



President's Letter

Wow! August was a busy month for club events! And there are eight more events before the end of the 2025 season! That's more than some clubs do all season. Are we something?! The reason we are so successful in providing a large variety of fun things to do is due directly to our wonderful Event Coordinators. They continue to step up to suggest, plan and execute a menu of things that we all should be able to participate in for at least a couple drives...and don't forget ice cream nights (who could forget the best parts?). If you think you might have an idea or two for rides but haven't done it before, please reach out to someone in your area that has done them and see if you could "shadow" them through the process so you'll be prepared/more comfortable for next year. For newer members, we will begin our 2026 planning in late February or early March so start thinking about it soon.

Here's more information about our new event - the **End of the Year Wrap Up Party**. As I said last month, this is a new event that will be more casual and easier to mingle with folks at your leisure. GREAT NEWS...this is free to members. Sandwich and wrap trays will be provided as well as water and soda. You are asked to bring a dish to pass. A cash bar is also available. We also encourage you to bring your favorite chili or pie to participate in chili and pie tasting contests. You can also play table games, and there's even a table shuffleboard game in the bar area. We will also have a "Wrap it Up" contest. **The venue has an 80 person maximum occupancy**, so register early to get a spot. We are looking forward to trying something new with this Chapter wide wrap up and hope you will join us. Below you will find a flyer with more details and how to register. More details will follow on whether or not local chapters have holiday plans.

Our membership continues to grow to 144 cars this year. That's a BIG club! Please help make our new members feel welcome by introducing yourself to members who have a colored dot on their club lanyard/badge. I hope to see you at one or more of the remaining events. Remember, keep Zooming until the snow flies.

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



End of Year Wrap Up Party
American Legion,
1 Wainwright Ln., Skaneateles

A casual, fun
time with
food, games,
and contests.

Registration begins
September 8 & closes
October 10 (FIRST 80
PEOPLE TO SIGN UP)
OTMs Welcome!
(Other than Miatas)

- o Sandwich trays, water and soda provided. Cash bar available.
- o Bring a dish to pass and indicate your item on the registration form.
- o Bring your favorite table games for socializing in small groups
- o Shuffleboard table in the bar area
- o Chili cook off & Pie tasting contest (bring a pie server utensil)
- o "Wrap it up" contest (bring an odd shape item from home and some old wrapping paper)
- o Event Coordinator appreciation gift ceremony

Return your registration information below to:

Karen McKissock, 121 Cranbrook Ter., Webster, NY 14580

Pilot _____ Co-pilot _____

Dish to Pass _____

Bringing chili for the Chili Cook Off? Yes/No

Bringing Pie for the Pie contest? Yes/No

Date Received _____ Remember it's first 80 to register

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>
Ben & Phillip Bush	Ithaca	2016	Soul Red Metallic

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

Thanks to all who have sent video and pictures of past events for possible use in the club videos I produce for YouTube.

Please remember that we are talking mostly about video here. Virtually all of us have a phone that has a camera that will take not only still pictures, but also excellent quality video. And I much prefer video over still pictures that really amount to nothing more than a slide show.

When involved in an event and shooting video and pictures try to think of what you are doing as a recording of that event as it unfolds. That means lots of shots of the stuff you are seeing, the cars on the road, and to a lesser extent people involved. A whole bunch of group shots minus any context on why all those folks are there really doesn't tell the story.

Video clips should be at least 10-seconds long; the longer the better. The more material you provide the easier it is for me to edit it into a completed YouTube product. Also, as you shoot the video talk about what you are shooting. I probably won't use your narration, but it helps me identify that video clip and how it fits into the complete story I'm trying to tell in the finished video.

You can see all our 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 club video. All of you are encouraged to shoot lots of video and pictures of every club outing you attend. Upload your content, along with a description of the event, to this Internet address:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/yloCBAwqpD9s8IU32qjD>

I can then your material 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

Member News

Congratulations to Gail Wagner, our Ithaca Area Representative, on being published for a second time in Miata Motoring Magazine. Her article is archived on their website, 2025 Volume 2. <https://mossmiata.com/miata-motoring-archives>. We're proud of our Wench With a Wrench!



Refrigerator Schedule - 2025

Date	Event	Coordinator
September 6, Sat **Sign up by August 30	Trip to Labrador	Debbie Bogan & Chet Wilk
Saturday, September 6 **New Event**	"Off to the (Stock Car) Races" Pop-Up Event	Al MacWilliam
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 **Sign up by Sept. 24	Bill Hodge Memorial Rally	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
October 4, Sat	Drive to Belmont Falls **CANCELLED**	Darius Kasinskas
October 8, Wed	Drive with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole
October 18, Sat	Last Call '25	Merrilee & Al MacWilliam
October 25, Sat **Sign up by Oct 10	Year End Wrap Up	Leadership Team

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
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
September 9	6 pm	SALT, 7408 Pittsford Palmyra Rd, Fairport (need head count for dinner). Sweet Scoops Ice Cream, 6720 Palmyra Rd, Fairport
September 23	6 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
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Ithaca Chapter: Gail Wagner, gwtr3red@gmail.com, 607-257-7445

Gail will contact Ithaca Chapter members for dates and locations.



Ithaca Ice Cream Night at Bella's in Horseheads

How To Register For A Midstate Miata Club Of NY Event Summer 2025

There are several ways to register for an upcoming Club event:

1. The current Club newsletter, no matter what month, has events listed for the current month and the next month with instructions on how to register.
 - You can find the current newsletter on the Club website: www.midstatemiata.net
 - Click on "Newsletters" at the top of the homepage page and scroll through to find your event and info to register.
2. If the event is beyond the current or next month listed in the Club newsletter, go to the Club website: www.midstatemiata.net
 - Click on "Calendar" at the top of the homepage for a list of all published summer events.
 - Scroll down and find the event you want. There will be a description of the event and a name of the event coordinator with their email address or phone number to contact and sign up. Be sure to wear your name tags to the event!
 - Important: If you decide NOT to attend, please also let the coordinator know so they don't wait for you at the meeting place or wonder where you are before starting out.
 - Also, if you decide to take a friend to an event who is not a club member, you need to get a "Guest Disclaimer (liability) Form" from your rep or on the Club website (click on "About" at the top of the homepage) and give it to the event coordinator when you get there. This is to protect our Club from liability.

Future Events

Saturday, September 6 - "Off to the (Stock Car) Races" Pop-Up Event

Event Coordinator - Al MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

This is a shine only event.

We will meet at 4 p.m. at McDonald's in Avon for a 25 mile ride to Wyoming County International Speedway in Perry. This is a 1/3 mile paved oval track where we will watch six classes of stock cars compete. The track owner says if we arrive with 10-30 Miatas he will provide a grass VIP parking area for us,





and we can run parade laps on the track at half time intermission! He assures me that "you won't be disappointed" by the race track food quality and selection. General admission is \$17.50 each, and senior admission is \$15.50. Racing starts at 6:30 p.m. and generally finishes by 9:30 or 10 p.m. If you will be attending this event please let me know sooner, rather than later, so I can get the VIP parking and track laps set up with the track owner. Sign up at: macwill77@gmail.com, or call Al at 585-392-7702.

Saturday, September 6 - Trip to Labrador Hollow Unique Area

Event Coordinators - Debbie Bogan and Chet Wilk, Syracuse Chapter

This is a rain or shine event.

NATURE LOVERS BEWARE. You may find it hard to leave this place. Our excursion into Labrador's natural setting provides ample opportunity to view a variety of wildlife and vegetation that will keep you spellbound... Maybe it's too much of a stretch, but some may find it intriguing.



We will meet at Byrne Dairy, 5829 State Rte. 20 Lafayette, NY at 10:15 a.m. After a driver meeting, we will depart at 10:30 for Labrador Unique Area. Travel about seventeen minutes (10.80 miles via CR-3 and Rt-91). We will take the accessible boardwalk to the pond and back to parking lot. This is about a 20-minute walk.



Then we will travel to Tinker Falls about five minutes away and for those who wish, hike to the falls. We will spend about 30-45 minutes there. If there are no bathrooms open, we will travel to Circle K, 5755 Rt 80 Tully, NY (15 minutes, 7 miles via Rte-80 and Rt-91) for a potty break. From there, we will travel to the Hollywood Restaurant, 27 Groton Ave Cortland, NY (15 miles, 25 minutes via Rt 11 south). Watch for a large bird's nest overhead and cows in the fields.

Reservations are at the Hollywood for 1:30 p.m. Please be advised that they normally don't do separate checks for parties over four. The Hollywood is a trip back in time, with the iconic statue of Marilyn Monroe, movie posters of Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart, John Wayne, etc. It's a fun place to eat. Food is tasty and reasonably priced, and the wait staff is friendly. There is ample parking in their adjacent parking lot.

After lunch, around 3 p.m., we will head to Super Cream Dairy Bar, 75 N. West St. Homer, NY, for their delicious homemade ice cream. Then head home around 4 p.m. via Rt-281 and US-11 (23 minutes, 20 miles), to savor the memories of a wonderful day with wonderful Miata club friends. Please join us!

RSVP to Debbie Bogan, dybogan@twcnny.rr.com, by August 30 if you plan to eat at the Hollywood and contact your Area Rep if you plan to go.

Sunday, September 14 - Lafayette Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinators - Lee Maddy & Miriam White, Syracuse Chapter

This is a rain or shine event.

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 year's winner was Deer Run Orchards. Will it hold onto the trophy?



Tentative Schedule:

Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Byrne Dairy Gas Station in Lafayette NY (Rt. 20 & Rt. 81) (to the left of McDonalds), we will depart at 11 a.m. We will travel down Route 20 for a total trip of 6 miles, stopping at four apple orchards (subject to change due to crowds) along the way.

No need to RSVP for the event, just show up and stay for as long as you like. However, if you do register with Lee Maddy at mrmiataman@yahoo.com also inform your area rep so that we can contact you if the event is canceled.

Saturday, September 20 - Apple Cider Crawl

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

This is a shine only event.

This is mostly a repeat of previous runs. We meet at the Byrne Dairy on US-20, Lafayette just west of I-81 (the same location that the Apple Fritter Crawl begins) to start our drive. We will meet at 11:15 a.m. for an 11:30 departure. Snacks, bathrooms and gas are all available here. After about a 30-minute drive we arrive at Critz Farms Brewing & Cider Co. near Cazenovia to



taste their cider and beer (there may be a food truck). After an hour or so of backroads driving we will arrive at Awestruck Ciders in Sidney. Awestruck has great ciders (including Hibiscus Ginger and Lavender Hops) and snacks. Then, a return drive home via a mostly different route, stopping at 1911 Beak & Skiff.

The Southern Tier group could organize their own drive to meet at Awestruck Ciders. Bring your growlers! Cans and bottled products are also available.

This is a shine only event, but will be **cancelled only in the event of a total washout day**. We will run with the odd shower. There is no food on the run until we get to Awestruck around 2:30 p.m., so plan to eat lunch before you come or bring a snack. There are bathrooms at each stop, but none planned on the road. Indoor and outdoor seating is available at all venues.

Check out food and drink menus at Critz Farms Brewing & Cider Co. <http://www.critzbrewandcider.com/>. Awestruck Ciders <https://www.awestruckciders.com/>.

No need to reserve a spot - just show up. If you have questions, contact Ray at mosherrskL@yahoo.com or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281(cell).

Sunday, September 21- The Final Gulick

Event Coordinator: Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

Join us for **The Final Gulick**, a scenic adventure filled with rolling hills, winding roads, and plenty of Miata smiles. Building on our 2023 Full Gulick run, this edition swaps out 27 of the original miles 70 miles for an additional 55 brand-new ones, making the drive even better than before.

We'll **gather at Quicklee's, 3 E Main St, Bloomfield, NY 14469 by 10:00 a.m.** and set off by 10:30. The route includes about an hour of driving to our first stop for a sit-down lunch at Hollerhorn Distilling. Afterward, we'll enjoy homemade ice cream at Linnie Lou's and a nostalgic visit to The Olde Country Store 1849 for perhaps a final chance to explore its candies and treasures before the shop closes later this summer. From there, it's another hour of scenic driving as we complete the loop.



This rain-or-shine outing promises great roads, delicious food, and the best company - fellow Miata friends! Don't miss this memorable farewell run on one of our favorite routes! RSVP: Darius Kasinskas, miata@kasinskas.com.

Sunday September 28 - Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Event Coordinators - Lee Maddy & Miriam White, Syracuse Chapter

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

Meeting Time: 11 a.m., cars will start departing at 11:30

This year's annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally will be held on Sunday September 28, and as last year's winners, we have the great honor of planning and running this year's rally. We are 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 similar to 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 menu selections will be available for you to order), and share your excitement of the drive you just completed. This event is for ALL club members, not just those from the Syracuse area. We welcome everyone from the other regions to join us.



Come to this event and not only meet some new club members, but also make some new friends. If you plan on attending, it is NOT critical that you RSVP in advance, but it would be helpful if you **respond by September 24** so I know how many packets to print, and to guarantee yourself a coveted spot. Please join us for the fun, and try something new.

Just show up, or register with Lee at mrmiataman@yahoo.com, or text my cell at 315-952-7148.

Wednesday, October 8 - Drive with the Niagara Club

Event Coordinator - Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

Register with Chuck by October 1 at candgr@gmail.com or 585-223-7586 and your Area Representative.

We will meet at the McDonald's in Avon, 250 E Main St. Arrive in time for a pit stop and a driver's meeting at 9 a.m. and we will depart at 9:15. 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. **There will be a limit of 10 cars for this event so sign up early if you are going.**

Saturday, October 18 - Last Call '25

Event Coordinators - Merrilee & Al MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

Rain or Shine



We will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, at Quicklee's Mobil in Bloomfield for "Last Call 25." This event will give us one more outing in our Miatas before winter storage, a chance to view colored leaves, lunch with our friends, and of course, ice cream! The trip length, at this point, is about 115 miles. More details will be coming in the October Newsletter. If you

can join us please contact Al at macwill77@gmail.com or leave a message at 585-392-7702.



Saturday, October 25 - Year End Wrap Up Party

Event Coordinators - The Leadership Team

See the flyer on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Past Event Reports

Friday, August 1- Zooming to Women's Rights

Event Coordinators - Merrilee & Al MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

We had perfect weather for Miata cruising for our trip to the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls! Ten cars caravanned from Webster, with two of those having come from Syracuse to join us. Club members from the Ithaca and Syracuse Chapters met us to tour the National Park. We then had a lengthy lunch which gave the 23 people in attendance plenty of time to chat!



Next we drove past historical sights in the village and finished the educational part of our



trip at the National Women's Hall of Fame. Those people returning to Rochester stopped in Williamson on the way home for ice cream to complete a fun and informative day.

Sunday, August 3 - Skaneateles Polo & Barbecue

Event Coordinators - Dale & Cathy Nagel, Syracuse Chapter

For the first time in several years, we actually got a beautiful sunny day on the first try for the polo event. Thirteen cars met in Lafayette for a scenic drive to



Bob's Barbecue in Homer.

There we met up with three more cars. Some members enjoyed BBQ, whereas others picked up food to eat at the match.

We then took

another scenic drive to the Skaneateles Polo Club field. There we met up with another ten cars for a total of twenty-six!

Everyone enjoyed sitting in the shade talking, eating, maybe drinking, and watching the polo match.



August 8 - Binghamton Area Lottery Run (Pop-up Event)

Event Coordinator - Del Austin, Binghamton Chapter

On a bright sunny day in Montrose, PA, in the parking lot of Tractor Supply, seven club Miatas gathered for their run through the Pennsylvania mountains. After a short driver's meeting, the members gathered with their instructions and run map for the event. Everyone with their tops down started out of the parking lot. The seven shiny Miatas wove their way through some of Pennsylvania's beautiful curvy roads and scenic vistas. The group handled all of the curves very well and followed the map and instructions on their driver's list. With the help of our sweeper, Frank and Sandy Cectin, and the radios supplied by our Area Rep, Barb Hunsinger, the group remained in good, safe formation. During the end of the run, we had the occasion to spot several deer, one that ran in front of us, one that stood alongside the road and stared at us, and one that ran between two cars. Everybody was fine and got a big laugh at lunch time.



We all arrived at the Green Gables restaurant in New Milford hungry and ready to sit down and enjoy a good, well-deserved meal.



Waiting for our meals to arrive, we enjoyed the conversation for at least 40 minutes. It was a special treat to have our members, Irma Blood and Jim Gardner, join us for lunch at the Green Gables. Jim has been under the weather for a while and it was great to get to see them both again.

It was a perfect ending to a beautiful Miata day. A joyous time spent in that little car, remembering all the great fun and memories, looking forward to doing it again this fall when the fall colors are out! Thank you for all attending and taking part in a fun run. Why was it called a lottery run? Because at the end of the run my wife, Virginia, handed each driver a New York State lottery ticket. Good luck!

Thursday, August 14 - Caravan to Ottawa Regional C2M2 Event

Event Coordinators - Lee Maddy & Miriam White, Syracuse Chapter

Event Report - Al MacWilliam, Rochester Chapter

The Underground Miata Network (UMN) is a Miata Club in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. To celebrate the Club's 30th Anniversary they threw a party that they called "Canada's Capital Miata Meet" (C2M2).



And so it was that on Thursday, August 14th, nine Miatas, led by newlyweds Lee & Miriam Maddy, headed north to participate in C2M2. After an enjoyable ride and a no-hassle border crossing, we got checked into our hotels, through registration, and WALKED to a restaurant for supper! We hurried back for "Meet & Greet" where we got instructions for Friday's drives, and had a piper, pipe in a huge cake with the event logo on it! (I tried both the white & chocolate sides!)



Friday morning the participants gathered in fourteen, twelve car

lines and headed out to driving adventures in every direction from Ottawa! The day's drives concluded with a group picture of the Miatas and participants, then the MMC did our own group picture before driving to a pub on Bate Island, in the middle of the Ottawa River for burgers and brews.



On Saturday, we all did a different driving event before returning to the Convention Centre for an event wrap up banquet. After dinner we danced to a band playing 50s-70s music, and ate wedding cake presented to the Maddys by the UMN!

C2M2 was a huge success, helped out by crystal clear weather and highs of 90 degrees! Congratulations to the UMN for hosting a great event, and may it be around to host many more parties in the years to come!

Saturday, August 16 - AI at the Wheel: A Smartly Designed Event!

Event Coordinator - John Amon, Rochester Chapter

In keeping with the Artificial Intelligence theme, my friend, ChatGPT, wrote this summary and Susan and I edited it.

On a warm, hazy August day, seven MX-5s with eleven club members departed from Spencerport for a delightful 75-mile country drive. Lunch at the Strange Design Public House was both delicious and historic - an elegantly restored building originally constructed in 1829 as the Livingston County Poor House and later used to house the insane. It is now Geneseo's first brewery-style public house.

The route continued around Conesus Lake's west and east shores, lined with stately cottages and offering scenic lake views. Our final stop at Six Sprouts Farm Market in East Avon rounded out the ride with tasty homemade ice cream and locally crafted treats. The site itself has some history: it was once home to a nursery that displayed a large Native American statue (15-feet tall), which has since been relocated to a Seneca Nation smoke shop in Irving. Across the street, the familiar white horse statue still keeps watch, a link to the historic 1955 White Horse Tavern.

Saturday, August 23 Exploratorium 2022 Rerun

Event Coordinator - Darius Kasinskas, Rochester Chapter

Our Exploratorium 2022 Rerun turned into a perfect day for three Miatas and six eager adventurers. We kicked things off with a hearty breakfast at Ray's in Canandaigua before setting out on a hunt for thirteen special locations. At each stop we puzzled out clues that eventually spelled the phrase "Fun Curvy Roads." That's exactly what we enjoyed along the way! With delightful weather, plenty of smiles, and good food waiting for us at the New Countryside Family Restaurant in Clifton Springs, the day wrapped up as one everyone truly enjoyed



Technical Tips

Wench With A Wrench

Gail Wagner

WINTER STORAGE TIPS

Hi, Miata Folks,

As I do each fall, it's apropos to print this column again for the Club newbies and as a refresher to us "oldies" as we tuck our Miata's away for their long winter's storage nap.

Below are some tried-and-true pointers I have found invaluable to keep our Miata's in good condition over the long, cold, NY winter and ready for spring reawakening. Warning: Most of you know I am obsessive-compulsive about Miata maintenance. ☺

- **Optional: Change the oil and filter BEFORE storage** to remove acids and other waste products that can corrode your motor if you changed it in the spring. Be sure to use a good quality oil filter (I use Mobil One) with an anti-drain-back valve in it. Use a good quality motor oil too. (I now use Mobil One 100% synthetic motor oil. It's your choice to use 100% synthetic oil or real petroleum-based oil but do not mix both together. Use one or the other. (In my opinion as well as others, I think the 50/50 blend synthetic on the market is a waste of money.) (Note: If you wish to switch from "dinosaur" petroleum oil to 100% synthetic oil, just be sure to drain ALL old oil first, then add the 100% synthetic.)

- **Wash, wax and thoroughly clean the interior of your car.** This includes washing underneath with a hose, especially the wheel wells, to remove dirt. (Automatic car washes are not recommended.) Vacuum inside thoroughly to remove any food crumbs that entice small creatures to picnic on leftover Doritos. Critters can be unbelievably destructive not to mention their indiscriminate excretory habits. ☹ Consider taking your removable carpets indoors for the winter to prevent becoming musty or mildew-laden. Place a couple of really stinky scented dryer sheets inside the cabin to discourage critters. Important: PLEASE DO NOT use mothballs; nasty naphthalene fumes are toxic to breathe.

- **Check all fluid levels** before storage, especially the coolant/antifreeze level. Buy a little hydrometer at an auto parts store and check the freeze point or have it checked and coolant flushed/replaced, if necessary, before winter. Old coolant can corrode the engine, cooling system and heater core.



- **Fill the gas tank completely** to prevent condensation that may contaminate your gasoline and corrode the fuel system. Some knowledgeable folks, including me, suggest ethanol-free gas. **IMPORTANT:** absolutely add a gasoline storage stabilizer additive such as “Sta-bil” brand and run the engine to mix it in to prevent the gasoline from becoming “gummy” to prevent clogging injectors from sitting over time.
- **Check your tire pressure.** Some suggest a slight tire over-inflation may prevent flat spots on your tires if you’re not putting the vehicle up on jack stands. I do not store on jack stands. (More on jack stands below.)
- **Consider placing a sheet of heavy plastic polyethylene sheeting or a large piece of cardboard** under the entire vehicle to prevent vapor buildup, plus it’s easy to spot any fluid leaks (I hope not!).
- **Remove the battery** to a warm, dry place (and charge once a month, if possible) **OR** leave it in the vehicle and consider plugging in a trickle battery charger if you have access to an electrical outlet **OR**, merely disconnect the battery terminals and leave the battery in the car which is what I do because my storage space is heated to 40F 24/7. It’s a popular myth that the battery will discharge if stored on a concrete floor. It won’t but if you’re a non-believer, set it on a piece of wood.
- **Wrap the wipers in plastic wrap** to prevent the rubber from sticking to the windshield or remove completely and store indoors. I told you I was OCD. 😊
- **Jack Stands:** If you’re considering putting your vehicle up on jack stands to prevent flat spots on your tires, don’t put the jack stands under the frame as it will stress the rubber bushings in the suspension causing the suspension to “droop”. Try to keep the weight as it is now... that is, put the jack stands under the outer ball joints to approximate it sitting on the ground.
- **Release the parking break.** If left on, the brake pads may stick to the rotors and freeze.
- **Exhaust & air intake:** Remove the air filter, wrap it in aluminum foil and replace it for critter-nesting defense. Cover the end of the exhaust pipe with aluminum foil to prevent warm, fuzzy critters from nesting and causing havoc. Note: A plastic orange juice bottle top (such as Tropicana) fits snugly over the exhaust tip of NC’s. Again, do not use toxic moth balls. Toxic!
- **IMPORTANT:** leave yourself a little note taped to the steering wheel to remind yourself to move the aluminum foil from the intake air filter and exhaust pipe or the car won’t start and you’ll be wondering why. Also, note any maintenance issues you might want to address in the spring so you don’t forget, i.e., new wipers, fluid replacement, coolant flush, new tires, etc.
- **Insurance:** You might be tempted to cancel your auto insurance when your vehicle is in storage, that is to cancel completely the Collision insurance and just keep Fire and Theft only. Although that might initially save money, there is a chance that the insurance company will raise your rates due to the gap in coverage when you re-insure, which could cost you more in the long run. This can vary based on where you live and who your provider is so contact your insurance company to see what

options are available to you. Also, it's a pain in the neck to remove license plates and get new plates or store at DMV each fall and spring with accompanying paperwork, standing in line, etc. I personally keep all insurance coverage 100% while in storage.

FYI: I insure with Haggerty Insurance – it's inexpensive great coverage for older Miata's.

- **Car Cover:** Consider a good, ventilated, breathable car cover to allow water vapor to leave the vehicle surface and to keep dust and dirt off the finish as well as any felines who love to sleep on convertible tops.

- **Lock the doors**, give 'er a little pat on the fender and say, "See you in April."

P.S. Here's a new Miata enthusiast newsletter/blog that I just received recently unsolicited. It's all things Miata. I thought it was pretty good. Check it out: worthdriving.com.

Zoom-Zoom Next Spring!

Gail

DISCLAIMER

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 Midstate Miata Club of CNY 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.

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



Miata Alloy Rims

A set of four alloy rims in Ithaca. I am asking \$150 for the set, but will accept any reasonable offer to find them a good home. Jon M Jensen, 607-5924403.

2002 MAZDA Miata MX - 5

Series: NB. Mileage (original): less than 65,000.

Year Built: December 2001. Serial Number: JM1 NB 353 262==4392

Color code: 18J - Emerald Mica

- 1.8 Liter - 142 HP/125 LB FT Torque
- Six Speed Transmission
- Torsen limited slip differential
- Bose AM FM Cassette Sound System
- Keyless door entry
- Continental Extreme Contact tires - 205.45.ZR17
- 17 inch Ruff Racing chrome spoke wheels (no rust or dings)
- Tan leather seats, top & tonneau cover
- All weather full car cover
- Luggage tote bag
- Replaced O2 sensor - November 2024
- Chrome door sill plates and door latch plates
- Auxiliary air induction scoop

Text or call: John B, 585 703 5254 (Victor, NY)

Asking: \$10,800



Chrome Style Bar Covers by IL Motorsport

They can be seen at MossMiata.com for the 2006-2015 NC, and are listed for \$114.99 plus shipping. They are Moss part #904-515. They install with double-sided tape; just peel and stick. These were only used a couple of years and are in very good condition, perfect from one to two yards. Big mark down - \$50.00. Contact: David King, doeskygato@aol.com, 585-377-6461, Penfield.

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



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

License Plate Frame Miata ND3 Jinba Ittai

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!

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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."