cream...no problem...It's great to see you anytime!

If you have questions about any of the events please contact Jay or the Event

Coordinator who volunteered to lead us. Or feel free to contact me anytime at 585-820-6010.

Also, please check the contact information for the Area Rep in your region which you'll find near the end of this newsletter and please don't hesitate to contact them with any suggestions or questions you might have.

Till I see you again, Zoom carefully,

Always, Karen

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues are \$30 and are payable by May 1st. Any member not paid by May 15th will be removed from the Club roster. The link to the Membership Application is [here](#) on page 2. *Be sure to include any changes or corrections.*

Please send your renewal check, made out to *Midstate Miata Club of NY*, to:

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

The winner of the free membership for 2023 is David and Karen Cornelius. Congratulations to you both!

If you would like a chance to win next year, all you have to do is have a new member submit their application with your name on the form. So, get out there with the [application forms](#) and give them to every Miata you see.

<i>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!</i>

Welcome to the Midstate Miata Club of New York!

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

NAME	CITY	CHAPTER	CAR YEAR	CAR COLOR
Linda & Ralph DiCaprio	Webster	Rochester	2013	Silver
Tami Becker	Rochester	Rochester	2014	Silver
Al & Merrilee MacWilliam	Hilton	Rochester	1990	Red
Tom & Liv Kirchoff	Pittsford	Rochester	2012	Red
Bill & Jean LaLonde	Dryden	Ithaca	2016	Blue

To Be, or Not to Be (involved that is)

By Jay Cartini

So now that we have the planning meeting behind us that doesn't mean you have lost the opportunity to plan and host an event for the upcoming season.

Did you know we have an international race track right in our own backyard (for the most part). If someone would like to put together a plan for opening day weekend, April 15 and 16, at Watkins Glen International, the track is open for people to do parade laps around the track with the money collected going to charity. Additionally, they have a provision for groups to have time slots to go around the track together and not have to wait and get mixed in with the general public. If someone is interested in hosting this event please reach out to Gail Wagner (our very own Wench with a Wrench) as she has planned this event in the past and can steer you in the right direction. They also allow groups to go out throughout the year during the week from 12-1pm with advanced planning.

In addition throughout the year you may stumble across an event that literally "pops up", hence the term Pop Up Event. This could be anything from a drive-in movie, a seasonal restaurant, a car show, a scenic drive, or who knows what it could be. The procedure is pretty simple, reach out to both Karen McKissock and myself and give us as many details as possible. Typically these events come with short notice and any write up is not included in the newsletter, so we have your write up sent out to the area reps and they distribute the information via email to the membership. You will need to do a follow up report for inclusion in the newsletter afterwards, but that's easy as well. The only real rule regarding these is that they not occur on a previously scheduled event day. We don't need competing events, and there are plenty of blanks on the schedule to fill in.

So that's all I have for you today. So let's try to be "involved" as individual participation is what makes the club so great.

So just remember, *blue is better*.

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

FUTURE EVENTS

[Sunday, May 7, Laps at Pineview Run: Auto & Country Club](#)

Event Coordinator - Jay Cartini, Syracuse Chapter

We will be going back to [Pineview Run](#) again this year. They are expanding the track, making it about twice as long. We will be meeting at the Byrne Dairy in Lafayette at 10 for a 10:30 departure.



Track Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(Meet at the track at 10:30 a.m.)
[Pineview Run Auto & County Club](#)
2250 Case Hill Road, Lafayette, NY 13084

Join us at central New York's premier private race track and country club, Pineview Run Auto & County Club, for 5 pace car/driving coach-led laps, at your own pace, and a group box lunch afterwards under a covered open picnic area. Restrooms available on site. (We will have a few groups of 4-5 cars at a time on track.) Signed liability form,

required, at the track. No helmets required.

Prepay not required, but exact change would be helpful:

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

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

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

Register with first name at jpcartini@aol.com or 315-430-3014 and your Area Representative.....

[Saturday, May 13, Waterfalls Tour](#)

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

It's an odd numbered year, so it time for another in a continuing series of waterfall drives. We have done these in 4 different locations so far. I'm still researching options to make a nice drive to see some nice waterfalls. This years adventure will likely be a mix of old and new. I hope you like this iteration.

The event will start with the pre-drive meeting and proceed along the highway to a few waterfall stops. There will be no more than a short walk to each falls. We will stop at a restaurant for lunch. Meeting time, place and the route are all TBD at this point. I will let everyone know no later than the May newsletter. No signups yet. We will let you know as the time gets closer.



Feel free to ask questions of Ray at mosherrskL@yahoo.com or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.....

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

Event Coordinator - Lou & Carol Trelease, Binghamton Chapter

Scenic drive to and along Cannonsville Reservoir in Western Catskills to Rainbow Lodge for lunch. It's a lovely location and food is excellent. We've been there many times and are always happy with our food. Lunch will be followed by a different drive home and possible ice cream stop. Drive each way approximately 1 hour.



Contact Lou & Carol to register no later than Thursday, May 25 to sign up, so we can give the restaurant a head count, at buckshotfarm@aol.com or 607-655-3061 or 607-372-7134 (cell) and your Area Representative.

Wednesday - Sunday, May 31 - June 4, Zoomin' The Mountains of East Tennessee

Event Coordinator - Lorie Haggerty, Information only



This years' "Zoomin' the Mountains of East Tennessee" (ZTMOET) event is set for May 31 - June 4, 2023, and will welcome many Miata enthusiasts' to enjoy driving the winding, curvy roads of East Tennessee from as far away as New York, Maryland, Florida, Ohio, Utah, and Nova Scotia, Canada. ZTMOET has become one of summers' hottest Miata events in the Southeast Region.

Details are found [here](#), including the registration process.

Register with Lorie at zoominlorie@gmail.com or 423-791-0108.

Saturday, June 3, Marcellus Parade

Event Coordinator - Chuck Paul, Syracuse Chapter

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



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

Register with Chuck at cpaul@twcny.rr.com or 315-673-4432 and your Area Representative.

TBD, June ?, Zoom Zoom Shop Hop

Event Coordinator - Al & Merrilee MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

For the avid quilter, the interested sewer and the one along for the drive, the Great New York Shop Hop runs for 10 days in June. While many shops between Syracuse and Buffalo participate, we will select 3 shops in a loop that should satisfy everyone.



We will meet in Avon,NY and convoy to Caledonia, then exercise our Miatas on the Oatka Creek Trail. Through LeRoy (birthplace of Jello) we will follow Rt 246 to Perry, NY. Onward to the south entrance of [Letchworth State Park](#) and lunch at the [Glen Iris Inn](#).

There is no entry fee for persons over 62 years of age.

Lunch entries are in the \$20 range. Following lunch we will embark on the longest drive of the day, north through the Park, then predominantly on US20A to our third quilt shop. Leaving 45 minutes to visit each of the first two shops, and 90 minutes for lunch we should arrive at the final shop, and the end of the Zoom Zoom Shop Hop, about 6.5 hours after we started, with 120 new miles on our Miatas.

At this time the quilt shop owners have not selected dates in June for their Shop Hop. We haven't picked a starting time yet because some shops have extended hours during Shop Hop. After our team pre-runs the route in April, we will select the third quilt shop. Whichever one we pick, it will have easy access to the NY Thruway to speed up the drive home for people with a long way to go.

Check your May newsletter for firmed up dates.

More photos are [here](#).

If you are interested in participating, please contact Al & Merrilee at macwill77@gmail.com or 585-392-7702 or 585-465-3888 so that we can get an estimate of the interest and fine tune the timing of the stops, and lunch. Zoom Zoom!

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

Event Coordinator - John & Susan Amon, Rochester Chapter

If you have never been through East Aurora and onto the Elma Towne Grille and then to the Marilla Country Store, you do not want to miss this trip. All that, plus great roads on the way!



We will drive together, including that fun and twisty drive down Oatka Creek Trail, over some big hills, and past a huge windmill farm to East Aurora and then Elma, with a pit stop in Warsaw. We'll have lunch at the Elma Towne Grille. After lunch, we will explore the Marilla Country Store, opening in 1851, north of Marilla.

Is anyone interested in ice cream? We can set a meeting time to leave East Aurora and head to Yummies in Warsaw.

Register with John at john.n.amon@gmail.com or 585-617-4334 and your Area Representative.....

Saturday, June 17, The Full Gulch

Event Coordinator - Elisha Kasinskis, Rochester Chapter

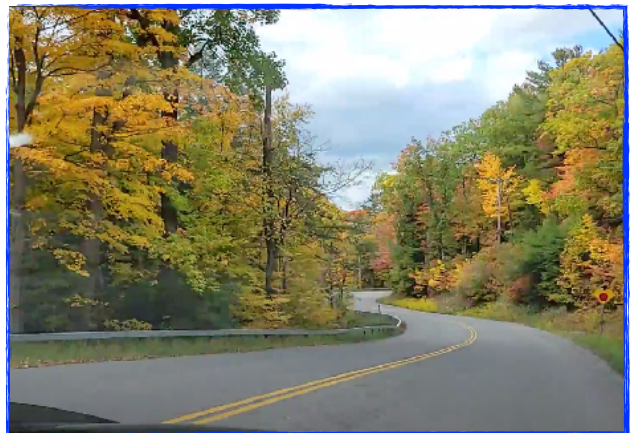
During an hour and a half of driving, you will go left and right and up and down on the curving roads, followed by more lefts and ups and downs and rights. Join us for a fun tour of the road south from Bloomfield towards lunch in Naples and an ice cream stop at Linnie Lou's, with a trip to the Olde Country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

Lunch will be at the Redwood Restaurant in Naples.

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

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

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



We'll meet at Quicklee's Mobil station in Bloomfield, featuring a restroom rated 5 out of 5 Rubber Duckies by a local observer, at the corner of NY SR 444 and East Main.

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

Register with Elisha at ekasinskas@hotmail.com or 585-737-5425 and your Area Representative.

Saturday, June 18, European Car Club Show

Information only

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

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

Mondays - June 19, July 10, August 14, & September 11, Dog House Track Days

Event Coordinator - Tom Kubiak, Information only



[Dog House Track Days](#) has invited our Club members to participate in their High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) events. The events happen at the [New York Safety Track](#) located at 396 Zimmerman Rd, Harpersfield, NY, 13786. Normally this is a motorcycle track, but on June 19, July 10, August 14, and September 11 it is open to cars.

You must use a Snell approved SA 2015 or newer helmet. Here is a document that outlines all of the [requirements and policies](#). Roll bars are not required, see the last item under 'vehicle exterior'

in the [Dog House Days Tech Form](#).

You will need to have your car checked by a qualified technician, for example by car dealerships, certified auto repair centers, certified state inspection facilities, or racing shops. Here is the [form](#) that they and you need to complete.

Register with Tom at tom.kubiak.911@gmail.com

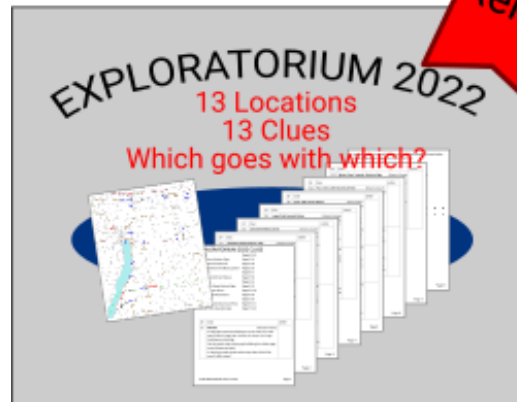
Saturday, June 24, Exploratorium 2022 Rerun

Event Coordinator - Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

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.

Detail coming from Event Coordinator.



Register with Darius at darius@kasinskas.com or 585-698-4098 and your Area Representative.

Sunday, July 2, Club Annual Picnic

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

The Club will pay for the park admission and to rent a pavilion, with toilets, at [Fillmore Glen State Park](#) for our Club picnic.

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 or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

Saturday, July 8, Ride to Old Ft. Niagara and lunch at the Wilson Boat House

Event Coordinator - Nancy and Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter

We will be taking a leisurely ride along Lake Ontario to Old Ft. Niagara in Youngstown, NY <https://www.oldfortniagara.org/>. Very picturesque with a view over to Toronto, Canada.

We will take the short drive to the small village of Wilson for a lovely lunch/early dinner on the Wilson Harbor and will likely make an ice cream stop on the way home.

Detail coming from Event Coordinator.

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

Monday - Friday, July 10 - 14, Circle the Smokies, Road Rally

Event Coordinator - Graham Sauser, Information only

From the bustling and quirky Asheville, NC, following the blue ridge parkway, winding switchbacks, the infamous "*Tail Of The Dragon*", and the Cherohala Skyway as we make our way to Chattanooga, Knoxville, Pigeon Forge, and beyond. Epic drives, a day at a drag strip and exciting nightlife await! We hope you enjoy your drive as we take spirited jaunt around the Smokies on some of the most scenic winding roads in the southeast! This [preliminary info guide](#) is here to give you a better idea of our itinerary and the [website](#).

Register with Graham graham@ramblerrallies.com or 312-682-1321.

Early or mid July, Apple Hard Cider Crawl

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter



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

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

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

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

Register with Ray at mosherrskl@yahoo.com or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

Sunday, July 22, North Rose Model Railroad

Event Coordinator - Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter

Detail coming from Event Coordinator.

Register with Bill at nanbilowe@gmail.com or 585-865-6158 and your Area Representative.

Wednesday, August 2, Annual Log Cabin Cruise Night

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

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

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

Saturday, August 12, Northeast Classic Car Museum

Event Coordinator - Del Austin, Binghamton Chapter

Rain date, Sunday, August 13

The Binghamton area August run will be August 12th or 13 rain date. Tour of the museum where one of our members has his Miata in the museum for one year. Drive, the tour of the Museum, lunch and ice cream on the run home. More info in a May or June newsletter.

Register with Del at delbertaustin2347@gmail.com or 607-217-5794 and your Area Representative.

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

Event Coordinator - Chuck & Grace Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

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



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

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

Sunday, August 27, Western NY MG Car Show

Event Coordinator - David King, Rochester Chapter

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

Register with David at doeskygato@aol.com or 585-3776461 or 585-662-7635 and your Area Representative.

Friday, September 8, Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter, Information Only

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

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



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

members participate every year.

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

Register with Ray Mosher, Club Vice President, at mosherrskl@yahoo.com or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631 and your Area Representative.

Sunday, September 10, EXPLORATORIUM 2023 (NEW)

Event Coordinator - Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

NEW EXPLORATORIUM!

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

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

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

Register with Darius at darius@kasinskas.com or 585-737-5480 and your Area Representative.

Saturday, September 16, Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter

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

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



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

Sunday, October 1, Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter

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



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 28th if it's going to happen with a new restaurant as planned.

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

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

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

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



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

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

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

Sunday, December 3, Annual Holiday Party

Event Coordinator - Full Name, X Chapter

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

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

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

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

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

RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED NO SOONER THAN OCTOBER 1ST
AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 30TH

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

Do you have any questions? Karen will answer them.

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

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

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

[TBD, Schenectady Polo Club](#)

Event Coordinator - Chuck Paul, Syracuse Chapter



Detail coming from Event Coordinator.

Register with first Chuck at cpaul@twcny.rr.com or 315-673-4432 and your Area Representative.....

[TBD, WGI Pace Laps](#)

Event Coordinator - Full Name, X Chapter

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

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

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



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

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

POST EVENT REPORTS

As events happen, there will be reports in the section beginning in June.

TECHNICAL TIPS

by Gail Wagner - Midstate Miata Club of New York

Watch for Gail's articles beginning in May.

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Gail*

[Barrett-Jackson Auction](#): What do you think a white, 1990, 1.6L Miata just sold for?

[Hagerty Article](#): My Miata (sort of) won America's oldest off-road race

First Aid Kits (FAKs) for your Miata

Spring brings thoughts of outdoor and driving adventures and preparing your Miata for a fun summer. Now is an excellent time to give thought to your first aid kit.

Disclaimer: The advice here is not definitive, nor a substitute for proper training. In all cases, training and medical professional guidance supersede the advice given here.

The **most important component of a first aid kit** is your knowledge and training. Buying a fancy FAK is only half the solution, and will prove inadequate if you are unfamiliar with or don't know how to use it. The Red Cross offers online and in-person, often hands-on, classes. One example is Adult First Aid/CPR/AED Skills. Another excellent example is Stop The Bleed. It's a grassroots national awareness campaign and call to action. Stop the Bleed encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. See www.dhs.gov/stopthebleed for more information.

Some **first aid kit contents expire**. Take some time now to examine yours. Familiarize yourself with what's there by removing everything, looking it over, and putting it back into the kit. Read the accompanying instructions. Make sure you can get to the kit and everything in it quickly and easily. Consider you may be alone and possibly injured or bleeding. Now is the time for fun practice using some of the components.



Commonly available FAKs are often overstocked with low-cost items. It is not unusual to see several dozen adhesive bandages ("band-aids"), a First Aid pamphlet, and a few ointments or soon-to-expire over-the-counter meds. These may soothe your conscience and be easy on your pocketbook, but may not be as useful as you think should more serious situations arise.



[Medical Gear Outfitters](#) is a reliable supplier of first aid kits, contents, and related accessories. These range from a \$10 "Boo-Boo Kit" with adhesive bandages, ointments, and current over-the-counter medications, to full kits such as the \$50 FATPack 4x6 Small Kit, to more extensive kits such as the \$85 FATPack 7X10 Response Kit. Some components of the Response Kit, such as the CPR shield, occlusive dressing, and 6" Israeli (pressure) Bandage require training to use but would be useful for trained medical professionals who may happen to be at the scene.



Tailor first aid kits based on situations you may experience. Components generally address one or more of these:

- Minor wounds, scrapes, burns, bug bites
- Pain or other symptom relief
- Vital medications
- Activities

Major Trauma and Critical Medical Emergencies

In this situation, contact 911 immediately. The sooner first responders are en route the faster lives can be saved. Assess the scene's safety. If for example, the vehicle is unstable because it is flipped, or in heavy traffic, do not approach. This same rule applies to emergency medical services. Law enforcement and firefighters are trained to handle these situations. Avoid becoming a victim yourself.

Minor Wounds, Scrapes, Burns, Bug bites

Stock some sterile pads, gauze tape, and medical tape to handle cuts and abrasions that can't be easily covered with an adhesive bandage. Don't forget a couple of pairs of nitrile gloves because you may be helping someone else with a persistent bleed. Include scissors (sometimes called trauma shears), which can be purchased for around \$5. Ointments disinfect or alleviate burn or bug bite pain. Hydrocortisone cream and triple antibiotic ointment are useful. Check ointment expiration dates. Sunscreen is a good addition for convertible enthusiasts.

Pain or Other Symptom Relief

Stock analgesics. Acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol) is used for the relief of mild to moderate pain such as headache, muscle aches, minor arthritis pain, toothache as well as pain caused by colds, flu, sprains, and dysmenorrhea. Males need not be concerned with the latter. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as Ibuprofen, reduce pain, decrease inflammation, decrease fever, and prevent blood clots. Some patients are cautioned not to use NSAIDs, so carry both. Consider other needed medications such as for motion sickness.

Vital Medications

This is often an overlooked area. If you regularly take medications during the day, or for acute situations such as angina or anaphylaxis, stock them in the kit. Of course, you'll be carrying them with you anyway, but what if you forget or lose them? Check expiration dates.

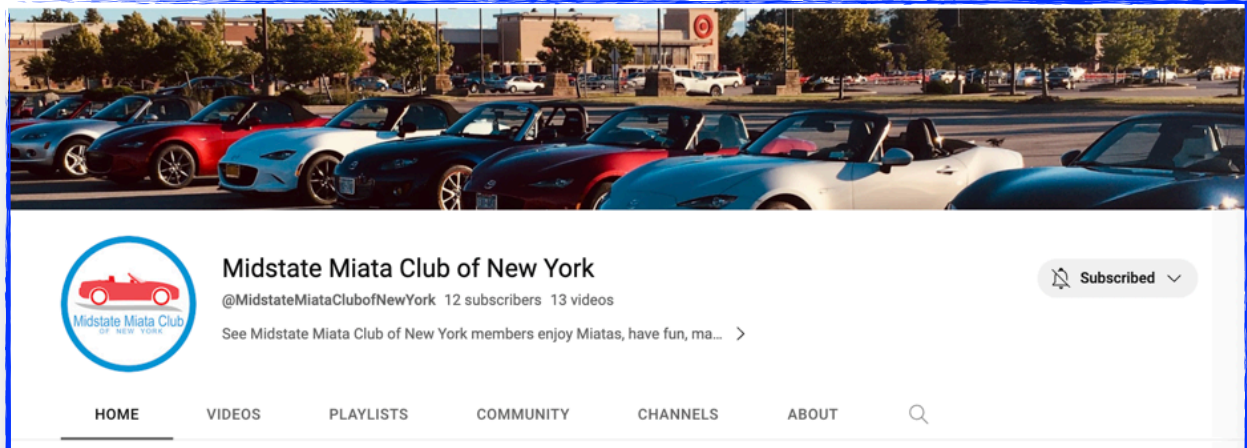
Activities

Adapt kit contents to favorite activities. Consider energy chews and seatbelt cutters for driving; fine tweezers and magnifying glass for hiking; pupil light pen and eye drops for camping; and antihistamines for allergy season.

By Darius Kasinskas

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

New MMCoFNY Club YouTube Channel Experience Miata Fun Year-round



The club has a sparkling new public YouTube channel, [Midstate Miata Club of New York](#). Videos have been compiled from previously submitted materials, some of which you may have seen. Like, subscribe and share the videos to show others the fun we have. It could attract new members!

Every club member can submit videos. In the next newsletter, we'll tell you how.

Tell us what you think about the channel at mmcofny@gmail.com.

[Fun Poll](#): Do you wave to other Miatas?

MEMBER STORY

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

Congratulations to Chet W. (Syracuse Chapter). He retires after nearly 62 years!

Do you remember when John F. Kennedy was President? Chet began working in his uncle's automotive electrical shop when JFK had just been sworn into office less than two months earlier. Since then, Chet worked his way through college and graduate school, worked three careers, and just recently retired in January 2023.

Career-wise, fresh out of graduate school, Chet established Utica University's Human Resources Department serving as its first Director. Later, he held top HR positions with Fisher Price Toys, Bernzomatic Corporation, and Philip Broadband Networks.

A second career was in the Human Services field at Access CNY, where he managed a group of dedicated employees helping disabled individuals seeking employment.

In addition, Chet had his own business as a vendor for the New York State Education Department, where he assisted participants in forming their businesses.

Now that he is retired, Chet looks forward to spending more time on the open road in his "ticket me red" 2016 Miata in search of an ice cream mecca. He will also walk many miles at Clark Reservation State Park, swim at Trufitness gym, and remain a student of history. Chet also has plans to spend more time with his family, including his seven beloved grandchildren. He likes to camp with them and attends various school activities such as sports events, plays, and musicals.

As a dedicated work servant, Chet volunteers for Saint Paul's Downtown Syracuse Episcopal Church. He is active with their outreach ministry with the senior residents at the Downtown YMCA.

Chet was recently selected to be a member of the Board of Directors for the Advocates for SUNY Upstate Medical University. For more than 100 years, Advocates for Upstate has supported healthcare and scholarship at UMU through its fundraising and service initiatives.

We wish Chet many happy and healthy years in his well-deserved retirement.

by Debbie Bogan, Syracuse Chapter

There are more images of Chet [here](#).



MIATA/MX-5 FOR SALE AND WANTED

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

FOR SALE

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



Contact Chuck Rischenole if interested at candgr@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Year and model 1995 Miata MX-5
Exterior and Interior color . Red and Black
Soft or hard top Soft Top
Engine 4 cylinder, 1.8 L
Transmission Manual
AC or other major option . AC
Mileage 35,000
Other major options Roll Bars, 16" Wheels,
Cruise Control
Price \$12,750



General description Very Good Condition. Well Maintained, and Regularly Serviced

A larger photo is on Google Drive [here](#)

Contact: Bill Smith, bspilot@gmail.com, 315-778-9660

FOR SALE

Year and model 2005 Miata MX-5 LS
Exterior and Interior color . Black Cherry Mica/
Tan leather
Soft or hard top Soft Top
Engine 1.8L, 4 cylinder
Transmission 6 Speed Manual
AC or other major option . AC
Mileage 45,000
Other major options Bluetooth
Price \$15,900



General description Last model year for the NB. Excellent condition. Always garaged, well maintained, regularly serviced. Never driven in snow or salt, and rarely in the rain. New tires and battery last year. New AC condenser. Everything works. Added Bluetooth, otherwise the car is factory stock. Car cover and ramps included. I bought it from the original owner seven years ago. A more photos are on Google Drive [here](#). More photos available. Happy to answer any questions.

Contact: Don Loy, donloy25@gmail.com. (585) 698-8010.

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Do you remember these early ads?

It seems fitting to recall some of the Miata's history as our Club approaches 30 years old in 2024.

Car Clubs

MIATA SPORTS Club — Charter memberships avail, newsletter w/technical information and performance equipment, only \$25 annual membership fee. Send SASE to: M.S.C., 1509 Pierson DR, Charlotte, NC 28205.

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE STARTED SOMETHING.

Now, what in the world would encourage someone to start a car club for a car that won't be available for weeks? We think that *AutoWeek** has a pretty good answer: "Mazda's MX-5 Miata is our own idealized memory of sports roadsters: It recalls what we loved about them and forgets the nastiness." Need we say more!

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COMING JULY 1.

*AutoWeek, March 20, 1989

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Thanks you Al & Merrilee
MacWilliam

CLUB INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deadlines: Submissions for the newsletter are due to the on the 24th of each month. John.N.Amon@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

QR Codes for your favorite places



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Ice Cream
Schedule

REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2023

Date	Event	Coordinator
May 7	Laps at Pineview Run: Auto & Country Club	Jay Cartini
May 13	Waterfalls Tour	Ray Mosher
May 27	Scenic drive and lunch at Rainbow Lodge	Lou & Carol Trelease
May 31	Zoomin' The Mountains of East Tennessee	Info Only
June 3	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
June TBD	Quilt Shop Shop Hop	Al & Merrilee MacWilliam
June 10	Twisty and hilly roads on the west side	John & Susan Amon
June 17	The Full Gulick	Elisha Kasinskas
June 18	European Car Club	Info Only
June 19	Dog House Track Days	Info Only
June 24	Exploratorium 2022 Rerun	Darius Kasinskas
July 2	Club Annual Picnic	Ray Mosher
July 8	Old Ft. Niagara & the Wilson Boat House	Bill and Nancy Lowe
Early-mid July	Apple Hard Cider Crawl	Ray Mosher
July 22	North Rose Model Railroad	Bill Lowe
August 2	Annual Log Cabin cruise night	Chuck Rischenole
August 12	Northeast Classic Car Museum	Del Austin
August 26	Middlesex Fire Dept. Family Style Roast Beef	Chuck & Grace Rischenole
August 27	Western NY MG Car Show	Dave King
September 8	Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend	Info Only
September 10	EXPLORATORIUM 2023 (NEW)	Darius Kasinskas
September 16	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy
October 1	Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally	Lee Maddy
October 18	Annual Outing with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole
December 3	Annual Holiday Party	Help Wanted
TBD	Schenectady Polo Club	Chuck Paul
TBD	WGI Laps	Help Wanted
TBD	New England Tour	Lee Maddy