

President's Letter

This month has been challenging as far as my health goes, so I don't have any pearls of wisdom for this newsletter. I want everyone to get out and Zoom as much as you can. There are some fun events on the calendar. Pick something and get going. Contact the Event Coordinator and your Area Rep to tell them you plan to attend an event.

Always zooming,

Karen McKissock, 585-820-6010, email: kmckiss1948@gmail.com

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 2025, so the old hands can say, "Hi, and Welcome to the Club!"

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
David Bushinsky & Nancy Krieger	Rochester	2007	Stormy Blue Mica
Jennifer & Kyle Lawrence	Rochester	2016	Soul Red Metallic
Jacob Row	Rochester	2016	Arctic White
Bill & Julie Spencer	Syracuse	2012	Liquid Silver Metallic
Cliff & Deborah DuBord	Ithaca	2010	Red
Jerry & Salie Wilcox	Ithaca	2007	Galaxy Gray Mica

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 2025 you can go to our website:

<https://www.midstatemiata.net/calendars.html>

From Bill Lowe, YouTube Coordinator

Everyone is encouraged to share with me whatever pictures or videos you capture while out there on the road. I can then edit it into a video that will help bring attention to the club through the power of YouTube. The videos will be geared to bringing in those Miata owners who are not yet club members.

My sincere apologies for failing to get videos completed on some of the club excursions and ice cream nights from last season. Turns out I have a life outside of the Miata Club (who knew??) and that life took some twists and turns what with family commitments, health issues, and my thriving side business of lighting little cars for model train layouts. That situation has settled down and I did go through a mountain of video clips and pictures to create two videos about an overnight trip experienced by two dozen club members last September. You can see them and all our past club videos at: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=midstate+miata+club. On the page that opens, click on "Videos" between the words "Shorts" and "Unwatched" to the left above the picture for the first video. This way YouTube will show you only the club video.

All of you are encouraged to shoot lots of video and pictures of every club outing you attend. Then send them to me along with a description of the event by uploading your files to this Internet address: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/yloCBAwqpD9s8IU32qjD>. I can use them to edit a video about the event as my time permits and then post it to our YouTube channel. If you need to reach me, my email address is: blowe0542@gmail.com. I promise to try to do better at getting the videos out but remember, "Don't yell at me... I'm just a volunteer!" -Bill

Refrigerator Schedule - 2025

Date	Event	Coordinator
June 7, Sat	Scenic Drive to Rainbow Lodge	Carol Sherwood Trelease
June 12, Thur	Miranda Cheese Tasting	Bob Dobberstein
June 21, Sat	Return to Hyde Hall	Kevin Smith & Kathy Lester
June 25, Wed	Bob's BBQ **CANCELLED**	Barb Hunsinger
June 28, Sat	Great Country Roads	John Amon
June 29, Sun	Drag Race Day	Al MacWilliam
July 12, Sat	Tour of Mount Morris Dam	Bill Lowe
July 13, Sun	Club Picnic	Ray Mosher
July 26, Sat	The Warfield Loop	Darius Kasinskas
August 1, Fri	Zooming to Women's Rights	Merrilee & Al MacWilliam
August 3, Sun	Skaneateles Polo	Dale & Cathy Nagel
August 14, Thur	Caravan to Ottawa	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
August 16, Sat	"Al" at the Wheel	John Amon
August 23, Sat	2022 Explorium "Rerun"	Darius Kasinskas
September 6, Sat	Trip to Labrador	Debbie Bogan & Chet Wilk
September 14, Sun	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
September 20, Sat	Apple Cider Crawl	Ray Mosher
September 21, Sun	The Final Gulick	Darius Kasinskas
September 28, Sun	Bill Hodge Memorial Rally	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
October 4, Sat	Drive to Belmont Falls	Darius Kasinskas
October 8, Wed	Drive with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole

Our 2025 schedule will not include the Marcellus parade. We will not be scheduling a Cruise Night at the Log Cabin in Macedon either. It is closed for food and the parking lot is in poor repair. We'll keep an eye on it for 2026. Members are encouraged to find a location close to their chapter.

Ice Cream Schedule of 2025

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

Date	Time	Location
June 12 Thur	6:30 pm	Hickory Hill, Baldwinsville
June 26 Thur	6:30 pm	Byrne Dairy, Lafayette
July 10 Thur	6:30 pm	Big Dip, N Syracuse
July 24 Thur	6:30 pm	Fifi's, Eastwood
Aug 7 Thur	6:30 pm	Pete's Polar, Solvay
Aug 28 Thur	6:30 pm	Vickie's, Liverpool
Sept 11 Thur	6:30 pm	Sno Top, Manlius
Sept 25 Thur	6:30 pm	Plank Road, N Syracuse
Oct 9 Thur	6:30 pm	Carvel, Dewitt
Oct 24 Fri	6:30 pm	TBD

Rochester Chapter: Nancy Lowe, nanlowe53@gmail.com, 585-305-4410

Tuesdays	Time	Location
June 10	6:00 pm	Five Guy's, 927 Holt Rd, Webster, Bruster's, 1041 Ridge Rd, Webster
June 24	6:00 pm	No Finer Diner, 140 W Main St, LeRoy (Need head count for dinner), Cruisers for ice cream behind diner.
July 8	5:00 pm	The Irish Mafia Brewing Company, 2971 Whalen Rd, Bloomfield (Need head count for dinner), Sharks Ice Cream , 50 State St, Bloomfield, 5pm for Cruise nights, 6pm for dinner
July 22	6:00 pm	Bill Gray's Seabreeze, 4870 Culver Rd, Rochester
August 12	6:00 pm	NEW! Mulconry's Irish Pub & Rest., 17 Liftbridge Ln E, Fairport (Need head count for dinner), Lift Bridge Ice Cream, 6 N Main St, Fairport
August 26	6:00 pm	The Tavern 19 , 1549 Lake Rd N, Hamlin & Lugia's Ice Cream, 4719 Lyell Rd, Spencerport
September 9	6:00 pm	SALT, 7408 Pittsford Palmyra Rd, Fairport (Need head count for dinner), Chill & Grill, 616 E Main St, Palmyra
September 23	6:00 pm	Tom Wahl's, 283 East Main St, Avon, NY & Colby's Ice Cream & Bake Shop, 7272 W Henrietta Rd, Rush (on SR 250)

Binghamton Chapter: Barb Hunsinger, bhunsin928@aol.com, 607-785-5459

Date	Time	Location
Mon, June 2	6:30 pm	Funky Beez Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, Rt 26, Vestal
Wed, June 18	6:30 pm	Big Dipper, Conklin Rd, Conklin
Mon, July 7	6:30 pm	Tastie Cream, Vestal Pkwy, Vestal
Wed, July 23	6:30 pm	Bob's BBQ & Ice Cream, 5290 Rt 281, Homer, Super Cream Dairy Bar, 75 N West St, Homer
Mon, Aug 4	6:30 pm	Jones Humdinger, Upper Front St, Binghamton
Wed, Aug 20	6:30 pm	Scoopy Doopy, 45 Lewis St, Binghamton

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

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at Purity Ice Cream, 700 Cascadilla St, Ithaca

Month	Days
June	4, 11, 18, 25
July	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
August	6, 13, 20, 27
September	3, 10, 17, 24

Future Events

Saturday, June 7 - Drive to Rainbow Lodge for Lunch

Event Coordinator - Carol Sherwood Trelease, Binghamton Chapter

This will be a Shine only event.

This is a scenic drive along the Cannonsville Reservoir for lunch at Rainbow Lodge. The club has been to Rainbow Lodge many times in the past and the drive is back by popular demand. The drive to lunch is about one hour. Then lunch is followed by a return drive via a different route and a stop for ice cream in Bainbridge.

We will meet at the Mirabito Gas Station just off Harpursville, Exit 6 from Interstate 88. Be there at 10:45 for the driver's meeting. We will leave promptly at 11:00 am. There is a limit of 10 cars, so contact me directly to sign up no later than Thursday, June 5 (copy your area rep).

Contact Carol Sherwood Trelease, cell phone: 607-372-7134, Email: buckshotfarm@aol.com and your Area Rep. if you want to attend.

Thursday, June 12 - Muranda Cheese - Cheese Tasting with wine and beer bar

Event Coordinator: Bob Dobberstein, Rochester Chapter



On June 12, join us for a nostalgic trip to enjoy the finest in cow's milk pasteurized cheese at the Muranda Cheese Company in Waterloo, followed by a flashback to our past for lunch at Mac's Drive-In restaurant, also in Waterloo. Before closing the trip, we will stop for homemade ice cream at Shark's in Bloomfield.

We will meet at the Sunoco Station, 265 Macedon Center Rd., Macedon. Please arrive by 9:40 so we can start the tour by 10:00 a.m. Please note Muranda's Cheese Tastings are \$8.00. Muranda also has available for purchase local beer, wine, and ciders. Craft soda, juice, tea, wine slushies, and cocktails are also available. Planning to join us for this tour? Please contact: Bob Dobberstein by June 4th at alaskatalker@gmail.com as well your Area Rep.

Saturday June 21 - Return to Hyde Hall

Event Coordinators - Kevin Smith and Kathy Lester, Syracuse Chapter

It's time to return to Hyde Hall, Cooperstown, to see the restoration progress since the Club's last visit in the early 2000's. We will meet in the Green Hills Plaza parking lot, 5957 - 6003 S. Salina St., Syracuse, at 8:30 am. Driver's meeting at 8:45 and departure at 9:00. Our route will take us through the Central New York countryside. Lunch will be at the Hawkeye Bar & Grill, in Cooperstown, located at the Otesaga Resort Hotel. After lunch we will caravan to Hyde Hall for a group tour.



TOUR COST WILL BE \$10 PER PERSON, PAYABLE IN CASH AT THE DRIVER'S MEETING!

Due to the group tour limitations, I am limiting this event to 10 cars or 20 people, first come first served. RSVP/Register by June 13th to Kevin Smith, ksmith03@twcnny.rr.com or 315-420-3823, and with your Area Rep.

Wednesday June 25 - Bob's BBQ **CANCELLED******

Event Coordinators - Barb Hunsinger, Binghamton Chapter

Saturday, June 28 - Great Country Roads from Spencerport to Avon and back to Spencerport

Event Coordinator - John Amon, Rochester Chapter

Join us on Saturday, June 28, at 11:00 AM behind McDonald's at 44 Nichols Street in Spencerport for a fun drive through scenic roads, along with a visit to The Abbey of the Genesee gift shop. We'll enjoy lunch at Geneseo Diner, ice cream at Pinkies, and finish in Spencerport!

Contact John Amon at John.N.Amon@gmail.com or 585-617-4334 for more information. Register with John and your Area Representative by June 24.

Sunday, June 29 - Drag Race Day

Event Coordinator - Al MacWillam, Rochester Chapter

Shine Only - Rain Date is Sunday, July 6

We will meet at 9:00 am in the Fairport Wegman's parking lot, 6600 Pittsford Palmyra Rd (Rt 31) in Fairport. It will be about an hour's ride to South Butler Nostalgia Dragway, a 1/10 mile drag strip opened in 1958! Admission is \$10 per person which includes the races, pits, a car show that will include our Miatas, and an automotive swap meet. Food and drink are available. Bring lawn chairs!



We will stop for ice cream on our way back to Rochester. Trip length is around 70 miles. This track is located about halfway between Syracuse and Rochester so possibly the Syracuse Chapter could organize a trip to meet us there. If not, anyone from any other chapter is welcome to come along on this trip, or meet us there. Contact Al at macwill77@gmail.com or (585) 392-7702 and your Area Rep if you can join us.

Saturday, July 12 - Tour of the Mount Morris Dam

Event Coordinator: Bill Lowe ,Rochester Chapter

Meeting place & time: McDonalds parking lot, 1450 Lyell Ave., Rochester, at 9:15 am. We will depart no later than 9:45 am to get to the Dam for a tour that starts at 11:00 am. Following the tour, we'll head out to lunch in Mt. Morris and then roll out to Geneseo for ice cream.

I will need to know how many are going to join this excursion by July 5th so I can reserve tickets which, by the way, are free. Please let me know by email to: blowe0542@gmail.com.

Known to some as "The Sleeping Giant," the Mount Morris dam on the Genesee river at the southern end of Letchworth Gorge is the largest of its type east of the Mississippi. Serious flooding in the Rochester area in the 1700s and 1800s prompted its construction by the Army Corps of Engineers between 1948 and 1951. It is credited with preventing an estimated one billion dollars in flood damage over the decades since it was completed. Over a thousand feet long, it stands 246 feet above the river bed. The concrete in it would be enough to pave a 300 mile long two-lane highway.

There is a guided walking tour that includes going inside and atop the dam. However, be aware that includes a one mile round trip down a very steep walkway with a 10 percent grade. They advise wearing comfortable shoes and dressing for the weather. Also, the temperature inside the dam is 40 to 50 degrees year round. This tour is not considered accessible for anyone with difficulty walking. Fortunately for those of us in that last category, there are still spectacular views of the dam from an overlook at parking lot level plus displays and ample signage with info, as well as a video.

Motion and still photographs are not permitted inside the dam. However, photos are allowed outside and on top of the structure. Backpacks/bags are not permitted inside the dam; please plan to leave any personal belongings in your vehicle if you are going on the walking tour. The tour starts at 11:00 am, so we will plan to be there well before that.

Contact Bill at blowe0542@gmail.com and your Area Rep to attend this event.

Sunday, July 13 - Midstate Miata Club Picnic

Event Coordinator: Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

We'll meet at Fillmore Glen State Park, 1686 State Route 38, Moravia, NY at 11:00. We'll begin cooking food at noon.

The MMC has rented a pavilion and will pay the park entrance fee for each car, but you **MUST** bring the coupon below to turn in at the gate or you will be charged. If there is a veteran in your car that has the VETERAN notation on their driver's license, you can access any New York state park with-

out charge. We will again be using the Fillmore Room and have access to two refrigerators, power outlets, and bathrooms for our convenience. The room is enclosed with tables and chairs and also outdoor picnic tables so we should be quite comfortable rain or shine. There is swimming and hiking to a nice gorge with a series of waterfalls, so bring hiking-appropriate shoes and bathing suit and towel. Enter the park, keep right and stop at the first large building (on your left). The Fillmore Room is on the left of the open seating area.

Unlike some previous years when the picnic was catered, we will each provide our own food this year. The club will provide a charcoal fire, condiments, paper plates and plastic utensils. Please bring meat and any rolls for yourselves, a dish to pass and your own beverages. Beer and wine are allowed.

Each area can coordinate plans for a caravan to reach the park, and there is an ice cream stand in Moravia where we can stop when we leave if so desired.

There is no need to sign up. Contact Ray or Sue Mosher at 315-635-2584 or at MOSHERRSKL@YAHOO.COM with any questions.

PLEASE DETACH AND BRING COUPON BELOW FOR FREE PARKING

ADMIT ONE VEHICLE TO
FILLMORE GLEN STATE PARK
FOR
MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB PICNIC
SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

Saturday, July 26, 2025 - The Warfield Loop

Event Coordinator - Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

RSVP by July 12, 2025, with Darius: miata@kasinskas.com and let your Area Rep know you are going.

This event will run rain or shine—no rain date is planned.

Join us for a relaxed 65 mile drive through scenic roads. We'll meet at the south end of the Canandaigua Pier by **10:30 am** for a drivers' meeting at **10:45 am**.

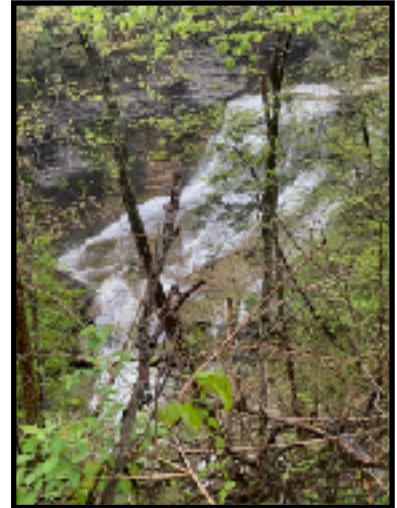
The first leg is a 15 mile drive to lunch at Warfield's Restaurant in Clifton Springs. Seating is reserved, so your RSVP is required. After lunch, we'll drive 52 miles back to Canandaigua to end the day at Scoops Ice Cream, 10 Lakeshore Dr. There is a parking lot adjacent to Scoops for the group.

Past Event Reports

Saturday, May 3 - Waterfalls Tour

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

On Saturday, May 3, eight cars and their intrepid occupants set forth through a light rain. We visited Carpenter Falls, Ludlowville Falls, Ithaca Falls, ran up Enfield Glen to Taughannock Falls and then Frontenac Falls. Frontenac was a Boy Scout camp property, but sold it to New York State to become a new State park someday. As expected, lots of water in the falls. After our planned lunch stop was too busy to accommodate all of us, we pivoted to another place to eat. Despite a top-up run, we all enjoyed the views. Thanks to all who came out! -Ray & Sue Mosher



Wednesday May 7 - Zoom - Zoom Quilt Shop Hop 2025

Event Coordinators - Merrilee & Al MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter



A mixture of weather conditions on May 7 allowed mostly top down cruising for the nine Miatas on this year's Zoom-Zoom Quilt Shop Hop. Our group consisted of 14 Rochester Chapter Members, one Syracuse Chapter Member, and three guests! We visited four quilt shops between Victor and

Skaneateles, and had a late lunch in Skaneateles. The blue cars then continued on to ice cream in Williamson! Here's a video of the event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XLZewZh-o>



Saturday, May 17 - Browniekar Roadster and a Time Machine

Event Coordinator - Elisha Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter



While we did not use a time machine for this event (we may try that again!), eleven Miata's with nineteen people enjoyed navigating some little-known curvy roads between Fairport and Newark. We lunched at a local Newark family restaurant and proceeded to visit the Newark-Arcadia Museum, where one of only

three Browniekar roadsters is on display. Made locally between 1908 to 1911 by the Omar Motor Car Company, we got a close up look at this amazing car as well as other local history. After our museum visit, we had ice cream in Palmyra. Here's a video of the event: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HI5TDkRzLOE>.



Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day, LaFayette Bicentennial Memorial Day Parade

Event Coordinators - Dale & Cathy Nagel, Syracuse Chapter

We had six cars participate in the Lafayette, NY Bicentennial Parade. The sun was actually shining for the first time in what felt like months.



After the parade and a scenic drive through southern Onondaga county, the group enjoyed brunch at the Milkhouse Diner in Marcellus.



Technical Tips

Wench With A Wrench

By Gail Wagner



SUMMER ENGINE FLUIDS FLUSH/REPLACEMENT & OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

Hello, Miata Club Members.

Summertime and the livin' (and drivin') is easy. But it's also time to pay attention to your Miata innards/outers to make sure she/he is running smoothly and efficiently without unanticipated costly repairs due to neglected maintenance.

Please read through these suggestions and if your Miata qualifies, get to it now. Many of our Miata's are over or well-over twenty years old! We forget about age because they are relatively trouble-free. Let's keep it that way. Paying attention to fluids replacement and other maintenance reminders will help keep your Miata trouble-free and running well for many years to come.

- **TIRE PRESSURE/ROTATION** – Check tire pressure monthly. Correct tire pressure should be in your owner's manual or on a sticker on the inside of your driver's side door. Rotate your tires every 2,000 - 3,000 miles. (I have my inspection shop do it every year or do it myself.) Rotating tires prevents uneven wear and is good for fuel efficiency not to mention helping to make your tires last longer.
- **TIRE REPLACEMENT - THIS IS A BIGGIE, FOLKS.** Important: Tires 7-10 years old have expired and should be replaced regardless of how much tread is left. Tires can degrade from the inside unseen. (Tip: Read my previous columns about tires on our Club website www.midstatemiata.net, May 2025 newsletter) The tires are the most important thing between your butt and the road. Make sure they're safe!
- **TIRE ALIGNMENT** – Have your alignment checked every couple of years at least. Even if you don't buy new tires and have alignment and tire balancing done then, have your alignment checked on your current tires. It will improve handling and help prevent early tire wear.
- **TIRE LUG NUTS** – Check monthly. If you have a torque wrench and a socket set, check your tire's lug nuts and tighten to spec, usually about 80 ft-lbs. of torque or have your mechanic check them. This can be easily overlooked if you have had your tires replaced or rotated recently.
- **ANTI-FREEZE/COOLANT** - Mazda recommends flush and replacement every five years or every 30,000 miles. Antifreeze, also known as coolant, keeps the engine and its components

from freezing or overheating. The chemicals in antifreeze eventually break down and lose their engine-cooling protective properties. Driving a vehicle with a faulty engine cooling system can result in overheating, cylinder head gasket failure, engine block failure, or cylinder head warping. Read \$\$\$\$\$\$... Additionally, if you have a 2006-2015 “NC” series Miata, keep an eye on the plastic overflow reservoir. If it turns green or brown, replace ASAP. A leak or crack can damage your engine big time! (This is the only generation of Miata to have a plastic reservoir that can cause engine interference).

- **POWER STEERING FLUID REPLACEMENT** – If never flushed and replaced and you have at least 55,000 miles, think about it. Power steering fluid does break down eventually and can cause “gunk” to accumulate in the power steering lines affecting steering. The fresh fluid color should be translucent cherry red (not dark brown or black) just in case you see any that has leaked on your driveway. At least check it once a month to see if it needs topping up. Use the correct stuff per manual.
- **AIR FILTER** - Replace after 60 months or 60,000 miles. The new “permanent” filters are nice. You just take them out and vacuum occasionally. Worth the added expense, I say. If you don’t wrap your air filter in aluminum foil during winter storage or long-time un-use, you’d be surprised what stuff critters can store in there.
- **CABIN FILTER** – Replacement per manual. If you don't change your interior cabin air filter, the filter will become more clogged with dirt and debris and compromise the efficiency of the filter and your car's HVAC system, if you have A/C. The air volume into your passenger compartment will be continually reduced leading to the issue of odors inside your car. (Tip: Easy to buy one and do it yourself. Check it out on YouTube).
- **BRAKE FLUID/CLUTCH FLUID** –Check the fluid reservoir bottle monthly and completely flush/replace with “DOT 3” brake fluid every 2-3 years since it does break down eventually. Brake and clutch fluid (same fluid) are located in the same little plastic bottle under the hood. Throw out partially used cans of brake fluid after 2 years at the latest if you add it yourself; it degrades because it attracts moisture from the air (hygroscopic), even a partially used, closed container on your garage shelf (Tip: I mark the date I opened the bottle with a magic marker so I know how old it is). If you are a “spirited” driver who brakes hard a lot or someone who does high performance track days, it’s recommended that you use higher temperature DOT 4 brake fluid indicated on the bottle as opposed to DOT 3.
- **DIFFERENTIAL FLUID** - Drain and replace every 30,000 miles per Mazda’s factory recommendation. The “diff” transfers power from the transmission to the rear wheels and lets the wheels turn at different speeds when cornering. It is one of the most expensive parts to replace. Be sure to use the right kind per manual. If you don’t think it’s ever been changed, do it now.
- **TRANSMISSION FLUID FOR MANUAL & AUTOMATIC** - Drain and replace every 30,000 miles per Mazda’s factory recommendation. Be sure to use the right kind per manual. The

fluid is not only a lubricant but it also serves to prevent corrosion and actuate the clutches inside the transmission that perform the smooth shifts. Over time, when heat breaks down the fluid, it loses some of its capabilities.

- **PVC VALVE (Positive Crankcase Ventilation)** - Replace every 20,000 – 50,000 miles. If you normally drive short trips, change every 30,000 miles. The PCV valve is a one-way valve attached to the crankcase of your car's engine and removes unwanted gases from the crankcase. (Tip: See my past TECH article about PVC valves in website archives).
- **FUEL FILTER** - Replace every 60,000 miles. (If it's plugged, believe me, you'll know, (i.e., lack of power, especially driving up hills!)).
- **SPARK PLUGS/ SPARK PLUG WIRES** –Check both monthly (if you have plug wires; newer models do not). Replace about every 30,000 miles. When was the last time you had these changed? If you don't know, do it now. Have spark plugs and spark plug wires checked (e.g., cracks, breaks, broken covering) for older Miata's and the spark plugs for the newer models which have "coil packs" in place of wires. (Normally these packs do not need regular replacement).
- **TIMING BELT** -????? Well, the jury is still out on this. Are you a reasonable gambler? 😊
Some say replace after 60,000 miles BUT reported failures appear to be few and far between and it doesn't hurt the engine if the belt does break - you're just unable to drive the car until it's replaced. The replacement is expensive, like \$600+. (Tip: It's recommended that you replace the water pump at the same time, a relatively inexpensive part, if you do replace the belt since it's buried "down under there").
- **RAIN DRAINS** – Check periodically. These are the little holes under your convertible top that drain rainwater and hand car-washing water down and away from the car. They can plug with dirt, grit, leaves, etc., allowing water to back up into your interior cabin floor or trunk. (Tip: Run a garden hose on the back of your car with the top securely up and then with the top half-way folded down (have someone hold it or put a box under it to hold it from falling). Have someone peek underneath the back of the car to make sure water stream is draining properly).
- **ENGINE HOSES** – Check monthly. Take a quick peek at all your engine hoses and hose clamps to make sure there are no leaks, cracks, breaks or any have come loose that takes just a minute. Replace as necessary - new hoses are cheap insurance AND they come in cool colors now. 😊
- **BATTERY FLUID/REPLACEMENT** – Check monthly and/or depends. Do you have a battery that requires adding water or a closed battery system? Unscrew those battery caps with a rag and top off with distilled (not tap) water if the cells look low on fluid. How OLD is your battery? Some have a date printed on top. Clean corroded battery terminals (that gunky white stuff) with a toothbrush and a paste made with water and baking soda, cleaned off with a rag

or paper towel. Please use rubber gloves, protective glasses and protect paint and clothing. This is an acid gunk. (Tip: You can have battery life tested and checked free at many auto supplies stores).

- **WASH/WAX** – At least once a season. (See my archived article about washing and waxing at www.midstatemiata.net). To preserve your paint, especially on our older Miata's, your car should be hand-washed and waxed in spring after storage and ideally again mid-summer and just before storage. (I love the new ceramic coatings.) I'm talking washing "by-hand" here. Don't forget to condition leather seating if you have it with a quality leather preservative product. Clean and condition your convertible top with quality convertible top cleaner/conditioner products like *RaggTop* or equivalent (not car wash or detergent soap) to help it last longer and protect from harmful UV rays' deterioration. Yes, it's time consuming but so good for the soul!
- **TREE SAP, DEAD BUGS AND OTHER PAINT-RUINING PROBLEMS** – Check every day! Tree sap, dead bugs and bird droppings can be ruinous on paint and clear coat. Wipe acidic bird droppings and dead bugs ASAP with a damp paper towel. Tree sap can be effectively removed with a few drops of waterless hand soap (i.e., Purell). On a warm day, let it sit for a minute on the sap to soften and then wipe it off with a wet paper towel to thoroughly remove the sap. Then wash with a little soap and water and then dry with a dry paper towel. (I have not found a sap-removing automotive product yet that really works as well as this).
- A tip: Got cloudy headlight lens that have oxidized overtime? I heartily recommend this product: Cerakote Headlight Restoration Kit. \$17 bucks but works great!

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

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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.

Looking for a NEW or PREOWNED Miata?

If you are considering another vehicle I have a \$500.00 voucher available for any vehicle purchased at Bob Johnson Mazda. Call me at 585-704-9940. - Chuck Rischenole

2001 Mazda Miata LS

Approximately 70,000 Original Miles

★**Engine:** 1.8-liter DOHC inline-four engine with 142 horsepower and 125 ft-lb of torque

★**Transmission:** 6-speed manual transmission with a limited-slip differential

★**Wheels:** 16-inch wheels

★**Safety:** Dual front air bags, passenger side deactivation switch, four-wheel disc brakes, seatbelt pre tensioners, and engine immobilizer

★**Comfort:** Leather seating, glass rear window with defroster, and cruise control

★**Audio:** AM/FM Bose audio system with CD

★**Other features:** Power windows, door locks, and mirrors, remote keyless entry, and fog lights **Asking \$9,500 (negotiable).**

Email Elena at EleMiata2001@gmail.com



One-of-a-Kind Cherry Red 1991 Mazda Miata

With over 120 modifications, this multiple "best in show" car turns heads wherever it goes. The odometer shows 66k original miles. Full documentation of every modification, oil change, service and upgrade are included along with most of the OEM parts all boxed up to go with the car, including the original rims, vinyl seat covers and interior pieces. In 2009, this car had a major change with the addition of the Diablo door conversion. This road ready, one-owner car, with its original factory paint is ready for a second life with a new owner. Zoom Zoom



Contact: Steve Sabella, 315-254-8518 or smsabella@yahoo.com

2006 Mazda Miata Grand Touring



- Original Owner
 - Approximately 62,000 miles
 - Marble white with tan leather interior and tan cloth top; matching Cocomats custom floor mats
 - Engine: 2.0 liter; 166 hp; 4 cylinder
 - Automatic transmission with paddle shifters
 - Tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS)
 - Power windows, door locks, mirrors
 - Bose AM / FM / CD player
 - Remote keyless entry
 - Front and rear splash guards
- 17" wheels with Michelin Pilot Sport All Season 4 tires (Approximately 8,700 miles; 45,000 mile warranty)
 - All standard safety features including dual front airbags, side impact airbags and antitheft engine immobilizer
 - All maintenance records available; meticulously maintained; no winters
 - Indoor car cover; stored winters in winter storage bag (See www.carbag.com)
 - Asking \$12,000. Contact Paul Shubmehl at paulshub@twcnny.rr.com or 315-415-3896.



Kenwood TK-3200 (LMR) UHF radio

The opportunity to be more in-the-loop during your next club drive! Kenwood TK-3200 (LMR) UHF radio with Li-Po battery pack, charger and operating manual. Like new condition. Club frequency pre-set on Channel-1. Thoroughly tested and ready to go, \$75.00 (plus shipping if necessary). Contact: Bill Lowe, 585-865-6158 or blowe0542@gmail.com.



Flyin' Miata Gas Pedal Extension



\$20 plus \$10 Shipping & Handling. Will deliver to a club event. Contact: Bill Krause, WillRevRacing@yahoo.com, 315-952-2319

Set of 4 wheels and tires from a 2025 MX-5 Grand Touring

\$1000 O.B.O. Expected delivery March/April 2025. Local pickup only
Liverpool N.Y. Contact: Bill Krause WillRevRacing@yahoo.com
315-952-2319



Miata ND3 Jinba Ittai License Plate Frame

Aluminum with white primer, yellow face and blue letters. \$20.00, \$10
Shipping & Handling each. Will deliver to a club event. Contact: Bill Krause,
WillRevRacing@yahoo.com, 315-952-2319.

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!



Midstate Miata Club Volunteer Spotlight

by Debbie Bogan and Chet Wilk, Syracuse Chapter

Chet Wilk and Debbie Bogan are devoted members of the Advocates for Upstate Medical University. For more than 100 years, Advocates for Upstate has supported health care programs and scholarships through its fundraising and service initiatives.

Debbie joined The Advocates in 2014. She encouraged Chet to join in 2022 after he retired from a multi faceted career, working in private industry, education and for a non profit agency. Chet was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Advocates in 2023 and became their Vice President in 2024.

Both Chet and Debbie serve on the Grants Committee. Upstate Departments submit grant funding requests to the Advocates for items not covered in their budget. Debbie is Chair of the Scholarship Committee. The Advocates award scholarships to qualifying students, employees and volunteers who are pursuing a career in a health related field. Debbie also volunteers at blood drives, supports fundraising efforts, wraps presents for patients during the holiday season and helps with socials for patients on the Transitional Care Unit at Upstate Community Hospital.

Chet has been involved with holiday decorating at Upstate Community Hospital, supports fundraising efforts, works on the Finance Committee and was recently appointed Chair of the Strategic Action Plan Committee. This plan will help direct future operations and serve as a guide in promoting, developing, and expanding Advocate activities.

Chet and Debbie feel they make a difference for Upstate patients, staff, and for our community. We encourage you to become an Advocate for Upstate Medical University. No matter what your work history is, join our team. We all have needed skills that are much appreciated by the diverse population we serve in our community.

Leadership Team

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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 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, 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."