

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

"MIATA MEANDERINGS" NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Note from Karen McKissock

So we've all had ample events to enjoy already this season...how many have you shared with fellow Miata friends? That's it? You need to get out more! The weather is finally on our side, if not a bit hot this last week, but we live in the North...weather...Bah humbug!!! Dust off those keys, fill her up and get on the road. Don't let the Holiday Party in December be the first time you take your car out.

OK...speaking of fun events, you need to get your registration for the Anniversary Party in to Gail ASAP. It's going to be a great way to socialize like grown-ups with dinner, dancing and prizes...no shorts and ball caps allowed. We don't do this very often and I think you'll enjoy the location on the water, cocktails outside, a delicious dinner and a special surprise for each of you. Please use the form in this newsletter to mail in your reservation this week. The DEADLINE IS AUGUST 10TH.

One more thing-is Rochester the only area experiencing an epidemic of hip replacements? Seriously we have had or are having a run on them. What's up with that? You'd think we have a bunch of older people in our club. No way!!! If the other areas know of anyone in their chapter please let Chris Kuhn know so she can send them a card to help the recovery.

Hope to see you soon!

Karen McKissock
MMC President



Visit the Midstate Miata Club
on the Internet at:

www.midstatemiata.net

NOTICE: Deadline for the September newsletter is July 23rd, Friday. This includes all post event reports and updated upcoming events. It is important that all August and very early September events are updated. 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 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.

POST EVENT REPORTS FOR JULY

Wednesday, July 10th Log Cabin Car Show in Macedon Event Coordinator – Mary Lou Reisdorf

It was a very hot day, but we had 13 cars who braved the heat. A good time was had by all.

Saturday July 13th Ride to Rudy's and Safe Have Holocaust Museum Event Coordinator - John & Dolores Gingerich

On beautiful Saturday July 13, seven cars and 11 people met at Log Cabin Restaurant at Macedon and, led by Steve Stewart, enjoyed a nice ride, stopping at Fastrac in Wolcott for a pit stop. There they were met by John and Dolores Gingerich who live near Wolcott, who led the now eight cars to Oswego, using John's local favorite stretch of back road which has sixteen turns in four miles! At Oswego we stopped at Rudy's for lunch, enjoying the shoreline of Lake Ontario. From there we traveled to the Safe Haven Holocaust Museum located at Fort Ontario in Oswego. We spent over an hour touring the museum, including a video featuring persons from among the 982 Holocaust refugees who came there 75 years ago after Italy was liberated in WW2. It was a poignant experience which left everyone moved! We then drove to Bev's Dairy Treat, also on Lake Ontario, for ice cream. From there, everyone returned home. One of the participants said that this was one of the best club drives she has ever done!



Saturday, July 27th Middlesex Fire Company Dinner

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole

It was a perfect Miata day as 5 Rochester Chapter & 2 from Syracuse started out with our destination a great roast beef dinner. Sunshine, no threat of rain, reasonable temperatures, and a slight breeze. There were fun roads for the drive with hills, dips, and curves. 2 more cars from the Rochester Chapter met with us there for a total of 17 people. We were there in time for the first seating and everyone agreed it was a great meal. This is the 47th year the fire department has been doing this so they definitely know what they are doing. A couple at our table was kind enough to share their horseradish with us. As they put it “it’s not roast beef without horseradish”. After the meal, it was time to get on the road again to our final destination in Canandaigua for the traditional ice cream stop and the end of another day with club members and friends.

AUGUST EVENTS

Sunday, August 4th North Rose Railroad museum

Event Coordinator – Bill and Nancy Lowe

UPDATES, change of start location in red

North Rose Railroad Company, 10336 RR Ave., North Rose, NY

Think model trains are simply for going in a circle beneath the Christmas tree? This is an event that will change your mind forever. For 15-years, Gary Poole has been transforming most of the first floor of an old kidney bean picking plant in Wayne County, New York into his model railroad empire. At the moment, it occupies roughly 15,000-square feet of space and includes about two-miles of track.

Wind farms, urban and suburban scenes, construction sites, amusement parks and much more make up the highly detailed scenery that surrounds that Lionel-sized railroad track...all of it painstakingly created by Gary. He is so dedicated to this endeavor that he actually lives in a portion of the building housing his display.

An up-to-date video of this massive layout can be viewed on YouTube at this address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmhCy6CaJX8>

For those in the Rochester area and points South and West of there, we will gather at the **Walmart Parking Lot in Webster (1990 Brandt Point Road, Webster, NY ... in Baytowne Plaza)** at 10:30 am on Sunday, August 4, 2019 to begin the run to Gary's place.

Along the way, we'll do lunch at Orbakers in Williamson...then on to the trains, planning to arrive in North Rose around 1 pm. Parking will be in the gravel lot to the right of the building housing the layout.

It is suggested that those coming from Syracuse and other points East plan their own route as they are encouraged to join in this event.

Please contact me at 585-865-6158 or by email at: blowe0542@gmail.com no later than August 1, 2019 if you are planning to participate.

Sunday, August 11th Polo in Skaneateles

Event Coordinator – Chuck and Mary Jo Paul

Sunday, August 11th will be our annual pilgrimage to the polo grounds in Skaneateles. We will meet at Bob's Barbecue on Route 281 in Little York. Those attending may choose to arrive early and eat at Bob's or pick up great food to go and enjoy it at the polo grounds. In either case we will DEPART Bob's at 1 (a.i.s.m.r.) for a scenic drive to Andrews Road in Skaneateles where we will tailgate (I like anything chocolate if you are bringing anything to share) and enjoy the beautiful view prior to the 3 p.m. match. We can't promise but the past two years we have had a personal visit from John Walsh of tv fame who is also a player and team owner. Any questions.....Chuck Paul 315 673-4432 or cpaul@twcny.rr.com.

Day of event 315 378-6018

Sunday, August 18th Trip to Vidler's 5¢ and 10¢ in East Aurora including lunch

Event Coordinator – John Amon - **Note date change to Sunday!**

If you have never been to Vidler's 5¢ and 10¢ and/or East Aurora this is a trip not to be missed. If you have been to Vidler's you will not want to miss the chance to go again. Vidler's is the largest 5¢ and 10¢ variety store in the world! They have 75,000 items in four buildings on two levels. They must have something you need, even if you don't know it yet! East Aurora is home to breweries, galleries, gift stores, museums, theaters (stage and screen), bookstores, coops, bakeries, and much more.

Meet us at McDonald's at 44 Nichols Street (Route 31) in Spencerport, just west of Union Street (Route 259) on the north side. We will be departing at 10:15 am SHARP and suggest you meet us at 9:45 am. We will drive together, including that fun and twisty drive down Oatka Creek Trail, to East Aurora with a pit stop along the way. We'll have lunch at the Riley Street Station restaurant again. After lunch we will explore Vidler's and/or the shops in town. Everyone is on their own to make it home but suggested directions will be provided. Anyone interested in ice cream? We can set a meeting time to leave East Aurora and head to Yummies in Warsaw.

This is a rain or shine event, but I am planning (hoping) for shine.

Please let me know by August 11 if you will be attending so I can let the restaurant know how many to expect (we'll order from the menu). Phone or email me at (585) 617-4334 or John.N.Amon@gmail.com and Steve Stewart (sastew1943@gmail.com). Hope you will be able to attend.



Friday, August 23 Midstate Miata Club 25th Anniversary Party

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner

This year's anniversary celebration will be a single night dinner/dance event as there's no room at the inn.....any inn for miles around. If you choose to stay overnight you will need to do your own search for a hotel. We have not been able to find anywhere and have been searching for months. We also recognized that although we had a 2 day event for our 20th party, only a very few people stayed over and participated in the brunch the following day. We hope you'll join us for a night of 'Miata family fun'.

Therefore we will proceed with our dinner, dancing, prize drawings, memory sharing and a surprise for everyone attending.

Deadline for reservations is August 10th.

Flyer and registration on last page of this newsletter

Saturday August 31st Driving to Olean for a great lunch at the Beef N Barrel

Coordinated by Mary Lou Reisdorf & Chuck Rischenole

Beef N Barrel is an amazing restaurant in Olean, specializing in Beef on Weck, and other great foods. An awesome ride mapped out by Chuck. We will meet at Bill Grays 1225 Jefferson Road in Henrietta at 10:00am and be in cars at 10:30am for departure. On our return home we will stop at Colby's for IC. Separate checks will be provided for all. They will seat only 30 people so the 1st come, 1st to go and must let us know no later than August 27th.

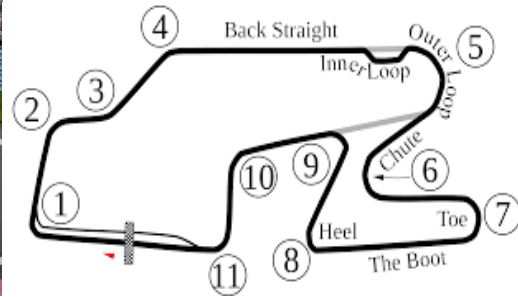
Please contact Mary Lou Reisdorf reisdorf@yahoo.com or Chuck Rischenole candgr@gmail.com only if you are attending.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sunday September 15th, Watkins Glen Three Laps & Lunch

Event Coordinator – ail Wagner & Steve Wilson

(Rain date track and lunch: Sunday, September 22, 2019)



LET'S DO IT AGAIN !

Meet: Watkins Glen International Race Track at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 15, Gate #3 (NOT main gate)

2790 County Road 16 for car staging and individual signing of track liability waiver.

MUST BE PREPAID TO THIS EVENT

BY SEPT. 9th

SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS

IMPORTANT: We need to be at the gate, staged, and liability forms signed off by 11:45 a.m. No waiting for latecomers or we will lose our reserved time slot.

Our on-the-track reserved time is 12:00 p.m. and will take approximately 20 minutes behind a WGI pace car with a stop at the start/finish line for photo ops.

VERY IMPORTANT “SPIRITED” DRIVERS UP FRONT OF THE LINE AND THOSE WHO JUST WISH TO “CRUISE” AT A MORE LEISURELY PACE AT THE REAR.

OPTIONAL LUNCH

R.S.V.P. is required but no lunch prepayment is required. (You will pay individually at the restaurant, cash or credit card.)_:

After our 3 laps and finish line “photo op” stop, we will continue to the Seneca Harbor Station Restaurant, 1 Franklin St. at the waterfront marina, for a group luncheon at approximately 1:00-1:15 p.m..

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

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK:

TRACK LAPS PREPAYMENT REQUIRED AND RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th. SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Watkins Glen 3 track laps of \$20.00 discount price per car:

Check to be made out to:

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

Mail this sheet with track check and optional RSVP luncheon reservation to:

Gail Wagner, 105 Iroquois Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

NAME(s):

OPTIONAL:

SENECA HARBOR STATION LUNCHEON R.S.V.P. REQUIRED

(No prepayment required)

Name(s) Attending Lunch:

Sunday, September 22nd Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator – Lee Maddy and Miriam White

Details to follow

Help the club decide which orchard has the best apple fritters in town.

Sunday, September 29th Delaware County Drive and Lunch

Event Coordinator – Lou and Carol Trelease

Join us for a scenic drive on country roads in Delaware county and views of the Cannonsville Reservoir. We will be stopping for lunch at the picturesque Rainbow Lodge in a setting that overlooks a pond stocked with rainbow trout. After lunch and on the return drive, we plan to stop for ice cream if the stand in Bainbridge has not closed for the season. Meet at the Big M parking lot in Windsor at 10 AM. We will be leaving there at 10:30.

We need to let the restaurant know how many people to expect, so contact us no later than Thursday, Sept 26 if you plan to join us.

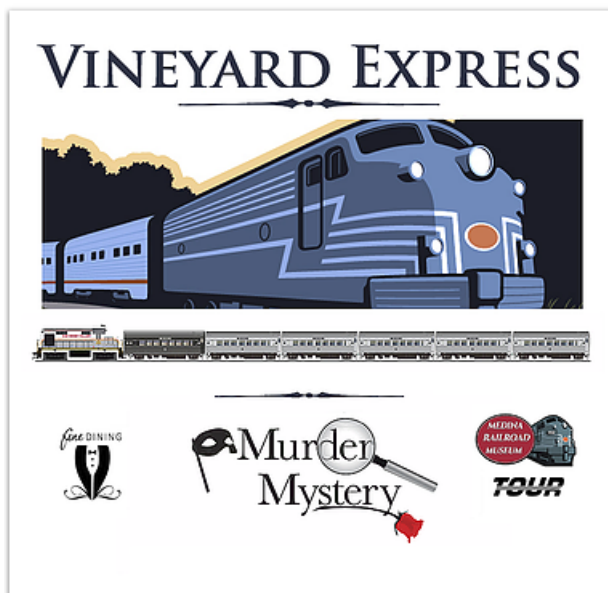
This is a rain or shine event.

Lou & Carol Trelease, (607) 655-3061, buckshotfarm@aol.com

OCTOBER EVENTS

Sunday, October 6th Vineyard Express Train Ride/Lunch

Event Coordinator – Nancy and Bill Lowe



All Aboard on Sunday Oct. 6th!

Main Event Time: 11:30 am to 6:45 pm

A drive will be planned from the Rochester area

Time TBD

Those who wish to stay over, the following hotels are in Lockport:

Hampton Inn, Best Western, Lockport Inn, Quality Inn

Niagara Falls is a 35-minute drive away if you're looking for a little more action.

Coordinator: Nancy Lowe 585.305.4410

Nanlowe53@gmail.com

Your excursion includes:

- A Medina Railroad Museum Tour
- Dinner at Spring Lake Winery
- Music by the Lake
- An interactive Murder Mystery Play

Experience Options:

FIRST CLASS: \$130 per person/ \$260 per couple. MUST RESERVE BY JUNE 14!

(50 seats are being reserved for our group until mid-June. There are 120 seats available total, so they sell out fast!

First Class includes: VIP preferred seating on the dinner car, a wine & cheese platter, museum tour, wristband for preferred seating, open bar at Spring Lake Winery, your dinner, and live music.

COACH CLASS: \$84 person/ \$159 per couple. MUST RESERVE BY AUGUST 31! (50 seats are reserved until the end of August for our group.) Coach Class includes: Coach seating on train, museum tour, catered dinner and cash bar at Spring Lake Winery, and live music. You can add the wine & cheese platter for \$3.50 per ticket and cannot upgrade to the open bar at the winery.

NOTE: Above pricing includes the \$5 per ticket service fee.

If you decide to attend after these dates, call to see what is available.

ITINERARY:

Boarding Time: 12:00 PM

11:30 am Arrival Time - Address: 21 Michigan and Park Avenue, Lockport NY.

Upon arrival you will check-in at the Courtesy Tent where you will receive your boarding passes.

This is an open parking area, dress for the weather. There will be signs and attendants to guide you.

VIP Parking next to white building on the left when you turn down Michigan Street.

Coach parking in parking lot on Michigan Street.

12:00 pm Board the Train - There are restrooms on the train.

12:30 pm - Train Departs 21 Michigan and Park Avenue, Lockport NY

1:30 pm Arrive at Medina Railroad Museum - Self-guided tour.

2:15 pm Re-Board & depart for Spring Lake Winery

3:00 pm Arrive at the Winery - Walk or ride to the crime scene and winery.

4:00 pm Dinner at Spring Lake Winery - Enjoy dinner by the lake while you listen to live music.

There is open seating of tables of ten. Wander the nature trail, try and solve the murder.

Feel free to dance or kick up your feet and relax.

6:15 pm Re-Board & Depart - Return to the platform in Lockport at 6:45 pm.

- Bathrooms are on board the train, at the Train Depot, and Spring Lake Winery.
 - Dress for the weather - this is an indoor/outdoor event.
 - There is a walk to the winery from the train as well as the crime scene, however, there will be rides available if needed.
- Also available from our tasting room:
- Wine Ice Cream
 - Full Service Bar is available with Sangria and specialty drinks.

Reservations: Contact Mary Jo Corsaro at Train Tixs, Inc

Phone No: 585-278-8315

Refer to "Mazda Miata Group on Oct. 6" when making a reservation

Leave a message if there is no answer and she will get back to you

Wednesday October 09th -Spragues Ride with the Niagara Club

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole

Details to follow

We will be joining the Niagara Club for lunch at the Spragues Maple Farm and stop for ice cream on the way home.

Sunday October 20th –Annual Club Road Rally

Event Coordinator – TBD

Details to follow

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, December 1st Annual Holiday Party

Event Coordinator – John Piston

Details to follow

We will be returning to the Springside Inn's The Point at Sand Beach facility for our annual year end wrap up.

ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2019



MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE

KAREN ABBOTT

2019 Monthly: 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month @ 7:00 pm

August 8- Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius

August 22- Vicki's Tasty Treat, 680 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool

September 12- Big Dip, 216 No Main Street, No Syracuse

September 26- Carvel Ice Cream, 4322 E Genesee St, Dewitt (inside seating-park in Tops Grocery lot)

October 10- Sweet Frog, Fayetteville Towne Center, Fayetteville (inside seating)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA

GAIL WAGNER

2019 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: 8/7, 9/4, 10/2

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER

STEVE STEWART

MMC Rochester Ice Cream Nite Schedule 2019

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

Aug.13 Bill Gray's, 2987 Buffalo Rd. Gates
Lugia's 4719 Lyell Rd., Spencerport

Aug.27 Colby's. Rt. 250 & 15, Rush

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

Sept.24 Five Guys, 1100 Jefferson Rd. Henrietta
Reads, 3141 E. Henrietta Rd. (15A)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, BINGHAMTON -2019

BARB HUNSINGER

6:00 PM

MONDAY August 5 Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY

WEDNESDAY August 21 Old School House, 17 Fox Farm Rd, Windsor, NY

TUESDAY Sept 3 Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY

WEDNESDAY Sept 18 Lickity Split, 152 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY

TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH’



TECHNICAL TIPS - “Wench With A Wrench”

By Gail Wagner - Midstate Miata Club of NY
MID SUMMER MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

Hello Miata Club Folks,

It's the Maintenance Wench here this month. 😊

I hope everyone is having a great summer and lots of topless fun with their Miatas.

My topic for this month is, “Don’t ask what your Miata can do for you, ask what you can do for your Miata” to paraphrase a famous quote.

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We’ve all been driving our Miatas for a number of months and miles this summer so it’s time to remind you of some important mid-summer maintenance suggestions to consider.

You might want to use this column as a check-list to make sure you’re up-to-date with Miata maintenance. Your friendly owner’s manual is a good reference too. (Tip: I always write what maintenance I have done in the back page of my owner’s manual with the date and keep a folder with receipts from major maintenance purchases like brake pads, inspections, etc.)

- **TIRE PRESSURE/ROTATION/REPLACEMENT** - Check tire pressure monthly. Rotate your tires every 2000-3000 miles. Important: Tires 6-10 years old have expired and should be replaced regardless of how much tread is left. Correct tire pressure should be in your owner’s manual or on a sticker on the inside of your driver’s side door. Rotating tires prevents uneven wear and is good for fuel economy (Tip: Read my previous columns about tires in the Club website [www.midstatemiata.net](http://www.midstatemiata.net) TECH archive.)
- **TIRE ALIGNMENT** - Every couple of years at least. Even if you don’t buy new tires and have alignment and tire balancing done then, have your alignment checked on your current tires. It will improve handling and help prevent early tire wear.

- **TIRE LUG NUTS** - Check monthly. If you have a torque wrench and a socket set, check you tire's lug nuts and tighten to spec, usually about 80 ft. lbs. of torque or have your mechanic check them. This can be easily overlooked if you have had your tires replaced or rotated recently.
- **ANTI-FREEZE/COOLANT** - Mazda recommends flush and replacement every 30,000 miles. Antifreeze, also known as coolant, keeps the engine and its components from freezing or overheating. The chemicals in antifreeze eventually break down and lose their engine protective properties. Driving a vehicle with a faulty engine cooling system can result in overheating, cylinder head gasket failure, engine block failure, or cylinder head warping.
- **INSPECTION STICKER** - Depends. 😊 Make sure you know when your inspection is due. (Tip: I try to get mine done at the beginning of summer every year regardless of due date.) It's also a good safety check if you use a good repair inspection shop as they check brakes, lights, horn, etc. You can ask them to check fluids, battery, etc. too.
- **AIR FILTER**- Replace after 60 months or 60,000 miles. The new "permanent" filters are nice. You just take them out and vacuum occasionally. Worth the added expense, I say.
- **TIMING BELT** - ????? Well, the jury is still out on this. 😊 Are you a reasonable gambler? Some say replace after 60,000 miles BUT failures appear to be few and far between and it doesn't hurt the engine if belt does break; you're just unable to drive the car until it's replaced. Replacement is expensive, like \$600+. (Tip: It's recommended that you replace the water pump, a relatively inexpensive part, if you replace the belt since it's buried "down under there".)
- **ENGINE OIL** - Check Monthly. Checked your dipstick lately? Top up per the dipstick markings but don't mix conventional motor oil with synthetic oil and make sure per your owner's manual it's the correct grade. Use conventional or 100% synthetic. 50/50 blend is a waste of money, in my opinion. I personally prefer 100% synthetic.
- **OIL CHANGE** - 5 mo./5K or 3 mo./3K. If you didn't change your motor oil and filter this spring after storage, do it now! Some Miata diehards (like me) recommend every 3 months/30,000 miles whether using conventional or 100% synthetic oil. Engine lubrication, its life blood especially for older cars, is so important.
- **BRAKE PADS** - Depends. This is so important. These will be checked during your yearly spring or summer annual auto inspection but it's recommended that they be replaced every 2-3 years, especially if you are a "spirited" driver and do hard driving/hard braking, lots of up and down hill driving, high performance track days or lots of stop and go driving.
- **BRAKE FLUID/CLUTCH FLUID** -Check monthly and completely replaced every 2-3 years. Brake and clutch fluid (same fluid) are located in the same little plastic reservoir under the hood. It's recommended you have your brake fluid flushed and replaced with fresh fluid every 2-3 years. Toss partially used cans of brake fluid after 2 years at the latest if you add it yourself; it degrades because it attracts water, even a partially-used, closed container on your garage shelf. (Tip: I mark the date I opened the bottle with a magic marker so I know how old it is. If you are a "spirited" driver who hard brakes a lot or someone who does high performance track days, it's recommended that you use higher temperature DOT 4 brake fluid as opposed to DOT 3.)
- **DIFFERENTIAL FLUID** - Drain and replace every 30,000 miles per Mazda's factory recommendation. Be sure to use the right kind per your owner's manual.
- **TRANSMISSION FLUID** - Drain and replace every 30,000 miles per Mazda's factory recommendation. Be sure to use the right kind per your owner's manual.
- **PVC VALVE** - Replace every 20,000 - 50,000 miles. If you normally drive short trips, change every 30,000 miles. (Tip: See my past TECH article about PVC valves in website archives).
- **FUEL FILTER** - Replace every 60,000 miles. (If it's plugged, believe me, you'll know, i.e., lack of power driving up hills!)
- **POWER STEERING FLUID** - You never have to change this fluid! Yippee! Just check and keep it topped up.

- SPARK PLUGS/WIRES -Check monthly (if you have these). Replace about every 30,000 miles. When was the last time you had these changed? Check spark plugs and spark plugs wires (cracks, breaks, broken covering) if you have these for older Miatas and just the spark plugs for the newer models which have “coil packs” in place of wires that do not need regular replacement, just plugs.
- RAIN DRAINS - Check periodically. These are the little holes under your convertible top that drain rain water and car-washing water down and away from the car. They can plug with dirt, grit, leaves, etc. Plugged drainage holes will allow water to back up INTO your interior cabin floor. (Tip: Run a garden hose on the back of your car with the top securely up. Have someone peek underneath the back of the car to make sure water is draining properly.)
- HOSES - Check monthly. Take a quick peek at all of your engine hoses to make sure there are no leaks, cracks, breaks or any have come loose. Only takes a minute. Replace as necessary; new hoses are cheap insurance AND they come in colors now. 😊
- BATTERY FLUID/REPLACEMENT - Check monthly and/or depends. Do you have a battery that requires adding water or a closed battery system? Unscrew those battery caps with a rag and top off with distilled (not tap) water if the cells look low on fluid. How OLD is your battery? Some have a date printed on top. Consider cleaning corroded battery terminals (that gunky white stuff) with a toothbrush and a paste made with water and baking soda, cleaned off with a rag or paper towel. Please use rubber gloves and protect paint and clothing. This is acid gunk. (Tip: You can have battery life tested and checked at many auto supplies stores.)
- WASH/WAX - 3x's a season. To preserve your paint, especially on our older Miatas, your car should be hand-washed and waxed in spring after storage, mid-summer and just before storage, minimum. I'm talking “by-hand” here. Don't forget to condition leather seating if you have it with a quality leather preservative product. Don't forget to clean and condition your convertible top with quality convertible top cleaner/conditioner products like RaggTop or equivalent to help it last longer and protect from harmful UV rays deterioration.
- TREE SAP, DEAD BUGS AND OTHER PAINT-RUINING PROBLEMS - Check every day! Tree sap, dead bugs and bird droppings can be ruinous on paint and clear coat. Wipe acidic bird droppings and dead bugs ASAP with a damp paper towel. Tree sap can be effectively removed with a few drops of waterless hand soap (i.e. Purell). Let it sit for a minute on the sap to soften and then wipe off with a wet paper towel to thoroughly remove the sap and soap and then dry with a dry paper towel. I have not found a sap-removing automotive product yet that really works as well as this.

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

*Zoom-Zoom Safely!*

*Gail*

#### DISCLAIMER

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# MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB 25<sup>Th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!!

**Friday – August 23**

Dinner/dancing at Geneva Country Club

6:00pm - cocktails

7:00pm dinner

Make checks payable to **MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY** and send to **Gail Wagner** with the choices per person.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

**Gail Wagner 105 Iroquois Road Ithaca NY 14850**

**Please make your dinner choices and identify how many will be attending and return to Gail with your check:**

|                   |                      |                 |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Prime Rib, au jus | \$39.50 (per person) | # persons _____ |
| Chicken Piccata   | \$33.15              | # persons _____ |
| Grilled Salmon    | \$32.65              | # persons _____ |
| Vegetarian Entree | \$31.90              | # persons _____ |

Names of participants

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