

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY “MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE MMC OF NY APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

Today's news includes:

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Note from Ray Mosher

My Miata usually stays in storage until late April. But this year a combination of unfortunate events created a situation where I would have no car (the horror!) for several days unless I took it out early - a month early. I had to shovel snow away from the storage-building door to get to it, but in I got, and once I installed and reconnected the battery, Hakuna fired right up. Thankfully there has been no snow I was able to drive it with fair weather until the Mini was fixed. I even took it skiing last Sunday. I wasn't sure how well the skis would fit, but it was no trouble at all. The trip to Labrador Mountain was fine, but I was reminded how I really do not enjoy driving the Miata with to top up. It is an unnatural state for such a vehicle, confining and noisy. After a few hours of nice spring skiing with Lee Maddy, it was time to come home. It was sunny and in the 40s. Down came the top and off I went. This is how it is meant to be. Life was good!

I'd like to announce that this year, as a reward for folks coming out to driving events, everyone will get a prize for participating. Each member participating at an event will get a club can coozie (one per member), suitable for keeping your favorite beverage cold (or warm).

The driving season is finally almost upon us. See you at Watkins Glen!

Ray Mosher
MMC President

REMINDER FOR HOW TO RESPOND TO EVENT ATTENDANCE

To help streamline communications for gathering who is attending our events we will require members to contact **the Event Coordinator directly AND copy your Area Rep** to help them plan for caravans from your area. You will **only need to respond if you are planning to attend**, but if you need to cancel last minute you still need to let both parties so they don't hold up the ride waiting for you. Please pay close attention to the contact info and deadlines.

Event Etiquette

If you have RSVP'd for an event, the event organizer is likely expecting you to attend and will wonder where you are if you fail to show up at the appointed time and place. If you end up not being able to attend, please let the organizer know. Otherwise, the whole group may be unnecessarily delayed waiting for you and it adds undue stress on the poor soul who is running the event. Also, if you contact the organizer on the day of the event, please don't use an email, use a direct phone call or text message. Thanks.

SPECIAL REMINDERS

1. **Don't forget to get your 2018 membership dues to Ronnie Sabella at:**
401 Swansea Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13206
2. All members are reminded to watch our club website for updates throughout the year. There are Classified/For Sale items, calendar and updates, old newsletters, photos and more. You can find the website at:
<http://www.midstatemiata.net/>

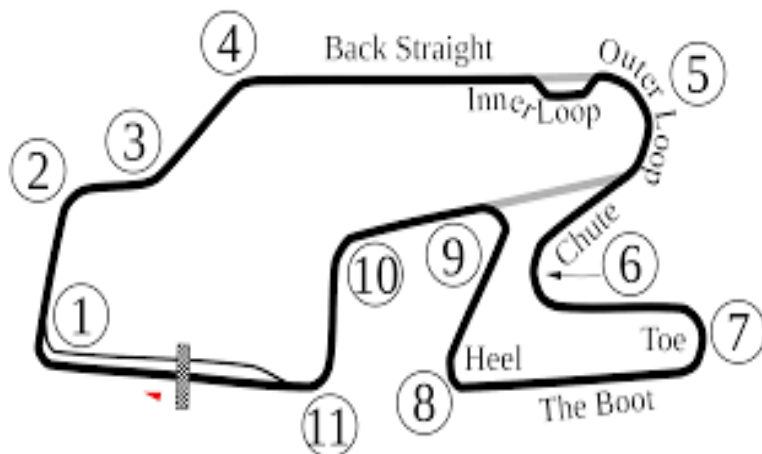
THERE ARE NO MARCH EVENT REPORTS

APRIL EVENTS

WATKINS GLEN OPENING DAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

EVENT COORDINATOR -Gail Wagner and Steve Wilson



Do you have a secret desire to be a race car driver? Would you like to experience what it's like to drive around Watkins Glen race track? Woo-hoo! Here's your chance!

This is a rain or shine event: **We will all meet at the Watkins Glen WalMart (515 E. 4th St.) at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 15th. We will then proceed promptly at 10:30 a.m. to the Watkins Glen International Race Track Gate #3 (NOT main gate) at 2790 County Road 16) for car staging, individual signing of track liability waiver, cash payment of \$25.00 (CASH ONLY) for 3 laps* for our reserved "go" time of 11:30 a.m. (You may pay for additional \$25/3 laps, if desired.)**

Our group track reserved time at 11:30 a.m. will take approximately 20 minutes behind a WGI pace car. We have been allotted a specific time for our group so we will need to be at Gate#3 and staged, paid and signed off or you snooze/you lose. **Important:** We will not be able to wait for latecomers or we will lose our reserved time slot.

*After our run, you are welcome to get back in line on your own for another \$25/3 laps and/or have lunch on your own and/or leave at your convenience.

VERY IMPORTANT: **Please try to line up with us at the track with "spirited" drivers at the front of the line and slower drivers at the rear so everyone may enjoy the track experience at their own pace,** although the track's pace car lead pace was pretty slow last year.

Tip: You may want to read Gail's TECH article on our Miata Club webpage "So You Wanna' Be a Race Car Driver" before this event or check out YouTube videos of Watkins Glen International that explain how to approach each turn like a pro.)

***** Area Reps may want to lead their respective groups to the 10:15 a.m. WalMart rendezvous (please bring your two-way radios) or you can meet us there on your own.**

This is a thrilling and fun annual event. We hope you can make it!

MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 12

Rotary Pancake Breakfast/Dandelion Run

Event Coordinator -Jim Williams

DETAILS WILL BE COMING SOON IN SEPARATE NOTE

ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2018



MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE

KAREN ABBOTT

Monthly: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7:00pm

May 10- at 6:30 today- Heid's Sweet Treats, 305 Oswego St, Liverpool (inside seating)

May 24- Gannon's Isle, 1525 Valley Drive, Syracuse (inside seating)

June 14- Kenny's Corner Ice Cream, 7575 Buckley Rd, No Syracuse, NY

June 28- Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 So Main St, No Syracuse

July 12- Pete's Polar Parlor, 3345 Milton Ave, Solvay

July 26- North Pole Ice Cream, 620 E Genesee St, Chittenango (parking in back)

August 9- Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius

August 23- Vicki's Tasty Treat, 680 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool

September 13- Big Dip, 216 No Main Street, No Syracuse

September 27- Carvel Ice Cream, 4322 E Genesee St, Dewitt (inside seating-park in Tops Grocery lot)

OCTOBER 11- AT 6:30 TODAY- SWEET FROG, FAYETTEVILLE TOWNE CENTER, FAYETTEVILLE (INSIDE SEATING)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA

GAIL WAGNER

Monthly: 1st Thursday of each month@ 7:00pm

Ithaca, proudly "centrally isolated"! 2018 Monthly Ithaca Ice Cream Night begins May 2018 on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at hometown Purity Ice Cream, corner 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow St. (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing and/Heating Supply Company building on Cascadilla St. as we have in the past. (Questions: Gail Wagner, Ithaca-area Rep, gwtr3red@gmail.com). All are cordially welcome!

Dates: May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER

CHUCK RISCHENOLE

TIME: 6:00

Tuesday, April 24 - Colby's -Rt 15 & 251 in Rush

Balance to be announced soon

TIME: 6:30

Monday - May 7 - Pop's Sugar Shack , [589 Conklin Rd, Binghamton, NY](#)

Wednesday, May 23 - Big Dipper, 6935 Vestal Pkwy, Apalachin, NY

Monday - June 4 - Tastie Cream - [2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY](#)

Wednesday - June 20 - Jones Humdingers, [1441 Front street, Binghamton, NY](#)

Monday - July 2 - Pop's Sugar Shack - [589 Conklin Rd, Binghamton, NY](#)

Wednesday - July 18 - Ice Cream Works - North Ave, Owego, NY (between Talcott & George St)

Monday - August 6 - Tastie Cream - [2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY](#)

Wednesday - August 22 - School House Creamery - [17 Fox Farm Rd, Windsor, NY](#) Exit 77

Tuesday - September 4 - Pop's Sugar Shack - [589 Conklin Rd, Binghamton, NY](#)

Wednesday - September 26 - Suzy Q, Chenango St, Hillcrest, NY

TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH’



By Gail Wagner

Greetings, Miata Folks,

Looks like spring is finally here and the prospect of warmer weather is just ahead, at last! I'll be pulling "Scarlet" out of storage next week to prepare for our first event, Opening Day at Watkins Glen International Racetrack on April 15th (see www.midstatemiata.net and click on "Calendar"). By the way, if you want some fun track driving tips, see my article on our webpage under "Tech" entitled "So You Wanna' Be a Race Car Driver".

I hope you all find one of the Club event offerings in which to participate this driving season and prepare to meet some great Miata people as well as make some new friends. Keep watching the calendar as additional new events will be popping up all summer.

Keeping the Shiny-Side Shiny and Inside Sparkling Clean

Last month I wrote about taking your Miata out of storage and some suggestions to get it road-ready. This month, I'd like to continue some suggestions on the care and feeding of keeping your Miata in "concours condition" inside and outside.

Although I've written a fairly comprehensive article about washing and detailing your Miata in the past (see TECH on the Club website) which I hope you'll read or re-read as a refresher, I'd like to add a few extra words here, well, more than a few, that I think are important in maintaining the outside and inside of your Miata.

It's very important that the paint finish is kept reasonably clean and supple, bug, tree sap and road tar-free if you want to maintain that Miata drop-dead look for years to come. Although you don't have to wash your car every time it goes out for a zoom-zoom, I strongly recommend that you buy some microfiber lint-free towels and a bottle of silicone "detail spray" from an automotive supply store, Target or Walmart, keep them in the trunk and wipe down any plastered insects from the lower hood nose, bird droppings (they are especially acidic and paint-damaging), black road tar (on the lower panels behind the front wheels especially), tree-sap and any other detritus that may have accumulated while not under cover. There are many good products available like *Mother's*, *Meguires*, etc.

By the way, if you don't have one, I also strongly recommend a light dust cover if garaged or a heavy-duty water resistant breathable cover if parked outside during the summer months. If you decide to use a heavy-duty cover, take it off every couple days to let everything dry out as humidity will accumulate and allow bio-critters (read stinky mold and mildew) to start growing under there. And....don't forget to take it off after a rain and let wet cover and car dry out for the same reason. Keeping your paint free of these contaminants and covering when possible will insure that the paint will continue to look good and is not damaged by UV rays, etched by droppings, acid rain, etc. And don't forget at least ONE good waxing per summer for protection. Shiny side up, right?

I very strongly recommend a really good convertible top cleaner and conditioner. Detergent soaps or car wash products are not recommended to clean convertible tops by car manufacturers. Products made specifically for convertible tops will renew and restore your dull-looking top, clean and condition it to help it last longer. New replacement tops are expensive. A good cleaner/conditioner will protect your top from acid rain, UV, dirt, fading, smog, sap, etc. I personally like *Wolfstein RaggTopp* products. They're environmentally friendly, biodegradable and won't harm any of your finishes plus a bottle of cleaner and protectant lasts a pretty long time. They ain't cheap, folks, but it's less costly than having to purchase a new vinyl or canvas convertible top and the results are stunning. This company also makes a plastic rear window cleaner and UV protectant kit. *RaggTopp* products are available on-line at Amazon.com.

I'm not a fan of tire "shiners" but you may want to invest in a good non-acid-based tire dressing with a matt finish. A good tire protectant should help prevent fading, drying and cracking in addition to looking good. Tires are subject to dirt, moisture, oils, and the elements. Don't just look for shine; look for protection as well. A good automotive supply store can make recommendations. Along with dressing the tires, if you use any of the current crop of wheel cleaners, ALWAYS wear rubber gloves. The main ingredient in those "spray on, wash off" wheel cleaners is *fluoric acid*. Yeah, it cleans well but it also is absorbed right through your skin. In fact, I always wear nitrile gloves when I'm doing a serious detail with any chemical product. Just a good idea.

As for the inside of your Miata, I use a good glass cleaner for the inside of the windshield as often as I can. I hate that vinyl off-gassing haze that accumulates inside the windshield. I unabashedly state that I am not a fan of *Amour All* interior products, at all. I prefer a good matt-finish product inside rather than the shiny, "used car lot" artificial look. Avoid silicone-based products as they leave an oily residue that attracts dust. A slightly dampened microfiber towel will do just as well and you can finish with a matt-finish, water-based vinyl protectant to void UV damage, cracking and peeling.

A really good high quality leather dressing made with natural ingredients such as plus a UV protectant lanolin (no neatsfoot oil ingredient, please) for those of you who have leather seats will help maintain the leather hides and keep them soft and supple. *Connolly Hide Care Products* (a British product since 1878 that used to be called *Hide Food* until the FDA caught wind of it being called "food" - it's not a food, at least for humans), is a leather cleaner and conditioner that comes highly recommended. It's used by Rolls, Jag, Ferrari, and Bentley. Just remember that leather seats are "sealed" to stop unfavorable stuff from penetrating the leather so be aware you'll need some time and elbow grease to actually penetrate the leather with these products.

P.S., don't forget to vacuum regularly and spot-clean stains to preserve carpet fibers.

Zoom Zoom Safely!

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 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

1993 White Miata with 128.000 miles. The car is in a garage at Lake Winola and is owned by Steve Wilson (not Gail's Steve) at [570-278 -2278](tel:570-278-2278) for details. The owner is leaving the area for a new job and would like to sell it. He bought the Miata in 2011. The engine was rebuilt by that owner and now has 5000 miles on the rebuilt. The car has a brown top (new), black interior, and in good condition. It was put away in 2017. They are moving to Wisconsin and are selling the white 1993. Asking price is \$3700. He has paperwork on the car.

2003 Blue Miata SE with 2600 miles. My name is Jan Roger

In 2003 I purchased a new Miata SE. I still have it and it is for all practical purposes a new car - now with 2600 miles on it. My wife and I enjoyed taking it out occasionally on the weekends and really enjoyed driving it. Well we are both of the age now that it is not so easy to get into and really not so easy to get out of.

So I have decided to sell it. I want to sell it to someone who will really appreciate the car and it occurred to me someone in a Miata club would be a good place to start.

It is effectively a new car. It has never been damaged and has never even been in the rain all these years and has always been garaged. I ordered all the extras that were available at the time of purchase and have all the original documentation that came with the car. Including many interesting gift items provided by the Mazda Company at the time of purchase - In some sense it is a time capsule from 2003.

If you know anyone interested in the car have them send me an email. jrbauer@rochester.rr.com

NOTE: *Neither of these cars are members of MMC so we have no liability for the sale/condition of the cars should you decide to buy them.*



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Event Coordinators should be prepared to submit their information per the schedule

above in order to publish the newsletter in a timely fashion. Thanks!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Pre-event article due date</u>	<u>Post event report due date</u>
15-Apr	Opening Day at Watkins Glen	Gail Wagner	3/1	4/24

12-May	DeWitt Rotary Pancake Breakfast	Jim Williams	3/15	5/26
2-Jun	Marcellus Ole Home Parade	Chuck Paul	4/26	6/23
10-Jun	Ride under and on the Erie Canal	Karen McKissock	4/26	6/23
16-Jun	Museum at Bethel Woods	Lou & Carol Trelease	4/26	6/23
17-Jun	MG Car Show	Bob Sabella	4/26	6/23
21-Jun	Run to Rudy's	Steve Bellenbacher	4/26	6/23
30-Jun	Bonnie Castle Car Show	Info only	4/26	6/23
8-Jul	Pancakes and Planes	Steve Bollenbacher	5/26	21-Jul
14-Jul	Finger Lakes	Dale Nagel	5/26	21-Jul
	Steamers		5/26	21-Jul
11-July	Log Cabin Car Show DATE CHANGE	Chuck Rischenole	5/26	21-Jul
22-Jul	Golf Outing	Dale Nagel	5/26	25-Jul
28-Jul	Middlesex Dinner	Chuck Rischenole	5/26	29-Jul
5-Aug	Club Picnic	Karen Abbott	6/23	8/25
12-Aug	Skaneateles Polo	Chuck Paul	6/23	8/25
25-Aug	Wolf Mountain	Jerry Willis	6/23	8/27
7-Sep	Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend	Ray Mosher	7/21	9/24
15-Sep	Palmyra Parade	Chuck Rischenole	7/21	9/24
23-Sep	Apple Crawl	Lee Maddy	7/21	9/26
30-Sep	Road Rally	Ray Mosher	7/21	10/1
6-Oct	Fall Foliage Run	John Piston	8/21	10/20
2-Dec	Holiday Party	John Piston	9/24	n/a
TBD	Spragues with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole	ASAP	
TBD	Miata Mamas	Gail Wagner	ASAP	

EVENT SCHEDULE WITH TEASERS (MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEARER THE EVENTS)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Teaser (more details to follow)</u>
15-Apr	Opening Day at Watkins Glen	Gail Wagner	An annual MMC tradition. Play race car driver for the day around the historic race track.
12-May	DeWitt Rotary Pancake Breakfast	Jim Williams	Breakfast followed by a drive ending with ice cream.
2-Jun	Marcellus Ole Home Parade	Chuck Paul	One of our largest events with nearly 40 cars along a parade route followed by a stop at the park where you can eat sausage sandwiches, go on a beautiful countryside ride, followed by a traditional ice cream stop.
10-Jun	Ride under and on the Erie Canal	Karen McKissock	Ride through a culvert under the Erie Canal, then have lunch and a boat ride on the canal starting in Fairport through several locks.
16-Jun	Museum at Bethel Woods	Lou & Carol Trelease	The museum contains exhibits telling the story of the 1969 Woodstock Festival with a picturesque ride followed by lunch (at the site of the festival). Ride begins in Windsor NY
17-Jun	MG Car Show	Bob Sabella	European Car Show @ the Lorenzo Estate in Cazenovia
21-Jun	Run to Rudy's	Steve Bellenbacher	Drive up to Rudy's restaurant located on Lake Ontario in Oswego.
30-Jun	Bonnie Castle Car Show		Car show with free admission to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospital in Alexandria Bay
8-Jul	Pancakes and Planes	Steve Bollenbacher	A short drive up to the Oswego County airport in Fulton to look at planes and participate in their pancake breakfast
14-Jul	Finger Lakes Steamers	Dale Nagel	Scaled down little trains that you can ride along a prepared track.
11-July DATE CHANGE	Log Cabin Car Show	Chuck Rischenole	Special parking @ the weekly car show. Fun, food and prizes available. Over 600 cars average along with numerous motorcycles.

22-Jul	Golf Outing	Dale Nagel	Details to follow.
28-Jul	Middlesex Dinner	Chuck Rischenole	Scenic drive to Middlesex to participate in their family style roast beef dinner. Ice cream afterwards.
5-Aug	Club Picnic	Karen Abbott	Come on out for a casual drive and then a club picnic in the beautiful Finger Lakes region. Each area will enjoy a scenic drive to get to Fillmore Glen State Park where we will have a rented an enclosed Pavilion with 2 refrigerators and electrical outlets. This will be a BYO picnic. Bring what you want to grill, and a dish to pass. It will be a nice opportunity to take a few hours to catch up with friends in the club, and get to know others you may not have met yet. With over 160 cars in the club we are never all together at one time. After our picnic, maybe we can even stop for ice cream. Look for more info in the upcoming newsletters, and mark your calendar so you don't miss it.
12-Aug	Skaneateles Polo	Chuck Paul	A cool drive, Bob's BBQ with a picnic at the field and a professional polo match.
25-Aug	Wolf Mountain	Jerry Willis	A scenic drive out to Hamilton for early dinner at the Good Nature Farm Brewery then on to Wolf Mtn to get up close and personal with some wolves
7-Sep	Watkins Glen Vintage weekend	Ray Mosher	Info only. Contact Ray directly. Check the Glen's website for more information.
15-Sep	Palmyra Parade	Chuck Rischenole	Drive to Palmyra for lunch and participation in their annual parade, then off the Canandaigua for ice cream.
23-Sep	Apple Crawl	Lee Maddy	Help determine which orchard makes the best fritter with a short, but magical ride through LaFayette NY

30-Sep	Road Rally	Ray Mosher	Try your luck and skill at one of the premier auto experiences in CNY. Bragging rights and a trophy are up for grabs
6-Oct	Fall Foliage Run	John Piston	A scenic trip through the Adirondaks.
2-Dec	Holiday Party	John Piston	The Point and Sand Beach in Auburn
TBD	Spragues with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole	2nd year for a drive to Sprague's for lunch and ice cream at Colby's in Rush afterwards.
TBD	Miata Mamas	Gail Wagner	LADIES ONLY-drive to Elderberry Pond Farm and Restaurant.

NEW EVENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

Happy 2018! With a new season comes new opportunities here at Lime Rock Park. As the snow melts, and the pavement is within sight, we would like to make you aware of some of these fun and exciting opportunities that Lime Rock Park will be having this year.

- Lime Rock Park's Summer Autocross Series is back and better than ever! The 9-turn, ½ mile course is geared for drivers of all experience levels and is sure to bring excitement. This year, we will be giving away a Lime Rock Drivers Club one day driving event to the winner of our Autocross Invitational Shootout (AxIS) Presented by Motorcars Inc. The Autocross Invitational Shootout Presented by Motorcars Inc. is an invitation only event reserved for the 20 fastest drivers during our Summer Autocross Series. You can register for a Summer Autocross event by [clicking here](#) and try your luck in qualifying for the Autocross Invitational Shootout Presented by Motorcars Inc.
- If you are interested in driving your car on the 1.5-mile road course, Sports Car Driving Association (SCDA) will be offering a \$50.00 off promotion for first time SCDA customers. Simply head over to www.scda1.com and sign up for one of their track days and enter the code LIMEROCK upon checkout to receive your discount.
- Pirelli World Challenge is only two months away, and we are happy to announce the return of Memorial Day Monday racing! Come out and enjoy this four-day event to start off the Lime Rock Park race season. [Click here](#) to check out ticket options for this event (Group discounts also available).

For more information regarding driving programs, contact Mike at [\(860\) 435-5000 ext. 112](tel:(860)435-5000)

For more information on tickets for our spectator events, contact Meagan at [\(860\) 435-5000 ext. 110](tel:(860)435-5000)

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