



President's Letter

Well kids, we're in the home stretch now...but wait...

I see a couple additions on our schedule! Check it out. Keep those ideas coming before the snow flies!!! All the scoop is further along in this newsletter.

A first view of the **annual Holiday Party 2024** details is here for the first time this season. Please take a look and register anytime now **until November 20th**. 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

Welcome New & Returning Members

Welcome to the Mid-state Miata Club of New York!

We have many events planned each year, some with meals and ice cream. If you recently joined the Club, please keep your orange sticker on your ID badge for 2024, so the old hands can say, “Hi, and Welcome to the Club!”

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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 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| October 2 | Sprague's with Niagara Club | Chuck Rischenole |
| October 25 & 26 NEW EVENT | MiataCon | Greg Lull |
| October 26 NEW EVENT | Last Call 24 | Al MacWilliam |
| December 1 | Holiday Party | Karen McKissock |

Future Events

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

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

Register with Chuck by September 22 at candgr@gmail.com or 585-223-7586 and your Area Representative.

We will meet at the McDonalds in Avon, 250 E Main St. Arrive in time for a pit stop and a driver's meeting at 9:00am and we will depart at 9:15 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.



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.

October 25 & 26, MiataCon 2024

****NEW EVENT****

Event Coordinator - Greg Lull, Rochester Chapter

Please let Greg Lull know by October 15, if you are interested in going and at what level you might want to participate, gregorylull@gmail.com, 585-303-9987.

This is the largest annual all Miata event in the Northeast! It is a two-day event at Lima Rock Park, Lakeville, CT, with something for all Miata enthusiasts. All info on the event can be found here: <https://limerock.com/events/miatacon/>



Friday, October 25

- ➔Miata only AutoX solo road course event
- ➔Miata only High-Performance Driving School
- ➔Spectator viewing for Miata qualifying races

Saturday, October 26

- ➔All generation Miata Car Corral (250+ cars last year)
- ➔Paced parade laps for all car corral attendees
- ➔Miata-only AutoX solo road course event
- ➔Miata-only High-Performance Driving School
- ➔Miata Vendor area
- ➔Spectator viewing of multiple Miata class races

Due to the late October date of this event and the driving distance for most of our club members (4.5 hours from Rochester), what we are asking **right now** is how many people are interested in going and at what level of participation. Once we have compiled the list, we will share it with all involved. No one should feel they have to do any more than what they are comfortable with. The vast majority of folks just come for the Car Corral and to watch all the activities at the track. Our main goal is to be together as much as possible for this fantastic event.

Here are the possibilities:

Group drives from pre-selected meeting points on Friday or Saturday

Saturday night return drives

Friday and/or Saturday hotel blocks

Breakfast & Dinner groups

Overnight Camping at the track

Saturday Group picnic at the track

Please note that the car Corral event on Saturday can be booked right up until the day of the event. If you are interested in the High-Performance Driving School, the AutoX, or camping, you will need to act soon or those events will sell out.

If any of you will have already put your Miata away by this date, no problem! Bring your OTM! We might need folks to bring picnic supplies! Weather-permitting, it's a glorious drive through the MA/CT Berkshires with the leaves falling.

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

****NEW EVENT****

Event Coordinator: Al MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

Register with AI by October 19 at: macwill77@gmail.com, or call (585) 392-7702 or (585) 465-3888, and your Area Representative.



This ride incorporates parts of a couple of other old favorite rides, some new ground, fall foliage colors, and one last outing in your Miata!

We will meet at Quicklee's Mobil station in Bloomfield (3 Main St, Bloomfield) at 11:30pm, for a 12:00pm departure, then repeat Darius'

"Gluttony or Restraint" ride (July 24) as far as The Olde Country Store in North Cohocton for a stop. After that, it's unblazed trails until we arrive in Middlesex, NY for the last roast beef dinner of the year at the Middlesex Hose Volunteer Fire Dept. After an early supper we will continue on to Cheshire Farms Creamery in Canandaigua for ice cream to conclude our 110 mile trip.



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 below.**

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.

Annual Miata Club Holiday Party Registration

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

Name(s)

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

Date sent _____ Date received _____

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 8 – Watkins Glen Three Laps and Lunch

Event Coordinators - Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson

After several rain date setbacks and a last-minute track time change, thirteen thrill-seeking Miata's met at Watkins Glen for lunch at Seneca Harbor Station, and at 2:30 p.m., laps around Watkins Glen International Raceway. Though windy and a bit cool, it was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for this popular event.



After lunch at noon, we headed to the track for lineup staging and Miata socializing. We sweet-talked the pace truck driver into *four* laps instead of three before following him around the 3.4-mile sports car course at a pretty good clip. (They say they can only lead us at 55mph, but believe me, we were going a lot faster than that, at least those of us who could keep up!)

After Lap 3, we stopped at the Start-Finish line on the track for lots of happy faces and the traditional photo ops before finishing the final 4th lap and then heading home.



Everyone had a great time experiencing driving on a real race track and having a delicious lunch next to beautiful Seneca Lake.

Wednesday & Thursday, September 11 & 12, Overnight to Alexandria Bay

Event Coordinator - Merrilee & Al MacWillam, Rochester Chapter



Beautiful weather prevailed for September 11 & 12 and helped make our Overnight to Alexandria Bay Trip a resounding success!

On Wednesday, our group of 13 people driving 7 Miatas visited



the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse, then had lunch in Clayton before touring The Antique Boat Museum.



We then drove the village streets in Alexandria Bay that were used during 1936-1940 Around the Houses road races. Then on to our hotel where we had dinner together and also breakfast on Thursday morning. Some of the group then went directly to Boldt Castle, while others did a boat excursion on the Saint Lawrence River before arriving at the Castle. There was so much to see that we had to

postpone lunch and our departure for an hour and a half! The event ended in Pulaski with an ice cream stop, and the cars from the Rochester Chapter stayed together for the ride home.



Saturday, September 14, Pennsylvania Canyon Country Ride

Event Coordinator - Brad Serva, Ithaca Chapter



On September 14th, Midstate Miata Club members from Ithaca, Binghamton, Rochester and Syracuse chapters, *and a potential new member*, took to the back roads of New York and PA. headed to Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon. Eleven Miatas and seventeen people enjoyed outstanding weather while navigating the twisting and turning roads to Colton Point State Park. A slight detour on the way back proved to be well worth it as everyone enjoyed lunch at the "Wellsboro House." The ride then continued North through more beautiful scenery back to our starting point in Elmira NY. It was a great day, a beautiful 120 mile ride and an outstanding group of folks!

Sunday, September 15, Lafayette Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy & Miriam White, Syracuse Chapter



It turned out to be another awesome weather day to go out to the apple orchards. Seven cars met and enjoyed the day. It was mostly sunny, not too hot and no rain all day. Everyone was in great spirits as we took our usual drive down Rt 20 in Lafayette to visit four apple orchards (Deer Run, O'Neal's, Navarino, and Beak & Skiff).

but prices were up, as seems to be the trend these days.

However, everyone had their fill of fritters. Some years the

judging for the best fritter is close,

but this year is the first year that

the vote was unanimous. The clear winner this year was Deer Run

Orchards. Congratulations, this will be their third year in a row! Everyone

liked their ratio of apple to batter the best. They were hot and tasty, and

freshly made to order. Yummy thoughts of those fritters make me want to

go back for more.



POP UP EVENT: Thursday September 19, 2024, Summer ends with a country drive to Geneva, Belhurst, and Geneva Gelato

Event Coordinators - Chet Wilk and Debbie Bogan

It was a classic ending to summer with a country ride to Geneva on a beautiful sunny day. On Thursday September 19, eight members of the Midstate Miata club marveled at the gorgeous scenery as we travelled on country roads to our destination in Geneva.

We had a delicious lunch with new friends at Stonecutter's Tavern at Belhurst. We had excellent service from waitress, Amy, and enjoyed great conversations and a beautiful view of Seneca Lake.



We ended our day at Geneva Gelato. Jeff Kovac, the owner, treated us to "a one of a kind, unforgettable palate experience." Again, we shared some great stories and information about our past and current lives.

What a perfect combination! What more could you ask for? A lovely day, a scenic country ride, and good food shared with friendly new Miata club friends. We all talked about doing it again.



Sunday, September 29, Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Event Coordinators: Dale & Cathy Nagel, Syracuse Chapter

Report next month.

Ice Cream Schedule of 2024.....

Syracuse Chapter: Dale Nagle, dalen262@aol.com, 315-677-9342

| Day | Date | Time | Location | Updated |
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| Thursday | 10/10/24 | 6:30 PM | Jen and Kerri's Ice Cream Station, Jamesville | |
| Thursday | 10/24/24 | 6:30 PM | Carvel, Dewitt | |

Ithaca Chapter: Gail Wagner, gwtr3red@gmail.com, 607-257-7445

NEW: First Tuesday of Each Month. SUNSHINE ONLY.

Purity Ice Cream, 700 Cascadilla St. at the corner of Meadow St. (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building, 520 N. Meadow St. (Route 13) next to Purity. The same great place for all evenings. Rescheduled raindate(s) to be determined and communicated to chapter members.

| Day | Date | Time | Location | Updated |
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| Tuesday | 10/01/24 | 6:30 PM | Purity Ice Cream | |

Technical Tips

Wench With A Wrench

By Gail Wagner

Hi Miata Folks,

Last month, I shared my winter storage tips for our Miatas. You can refer back to September's Newsletter for reminders on what to do to store your Miata for the winter months. You can also refer back to other archived articles on the club's web page under "Tech".

Zoom-Zoom Next Spring!

Gail

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

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



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 near

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



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."