

## MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY MIATA / MX-5 MEANDERINGS



President's Letter, from Karen McKissock

Boy O Boy! Our membership continues to grow and grow! Our marketing on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) must be working like crazy! Thanks to the team who has been working tirelessly to keep the information flowing that interests Miata owners. They're doing a great job and we all appreciate you folks.

I don't know about all of you, but we have really enjoyed our rides and ice cream nights and hope you are each getting a chance to do a couple things with your 'toy' this summer. There's still time to join in or suggest an additional event before the season

ends. Feel free to contact your Area Representative or me if you have any ideas or suggestions. We love new things to do!

Next month I will share the information about our annual Holiday Party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> but for now put a *Save the Date* note in your calendar. It's a really nice way to end the season and wish friends a good holiday season. Hope you see you there.

That's about it for this month but keep Zoom Zooming along the roads in and out of New York.

*Always,  
Karen*

*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
Brad & Tracy Serva	Elmira	Ithaca	2023	Blue
Mark & Alice Goldfarb	Dryden	Ithaca	2008	Red
Chris Burruto	Rochester	Rochester	2001	Crystal Blue
David & Barbara Chubb	Cayuga	Syracuse	2003	Burgundy

*30<sup>TH</sup> 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

## 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.

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

### 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](http://GrandPrixFestival.com) for full details.

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



## Sunday, September 10, Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter

Apple picking time is approaching, and every year we have a HUGE turnout. Hopefully we can make this year another good one.

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. Last years winner was Deer Run Orchards, will it hold onto the trophy?

This is a rain or shine event.

### *Tentative Schedule:*

Meet 10:30 AM at the Byrne Dairy Gas Station in Lafayette NY (Rt. 20 & Rt. 81) (to the left of McDonalds), we will depart at 11 AM.



The total event will travel down route 20 for a total trip of 6 miles, stopping at 4 apple orchards (Subject to change due to Crowds) along the way.

No need to RSVP for the event, just show up if you want, and stay for as long as you like, however if you do register with me at [mrmiataman@yahoo.com](mailto:mrmiataman@yahoo.com) and inform your rep, then if something unexpected happens which cancels the event, we can contact you.

TBD - Some years Jay has also organized an invitation for us all, after the orchards, for special parade laps at the private road course club, [Pineview Run](#) in Lafayette. May be that will happen again? (And, as always, RAY... Watch out for deer!)

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



## Saturday, September 16, EXPLORATORIUM 2023 (NEW)

Event Coordinator - Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

Come and enjoy a great ride in the Finger Lakes while searching for answers to clues.

You will have 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 from the map provided, and everyone can go their own way. None of the clues are difficult or tricky! A few items require walking as much as 100 feet to read letters on a sign. You can get the answer at some locations while sitting in your car. You can reach all clues via paved roads that are in good condition.



You will drive in the area roughly bounded by NY State Route 5 to the north, Canandaigua Lake to the east along its length, as far west as the village of Avon, and as far south as Conesus. The entire drive is under 75 miles. It is best with two people per car so that the passenger can help with navigation and spotting. However, you can do it alone. Gas, restrooms, and food are available at many locations along the way.

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

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

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

Event Coordinators - Nancy Wildoner & Alison Schaefer, Binghamton Chapter

Do you like driving with your Miata friends on scenic roads? Do you enjoy meeting new Miata enthusiasts? Do you like eating lunch? You can do all three on September 30 on a joint drive with members of the [Lehigh Valley Miata Owners Club](#).

Meet 10:45 at [Love's Travel Stop](#), exit 3 off of Rte 81 South (Industrial Park), 2 Industrial Park Dr, Binghamton. Driver's meeting at 11:00, departing shortly after. We'll enjoy about a 90 minute trip down to Honesdale PA to meet up with 10 cars from the Lehigh Valley Miata Owners Club.

After the meet-up, the caravan will drive approximately 30 minutes to end at [Frank's Place](#) in Simpson, PA for lunch. Ice cream, though not part of the "official" drive is available at [McGee's](#), just down the road.

Last day to sign up is September 18, 2023.

**\*\* 10 Car Limit from MMCoFY\*\***

Register with Nancy, no later than September 18, 2023, at [nwildoner@gmail.com](mailto:nwildoner@gmail.com) or 607-648-8774 and your Area Representative.

## 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 21st.

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](mailto:mrmiataman@yahoo.com), or text my cell at (315) 952-7148, and your Area Representative.....

## 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](mailto: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 meet up with the Niagara Club for the ride to [Sprague's Maple Farm](#) 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 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 with Chuck at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 and your Area Representative.

## Sunday, December 3, Annual Holiday Party

Event Coordinator - Karen McKissock, President of Midstate Miata Club of New York

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

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 location is not at their main Restaurant/Bar/Inn. There will be a cash bar available, cost of the brunch will be in the October newsletter. 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.

We will also continue our traditional gift exchange. To participate, bring a wrapped gift valued under \$10 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 15<sup>th</sup>  
AND NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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.

Register with Karen at [kmckiss1948@gmail.com](mailto:kmckiss1948@gmail.com) or 585-820-6010 and your Area Representative between **October 15** and **October 30**.

*POST EVENT REPORTS*

**Sunday, July 16, Skaneateles Polo Club**

Rain date, Sunday 23

Event Coordinator - Dale Nagel, Syracuse Chapter

After a 5-year hiatus plus a rain out the week before, the club finally made it to the Skaneateles Polo field once again and got to watch a polo match! The weather cooperated fully and we had a beautiful afternoon. Seven cars met up in Lafayette and made a scenic drive down to Bob's Barbeque in Homer to pick up some BBQ to take to the polo field to enjoy later. We met up with several more cars at Bob's then made another scenic drive over the hills and through the valleys to Skaneateles. There we met up with more folks to bring the total count to 19 cars.



Everyone enjoyed watching the eating drinking, watching the polo match and enjoying getting together.



And of course, stomping divots at halftime.



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

Contact Dale at [dalen262@aol.com](mailto:dalen262@aol.com) or 315-706-8015.

## Saturday, July 22, Ride to Old Ft. Niagara and lunch at the Wilson Boat House

Event Coordinator - Nancy Lowe, Rochester Chapter

Thankfully, the weather gods were smiling on us with excellent weather! The day began with a 7 AM breakfast for a few hardy souls at the Parkside Diner in Charlotte. The drivers meeting started on time, and rules were read, directions handed out, and an explanation of a contest was given for the portion of the ride that would have been otherwise uninteresting for the six cars in the caravan. After making a pit stop at Chapman's Market and Deli in Middleport, we continued on to Old Fort Niagara and got to our destination after a two hour ride. Congrats to Christine for winning the contest! Chuck had joined us for breakfast and the ride, but had to get home for a family function in his honor.

We arrived just in time to see the reenactors portraying British redcoats demonstrating military tactics of the era. This was part of a special program that weekend called 'Reverberations of Revolution', depicting life on the NY frontier during the American Revolution. There were period camps, musket and artillery demonstrations, and military skirmishes.



We all went our own ways to discover and explore, and at noon we were treated to the "Firing of the Cannon". John Amon put together a YouTube video, which includes the cannon demonstration, (thanks Bill Lowe) as well as a montage of a lot of the pictures taken (thanks Elisha Kasinskas) [at this link](#):

We were back on the road by 1 PM for a 20 minute ride to the Wilson Boat House Restaurant for lunch. Several of our group met us at the restaurant. Everyone enjoyed their meals and the view on the covered deck while being entertained by a local musician. Our waitress was most obliging and took our picture before we left. We decided we'd had enough walking for one day, and rather than checking out the shops in Wilson, we jumped back in our cars and made the less than mile trip to Brownies Custard Stand for ice cream in Wilson.

A long, but fun day with lots of friends. Thanks to those who were able to join us. We might just have to do this again in the future.

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



### Wednesday, August 2, Annual Log Cabin Cruise Night

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

It was one of those summer nights you wish for. Reasonable temperatures, a gentle breeze, and an overcast sky keeping the sun's rays in check. 12 cars from the Rochester Chapter and 2 cars from the Syracuse Chapter enjoyed the car show. It was an evening of good food, seeing some vintage, classic, & new cars including a McLaren.

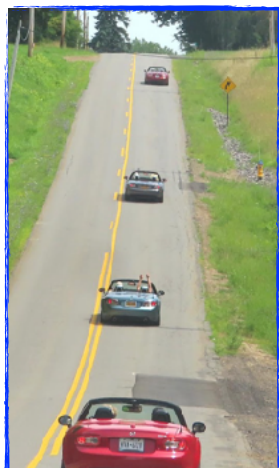
We reminisced about the old days when we had 20 or more Miatas at the Log Cabin Cruise Night.

Unfortunately no ice cream. Oh well, I guess you can't have everything.

Contact Chuck at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 or 585704-9940.

## Saturday, August 5, North Rose Model Railroad

Event Coordinator - Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter



With magnificent “top down” weather, a clutch of Midstate Miata Club members gathered in Webster, NY on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for a trip to the North Rose Railroad Company in North Rose, NY. First stop was at historic Orbaker's Drive In Restaurant in Williamson for lunch.



Back on the road, there was the thrill of a series of hills unofficially known as “The Roller Coaster.”

A few miles later, we arrived at our destination and were greeted by Gary Poole, the creator of what we were about to see.

Gary is so dedicated to this project he lives in the building housing it and has spent over 20-years almost single-handedly putting together the train layout covering most of the first floor of his massive building.

The layout covers over 15-thousand square feet, features over 2-miles of track and is painstakingly detailed with scenes Gary has created.



Just one of the many portions of this layout that brought “oohs” and “ahs” from our group is a highly detailed circus scene, complete with many moving rides and even a functioning circus parade.

There are mountains and tunnels everywhere! Up to 26 trains can be running at one time.

Everyone agreed that it was one of the most incredible things they have ever seen. In fact, despite several hours there the consensus was that you simply cannot grasp it all in a single visit.

Huge thanks to Gary Poole for so graciously sharing this with us. Talk has already begun about a return to North Rose Railroad Company sometime in the future.

There are more and higher resolution images on the Club's Google Drive, [here](#).

Contact Bill at [blowe0542@gmail.com](mailto:blowe0542@gmail.com) or 585-865-6158.

### Saturday, August 12, Northeast Classic Car Museum

Rain date, Sunday, August 13

Event Coordinator - Randy & Bev Wike, Binghamton Chapter

A fun day with 21 members and 13 cars meeting at the Northeast Classic Car Museum on August 12th for a tour of the museum. There were several beautiful cars on display



from the early 1900s to the 1990s including a 1992 Mazda Miata, which is on loan to them from Ken House, Binghamton Chapter. We then drove to Dickey's Barbeque where everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch with complementary ice cream.



Contact Randy [rwike@stny.rr.com](mailto:rwike@stny.rr.com), 607-761-6404 or Bev at [bkwike@stny.rr.com](mailto:bkwike@stny.rr.com), 607-761-3483...

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

Event Coordinator - Chuck & Grace Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

Watch for the event report in the October newsletter.

Contact Chuck or Grace at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 or 585704-9940.

### Sunday, August 27, Western NY MG Car Show

Event Coordinator - David King, Rochester Chapter

Watch for the event report in the October newsletter.

Contact David [doeskygato@aol.com](mailto:doeskygato@aol.com) or 585-3776461 or 585-662-7635.

TECHNICAL TIPS

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



### MID SUMMER MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

Hello Miata Club Folks,

Watch for Gail's storage article in the October newsletter. Winter is coming. 🤖

I hope this has been interesting and useful info.  
*Take care of your Miata and it will take care of you!*

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](mailto:John.N.Amon@gmail.com).

Here is a Miata vacation story, from Al and Merrilee MacWilliams, that Club Members might find interesting.

On Tuesday, August 8, Merrilee & I left home on a Miata Trip to the Atlantic Provinces of Canada. A friend was loaning us an "Ocean View" house in a small town in Nova Scotia for a week, and we were going to get there in our 2008 Miata! It sounded like fun to us!

It rained all day Tuesday, and we spent the night in a hotel in Morristown, VT.

On Wednesday the weather was better and we crossed the rest of VT (see pic of car in front of the general store in Danville, VT., see link for more pictures, remove the Miata and add snow and you have a picture that has been used on half the calendars ever produced!) On through NH, ME, and by mid-afternoon we crossed the border into the Canadian Province of New Brunswick.



Thursday was a beautiful day, and our house in NS didn't become available until Saturday, so we put the car on the ferry to Deer Island and cruised around it with the top down. At one end of the Island you are right across a tidal inlet from Eastport, ME. (picture of car in line for the next ferry off the Island.) We were back at our hotel by noon, so decided to go to McAdam, NB as an afternoon trip. McAdam is buried in the woods, one of those places that the residents have to come OUT to hunt! It only exists because the Canadian Pacific RR's steam locomotives needed maintenance on the run between Halifax and Montreal in the first half of the Twentieth

Century. There is a great old station in town that is being restored, so we toured it (picture). Merrilee's phone, which we were using to navigate, had lost reception on the way to McAdam, so we picked a more direct, but remote, route going back. A straight road south, paralleling the US border, with nothing but rocks, trees, and bugs, no cell phone reception... and the car's temperature gauge started climbing! Now I know as well as anyone that I SHOULD have stopped, but we had no tools, no water, no phone reception, so I slowed down and limped back to the Trans Canada Highway. There, a lady in a business gave me a couple of margarine tubs of water, before closing up and going home for the night! I got the car cooled down, filled the radiator jug up with water, and we started the 27 km drive along the Trans Canada Highway back to our hotel. I made it about a mile, then pulled over. Merrilee called a tow truck, and an hour later we were riding in a Kenworth instead of a Miata! The tow truck driver dropped us at our hotel, then took the car to his garage. They would check it over the next day and let us know what was wrong.



Friday we sat in our hotel room in the rain all day waiting to hear about the car. No rental cars were available. When COVID-19 hit all the rental companies sold off their fleets as no one was renting them, and they have been slow to replace the cars. At 3 PM the garage called. They thought the Miata had a blown head gasket, and they were not interested in working on it! And now it was late Friday afternoon!

SO, we decided to write off this vacation! We booked seats on the Saturday morning flight from St John, NB to Toronto (an hour and a half flight), and our son drove to Toronto and picked us up. (An hour crossing the Lewistown Bridge!) So by Saturday night, 8/12, we were back home again, less Miata!

On Sunday I managed to borrow a neighbor's big, enclosed car trailer, but, it had not been licensed yet this year! On Monday he got it licensed, and we figured out how to get a borrowed trailer back into the USA without it being impounded! I got my truck loaded with camping gear, and was eastbound by 5 AM Tuesday morning! A little over 600 miles to Bangor, ME where I spent the night in a Walmart parking lot. I was too tired to go looking for a state park to camp in! Wednesday I was rolling by 5 AM, crossed into Canada, got my car loaded with the help of the garage owner's sons, and got back into Maine with no problems! By the time I passed my Walmart parking lot at 1 PM. I'd already gone 312 miles! On to southern Maine, where I stopped in a I-95 service area, relaxed, ate, and waited for Boston commuters to get home. Back on the Interstate at 7 PM in the rain, and I was around Boston by 9:30, then headed west on I-90 until I stopped for the night in a service area at 11 PM. After two hours of sleep in the passenger's seat of the truck I was so uncomfortable that I hit the road again and drove from 1 until 3 AM. Two more hours of sleep, then I finished the drive home! So I was home by 9:30 on Thursday morning! What a vacation!

For anyone interested, the garage owner in New Brunswick says the cause of the trouble was a radiator cap which didn't hold enough pressure! I had checked the radiator before we started the trip, but did not check it again after that. So he felt that it had slowly leaked down over the two days of driving 400 miles a day, until it was low enough to overheat. I'd like to hear any opinions on this from the Club's "Wench with a Wrench", Gail Wagner.

The full set to photos are [here](#).

Al MacWilliam

**Gail Wagner**, *The Wench With a Wrench*, answers to AI: It's unclear if you resolved your problem with a tightened or new coolant reservoir cap but if not, here's some thoughts:

*Firstly, determine WHERE the leak is coming from.* If you're losing coolant, it's obviously leaking somewhere. Don't drive at all, if possible, when your engine is overheating.

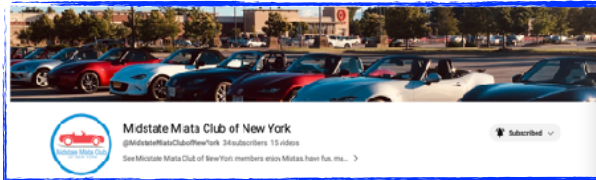
1. NC's (2006-2015s) are the only generation of Miata's that have an enclosed pressurized cooling system. If the plastic coolant reservoir has a crack or small leak, or compromised in any way, coolant will leak out and cause serious engine overheating and possibly totally ruin your engine if you run with no coolant. (Note: I wrote a Tech column about replacing the plastic tank with a metal one in the Club newsletter, September 2020. [Link here.](#))

2. Blown Head Gasket: Probably not but you would have definitely seen white smoke coming out of your exhaust. Check the dip stick: if the oil is high on the dip stick level indicator, there is water in the oil indicating a blown head gasket.

3. Could be any of the following:

- Is the radiator drain plug tight and the gasket good?
- Is the radiator leaking?
- Are there faulty radiator hoses or loose hose connections?
- Has the water pump failed? (This is a fairly inexpensive replacement.)
- Is there a faulty thermostat?
- Is the coolant reservoir cap not on tight or faulty?
- Could be the serpentine belt if the water pump is not working?

## 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 your like. The more is better.

Contact us for instructions on how to contribute your memories throughout the season.  
[MMCoFY@gmail.com](mailto: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!

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:candgr2gmail.com) or 585-704-9940



## WANTED

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

Contact David King at [doeskygato@aol.com](mailto:doeskygato@aol.com) or 585-377-6461

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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<i>REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2023</i>
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
September 8	Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend	Info Only
September 10	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy
September 16	EXPLORATORIUM 2023 (NEW)	Darius Kasinskas
September 30	Ride with Lehigh Valley Miata Owner's Club	Nancy Wildoner
October 1	Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally	Lee Maddy
October 14	The FALL Gulick	Al MacWilliam
October 18	Annual Outing with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole
December 3	Annual Holiday Party	Karen McKissock