

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

"MIATA MEANDERINGS" NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter from Karen McKissock



As everyone is very aware, the world has changed in the last few months, certainly since December 2019. New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the following on Friday, March 20, 2020:

"I signed an Executive Order to put New York State on PAUSE. Effective at 8PM on Sunday, March 22, 100% of New York's non-essential workforce [must stay home](#). All non-essential gatherings of any size, for any reason, are canceled. Essential businesses such as pharmacies, grocery stores and medical facilities will remain open but they must implement rules to facilitate social distancing. ([Here's the full list](#) of essential businesses.)"

PAUSE is an acronym for Policies Assure Uniform Safety (for) Everyone.

The New York State workforce must stay at home.
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-pause>
List of New York State essential businesses.
<https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>



Visit the Midstate Miata Club on the Internet at:
www.midstatemiata.net

You can subscribe to New York State's Coronavirus Updates.

<https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates>

No one has any idea of how long this order will stay in effect. It may be for half the summer or may last through the end of the year or may last even longer. Because the Governor has said "all non-essential gatherings of any size, for any reason, are canceled" we are postponing all Club activities until further notice.

We will be listing our calendar of events with the hope that the world will get this virus under control sooner rather than later. Your Area Representative will let you know if an event is postponed/canceled or not.

You can help yourself and everyone else by the simple acts of washing your hands and staying home as much as possible. For more information, you should see the World Health Organization, WHO. Here is the link to their COVID-19 pandemic webpages. You may want to spend a little time on the website and check-in from time to time.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Please be careful and stay well. I'll see you all as soon as possible.

Karen McKissock

MMC President

2020 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING REPORT

As you likely know, we did not have an Annual Planning Meeting this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

NOTICE: Deadline for the April newsletter is April 25th, Saturday. This includes all post event reports, new events, and updated upcoming events. Please sent them to John.N.Amon@gmail.com

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 know 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.

CLUB LOGO APPAREL

We are about to start the driving season and it is a perfect time to update your wardrobe. If you are jealous of other members you see wearing clothes with the club logo, there is no need. Club apparel can be ordered through Land's End. You go through the club website and follow the "Club Apparel" link, http://www.midstatemiata.net/club_apparel. Then select the "Our e-store web link" that will direct you to Lands End. Once you select your item(s), make sure you adjust the thread colors to contrast the item. (Not much point in black thread on a black fleece.) Don't be shy about calling them for help and make sure they know what you want. If you want to save some money and aren't in a hurry, get on their email list to be **notified** of sales. They periodically offer free logos and/or free shipping.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewals are due before May 1st, 2020 and are \$30 per household. If there are no changes to your membership you may just mail a check. If there are any updates you should use the form on the Club membership page or you may enter the address shown below to get that form and mail the form and your check. Please make out your check to "Midstate Miata Club of NY" and mail it to the following address.

Ronnie Sabella (treasurer)
401 Swansea Ave
Syracuse, NY 13206

http://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/MMC_Brochure_2017v2.22353905.pdf

Area Representatives

If you have found this newsletter on our Club website or been forwarded it by someone and you are a member, please contact your area representative as your email in the membership database is likely wrong. You should also check your junk email folder as it may have been filled there by mistake. We have four areas in the Midstate Miata Club of New York and four hardworking Area Representatives. You can contact them anytime with any questions that you have about the Club. Their contact information is always on the last page of the Newsletter. Their areas, names, phone numbers, and email addresses are listed here also.

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

Important Club World Wide Web Sites

Here are a couple websites that you should know about.

Our Club has a website that most of you know about.

<http://www.midstatemiata.net/>

Our Club also has a Facebook page that most of you do not know about.

<https://www.facebook.com/MidState-Miata-Club-of-New-YorkInc-264163837256529/>

Please be aware that our driving season will be affected by the COVID-19 virus. Be sure to watch for updates from your Area Representative as each event gets closer.
And Wash Your Hands!

Please continue to send your event ideas to Jay.

Maybe we will be able to use them later this year or next year.

Jay Cartini at jpcartini@aol.com

EVENTS

Self Guided Tour

This is 100% COVID-19 compliant



ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2020



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT OUR ICE CREAM SEASON WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS. BE SURE TO WATCH FOR UPDATES FROM YOUR AREA REPRESENTATIVE AS EACH EVENT GETS CLOSER.

And Wash Your Hands!

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE - 2020

DALE NAGLE

Every other Thursday starting May 14th

May 14 - Heid's, Liverpool. 6:30 PM

May 28 - Gannon's, Syracuse. 6:30 PM

June 11 - Byrne Dairy, LaFayette. 7:00 PM

June 25 - Pete's Polar, Solvay. 7:00 PM

July 9 - Plank Road, N. Syracuse. 7:00 PM

July 23 - Sno Top, Manlius. 7:00 PM

Aug 6 - Hickory Hill, Baldwinsville. 7:00 PM

Aug 20 - Vickie's, Liverpool. 7:00 PM

Sept 3 - Big Dip, N Syracuse. 7:00 PM

Sept 17 - Zem's, Canastota. 7:00 PM

Oct 1 - Carvel, Dewitt. 6:30 PM

Oct 15 - Sweet Frog, Fayetteville, 6:30 PM

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA - 2020

GAIL WAGNER

Monthly: 1st Wednesday each month @ 6:30 pm, ice cream only

Ithaca, proudly "centrally isolated"!

Monthly Ithaca Ice Cream Night begins in May on the first Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at Purity Ice Cream, corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow St. (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla St.

All Miata Club members are cordially welcome to join us!

(Questions: Gail Wagner, Ithaca-area Rep, gwtr3red@gmail.com).

Dates: May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept. 2 and Sept. 30 (no October)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER - 2020

STEVE STEWART

MMC Rochester Ice Cream Nite Schedule

6:00 PM 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, light dinner & then ice cream

May 12 Colby's, Rt. 15 & 250, Rush

May 26 Five Guys 405 Commerce Drive, (North end of Walmart/ Kohl's plaza, Rt. 96) Poppa Jacks Ice Cream, 261 W. Main St., Victor

June 9 Orbachers, 4753 Rt.104, Williamson

June 23 Bill Grays, 941 Hard Rd., Webster
Bruster's, 1041 Ridge Rd., Webster

July 14 Colby's, Rt.15 & 205, Rush

July 28 Charlie Reidels, 3141 County Rd. &
Rt. 5 & 20, The Creamery, 10 Parrish St.
Canandaigua

Aug.11 Bill Gray's, 2987 Buffalo Rd., Gates
Lugia's 4719 Lyell Rd., Spencerport

Aug.25 Colby's. Rt. 250 & 15, Rush

Sept.8 Tom Wahl's, Rt. 96 Bushnells Basin
Pittsford

Sept.22 Five Guys, 1100 Jefferson Rd. Reads,
3141 E. Henrietta Rd. (15A), Henrietta

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, BINGHAMTON -2020

BARB HUNSINGER

Most begins at 6:30 PM, three at 4:30 PM identified with an asterisk

MONDAY	May 4	Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY
WEDNESDAY	May 20	Old School House, 17 Fox Farm Rd, Windsor, NY
MONDAY	June 1	Double Scoop, RT 17C - just pass Crestview Heights
WEDNESDAY *	June 17	Bob's BBQ & Ice Cream - 5290 RT 281 Homer, NY 4:30 PM & Super Cream Dairy Bar - 75 N West St, Homer, NY
MONDAY	July 6	Frosty Joe's, 8 Track Drive, Binghamton, NY
WEDNESDAY	July 22	Ice Cream Works, 14 George St, Owego, NY
MONDAY *	August 3	Backyard Ice Cream, Susquehanna, PA 4:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	August 19	Suzy Q's, Chenango Street, Hillcrest, NY
TUESDAY	Sept 8	Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY
WEDNESDAY *	Sept 23	Big Dipper - Ice Cream & Chicken BBQ 4:30 PM

By Gail Wagner - Midstate Miata Club of NY



Cleaning Your Miata/MX5

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 soon to prepare for our 2020 driving season.

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 (called "pop-up" events) 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 coupla' 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 a UV protectant lanolin (no neat's-foot 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.

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!

OTHER CLUB EVENT FOR 2020

If you know of any other non-Midstate Miata Club of New York events that should be included here then please send them to me. John.N.Amon@gmail.com

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT EVENTS HOSTED BY OTHER CLUBS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS. THIS IS A WORLD WIDE PANDEMIC. AT THIS TIME THE USA-CANADA BOARDER IS CLOSED EXCEPT FOR ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC.

Dear Miata Enthusiasts,

In 2015 you helped us celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the [Underground Miata Network](#) by attending Canada's Capital Miata Meet - 2015.

2020 will be our 25th Anniversary and we will be celebrating once again by hosting [C2M2-2020](#)! We would like to extend a special invitation to you to join us again in **Ottawa from 13-16 August, 2020**. It would be a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

Details of the event are on our web site at UMN-C2M2-2020.COM.

Please share this email with other members of your club.

David Waung
Canada's Capital Miata Meet 2020
13-16 August 2020

MIATA ITEMS FOR SALE

This is a new section of your newsletter. It will feature Miata items for sale. Most, if not all of them, are also listed on your Club website. If you have a Miata item for sale and would like it to be included in our newsletter please send me the information. John.N.Amon@gmail.com. If you would like the item to be posted on the website please send Lee Maddy the information. mrmiataman@yahoo.com. Include a heading, description, your name and contact information (phone, email, address maybe), maybe the price, and a photo or two.

2006 Miata For Sale



Unfortunately we have to sell our 2006 Miata. It is excellent condition, has never seen a winter and has always been garaged. No tears or scuffs in the interior the top is in perfect condition and no rust.

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| -5 speed transmission | -Kumho tires |
| -64500 easy miles | -1 year old battery |
| -A/C works great | -XM radio |
| -power windows | -asking \$9300 |
| -cruise | |

We have to sell our car due to a medical condition and would really like a Miata enthusiast to enjoy it as we have. More pictures upon request.

Dave, Camillus, NY
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