

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY MIATA / MX-5 MEANDERINGS



President's Letter, from Karen McKissock

I'll try to make this short and sweet this month so you can all get back to raking leaves...Lol! Our regular season events are winding down, but new details are coming into view for the final event of the year – the Holiday Party. Please read the article carefully for details, changes and deadline for registration. It should be a lot of fun as usual, and I hope many of our new members can join us for good food, good friends and good fun. Take note that the portion of the day that we used to call the White Elephant exchange is now a simple gift exchange. We've had feedback about some inappropriate gifts and some 'real junk' that were brought. Guidance is included in the party article.

Also, you'll begin to see us talking about our Club's 30th anniversary dinner dance on June 8th, 2024. Our committee consists of Nancy Lowe, Barb Hunsinger, Al McWilliams, Mary Beth Parkhurst,

Dale Nagel and me. We'd love to have you join us if you have a little time so let me know if you're interested.

Last, but not least, John has included information about the 2024 Officer election process. Please read it carefully and consider if you, or someone you know, might be nominated for an office. I will not be running for a position next year, so we must fill the President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer positions. The information later in the newsletter will be valuable for you to know. We must fill all these spots or 'the government will shut down'...

OK so I can't do short and sweet, but I can say I hope to see you at an event before the season ends.

Stay safe and Zoom-Zoom as much as you can!

*Always,
Karen*

HELP WANTED

Hello Holiday Enthusiasts,

Are you ready to sprinkle some holiday cheer and be the driving force behind our upcoming festive holiday party? We're in search of two merry individuals to be the face of our registration table, and we believe you've got the holiday spirit in spades! Get ready to spread joy and ensure every guest's arrival is filled with the magic of the season.

Event Details


Date: December 3, 2023


Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location: 2924 Sand Beach Rd, Auburn

Theme: Jingle All the Way!


What's in it for You?


 Become Santa's helpers: You'll be the first to greet our guests, setting the tone for an afternoon of holiday merriment.

 Mix and mingle: Make new friends as you welcome guests with warm smiles and holiday spirit.

 Cherish the memories: Help create unforgettable moments for everyone at the party.

Responsibilities

 Welcome and check-in guests with a jolly greeting.

 Validate guest lists to ensure a smooth sleigh ride into the event.

 Distribute event-themed preprinted name tags and tent cards.

 Be a holiday helper, answering questions and sharing event information.

Contact Karen McKissock at kmckiss1948@gmail.com or 585-820-6010 or 585-474-0626.

ELECTIONS, 2024 - 2026

Officer elections for the Midstate Miata Club of New York

Officers will hold office from spring 2024 until spring 2026. Nominations for elected Club officers will open November 1, 2023 from all members who are in good standing and have joined our Club on or before August 1, 2023. They will remain open until January 30, 2024. The pilots and the co-pilots may each submit nominations. You may read the complete description in the bylaws, Article VII, on the Club website or click on [this link](#).

The names of the nominees will be emailed to you and also listed on the Club [website](#) on February 1, 2024. Send your nominations for officers to Karen McKissock, President. She will confirm that your nominee is interested in holding the office. Click on [this link](#) to use the online form or [this link](#) to obtain and print your nomination form. Or you may simply email Karen your nominee's name.

Midstate Miata Club of New York

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Voting will open on February 1, 2024, and continue until the Annual Planning meeting when it is scheduled in February or March. Both the pilot and copilot may each submit a ballot. The Club Secretary will accept your vote by the U.S. Mail or email. However, the mailed ballots must be received before the Annual Planning meeting to be valid. Should we have a live meeting, you may bring your completed ballot to the Annual Planning meeting and hand-deliver it to the Club Secretary instead of mailing it if you choose to vote.





Midstate Miata Club of New York

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The Club Secretary shall count the ballots at the Annual and Planning meeting. The nominee for each office who has the majority of the votes cast shall win the election. If there is a tie, then there shall be an immediate run-off. Eligible members present at the meeting, the pilots and co-pilots, shall revote for any tied candidates. Installation of the newly elected officers shall happen after the election and at the Annual and Planning meeting.

The term for elected officers is two years, elections taking place in even years, and there are no term limits.

Offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

NOVEMBER 2023	DECEMBER 2023	JANUARY 2024	FEBRUARY 2024
			
Nominations November 1 through January 30			Voting February 1 through Annual Meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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 to 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	YEAR	COLOR
No new members this month		😞		

30TH ANNIVERSARY IS ON APRIL 10, 2024. FOUNDED ON APRIL 10, 1994

Do you remember these early ads?

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

Thank you Al & Merrilee MacWilliam



HAVEN'T WE MET SOMEWHERE BEFORE?

Mazda Miata It may have been thirty years ago, or just yesterday. A little two-seater caught your eye, and you've never been quite the same. Memories like this created the Mazda Miata. A product of both dreams and advanced technology, it's the perfect reason to pursue your love of the classic sports car.

Slip into the cockpit and you're greeted by snug, supportive seats and traditional round analog gauges. Twist the key and the 1.6-liter DOHC engine answers with a throaty growl—a note tuned to perfection by testing more than 100 exhaust pitches.


As you snap through the gears with the short-throw shifter, the front-engine/rear-drive layout and four-wheel double-wish-bone suspension combine to deliver razor-sharp handling. There's little doubt that the Miata is a purist's dream.

Yet this is one dream car that's also thoroughly down to earth. It's been named the most trouble-free sports car in America.*

Even the most jaded automotive critics have fallen head over heels. "Automobile of the Year" proclaimed *Automobile Magazine*. While *Road & Truck* judged the Miata to be one of the five best cars in the world. Kind of makes it hard to resist, doesn't it?

So stop torturing yourself. Look up your Mazda Dealer, and take the Miata for a spin. You might just fall in love with a roadster. For the first time, or all over again.

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REQUESTING EARLY REMEMBRANCE



Do you have any stories from your early days in our Miata club or other early Miata clubs? It would be great to see early newsletters or photographs! You may not have digital pictures from the 1990s or early 2000s. You can use your phone or scanner to copy the photo of the Polaroid or Kodak print.

Were you an early member of the Midstate Miata Club of New York? Or maybe a member of one of the other early Miata clubs, such as the Finger Lakes Area Miata Enthusiasts (F.L.A.M.E.)? Please contact me with your stories!

[Email](#) me or [post](#) all your remembrances from back in the day. Or we could talk, and I'll write a summary of our discussion.

Were you or do you know of any early Miata clubs. Please let me know!

Or you can mail me your old photographs. I'll copy them and send them back to you. Be sure to include your mailing address. My address is John Amon, 480 Colby St, Spencerport, NY 14559

FUTURE EVENTS

Sunday, October 1, Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter

Meeting Place: Byrne Dairy Gas Station in Lafayette NY (Rt. 20 & Rt. 81) – back of building

Meeting Time: 11:00 AM, cars will start departing at 11:30 AM

The annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally will be held on Sunday October 1st, this year, and as last year's winner, I have the great honor of planning and running this year's rally. I am also excited to say that our friends in the [Ottawa Miata Club](#) are coming down for the weekend, and will be joining us for the rally on Sunday, so let's have a good showing of cars. I am hard at work on the planning, and hope to make this year's rally the best one yet.



For those who may not be familiar with what a road rally is, it is kind of a driving scavenger hunt. You are given directions to follow, and clues to answer along the way. The more questions you can answer, and photos you can identify, the better your chances of glory and bragging rights. You also get to engrave your name on the awesome one-of-a-kind trophy, and display it for a year for all to admire and revere.

Follow the instructions correctly, and your team will end up at the finish line, at the mystery restaurant where we will all gather, share a meal (a wide range of selections will be available for you to order off the menu), and share your excitement of the drive you just completed.



This event is for ALL club members, not just those from the Syracuse area. I welcome everyone from the other chapters to also join us, and win.

Come to this event and not only meet some new club members, but also make some new friends from the Ottawa (Underground) Miata Club.

There was so much excitement from the Ottawa Club that they needed to limit their caravan to 13 cars.

Unfortunately, due to size, I may also need to limit the turnout due to space restrictions at the restaurant, So, if

you plan on attending, it is critical that you **RSVP** in advance, and early, to guarantee a coveted spot, no later than **Thursday September 28th**.

Join us for the fun, try something new, and make some new friends. Let us show our Canadian friends some hospitality, and by the end of the night you might just leave speaking with an accent?

Register with Lee at mrmiataman@yahoo.com, or text my cell at (315) 952-7148, and your Area Representative.

Saturday, October 7, Hard Cider Crawl

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

Due to Lafayette Apple Festival traffic, we are changing the Hard Cider Crawl meeting point. We will now meet one exit south, at the [Circle K](#) just east of the Tully exit. This was our snack/potty stop for the waterfall tour.

We meet at 11:45 for a high noon departure. After about a 30-minute drive we arrive at [Critz Farms Brewing & Cider Co.](#) near Cazenovia to taste their cider and beer. 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, in Sidney. Then, a return drive home via a mostly different route. The Southern Tier group can organize their own drive to meet at Awestruck Ciders. Awestruck opens at 3pm, so not much point in getting there before then. 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 need to reserve a spot with Ray, you can just show up. If there is no food at Critz, there are no other stops en route, hence no food on the run until we get to Awestruck around 3:00, so plan to eat lunch before you come or bring a snack. There are toilets at each stop, but none planned on the road.

Contact Ray Mosher, Club Vice President, at mosherrskL@yahoo.com or 315-935-6281 with any questions.

Saturday, October 14, The FALL Gulick

Event is rain or shine.

Event Coordinator - Al MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

First there was the "Full Gulick". Now here comes the "Fall Gulick", run through the same area during the colorful fall foliage of Western NY in October! Join us as we embark on one last run before winter storage!



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. Come along for a fun tour of the road south from Bloomfield towards lunch in Naples with a trip to the [Olde Country Store](#) in North Cohocton.

Lunch will be at the [Redwood Restaurant](#) in Naples.

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.

We'll meet at [Quicklee's Mobil Service Station](#) in Bloomfield at 10:15 am, at the corner of NY SR 444 and East Main. Miatas zooming by 10:45! The round trip, back to Bloomfield, will be about 66.5 miles.

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

Register by October 11th with Al at macwill77@gmail.com or (585) 392-7702, 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 meet at the [McDonalds in Avon](#), 250 E, Main St. for a pit stop and **drivers meeting at 8:30 am 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 the [Burger King](#) in Yorkshire for a PIT STOP and to meet up with the Niagara Miata Club for their ride to [Sprague's Maple Farm](#) Restaurant. 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 Miata 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.

Register for the event no later than Thursday October 12th.

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

Sunday, December 3, Annual Holiday Party

Event Coordinator/Committee - Karen McKissock & Susan and John Amon, Rochester Chapter

Save the date for our Annual Miata Club Holiday party! Time to get our holiday spirit going.

We will be having a beautiful Holiday buffet at the [Springside Inn's "The Point at Sand Beach"](#) facility [located](#) at 2924 Sand Beach Rd, Auburn, N.Y. This location is not at their main Restaurant/Bar/Inn. Registration begins at 11:30 am, 12:00 noon cocktails and holiday cheer, and 12:30 pm buffet breakfast. There will be a cash bar available. There is a maximum capacity of 80 guests so we will number registrations as they arrive and hold any received after the maximum is received following 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.

Also returning will be the Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. Let's see if we can get 100% participation. Lots of fun and makes for great conversation and there will be a prize for the winner this year.



We'll again have the White Elephant Gift exchange. To participate, bring a gift valued up to \$10. It has been a lot of fun and generates a lot of conversation and joking. **NOTE:** *Please be sure to remember that this should be fun, but respectable and appropriate for a diverse group, some of whom are friends and some who you might not know...let's try NOT to bring something offensive. Thank you.*

**RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
NO SOONER THAN OCTOBER 15th
AND NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 5th**

The cost per person is **\$25** and the Club will pay the additional \$29.

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

Please direct any questions or suggestions to Karen.

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

Midstate Miata Club of New York

% Karen McKissock, Club President, 121 Cranbrook Terrace, Webster, New York, 14580

Please send the form on the next page when registering.

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

To register, please mail this form no sooner than October 15th and no later than November 5th to; Karen McKissock 121 Cranbrook Terrace Webster NY 14580.

Be sure to include your check in the amount of \$xx per person.

Name (s) _____

Number attending _____ Amount \$ _____ (\$25 per person) Date sent _____

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

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Register with Karen at kmckiss1948@gmail.com or 585-820-6010 and your Area Representative between **October 15** and **November 5**. *You need to send the form above and a check.*

POST EVENT REPORTS

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

Event Coordinator - Chuck & Grace Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

Finally after a three year hiatus, thanks to COVID, the Middlesex Dinner is back on the schedule as an annual event.

Today was a day that Mother Nature smiled down upon us with sunshine and kind temperatures, making it a great day for a ride. Members from the Rochester and Syracuse Chapters joined in for a total of 14 cars and 28



people for the event. Six cars joined in the ride that was similar to the past, with a few new surprises thrown in to the route keep them busy on the way to Middlesex. The rest of the group opted not to join us for the ride and met us directly at the fire hall.



You keep hearing all about "New & Improved", and "New Owners" eating places. Well this isn't one of them. The MSFD has been doing this dinner

for 47 years and they don't have to fix or change anything. They only have one rule and that is that you can't leave hungry.

The smart ones remembered the article for the event in the newsletter and got their dessert pie to go because the next stop after the meal was the "traditionally required" ice stop to come to the end of a perfect day. Almost. When leaving to head home it was tops up because it was raining.



A thanks to all who participated in the event.

Put it on your calendar for next year.

Contact Chuck or Grace at candgr@gmail.com or 585-223-7586 or 585704-9940.

Sunday, August 27, Western NY MG Car Show

Event Coordinator - David King, Rochester Chapter

We had four cars and drivers attend the MG Car Club's show on August 27th. David Kuhn took home the award for the best Miata/MX5 in the show based on votes of the people in attendance.

It was an excellent show with 170 British and European cars (except for us and a Corvair) entered. I learned what a *trafficator* was and had a demonstration of how to use it.

Contact David doeskygato@aol.com or 585-3776461 or 585-662-7635.

Friday, September 1, Ginny Lee Café at Wagner Vineyard

Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter



A spontaneous pop-up by the Ithaca Chapter brought 7 cars to drive beautiful country backroads from Ithaca to Hector, NY to Wagner Vineyard and Brewery's Ginny Lee Café. It was a beautiful and sunny September top-down day making a perfect drive to the restaurant for lunch on the deck



overlooking Seneca Lake. The food was delicious, the company even better and we even had a member from the Rochester chapter, one from Binghamton chapter and a "newbie" from Ithaca.

More full size photos are [here](#).

Contact Gail Wagner, at gwtr3red@gmail.com or 607-257-7445.

Friday, September 8, Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter, Information Only

No report.

Contact Ray Mosher, Club Vice President, at mosherrskL@yahoo.com or 315-635-2584, 315-935-6281, or 315-591-2631.

Sunday, September 10, Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter



The shortest but fun annual Apple Fritter Crawl happened on Sunday, September 10 with four faithful Miatas in cool and drizzly weather. Taking off from the Byrne Dairy in Lafayette, we motored down Route 20 to our first turn to Deer Run Orchards. The staff watch the MMC event calendar closely to know when we will be



arriving. We were greeted with "your early this year!" while we placed our orders for their hot, sugar covered fritters fresh out of the fryer. The fritters did not disappoint. They disappeared quickly. With our first purchase of local apples, off we went for a short ride on Route 20 and stopped at O'Neill's Orchard. Their fresh fritters are thicker, more dough than apple. Once gobbled up and with the addition of another Miata, we motored up the hill to Navarino Orchards. Always a favorite, their fritters were ordered between the raindrops. Then it was back down Route 20 to a right turn into Beak & Skiff. A consensus of MMC members decided lunch and quality control of their hard ciders were required instead of more fritters. We gathered around a table indoors to eat and enjoy the dry surroundings. Another Apple Fritter Crawl was a success! All votes were in and Deer Run wins again. We sent off a message to their website and they greatly appreciated our visit! This event is a great short event that promotes local vendors, gets the Fall season started and ends with great friends with full bellies!

More full size photos are [here](#).

Contact Lee at mrmiataman@yahoo.com, or text my cell at (315) 952-7148.

Saturday, September 16, EXPLORATORIUM 2023 (NEW)

Event Coordinator - Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

Thirteen clues, 13 locations, 14 participants, a beautiful day for exploring west of Canandaigua Lake!

Everyone awoke to a refreshing sky blue day and headed to breakfast in Canandaigua. After a review of the clues and locations, seven Miatas set out to match locations on the map to clues they've been given and collect answers. The first locations challenged some until they grew comfortable with how things worked. Soon, members were enjoying beautiful views from hilly roads, seeing new vistas, and looking closely at some places they'd previously only sped past.



At lunch in Honeoye Falls, we all had a lively exchange of anecdotes. Thank you to everyone who came from far away to participate, especially Frank and Lisa Cantone from the Ithaca Chapter.

More full size photos are [here](#).

Contact Darius at miata@kasinskas.com.

Sunday, September 17, Bully Hill Café, Hammondsport

Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter



A pop-up drive to Bully Hill Winery Café for brunch in Hammondsport was off to a cold and dreary beginning at 10:30 a.m. But regardless, 4 cars and 7 members of the Ithaca Chapter had a beautiful backroads drive to Keuka Lake to the Café for brunch.

The view was breathtaking from atop the hill at the winery looking down on the lake from the outdoor covered deck and the food and service was excellent.

As we left, out came the sun and convertible tops came down for the ride home.

More full size photos are [here](#).



Contact Gail Wagner, at gwtr3red@gmail.com or 607-257-7445.

Saturday, September 30, Ride with the Lehigh Valley Miata Owner's Club

Event Coordinators - Nancy Wildoner & Alison Schaefer, Binghamton Chapter

Nancy and Alison will have their report in the November newsletter.

Contact Nancy at nwildoner@gmail.com or 607-648-8774.

Sunday, September 17, Fog, Clouds, Ghost, and Planes

Event Coordinator - Barb Hunsinger, Binghamton Chapter

All the above in one Miata run!

The group of seven Binghamton Miata car owners met at Burger King on Court Street in Binghamton NY. After a short driver's meeting our area rep, Barbara Hunsinger, led the Miata's east toward RT 17 east, the fog was just starting to lift off the Susquehanna River. The cars were running well as we started to climb the hill east of Windsor NY, when out of the clouds, what appeared to be five or more large white ghosts were, giant wind turbines. As the group broke over the top of the grade, one could really see the size of those large blades. As the group drove toward Deposit, NY the fog lifted, and we exited RT17 onto NY RT10-8 toward Walton, and our destination of White Birch Airport for a great breakfast. Just before the Cannonsville Reservoir, we turned on RT 67 and started the climb toward the top of the mountain and the airport.



The parking lot was full of cars, and they had a good turnout for breakfast of eggs, pancakes sausages, home fries, coffee, and juice. After some well-deserved quality time with our Miata friends, some of us left toward home, while others stayed to see the planes that were parked on the grass runway and then take off.

Virginia and I started down the steep mountain to pick up RT 67. At the stop sign we decided to take a right on RT67, instead of taking a left, the road we had come on. Our new route took us into Hancock, NY! WHAT A RIDE, one S-curve after another down that mountain, sometimes three in a row, great road, it had to be one of the very best Miata roads I have been on this year.



It was a very nice drive and well run, the drive home was light traffic, and a Miata day with great people that will be long remembered.

A special thanks to Bob Gingell for the great ride pictures.! Nice ride Barbara!

More full size photos are [here](#).

Contact Barb at bhunsin928@aol.com or 607-785-5459.

TECHNICAL TIPS

by Gail Wagner, the “Wench With A Wrench”
Midstate Miata Club of New York

**RAINDROPS KEEP
FALLING ON MY....FEET !**

Hello Miata Club Folks,

I just had an interesting problem with my 2006 NC Miata, Ms. Scarlet, that I thought I would share. Apparently this is a common Miata problem of which I was unaware.



After a rainfall, dampness would mysteriously appear in the passenger side foot well. I keep Scarlet outside but well-covered and have never had this problem until a few weeks ago.

After consulting the on-line “[Miata Forum](#)” (a great resource) after tearing the front of my car at the windshield apart, I discovered that under the black plastic cowl under the windshield (after removing the screws, wiper arms, washer nozzle hose to remove the entire black plastic cowl) there is a small oval cover on either side of the windshield. We (Husband with the Tools) and I removed the covers and beneath a screw was the leak

point! The plastic plug has a sponge gasket beneath it that was totally disintegrated with age and I could clearly see that it was soaked and that this was the leak point problem.

We applied silicone sealant inside the screw hole and around the plastic plugs on BOTH sides to prevent further leaks including the driver’s side.

Worth pulling apart if you’re handy or having your mechanic check it out for you if you’re having foot well leak problems that don’t appear from coming from normal drain holes or the convertible top.

Thanks to my husband Steve, for writing about how to address this leak specifically. [This is the link to detailed instructions.](#)

Thanks for reading and remember, if you take care of your Miata, it’ll take care of you on the road!

p.s. Remember to check out my previous archived tech and tip columns on our Club website under TECH: or click [here](#).

Zoom Zoom Safely!
Gail

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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.

Club members have many interests and we are always interesting in learning about other things Club members are doing. You could share your interests and expand your circle of friends. Miata stories are always interesting. You could document your favorite Sunday afternoon ride, a trip that lasted a week, or upgrades or repairs that changed your Miata. We all have other interests. What is your other car? Do you volunteer your time? What other hobbies or interests do you have?

You may want to share this with friends or family members how are thinking about getting a sports car.

By Staff Writer, "Can we call the original Mazda Miata a classic yet?" Classic Motorsports, September 4, 2023 website and May 2022 issue.

Why You Want One

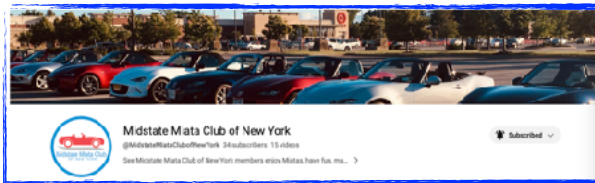
- Top goes down. Headlights go up.
- Too common? Consider one of the many special- and limited-edition models and colors—perhaps British Racing Green paired with tan leather, black over red, or Merlot Mica with factory BBS wheels. Mazda introduced a track-focused R Package starting in 1994.
- Rather reliable and easy to own. Available options included air-conditioning, anti-lock brakes and even cruise control. Most cars came with the slick-shifting five-speed box. Mazda still offers a detachable hardtop, and the trunk is usable, too.
- Long competition pedigree, especially in SCCA autocross and club racing.
- Huge aftermarket support, from restoration and hop-up parts to turbo kits and even V8 swaps. Lots of cars built also means lots of good, used items on the market.

Shopping Advice by Our Experts: Ryan Passey and Greg Lee of Good-Win Racing

- You change the oil and keep it full of coolant, and they'll pretty much run forever. You really have to try to blow one up. The timing belts do seem to go, on the clock, at 100,000 miles (not 60,000), but it's a non-interference motor. They don't have those gotchas.
- There's nothing on the car that, if it wears out, you can't get it. It's sort of the classic car that's future-proofed.
- There are no tricky things like, "*You better go to school for a while before touching this.*" No special tools required.
- The 1.6 has the smaller bits, so it's lighter. Some people like that simplicity. They say that the very early short nose crank (only in certain early years) can be an Achilles' heel, but it's not a death sentence.
- They had plastic tanks on the radiators. If it's old and changing color, might want to think about a new radiator. (on the NC 2006-2015, change the plastic coolant reservoir as it is under compression.)
- The lifter tick: They all do it.
- A new top is about \$700 and about the same to install.
- You never want a car that's really afflicted by rust. The car has two drain channels around the top, behind the seat belt towers, and those are notorious for getting clogged with debris and leaves. Always check that rear parcel shelf.
- The motor was originally designed for a front-drive car, so an oil change is always a mess. My personal car has a remote filter. Or you can make a little catch tray.

- What disqualifies a car? An automatic. And swapping transmissions is way more trouble than it's worth. There are wiring issues. It's physically possible, but you'll get a check-engine light.
- I'd look for an R Package if looking for the best to drive. If you're going to collect something, an M Edition.
- There's the potential out there to find the very cool color, the very cool package. If you have one that's low-mileage, the right package, that's a car to hold on to for a long time.
- You can have that old, classic, lightweight feel without the reliability issues and mechanical gremlins that come with a lot of the other cars that fall in that category.

CLUB YOUTUBE CHANNEL



We will create a YouTube video at the end of the year to highlight special times at the ice cream nights and any events you like. The more is better.

Contact us for instructions on how to contribute your memories throughout the season.

MMCoFY@gmail.com

Be sure to subscribe and like on [YouTube](#). It is FREE! Money back guaranteed.

The following people have made submissions to be included in upcoming Facebook and YouTube videos. You could be a contributor also. Give it a try!

Amon, John & Susan
Becker, John & Dolores
Bellino-Havens, Ellen
Blodgett, Ted

Camacho, Ronald
Colucci, Tony & Joette
Kasinskas, Elisha & Darius
Lowe, Nancy & Bill

MacWilliam, Al & Merrilee
Ortiz, Edwin & Lydia
Schaefer, Alison

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

FLOOR CREEPER

Used twice and just can't get down there anymore. Pad measures 11 in wide by 36 in long.

\$35.00



Contact Chuck Rischenole at candgr2gmail.com or 585-704-9940

WANTED

All season tires and wheels. These must fit a NC. Looking for 4 tires and 17" wheels.

Contact David King at doeskygato@aol.com or 585-377-6461

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CLUB INFORMATION - IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IT, IT IS PROBABLY HERE!

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 advertisement and remember to include that date, and rain date if applicable, deadlines, the meeting location, including address, 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

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 to 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 standing 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

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REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2023

Date	Event	Coordinator
October 1	Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally	Lee Maddy
October 7	Hard Cider Crawl	Ray Mosher
October 14	The FALL Gulick	Al MacWilliam
October 18	Annual Outing with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole
December 3	Annual Holiday Party	Karen McKissock