



Midstate Miata Club of New York

"Miata Meanderings"

Official Newsletter for July 2016

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www.midstatemiata.net

President's Message



At this time I would like to thank Gail Wagner and Tim Wells for their hard work on getting us up and running on another way to connect with members and share memories with each other. The use of this is completely voluntary but we hope you'll try it and enjoy it. So we are pleased to announce the Midstate Miata Club of NY, Inc.'s new Facebook page.

There are some fundamental steps to set up an account and then how to find our page. There is also a great link to help you learn the capabilities of it which should enable you to add your own pictures,

comments, content, etc.

- ☐ If you don't already have a Facebook account, it's easy to do.
- ☐ Google: www.facebook.com
- ☐ Click on "Facebook Log in or Sign Up"
- ☐ Fill in all requested info and remember your password
- ☐ To find the Miata Club Facebook page, follow the instructions below after you sign in to Facebook.

Here's how you find the Facebook page, like the page, and leave a comment:

1. Go to this URL: <https://www.facebook.com/MidState-Miata-Club-of-New-YorkInc-264163837256529/> (You can't just google it; it's not showing up in Google searches yet)
2. At the top, where the big picture is, click Like
3. In the middle of the page on the right side, you'll see a space that says, "Write something on this Page..." If you click inside that box, you can write whatever you like, then click the blue Post button.
4. Your post won't appear on the main page (only posts from the Midstate Miata Club administrators appear there). To see your post, scroll down the page until you see Visitor Posts on the left. Click on Visitor Posts or the arrow.
5. A new window will pop up to show you all the posts that visitors have left. Rather than try to explain Facebook and reinvent the wheel in depth in our newsletter, here's a great website below that takes you step-by-step with screen shots of how to navigate Facebook. Tim has given us the basics and if people have trouble, they can copy and paste this website into their browser and learn more: <http://www.mahalo.com/how-to-use-facebook> Also, if you see a story that interests them to click the 'LIKE' button, also if they want to leave a constructive comment that is good too.

I got a great email from David King regarding Good-Win Racing that I think you might like to read. It looks like a long term source for Miata information. It's too long to include in the newsletter but I'll forward it along to you all soon. Enjoy!

Here's hoping you are all finding ways to zoom, zoom this summer. We should be very thankful for our weather considering the weather in the rest of the country. We should also be thankful it's only 5 months until the election antics are over! (I love and respect the process...it just started too early and is too off the wall for my tastes-but I'm sure glad we get the chance to cast our votes!)

See you soon,
Karen



Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Where From</u> | <u>Miata</u> | <u>Area Rep</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Larry & Suzanne Lively | Clay | 2016 Black | Karen Abbott |
| Paul Koval | Meshoppen, PA | 2008 Highland Green | Joe Lamphere |
| Ron & Linda Young | Harpursville | 1995 Red | Joe Lamphere |
| Don & Heidi Cross | Skaneateles | 2016 Ceramic White | John Piston |
| Judy Teachout | Phoenix | 2005 Blue | Karen Abbott |
| Paul & Suzanne Tierno | Castle Creek | 2008 Green | Joe Lamphere |

July Events

Monday, July 4 - Montrose PA Parade

Del Austin

We are looking forward to a nice Miata Club turn out for the Montrose PA 4th of July parade. Any club member that will be attending please let your area rep know. For question contact Del Austin (virdel2347@aol.com) (607-217-5794). For any member that might need an overnight motel we recommend the Colonial Brick Inn & Suites at Great Bend Pa. Exit 230 (first exit off I-81 south at Great Bend., PA) at the bottom of the ramp stop sign turn right. At the stop light, straight thru to the Colonial Brick parking lot.



We will stop by that motel between 9:15 and 9:30 to pick up any members that are there on our way to Montrose.

There are several way to get to Montrose. Taking RT 11 south from Great Bend, or taking the New Milford exit south on I-81. You go to New Milford, then south on RT 11 to PA 706 into Montrose. At the traffic light in Montrose turn left on 706 and RT 29. The McDonalds is on you left. We will meet in the McDonalds rear parking lot between 10:00 am the parade starts at 11:00 sharp.

This year we will stop after the parade in a holding area. Then place our cars

on Main Street for display. This will give you time to get something to eat in town, perhaps the firemen's company's great chicken barbecue, and let the ladies see the many great vendors on the village green. We will be there for about one and one half hours. Then if everyone likes, we will be off for ICE CREAM.

The Binghamton Miata group is looking forward to seeing our fellow Miata Club members in Montrose for a nice Miata showing. The roads in Montrose are all repaved!

Sunday, July 10 - Ithaca Rotary Club 3rd Annual Road Rally

Gail Wagner

Information Only

Get Your Motor Running @ Ithaca's Rotary Rally!

Sunday, July 10, 2016

Registration at The Rink begins at 1:00pm; closes at 2:00pm

1767 East Shore Drive, Lansing

First cars leave at 1:05; all cars on course by 2:00; finish by 4:30pm

\$20 per adult; \$10 children 12 – 18; free 11 and younger



Get Your Motor Running and join us for the third annual **ROTARY RALLY!**

The FUNdraising rally is open to everyone and is a real blast! Bring the kids, the dog, and the neighbors – all are invited to join in this fun activity. Follow clues in your car along 30 +/- miles of country roads in Tompkins County, answering riddles, taking pictures, and picking up scavenger hunt items along the way. Finish by 4:30 at a “mystery” restaurant for prizes, drinks, and dinner (Dutch treat). Participants are judged on a combination of time, mileage, number of correct clues, scavenger hunt items, and group photos. An additional prize will be awarded for team spirit, which could include costumes and/or best-decorated car. Minimum two people per team; max = however many fit safely in your car! If you've never done a road rally, now's the time! It's a blast with friends and family, and benefits Ithaca Rotary's community projects!

Advance registration is encouraged but not required; walk-ins welcome the day of the rally. Open to everyone; rain or shine. **All proceeds benefit the Ithaca Rotary Club.** For more info and to pre-register, please go to www.ithacarotary.com or contact Kelly Buck (kdbskier@gmail.com or 315-406-0791). Get YOUR motor running now for the **ROTARY RALLY!**

Sunday, July 24th Glenora Winery Tasting & Luncheon on Seneca Lake

Gail Wagner



We will meet at Ithaca Home Depot, 410 Elmira Rd (Route 13 south) at 10:15a.m. for a driver's meeting leaving promptly at 10:30 a.m. sharp. (Syracuse and Rochester Folks, we can meet you at the winery at 12:00 noon, if desired.)

Enjoy a scenic country back-roads drive from Ithaca via Watkins Glen to Glenora Wine Cellars, 5434 Route NY14, Dundee, NY, on the west side of Seneca Lake, 9 miles north of Watkins Glen for a pre-lunch wine-tasting and group luncheon.

Optional wine tasting is 12:00 noon in a private reserved room \$7.00 per person. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. separate checks off the menu on the outdoor covered deck overlooking beautiful vineyards and the lake, weather permitting. Depart on your own after lunch. This is a rain or shine event.

Please R.S.V.P. your area Rep NO LATER THAN Friday July 15th.

Wednesday, July 27 (Rain date on August 3rd), Log Cabin Car Show

Ron

McKissock



The Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon is hosting its Wednesday night car show with over 500 cars and 200 motorcycles attending.

We have reserved parking available to club members who wish to attend. Food is available in the restaurant and outside picnic area. Please let your area rep know if you will be attending as we need a count to reserve parking no later than Monday, July 25th. This is a NON-RAIN event.

Watch the website for updates in inclement weather. The Syracuse Area will meet for a 3:30pm departure from the Wyndham Hotel at Carrier Circle. We will then drive to the Log Cabin.

Sunday, July 31 – MMC Club Picnic

Karen Abbott & MaryAnn Knight

When: Sunday, July 31, 2016

Time: 12:00 Noon

Where: Fillmore Glen State Park

1686 Route 38

Moravia, NY 13118

\$7.00 Per Car for State Park Parking Fee



The MMC has paid to rent a pavilion for our club picnic, so we will be using the Fillmore Room and have access to 2 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. This is a State Park so there is a parking fee, plus swimming and hiking available.

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

The MMC will provide Charcoal, Aluminum Foil, Utensils, Paper Plates, Plastic Ware, Napkins, and

Tablecloths. Members are asked to bring their own Food to grill, Drinks and a Dish to pass. Please bring your items in a grocery bag you can use to put your trash in to take home. State Parks require you to take your trash with you. Also consider a blanket or beach towel to put on the picnic table bench if you so choose. The dish to pass can be family size; it does not need to feed the whole group. Because we do

have access to refrigerators, we should be good with all kinds of food options. Beer and Wine are allowed.

Suggestions are: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Steak, Grilled Panini, Crock Pot food, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Watermelon, Jell-O Salads, Fruit Salad, Fruit Tray, Veggie Tray & Dip, Potato Chips/Dip, Chips/Salsa, Cheese/Crackers/Pepperoni, Appetizers, Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Brownies, and Homemade Treats. Be creative, one year we had way too many Brownies.

June Event Reports

Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner.

Chuck Rischenole

The sun gods were not shining on us as 20 cars left the Log Cabin Restaurant for our journey to the Middlesex Fire House for their roast beef dinner. We traveled some old familiar roads on the trip and a few new ones. The sun finally broke through the clouds and it was a quick stop in Rushville to get the tops down. From then on it was a perfect Miata ride. Tops down, all in one group with no OTM's which isn't an easy task with that many cars. We turned quite a few heads that were waiting in line when we pulled in. Everyone agreed the meal was excellent as always.



They have been doing it for 44 years so it's safe to say that they know what they are doing. And by the way they have finally got the place air conditioned. It was amazing the number of people that came up asking about the cars and the club.

After the meal some of the people headed for home and our numbers dwindled to 11 cars from Rochester, Syracuse, Cortland, and Binghamton. Everyone agreed the roads on the second leg of the ride were more challenging and the people that left missed the best part of the ride so I come up with a solution and next year we will do the ride backwards and give the people who have not been on that portion of the ride the opportunity to see what they have missed.

Our final destination was in Bloomfield for ice cream which was enjoyed by all. We thank all of you that joined us and hope you enjoyed the day.

Marcellus Parade

Chuck Paul



AND THE PARADE MARCHES ON Saturday, June 4th was a perfect day for a parade. Somewhere between 36 and 38 Miatas joined the Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade (let's call it 37). Tossing candy to hundreds of young folk and biscuits to a couple of dogs made us a very popular parade entry.

Following the parade we travelled a short distance to Skan – Ellus for ice cream and other food. Unfortunately, we were not able to visit our usual destination as it had closed.

For those who chose to take a scenic drive, including the required trip up “13 curves”, we departed with not everyone sure whether to go or not. (Note: when this writer says we will leave in 10 minutes he means it. The time refers to “a.i.s.m.r.” which stands for “ass in seat, motor

running). Sadly only one car stuck it out for the 35 mile drive (congratulations Kevin) and we will consider significant changes for next year.

Thanks to all those who attended....it is appreciated by me, the throngs watching the parade, and the local dentists.

Pop Up Event

Fallingwater, Mill Run, PA

Gail Wagner



This was a non-Club sponsored weekend event open to all members to Frank Lloyd Wright's world-famous Fallingwater house in Mill Run, PA near Pittsburgh. Club member and architect, Kevin Smith, led myself, my husband, Steve Wilson, and Club members Harry and Mary Frisbie on an amazing PA backroads route (thank you, Harry, for the route itinerary) to this incredible destination.

We clocked about 700+ miles round-trip of scenic PA mountain countryside as well as toured the magnificent Fallingwater and several other Wright's homes nearby. Everywhere we went we got

stares and smiles for our top-down Miatas.

A wonderful time was had together with good friends, good food and a great destination drive!

Ice Cream Schedule

Syracuse Area:

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



July 14 - Sweet Frog, Fayetteville Towne Center, Fayetteville

July 28 - Big Dip, 216 No Main Street, No Syracuse

August 11- Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius

August 25 - Vicki's Tasty Treat, 680 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool

September 8 - Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 So Main St, No Syracuse

September 22 - Carvel Ice Cream, 4322 E Genesee St, Dewitt (inside seating-park in Tops Grocery lot)

October 13 - at 6:30 today Hafner's Garden Center, 7265 Buckley Rd, No Syracuse (inside seating)

Rochester Area:

Ice Cream nights will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month starting at 6 pm

July 12 Bill Gray's 2987 Buffalo Rd Gates

July 26 McGregor's 759 Main St Canandaigua & Creamery, 10 Parrish St Canandaigua

August 9 Carey Lake 959 route 441 Walworth & LONG ACRE FARM 1339 Eddy Rd Macedon

August 23 Colby's route 15 & 251 Rush

September 13 Bill Gray's 1225 Jefferson Rd & READS 3130 E Henrietta Rd (route 15A)

Binghamton Area:

We will continue meeting for ice cream on the first Monday of the month at Pop's Sugarshack on Conklin Ave, Binghamton, 6:30 PM, beginning April 4, 2016, as we have in past years. (Questions: Joe Lamphere)

In addition we will have ice cream at the following:

July 20 - Ice Cream Works, North Ave, Owego, NY between Talcott & George St

August 24 - C & G Ice Cream, Rte. 17C, across from Crestview Heights, Endicott, NY

September 21 - Treasure Ice Cream & Cafe, 3017 Watson Blvd, Endwell, NY - Inside

Ithaca Area:

Ithaca, proudly "centrally isolated"! We are meeting 2016 monthly Ice Cream Night beginning in May 2016 on the **first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.** Please park behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing/Heating Supply Company parking lot on Cascadilla St. as we have in the past. (Questions: Gail Wagner, Ithaca-area rep, gwtr3red@gmail.com).

All ice cream meets will be held at

Purity Ice Cream - 700 Cascadilla St. /Meadow St. (Route 13), Ithaca, NY.

July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5

Tech Tips

"WENCH WITH A WRENCH"

Gail Wagner

More Miscellaneous Ramblings and This and That.....



Hi, Miata Folks,

Looks like we are finally in full-swing of wonderful summer weather and our array Club events. I hope you all find one of the offerings in which to participate from our Club calendar (see website: www.midstatemiata.net) and meet some of the nicest Miata people.

Keeping the Shiny-Side Shiny and Inside Sparkling Clean

Although I wrote a fairly comprehensive article about washing and detailing your Miata in the past (see TECH on the Club website), 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, bug, tree sap and road tar-free, if you want to maintain that shiny-side look. 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, for instance, keep them in the trunk and wipe down plastered insects from the lower hood nose, bird droppings (they are especially acidic and damaging), black road tar (on the lower panels behind the front wheels especially), tree-sap and any other detritus that may have accumulated while parked and not under cover. I'm a big fan of *Adams Premium Car Care* products but there's other good ones out there like Mother's, Maguire's, etc.

By the way, I also strongly recommend a light dust car cover if garaged or a heavy-duty water resistant or waterproof 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 to start growing under there to dull your paint. And....don't forget to take it off after a rain for the same reason. Keeping your paint free of these contaminants and covering when possible will insure that the paint 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 strongly recommend a really good convertible top cleaner and conditioner. It will renew and restore your dull top, clean and condition it to help it last longer. A good cleaner/conditioner will protect your top from acid rain, UV, dirt, smog, sap, etc. I personally like **RaggTopp** products. They're environmentally friendly, biodegradable and won't harm any of your finishes. They ain't cheap, folks, but it's less costly than having to purchase a new vinyl or canvas convertible top. It's available on-line at Amazon.com but there are other good ones out there, too.

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 fluoridic acid. Yeah, it cleans well but it also is absorbed right through your skin ! and not good for the bones. In fact, I always wear rubber gloves when I'm doing a serious detail with any chemical product. Just a good idea.

As for the inside, I use a good glass cleaner (I like Glass Plus and newspaper makes a surprisingly good wiper on glass) for the inside of the windshield as often as I can. I hate that vinyl off-gassing haze that accumulates. I unabashedly state here that I am not a fan of *Amor All*, 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 damp 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, unless you really like that shiny look. ☺

A really good high quality leather dressing made with natural ingredients such as lanolin (no neatsfoot oil ingredient) plus a UV protectant for those of you lucky enough to 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 to me and hey, it's used by Rolls, Jag, Ferrari, and Bentley, so I guess it's good enough for our Miatas. ☺ 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.

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

And finally, all of the above is really great physical activity exercise!

Enough of that. And yes, I freely admit I am a Detail Geek Freak. ☺

Some More Maintenance Reminders:

- Have you changed your motor oil and filter yet? Shame if not. Your Miata baby has been sitting all winter and deserves a gulp of fresh oil and a good OEM anti-drainback oil filter. Use a good quality petroleum or synthetic product but don’t combine the two together. I like syn.
- Checked the air pressure in your tires? Pressure is noted on a sticker inside driver’s side door or owner’s manual. Correct tire pressure assists in fuel economy.
- Checked your air filter for critter nests and/or accumulated dirt?
- Check all hoses and belts for possible cracks or breaks?
- Check spark plug wires (if applicable on older models)? Tip: open the hood of your car while the engine is running at night. If it looks like the 4th of July under there....it’s time for replacement.
- Now that you’ve been on the road a month or so, check those fluid levels again under the hood – brake, clutch, power steering, coolant, and battery distilled water (if applicable).
- Battery cables clean and tight? Use a toothbrush and a baking soda/water paste to clean off white crusty stuff and dry well with an old towel. In fact, have your battery checked if it’s older for possible replacement. You don’t wanna get stuck out in the back road boonies do you?
- Is your convertible top rain drain holes clear and not plugged? (See Misc. Maintenance Tips on website under TECH on how to check this.)

“Dear AbiGail.....”

Once in a while, I get an email out of the blue asking my advice about some automotive problem like I’m some huge Miata automotive expert. ☺ No, I’m not a huge expert, but I’m a good researcher. Here’s a really interesting case in point that turned out with a weird but happy ending:

Recently, a non-member contacted me after seeing my name on our website (not sure of that’s a good thing or not!). He said his older Miata had a habit of stalling in traffic for no reason or while actually zoom-zooming down the road (yikes) and he wondered if I had any ideas. The usual suspects, fuel pump, electrical problems, etc. came to mind, but upon looking into this further, I noticed a number of Miata enthusiasts had encountered this problem. After being diagnosed by computer code it turned out to be the *camshaft position sensor* (CPS), a handy-dandy little \$100 plastic part that performs the same function as the distributor used to in older cars. Geez, remember those little black round things back in the Dark Ages? (I say Dark Ages for those of us who owned Triumphs with Lucas electricals). The CPS works as a collaborative effort with the *crankshaft sensor*

and the *powertrain control module* (the engine computer brain) to eliminate the variances in ignition timing prevalent in the old distributor-controlled ignition engine.

So after I gave this guy my list of solutions including the CPS for him to try, yesterday I received an unsolicited email from one of our Rochester Club members who had this very same problem recently and after some diagnostics, it turned out to be the same faulty part – the notorious camshaft position sensor! What a coincidence, eh? This very nice person took the time to alert me so that I could add this information to my column. So, if you are experiencing this intermittent problem and, by the way, your *check engine light* may also be glowing red, this may possibly be the solution. It's a fairly easy fix that doesn't take long.

So thanks for the tip, Fellow MMC Member. I appreciate the feedback of your experience to pass on to everyone.

Over and Under - Understeer and Oversteer

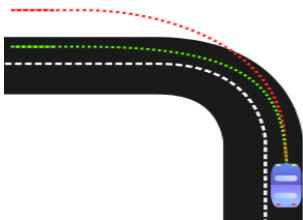
You may remember I mentioned these two terms last month while trying to explain how to drive a race track racing "line". Since I didn't have the space, the context or the inclination to explain these important terms, I thought I'd give it a whirl here just in case you've always wanted to know and I just KNEW you did, but were afraid to ask. ☺ More physics cause and effect stuff but The Wench will try to simplify the terms for you.

Definition: Understeer and oversteer are vehicle dynamics terms used to describe the sensitivity of a vehicle to steering. And for your NASCAR fans, that's "push" (understeer) and "loose" (oversteer).

Understeer: in vehicle dynamics terminology, understeer occurs when a car turns (steers) less than (under) the amount you want it to, i.e., the car does not turn enough, takes an arc greater than desired (an understatement) and runs off the road, not especially helpful when coming on a race track!

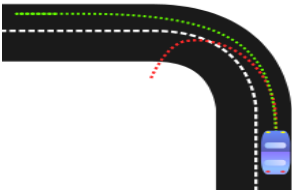
When an understeer car is taken to the limit of tire grip where it is no longer possible to increase lateral acceleration, it will follow a path with a radius larger than intended and there ain't a damn thing you can do about it (been there, done that). That's the physics part. Although it can't increase lateral acceleration, it is actually dynamically stable. See below:

EXAMPLE OF UNDERSTEER: (per Wikipedia)



Oversteer: Guess what? I bet you've done this on an icy or wet road at least once during your driving life. ☺ Oversteer occurs when a car turns by more than (over) the amount you want it to, i.e., the car turns more sharply than intended and could get into a tail-end spin out. So simply stated, oversteer occurs when the rear tires break traction in a corner before the front tires do. When an oversteer car is taken to the limit of the tire grip, it will become dynamically unstable and "spin out" and off the track/road. Skilled race drivers can counter-steer and maintain control past the point of instability by the use of throttle or brakes. (Not me, at least not yet!) This is called "drifting" and you may have seen famous professional rally car driver, Ken Block, do this in *YouTube* videos. If you haven't, check him out by googling "Ken Block San Francisco" and watch the video. You will be absolutely astounded and entertained at his hilarious driving ability.

EXAMPLE OF OVERSTEER: (per Wikipedia)



As an auto racer friend once said to me, “Oversteer is when your front bumper hits the wall and understeer is when your rear bumper hits the wall!” In summary, don’t try this at home if you can help it, Kids.

An Airstream Behind Your Miata ? ☺

Sometimes I get the oddest tech questions. I recently got an email from a non-member (again, saw my name on our website) who wanted to know about trailering behind his Miata and could I recommend a small trailer for more luggage space. Well, folks, I’ve seen it done (a homemade trailer pulling racing tires) but I’ve also seen my Miata owner’s manual that emphatically states no towing, period. I hope I don’t get flamed for this but I’m sticking with Mazda’s advice. I don’t need to tear out my (car’s) rear end. I’ll just pack a few less 4” spike heels when traveling. ☺

A couple of suggestions if you need more luggage space for traveling: go to GoMiata.com, Moss Miata.com or the like and buy a nice permanent or removable luggage rack for your trunk. Or better yet, buy the Miata soft-sided luggage that is made especially for your Miata year. A friend did just that for her Miata and said she was amazed how much she could pack into a nicely made, three-piece set that fit perfectly. Enough luggage space for a woman? Now that’s a testimonial!

I hope you found the above interesting, fun, and informative.

Zoom-Zoom Safely!

Gail and “Scarlet” (’06 True Red)

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Midstate Miata Club Schedule of Events For the 2016 Driving Season

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| Sunday, August 7 - Corning Museum of Glass | Gail Wagner |
| Sunday, August 14 - Oswego County Airport & Breakfast | Steve Bollenbacher |
| Sunday, August 21 - Polo & Bob's BBQ | Chuck Paul |
| Sunday, August 28 - Northeast Classic Car Museum | John Flederer |
| Sunday, September 11 - Oz Ride (Mathilda Gage House, Oz Museum & lunch) | The Abbotts |
| Sunday, September 17 - Palmyra Parade | Chuck Rischenole |
| Sunday, September 25 - Bill Hodge Road Rally | Gary Schoonmaker |
| Saturday, October 8 - Honesdale, PA Harvest & Heritage Festival | Lou & Carol Trelease |
| Sunday, October 16 - Cornell Ornithology Lab & Trail Walk | Gail Wagner & Local Reps Drive |
| TBD, Tech Day & New Member Appreciation | Marcy Edmiston |
| Sunday, December 4 - Holiday Party | John & Elaine Piston |