



President's Letter

Well folks, the season is fundamentally over and what a season it was. Great weather, incredible selection of events to participate in and many new friendships made. What else could we ask for? So...it's time to look forward to our Holiday Party on December 1 to wrap it up with a bow and have some fun with friends. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as possible so we can be sure we get a good headcount. **Registration cut off is November 20th but I'd really like to have it in by the 15th if possible.**

Don't wait until the last minute as we are confined to 80 people for the space at **The Point at Sand Beach in Auburn**. It's a first come first serve registration. I will date each registration as they arrive, and should we exceed 80 I will hold the rest in case someone drops out and then notify who's next. Please consider joining us for a fun filled event with a great buffet brunch, games, an Ugly Sweater contest, White Elephant gift exchange and donation to a children's charity for kids 12 and under. It's a wonderful way to close out the year with old and new friends and lots of holiday spirit. The cost is \$20 per person with the club contributing the rest of the cost. Make it a point to join in the festivities. I hope to see you there in your ugliest sweater in your closet.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me anytime at 585-820-6010 or kmckiss1948@gmail.com.

Til we meet again...Zoom, Zoom

Karen

Annual Miata Club Holiday Party December 1 Registration

Mail to: Karen McKissock, 121 Cranbrook Terrace, Webster, NY 14580

Make your check out to: Midstate Miata Club of New York

Name(s)

Number attending _____ Amount \$ _____ (\$20 per person)

Date sent _____ Date received _____

Welcome to the Mid-state Miata Club

If you are considering joining our Club, we have several places where you can learn about what we do. We have a [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#). When ready, you should fill out page two of the [Membership Brochure](#).

NOTE: To find the full detailed schedule of events for 2024 you can go to our website:

https://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/2024_newsletters/midstate_miata_meanderings_april_2024.pdf

Updated Refrigerator Schedule - 2024

Date	Event	Coordinator
December 1	Holiday Party	Karen McKissock

Mazda's New MX-5 Miata

35th Anniversary Edition

(Article from Buzz Magazine, October 19, 2024)



Mazda has revealed a 35th Anniversary Edition of the MX-5 Miata, also known as the Roadster in its home market in Japan. The special version of the MX-5 Miata was launched at this year's Mazda Fan Festa,

happening this weekend at the Fuji International Speedway. The annual event was attended by Mazda fans from all over the world, giving them an exclusive first look at the newest version of the Japanese roadster.

Available in MX-5 Miata RF hard top and soft top, the 35th Anniversary Edition comes with a special color that's a premium option for the Mazda CX-90. We're talking about the Artisan Red Premium Metallic, a darker and deeper shade compared to Mazda's popular Soul Red color and a \$595 option for the family crossover. It's the fourth unique paint color created by Mazda using its special Takuminuri technique.

The **Artisan Red Premium Metallic** color looks fantastic, overflowing on the inside door panels and the accents on the round air-conditioning vents. Even the key fob gets new paint. Meanwhile, the roof of the soft-top MX-5 Miata comes in a tan color to match the red hue. All 35th Anniversary Edition models come with a plate on the right side with the car's serial number on it.

Inside, the interior is a shower of tan elements – the seats, the carpet, the center console, and even the door cards. There are 35th Anniversary logos found on the head rests and the floor mats, too, reminding the owners that they are driving a special, commemorative model. Other commemorative items during the event include a mini version of both soft-top and hard-top 35th Anniversary models.



The MX-5 Miata 35th Anniversary is special, but Mazda isn't making it limited, which means those who want to own one will get a chance. The pricing of the commemorative model hasn't been announced, as well as its availability in overseas markets, particularly in the US. As it's currently losing popularity against rivals in the affordable sports car segment, this special version should help boost its presence in the market.

"We don't have a limited quantity because we want to deliver to everyone who wants it. We want those who don't have a Roadster yet, and those who already have one, to switch over," said Shigeki Saito, chief of product development division during the Mazda Fan Festa event.

Future Events

Sunday, December 1, Annual Miata Club Holiday Party

Event Coordinator - Karen McKissock

Once again, it's time to begin getting our holiday spirit on and make plans for **our Annual Miata Club Holiday party!** We will be having a delicious holiday brunch buffet at the Springside Inn's "[The Point at Sand Beach](#)" facility located at 2924 Sand Beach Rd, Auburn, N.Y. Check-in begins at 11:30 am, cash bar beginning at noon, and the breakfast buffet will be served at 12:30 pm. There is a maximum capacity of 80 guests so register as soon as possible.



We will be making donations to an area charity for children again this year. If you would like to be a Christmas Elf, 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 have the White Elephant Gift exchange again this year as well. To participate, bring a gift valued up to \$10. It's a lot of fun and generates a lot of conversation and joking. NOTE: Please be sure to remember that this should be fun and not offensive.

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.

RESERVATIONS ARE OPEN NOW. The cost per person is \$20 and the Club will pay the additional cost. To register, please mail the form below to: Karen McKissock, 121 Cranbrook Terrace, Webster, NY 14580. Be sure to make your check out to **Midstate Miata Club of New York** and in the amount of \$20 per person. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS NOVEMBER 20. Registration form is on the second page of this Newsletter.**

Should you need to cancel your reservation or have any questions, please contact Karen McKissock ASAP (kmckiss1948@gmail.com or 585-820-6010) so we can let other members attend.

August 17, 2025 - Registration for the big Ottawa Club C2M2 regional event is open.

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy

Go to the bottom of our website calendar page for details and links, or directly to their website at <https://ottawamiata.net/wordpress1/c2m2-2025/>.

Register early and also make your hotel reservations before it sells out. Prices listed are in Canadian funds, so with the exchange rate it's a great deal. It will be a blast. Updates will be posted on our website, contact Lee Maddy mrmiataman@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Post Event Reports

Sunday, September 29, Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Event Coordinators: Dale & Cathy Nagel, Syracuse Chapter

We had a good turnout with twelve teams taking on the 2024 edition of the Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally on Sunday, September 29. The



Finish Line

teams traveled the scenic route between and around Owasco, Skaneateles, and Otisco Lakes. Half did the first part in a clockwise direction and the other half went counter-clockwise so they all got to see cars going the opposite direction. Everyone made it successfully to the finish at

The View Sports Bar and Restaurant in Tully. Some may have taken a little longer than others though. The winners were Lee Maddy and Miriam White. Miriam finally gets to add her name to the coveted trophy for the first time and Lee for the second! In second place were Drew Davis and Cheryl Lavigne.



Dinner



The View at the "View"



The Winners



Second Place

Wednesday, October 2, Annual outing to Sprague's with the Niagara Club for a great ride and lunch

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

It was a typical overcast cloudy day as John and Susan Amon, Dave Kuhn, Bill and Nancy Lowe, Al and Merrilee Mac William and myself started out in five cars for our annual ride to meet up with the Niagara Club in Yorkshire for their ride to Sprague's Maple Farm in Portville. The sun broke through the clouds and from then on it was a great day as a caravan of about twenty cars started out only to find a road closed on the Niagara Club route. After some help with cell phones and GPS, and finding a spot to get all the cars turned around, we were back on the road again to the first stop at the Cuba Cheese Factory. From there it was on to Sprague's for a meal of your choice, breakfast or lunch. After saying our goodbyes to the Niagara group, three cars from our chapter started home only to find ourselves behind an 18 wheeler. After making two turns with the semi still in front of us, it was obvious he knew where he was going because that rig was seldom under 55 mph. That semi was our leader for over 50 miles on seven different roads and was never under 55 mph. Leaving the semi, we headed to Colby's for the traditional ice cream stop to end the day. Mark your 2025 calendar the first Wednesday in October and join us next year.

Saturday, October 26 (rain or shine), Last Call 24

Event Coordinator: Al MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

On Saturday, October 26, eight Miatas, carrying twelve Rochester Chapter members, two Club members from Syracuse, and two guests, participated in the approximately



110 mile drive from Bloomfield to Middlesex, NY. Back roads with plenty of hills, turns, and colored leaves were the order of the day! We



cruised the shores of three of the Finger Lakes during the ride, visiting Honeoye, Keuka, and Canandaigua Lakes. After a roast beef dinner hosted by the Middlesex Hose Fire Department, we gained another club member in their Miata for the trip to

Canandaigua for ice cream. It was a great ride to end the 2024 Miata season with. Unless . . . someone comes up with a "pop-up" event?

Ice Cream Schedule . . .

Check back next season for dates and times of chapter ice cream outings.

Technical Tips

Wench With A Wrench

By Gail Wagner

Zoom-Zoom Next Spring!

Gail

For Sale

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 the information to Lisa Cantone at lisacantone@gmail.com. If you want your ad to be on the website, 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.

2008 Mazda Miata Sport For Sale



near Ithaca. Perfect condition inside and out. Excellent condition, garaged winters. Price negotiable. Contact Lew Billington, 607-272-7100.

True Red with Black Cloth Interior, Soft Top, 166.0-hp, 2.0-liter, 4 Cylinder 5-speed, Power windows, door locks, and mirrors. AM/FM/CD player, remote keyless entry, cruise control, security system, A/C, alloy wheels. 39,492 miles. New battery, oil change, plugs, coolant flush in 2022. Alignment and brakes were checked in 2020. Needs tires. Located



Member Stories

Are you interested in telling your story? Club members have many interests. We are always interested in learning about things that you are doing. I know that there are many great stories out there! Send it along to Lisa Cantone at lisacantone@gmail.com.

- Any interesting Miata story
- Your favorite route
- A trip that lasted a week or more
- An upgrade that improved your Miata
- Your other car (toy)
- A repair you did
- How you volunteer your time
- Other hobbies or interests you have

Let's put our thinking caps on and start writing a piece!

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Club Information

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

Favorite Car Shops, Part Stores, Service Centers, and Stuff: The list is [here](#). Send additions and updates to **Karen McKissock for the near future**.

Deadlines: Submissions for the newsletter are due on the 24th of each month.

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 Brochure](#); it is a trifold with Club information and an application form. There is a short form for returning members.

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 standing next to their Miata/ MX-5s.

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