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President's Letter from Karen McKissock, August 2020



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www.midstatemiata.net

To all my friends and fellow Zoom Zoomers (in our cars, not on our computers),

Sad to say, there's not much new since last month that's worth talking about. One thing worth mentioning is how lucky we are to be living in upstate New York during these frightening times. One might not like all of what Governor Cuomo has done during his tenure, but it sure feels like he did the right things to keep us safe around here. It's far from over I'd guess, but it makes me feel good that our rate of infection is under control. I'm sure glad we didn't move to Florida after all!!!

We have received an inquiry to join a Mini Cooper ride to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon in September or October. I asked them to send us details when they settle into a date, meeting place, etc. It will be members' choice if they decide to join in. I'll let you know as soon as I hear more. I hope conditions improve to enable us to participate. Stay tuned...

I'm hoping this note still finds all of you in good health and virus free. If you hear of any member that might be ill, please let your Area Rep or Christine Kuhn know so we can reach out to them. Stay safe and wash your hands.

Karen

Zoom, zoom

Karen McKissock
MMC President

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NOTICE: Deadline for the **September** newsletter is **August 27th, Thursday**. This includes all post event reports, new events, updated upcoming events including, more details for upcoming events including meeting times, and corrections. 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 Representative** to help them plan for caravans from your Chapter. 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.

CHAPTER 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 filed there by mistake. We have four Chapters in the Midstate Miata Club of New York and four hardworking Chapter 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. The geographic Chapters, names, phone numbers, and email addresses are listed here also.

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Ithaca Area Representative	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/>

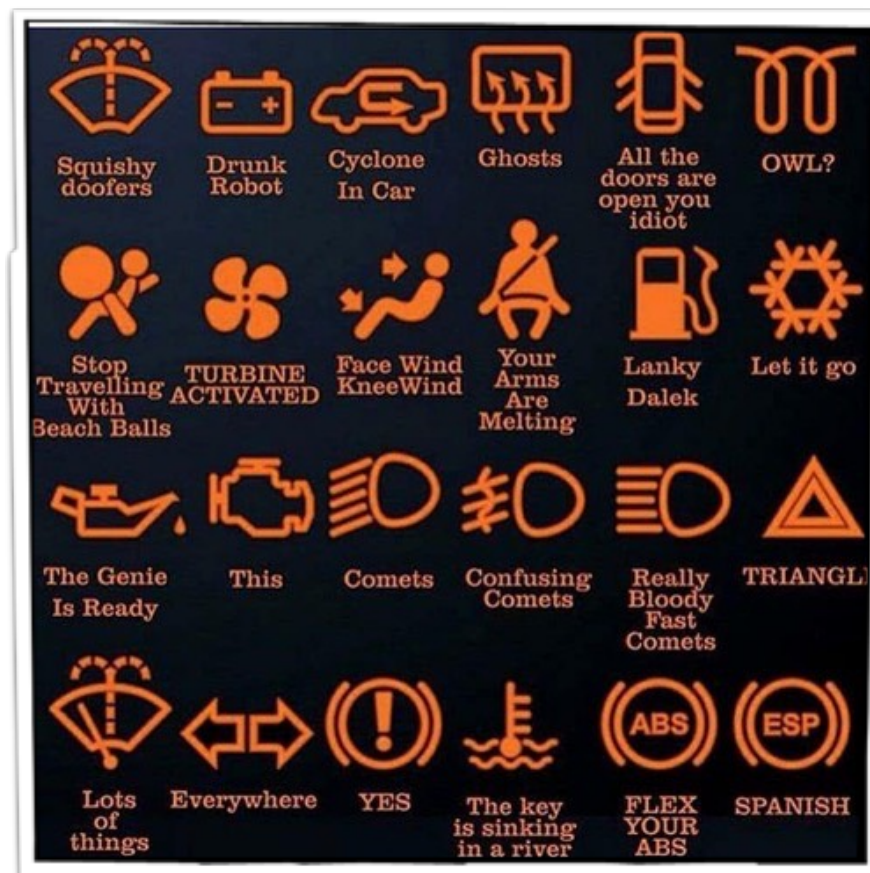
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome you to the MidState Miata Club of New York! Ordinarily, we would be busy enjoying our Miatas with friends. We would have gone on several drives, enjoyed meals, and even gotten ice cream. This year we have only gotten an ice cream or three. We do not know how this will play out concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are following the situation closely.

I encourage you to try to get out to an ice cream night. We will be following the guidelines, wearing a face mask and practicing social distancing. This will be a little strange. People may not come up to you and welcome you to the Club and talk about your car as much as normal. Please know that this has nothing to do with you and everything to do with the pandemic.

We are asking all the 2020 new members to keep your round red sticker on your ID badge for 2020 and 2021 so we can say "Hi" and "Welcome to the Club" when things get back to normal.

First Name	Last Name	City	Chapter	Car Year	Color of Car
Terry	McLain	Endicott	Southern Tier	2014	Red
Jim & Anne	Jernigan	Horseheads	Ithaca	2013	Light Blue



This is the true meaning of all those dashboard symbols

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.

Stay safe. Save lives.

Before you put the finishing touches on your event consider reviewing the results of the spring 2020 poll. The poll is on our website thanks to Lee Maddy.

[http://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/
Poll_Report_2020_Spring_Numbered.70160006.pdf](http://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Poll_Report_2020_Spring_Numbered.70160006.pdf)

You may be able to adjust the way you normally host it to better serve the membership. For example on the third question “What part of the events you have attended did you find LEAST enjoyable?” one person said “Driving too slowly” and another person said “Too high speed”. Maybe in your event description, you could say something about the expected driving speed. You could say Spirited Drive or Relaxed Drive or something along those lines. Maybe include the distance to be driven and when rest stops will happen. There is not necessarily a need to change how you run the event but rather just let people know. And people will be happier if they know more about how the event will be run.

CANCELLED EVENTS, MAY BE RESCHEDULED IN 2020 OR 2021

Saturday, May 16th, Midstate Miata Club on New York Annual Picnic

Event Coordinator – looking for a volunteers, are you interested?

Sunday, June 21st, Fathers Day, European Motor Club of Central New York Car Show

Event Coordinator –Bob Sabella, Syracuse Chapter

Summer Date TBD, “Miata Mamas” – Ladies ONLY Lunch at Elderberry Pond Farm

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter

Sunday, July 12th, North East Classic Car Museum & Bullthisle Model Railroad

Event Coordinator – Del Austin, Southern Tier Chapter

Sunday, July 19th, Western NY MG Car Show

Event Coordinator – David King, Rochester Chapter

Thursday through Sunday, August 12th-15th 2021, Canada’s Capital Miata Meet

Sunday, July 26th, Gary Patterson’s 1500 square foot Home Model Railroad Tour

NEW EVENT

Event Coordinator – Bill Lowe, Rochester Chapter

Saturday - Monday, August 1st - 3rd, Weekend with the Mass Miata Club

Event Coordinator – Nancy Lowe, Rochester Chapter

Saturday, August 8th, Fun Road Rally / Scavenger Hunt

Event Coordinator – Robert Mellen of Avon Rotary, Rochester Chapter

Wednesday, August 26th, Log Cabin Car Show in Macedon

Event Coordinator – Mary Lou Reisdorf & Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter

August TBD, Polo in Skaneateles

Event Coordinator – Chuck & Mary Jo Paul, Syracuse Chapter

Thursday through Sunday, September 24-27th, Buggies & Bridges

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

Sunday, October 4th, Watkins Glen Raceway Laps & Lunch

(Rain date track and lunch: Sunday, October 11th, 2020)

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson, Ithaca Chapter

Wednesday, October 7th, Niagara Miata Club to Sprague's Maple Farms

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole, Rochester Chapter



JULY REPORTS

Saturday, July 12th, Scallywag Cider Last Quarter Run aka Cider on the Solstice NEW EVENT

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

After a successful four-car dry run, this event was rescheduled from June 21 to July 12 and renamed the Scallywag Cider Last Quarter Run.

After meeting at the Lafayette Byrne Dairy, eight cars zipped over to Critz Farms Brewing & Cider Co. near Cazenovia and tasted their cider and food truck lobster rolls. There were clouds in the area, but no rain as we motored along the backroads to Awestruck Ciders in Sidney. At Awestruck, we met up with a car each from Binghamton and Ithaca groups. We tasted and snacked for an hour or so. I really enjoy the Awestruck's Hibiscus Ginger and Lavender Hops hard ciders.

We took a different route back, stopping at Delphi Falls to cool our feet in the water. Thanks to all who came out for a great day!



On the road to Critz, Awestruck, and Delphi Falls

Critz Farms Brewing & Cider Co. <http://www.critzbrewandcider.com>
Awestruck Ciders <https://www.awestruckciders.com>

AUGUST EVENTS

All August events have been cancelled.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, September 13th, Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator – Lee Maddy & Miriam White, Syracuse Chapter

Help the club decide which orchard has the best apple fritters in town. This is a very short drive and we will be stopping at three or four orchards that also sell apple fritters.

mrmiataman@yahoo.com or (315) 637-0472 or (315) 952-7148 or (315) 383-2454

Saturday, September 19th, Scenic Drive through Chenango County and Lunch

NEW EVENT - REPLACEMENT DRIVE

Event Coordinator – Lou & Carol Trelease, Southern Tier Chapter

Meet at 10 am at the Mirabito Gas Station/Mini-Mart at 3622 NY-79, Harpursville, NY 13787, Exit 6 off I88. We will take about a 1-hour drive on scenic back roads in Chenango County and will end up at Nathaniel Cole Park. Bring your own lunch and beverage. There will be NO cooking out. There are plenty of picnic tables for seating or bring a chair if you prefer. We will observe social distancing and have a mask handy if needed.

This is a SHINE ONLY drive.

buckshotfarm@aol.com or (607) 655-3061 or (607) 372-7134 or (607) 768-3150

OCTOBER EVENTS

Saturday, October 10th, Road Rally

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

(This event may be moved to an earlier date)

Come and try your skill at following directions and answering questions at the same time (hey, you get a cool trophy with your name on it to hang on to for the year if you win).

mosherrskl@yahoo.com (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281

NOVEMBER EVENTS

None, but do enjoy Thanksgiving with friends and loved ones in whatever format makes sense at the time. Remember the tough start of the year and remember all those who were ill or we lost. Stay strong. Stay safe.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, December 6th, Midstate Miata Club on New York Annual Holiday Party

Event Coordinator – Mary Lou Reisdorf, Rochester Chapter

We will again be meeting for brunch and fun for our annual year-end wrap-up. We will **return** to the Springside Inn's The Point at Sand Beach facility for our annual year end wrap up. The address is **The Point At Sand Beach, 2924 Sand Beach Road, Auburn, NY 13021**, not at their main Inn which is just a little farther south.



Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party Springside Inn's The Point at Sand Beach

Sunday, December 6, 2020

11:30 registration, cocktails and holiday cheer; 12:30 brunch (Tentative Times)

Holiday party time is coming soon!! We will be having a beautiful Holiday Brunch at the Springside Inn's "The Point at Sand Beach" facility located at The Point At Sand Beach, 2924 Sand Beach Road, Auburn, NY 13021 (<https://springsideinn.com/venues/>). The cost will be **\$TBD** per person (taxes & gratuity included) and includes brunch and desserts. There will also be a cash bar available.

We will again be making donations to the Community Action Programs, Cayuga-Seneca. If you would like to participate please bring an **unwrapped** gift for a child up to 12 years of age.

We will also continue our tradition...a White Elephant gift exchange which we started several years ago. To participate, bring a wrapped gift valued under \$10 (new, used, gag or anything else) to exchange. It has been a lot of fun and generates a lot of conversation and joking.

RETURNING THIS YEAR!! An ugly sweater contest! Come in your finest, gaudiest sweater. This might encourage some folks to stop wearing jackets and ties! Even if you don't have an ugly holiday sweater dress is casual.

There will also be drawings for several door prizes.

PLEASE mail your reservation request and send a check **made out to Midstate Miata Club** to:

[Mary Lou Reisdorf](#)
[2391 Murphy Lane](#)
[Macedon, NY, 14502](#)

Preliminary arrangements have been for the catering, food plan, and location.

ALL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 20, 2020

Questions? Email: reisdorfm@yahoo.com
Phone: 315-986-8986 or 585-455-7044

There may be rooms available upon request if you would like to spend Saturday or Sunday night.
Call the Springside or visit their website for room reservations. <https://springsideinn.com/>

Please send form below when registering:

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Reservation for the 2020 Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020

Location: The Point At Sand Beach, 2924 Sand Beach Road, Auburn, NY 13021

Time: 11:30 registration, cocktails and holiday cheer; 12:30 brunch (Tentative Times)

Name (s) (first and last for all attending) _____

Number attending _____ Date sent _____

Amount enclosed _____ Date received _____

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Christmas Elf Toy List Suggestions

Make a child's Christmas Wish come true this holiday season by shopping for toys that are in demand!

General

Action Heroes
(Spiderman Batman, Avengers, Star Wars, TMT)
Wrestlers
Dinosaurs
Fisher Price Imaginex
Fire Trucks
Police Cars and Emergency Vehicles
Matchbox and Hot Wheel Sets
Construction Vehicles
Farm Toys
Trucks and Cars
Remote control Cars and Helicopters
Legos
Picture Books
Coloring Books
Horses
Barbie

Disney Princess Dolls
Bratz
Monster High Dolls
My Little Pony
Craft Sets
Science Kits
Frozen Stuff (dolls, puzzles, playsets etc)
Doc McStuffins
Paw Patrol
Dora
Diego
Little People
Baby Dolls and accessories
Doll Strollers
Kitchen Stuff
Tea Sets
Play food
Dress up stuff

Games

Monopoly
Life
Scrabble
Clue
Sorry

Taboo
Apples to Apples
Video Games for
Playstations, Xbox's and Wii U

Sports-Related Gifts

Footballs
Basketballs
Soccer Balls
Syracuse Stuff
New York Yankees Stuff

Hunting Stuff (hats, socks, gloves, clothing)
Fishing Stuff (fishing kits, lures, line etc)
Sleds
Skateboards

Gifts for Teenagers

DVD's
CD's (country, hip hop and rock)
Axe Kits (kila fragrance kit)
Shaving Stuff
Shampoo
Hair Stuff

Watches (boys and girls)
Cologne (boys and girls)
Books
Art Kits
Hoodies

Miatas are not required to be driven to the event.

July Quiz was a massive FAIL!

Sorry.

One other person and my wife tried the quiz.

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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.

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MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE CHAPTER - 2020

DALE NAGLE

Every other Thursday starting May 14th

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| Aug 6 | Hickory Hill Ice Cream Stand, 3451 NY-31, Baldwinsville. 7:00 PM |
| Aug 20 | Vicky's Tasty Treats, 680 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool. 7:00 PM |
| Sept 3 | Big Dip, 216 N Main St, North Syracuse. 7:00 PM |
| Sept 17 | Zems Ice Cream, 124 W Hickory St, Canastota. 7:00 PM |
| Oct 1 | Carvel Ice Cream Store, 4322 E Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13214. 6:30 PM |
| Oct 15 | sweetFrog Premium Frozen Yogurt, 532 Towne Dr, Fayetteville, 6:30 PM |

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA CHAPTER - 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-Chapter Representative, gwtr3red@gmail.com).

Dates: Aug 5, Sept. 2 and Sept. 30 (no October)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER CHAPTER - 2020
STEVE STEWART

MMC Rochester Ice Cream Nite Schedule REVISED 7/17/20

6:30 PM 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, ONLY ice cream.

Note time change and no dinner, ice cream only this year.

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| Aug 11 | Lugia's Ice Cream, 4719 Lyell Rd., Spencerport CASH ONLY |
| Aug 25 | Colby's Ice Cream Restaurant & Bake Shop, 7272 W Henrietta Rd, Rush, corner of Rt. 251 & 15 |
| Sept 8 | Cheshire Farms Creamery, 10 Parrish Street, Canandaigua |
| Sept.22 | Currently open for suggestions |

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER - 2020
BARB HUNSINGER

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

MONDAY *	August 3	Backyard Ice Cream, 29036 State Route 171, Susquehanna, PA 4:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	August 19	Suzy Q's Ice Cream Shop, 1110 Chenango St # 1, Binghamton, NY
TUESDAY	Sept 8	Double Scoop, 8784 NY-17C, Endicott, NY
WEDNESDAY *	Sept 23	Big Dipper – Ice Cream & Chicken BBQ, 6935 NY-434, Apalachin 4:30 PM

By Gail Wagner – Midstate Miata Club of NY



Do You Know Your A, B, C, D's ?

Understanding the Miata Model Year Group Alphabet

Happy summer, Miata Friends! It's finally here and I hope you have all gotten out and enjoyed beautiful top-down weather and checked your mid-summer maintenance reminders from last month's column. ☺

PLEASE check your tire age per my article. This is the most overlooked important safety maintenance item. (No tires over 7 years old no matter how good the tread looks!)

Perhaps you have heard Miatas mentioned as "NA's", "NB's", "NC's" etc. and wondered what the initials or reference meant (but were afraid to ask?). Someone just asked me about this recently so.....

I'm here to clear up the Miata Alphabet confusion for you. ☺

Miatas are commonly identified by their model build “generation years” with the letters **NA**, **NB**, **NC** and the latest being **ND** model years. These code letters are called “*Model Identifiers*” per the required standard VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) coding convention which you’ll find on your receipt of sale invoice, your vehicle registration from DMV and on a small tag usually found on the front of the dashboard on the driver’s side used to identify a specific vehicle.

The *Model Identifier* code is always the 4th and 5th position within the VIN.

Below is a VIN for a 2000 model year Miata:

JM1NB3538Y0153757

J = Country of Origin (Japan)

M = Mazda (manufacturer)

1 = Passenger Car (type of vehicle)

NB = M2 manufacturer’s model generation (2nd generation)

(The rest of the numbers and letters denote that it’s a convertible, engine size, city of manufacture, and other information about the car including a specific car number, the last 4 digits).

More Explanation:

To further explain: VIN’s that have the following *Model identifier* letters identify the generation and years of that generation manufacture:

NA = 1st generation 1990-1997 (only years with retractable headlights; NA sometimes also referred to as “Normally Aspirated” engine as opposed to turbo or super-charged engine))

NA6 = 1.6L engine in models 1990 – 1993

NA8 = 1.8L engine in models 1994 – 1997

NB – 2nd generation 1999 – 2005 (no retractable headlights)

NB1 – 1999 – 2000 small changes

NB2 – 2001 – 2005 (MazadaSpeed race model produced 2004 - 2005 only)

NC – 3rd generation 2006-2015 (flared fenders; larger engine, PRHT Power Retractable Hardtop introduced)

NC1 – 2006 – 2008

NC2 – 2009 – 2012 small cosmetic changes

NC3 – 2013-2015 small cosmetic changes

ND – 4th generation 2016 - current model year (body redesign; Retractable Fastback introduced)

ND1 – 2016 - 2017 small body changes; slightly less HP)

ND2 – 2018 + small changes and Retractable Fastback introduced)

And finally, More Confusion: ☺

North American Miata owners sometimes refer respectively to their Miata generations as M1, M2, M3, etc., versus NA, NB, NC, etc. just to confuse the matter. But most commonly, you'll hear the various model generations referred to as NA, NB, NC and ND.

If you were talking to a Mazda Miata engineer and mentioned "M1", they'd probably have no idea what you were talking about. Say "NA" and they would. ☺

I hope this has helped you to learn your A,B,C's. ☺

Take care of your Miata and it will take care of you!

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!

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Would you like to introduce yourself to the other Club members? Are you a new member to the Club or a seasoned member? Both groups are encouraged to submit. You will write a short article describing some of the things that you like to do, and those things may or may not include your Miata. Maybe a great drive or trip you have taken, maybe your favorite hobby. Really anything that interests you! The article would be approximately unto a page in length including a photo our two, maybe with you in your Miata.

If you are interested, please email, text, or call me. Or I may just call you to ask if you could write something. Come on Syracuse, Rochester, and the Southern Tier, you must have someone to tell a story!

John.N.Amon@gmail.com or (585) 617-4334

MEMBER INTRODUCTION, SYRACUSE CHAPTER, MARILYN & MICHAEL McCABE

Tying the Knot

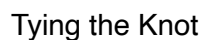
Some members may remember this event from twenty years ago this month, but that just means you've had one of the best sports cars ever for lots of years. We still take our '95 Laguna Blue out on those days where it's not raining or snowing (ever!), and we don't need to carry lots of 'stuff'.

This event started with a nice drive with some members of the Midstate Miata Club taking in some curves here and there, starting in Fayetteville and ending up at Pratts Falls. We put it on and asked attendees to bring a dish to pass so we could all relax and enjoy the ride plus have some good food at the end.

The day was a little overcast, and on our ride we encountered some fog. Not being able to see the roads that well, we shortened the ride a bit and arrived early at Camp Brockway, a part of the falls complex. We told everyone we wanted to have a picnic and included others that didn't have a Miata, but what the heck. Soon others showed up from the Onondaga Ski club (we ski a lot), Carrier (where we worked), and some others, everyone in comfy picnic attire. It was our way of saying "Thanks" for inviting us to various social affairs each had put on over the years.

Soon the food was all out including some catered stuff, and the DJ played popular music in the background. Everyone was sitting down enjoying the day, but there was underlying scuttlebutt about someone getting married. Many thought it was Marilyn and myself, so I had to get up and set them straight. I told everyone using the DJ's mic that we were thinking of it, but wanted that 'Event' to take place at a ski resort, perhaps later that year when the snow would be covering the slopes, etc. I did tell everyone they would be notified and all would be invited. Everyone went back to eating.

Everyone was smiling, clapping and whistling, and soon we all were dancing. We all continued to eat, and then it was time to go. Marilyn and I stayed around to do clean up, and soon we were able to leave to continue with our first day of marriage,, September 9th, 2000. It was a great day then, and continues today and hopefully into the future for all of us. People who attended still say “it was one the best weddings they've ever been to”, and I guess we can say the same thing.





The Best Car

Marilyn and Michael McCabe

MEMBER INTRODUCTION, SYRACUSE CHAPTER, LOU & MARIA NEFFLEN

It started as any road trip would. Plan and map the trip. Next, have the Miata checked over for a long road trip. Then put on the luggage rack and pack the car for the trip. When all was done, start the drive. Except on RT 90 in Weedsport we blew a radiator hose, causing us to be towed to the dealership and a whole day delayed.

Bright and early the next morning we hit the road again. Going on RT 90 to 270 to 70 through New York, Ohio to Terre Haute, Indiana. Here we spent the first real road trip night. Early the next morning we proceeded on to our first destination in Mt. Magazine, Arkansas.

To get there we had to leave the interstate and hit the two lanes. This brought us through many small towns and stop lights.

Mt. Magazine is a state park on the top of a 2,753-foot mountain. It is the highest point in Arkansas. To get there is a combination of narrow and twisty roads, mostly two lanes to the top. Once you reach the top there is a lodge that sits on the very top of the mountain. Every room has a balcony with the best views overlooking over 100 miles in all directions.



View from hotel on Mt. Magazine

While there we took side trips to Paris, Arkansas to see the replica of the Eiffel Tower and to Bentonville, Arkansas (home of WallMart) to see the Crystal Bridges Art Museum and Frank Lloyd Wright's house.

After spending two days on the mountain and the surrounding area, we took off again, this time for Hot Springs, Arkansas. We were lucky this time for we found larger two lanes on RT 40.

Once in Hot Springs, it was time to dig out the boots and shovels. For we were going to the Crater of Diamonds. This is a state-owned diamond field where you can dig up your own diamonds. After a couple of hours playing in the dirt (No Diamonds Found). We left with some really good stories of the diamond that was just a foot away but never found, and stories of those who found huge diamonds.

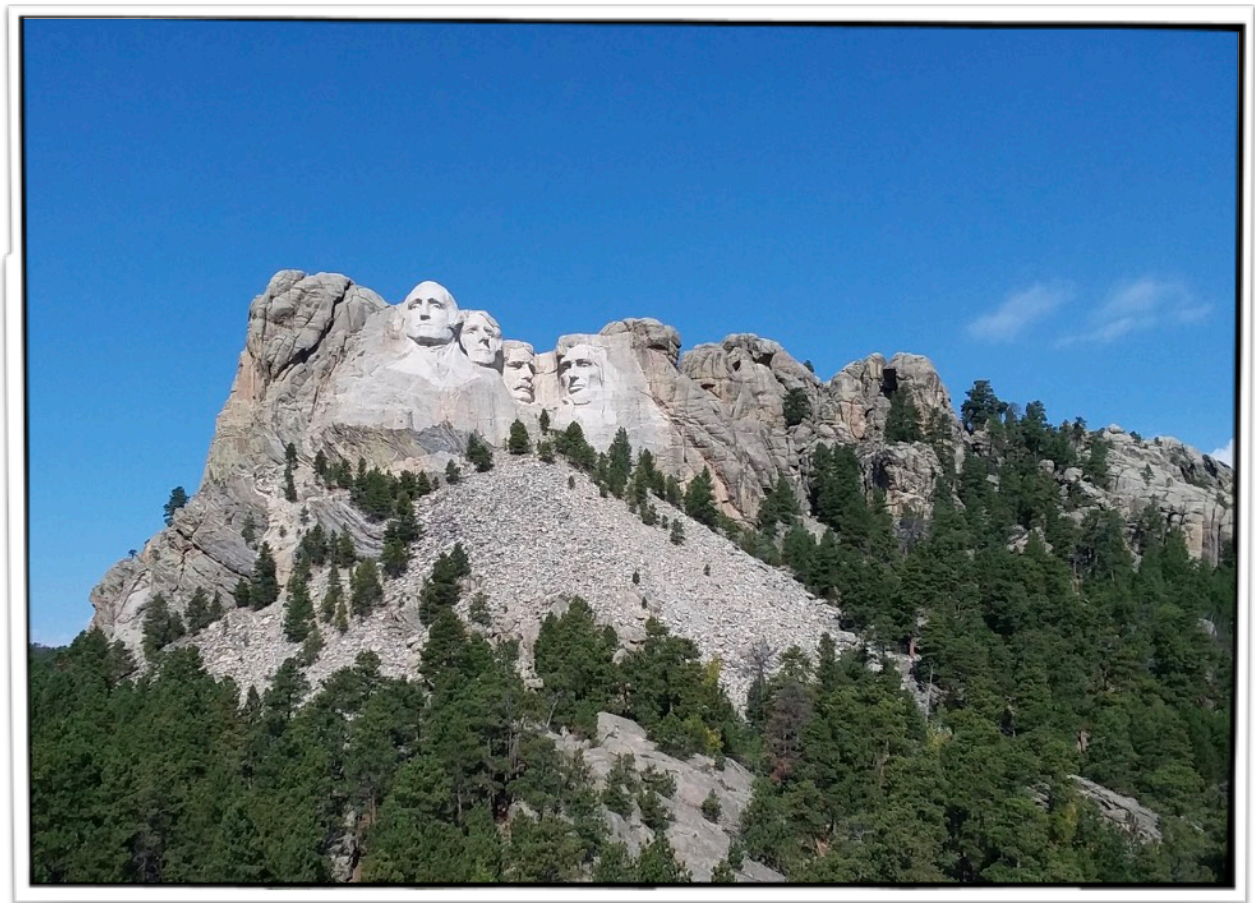
Upon leaving Hot Springs we went along RT 66 to Clinton, Oklahoma to the state-run RT 66 museum and were told of a National RT 66 museum in Elk City, Oklahoma. Were we went to and learned many new facts about the Mother Road and met some really nice people.



RT 66 Museum

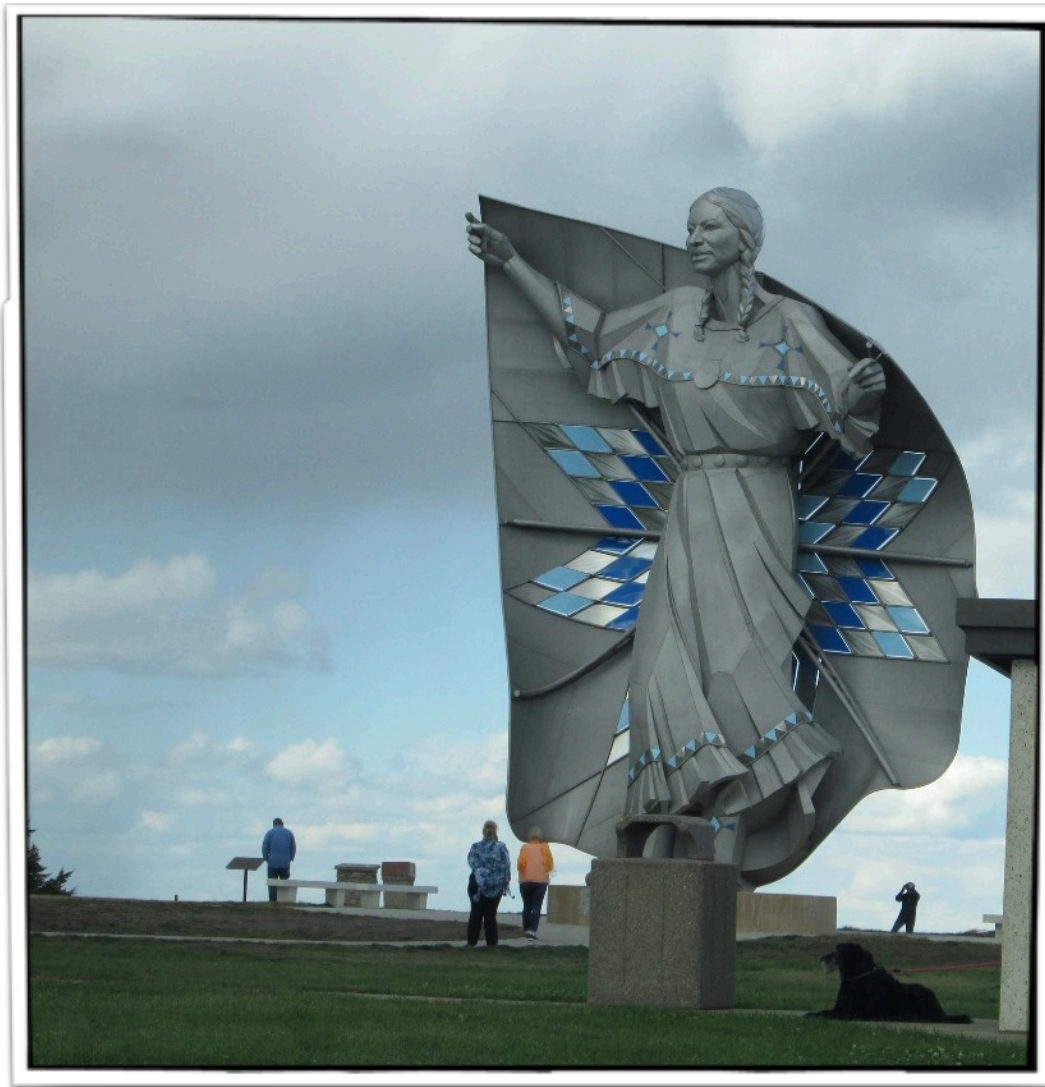
The next day we went through Oklahoma City and up RT 35 to Wichita, Kansas. Then proceeded on RT 135 to Salina, Kansas to get on RT 80 in Nebraska then on to St. RT 71 to Scotts Bluff, Nebraska. There we saw Chimney Rock and spent the night.

After a good breakfast, we proceeded on RT 385 to Keystone, South Dakota. Once in Keystone, we were able to visit both Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse mountain carvings. At Mt. Rushmore we were able to eat at the cafeteria that was featured in the movie North by Northwest. After spending two days there we once again hit the road.



Mt. Rushmore

Traveling along RT 90 out of Keystone we came upon the Dignity of Earth and Tee Pee statues at Chamberlain, South Dakota. Then on to Sioux Fall, South Dakota. There we spent the night and saw the falls next to the hotel.



Dignity of Earth

The next morning we traveled along RT 29 south across South Dakota to the Iowa welcome center. There they have placed a Mississippi towboat on top of a hill overlooking the Missouri River and made it into a very unique welcome center.

After that, we proceeded along RT 29 to Omaha, Nebraska, where we spent two days and saw the SAC museum. This is where I saw the equipment I worked with when I was in the Air Force (now I really feel old).

After those couple of days, we hit the road again. Across RT 80 to RT 74 to Davenport, Iowa and on to Galesburg, Illinois, the home of writer Carl Sandburg and visited our family.

The next morning we got up and went along RT 74 to RT 70 in Illinois to Casey, Illinois. Casey is the home of Little Town with Big Things. They have the biggest objects in the country. There is, among other things, a mailbox that is at least 4 stories tall. You can mail a letter from it, and yes, the flag does indeed go up signaling mail is in the box. In this town is an assortment of objects such as a rocking chair half a block wide and really tall. This is a must-see town.



Little Town with Big Things

After seeing everything big we proceeded along RT 70 to Dayton, Ohio. Here we spent two nights in Dayton and visited the Air Force Museum. This is a must-see for anyone interested in airplanes or air travel. From fighters to bombers to Presidential planes they are all on display there to see.



Air Force Museum

Our time on the road is almost up so we drove to Mentor, Ohio to spend the night and on to home the next morning.

This epic road trip ended up being 18 days and 1,800 miles long. It crossed both the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers twice all in a 2003 Miata and it was really fun. Now we are planning a trip across the entire US again. That should be really Great.

Lou & Maria Nefflen

MEMBER INTRODUCTION, ROCHESTER CHAPTER

Anyone interested?

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MEMBER INTRODUCTION, ITHACA CHAPTER, JON & MEL JENSEN

Jon and Mel Jensen with their 2000 SE. Behind them is "Miata House"
(garage that still needs to be painted)



Jon & Mel with Aubergine

I guess I had my first “Miata seed” planted in 1971 when I had a chance to drive my older brother’s MG Midget. It was a blast and I hoped it would improve my high school senior chances with women. No luck there. Fast forward to 1990 when my boss bought a first year Miata in red (was that the only color?) and would invent “field trips” just so we could scurry around the countryside in his new toy.

The decades-long interregnum was a short list of boring but capable cars. As I entered my sixties my wife and I mused about having a third “fun car” – didn’t have a Miata in mind then, thinking more of a VW bug, convertible, Karmann Ghia or the like. I would periodically cruise the used car lists to find inspiration, but nothing popped.

And then I saw it on a used car lot in Ithaca. Wasn’t looking, but it was love at first sight. A 2000 SE in burgundy with a tan top. Leather seats, 6 speed, nice chrome and wood accents. 70K miles. When I opened the driver’s door there was an inch of water on the floor (a clogged drain,

easily fixed). I test drove it in a light rain and, not knowing it still had winter tires on, almost spun it out on the twists on Sand Bank Road.

That was in 1998. Since then it's been brakes, tires, engine cleanup and a new canvas top that I still wrestle with to latch closed. The A/C doesn't work, no plans to fix it anytime soon. My wife urges me to get the seats redone, but I am leaning more towards a timing belt. I have no urge to make this a racing car or restore it to original mint (it had a fixed whip antenna when I got it – instead of replacing it with OEM retractable antenna I just put a little rubber whip on). I like to think that the car reflects me – well-worn but serviceable.

One of the curiosities that came when I bought it was that people (most often women) asked me what the car's name was. I have never formally named a car before. Does everybody name their Miata? I didn't think "Eggplant" (off of the color) was too sexy so I came up with "Aubergine" if anybody asks. Aubergine has also spurred me to build "Miata House" – a one-car garage for it. Couldn't bear the thought of it sitting out under the trees, birds etc.

I don't need to tell you that driving it is a joy – not the most powerful or fastest car on the road, but pound-for-pound the most fun. As a rookie owner I do indulge a sort of Jekyll and Hyde driving style – Jekyll when I have passengers, and a bit of Mr. Hyde when I am solo on a back road. It had been a particular release to get out of isolation at home on nice day. I invent reasons to drive. Road trip!

Jon & Mel Jensen

MIATAS & 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.

Hot Feet in a Generation 1 (NA) Miata

If you owners of the first generation Miata are tired of a hot right leg during a warm day of driving. I have a solution. You see, the hot exhaust pipe runs down the drivers side of the transmission hump, passing a few inches away from the driver's right leg. After an hour of driving, it gets pretty hot. Later cars have some heat shielding, but the early ones do not. So, add your own!

An outfit called Design Engineering sells a "Floor and Tunnel Heat Shield". It's a flexible heavy duty insulation shield with an adhesive backing. The 21 x 24 inch piece covers most of what you want to cover – on the bottom of the car sticking to the transmission hump. It's pretty easy to install (once you have the car in the air to provide room to work). There is a You Tube video that shows the "string method" for removing the backing without getting the shield stuck to itself.

I got mine from Amazon (about \$40), though Moss (and others) sell it too. There is a similar, lighter duty (and less expensive) product by the same manufacturer, but DE recommended the heavy duty one and I agree. If you're going to go through the hassle of the purchase and installation, spend a few extra bucks for a product that will be more effective and last longer.

While a hot day and a long drive will still get warm from the still-present radiant heat from unprotected areas, it keeps it that area significantly cooler. If it is too cool for you, you can always turn on the heater!

Keep it cool!

Design Engineering, Inc. <https://www.designengineering.com/floor-tunnel-shield-ii-21-x-24/>

Amazon [https://smile.amazon.com/Design-Engineering-050501-Tunnel-Shield/dp/](https://smile.amazon.com/Design-Engineering-050501-Tunnel-Shield/dp/B000E243AW/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=Floor+and+Tunnel+Heat+Shield&qid=1595185540&sr=8-2)

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Moss Miata <https://mossmiata.com/2016-2020-mx-5-miata/interior/floor-trunk-mats-carpet-kits/floor-tunnel-shields-by-dei>

Installation Process Example <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFxWOdOMrgM>

Ray Mosher

Miata MX-5 - What's New for 2021?

By Gail Wagner



Mazda is celebrating its 100th year anniversary with a Special Edition of the Miata MX-5

The 100th Anniversary Edition will be offered on Grand Touring models with either the standard soft-top or the optional retractable power hard-top. A six-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission is available.

Snowflake White Pearl Mica exterior paint over a red leather upholstery and carpeting plus a red canvas convertible top will denote the Special Edition on Grand Touring models only. (From the looks of the photos, the “red” appears to be more “burgundy/wine” color than red. – Gail)

The mid-range Club trim seems the best balance of features and performance as it comes with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration standard and its firmer shocks and springs return the stiffest ride of the three models especially good if you’re into cornering performance or autocrossing.

The engine remains standard with a 2.0-liter four-cylinder cranking out 181 horsepower which is plenty, especially with the standard six-speed manual transmission.

All models come standard with Bluetooth connectivity (for both phone and streaming-audio functions) as well as a CD player. Navigation is standard on the Grand Touring and a dealer-installed accessory on Club models. Also included is HD radio compatibility.

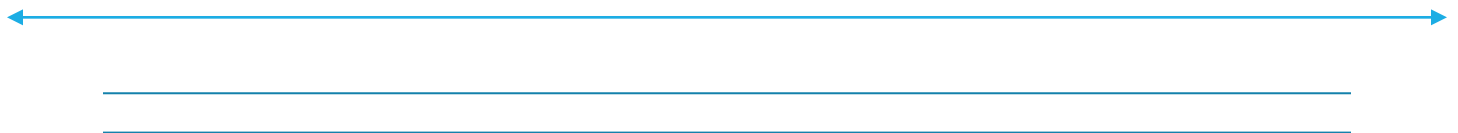
Driver-assistance features are all standard. Safety features include:

- Standard automated emergency braking with forward-collision warning
- Standard blind-spot monitoring with rear-cross traffic alert
- Standard lane-departure warning

If the white and red color combo doesn't make it look special enough for you, there is special badging on the fenders, floor mats, wheels, fancy embossed logo leather headrests, and key fob.

Estimated Pricing available later in 2020:

- Sport: \$28,000.00
- Club: \$32,000.00
- Grand Touring: \$33,000.00



Opinion of John Amon

“When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.” Will Rogers

We, in New York State, have controlled the spread of COVID-19. We did this by wearing facemasks, maintaining social distances, washing our hands, and opening the businesses slowly. In some other states, people are not doing what we have done. In those states, the hospitalization rate is going up.

The virus has not gone away nor changed in any meaningful way, and it is unlikely to do either. Currently, there is no vaccine but there is a treatment for the virus on the horizon. What we have done in New York State has proven to work, and we should continue doing it until vaccines and treatments for the virus are available.

Possible Mutation

The Scripps Research Institute is reporting on bioRxiv that COVID-19 has mutated. However, the report has not been peer-reviewed. The new mutation is about 10 times more contagious, but it is not more deadly than the current version.

Possible Treatment

Gilead Sciences said its coronavirus treatment, remdesivir, will cost \$3,120 for a typical U.S. patient who has private insurance. It will charge governments less than that, \$2,340 for a standard five-day course (six vials at \$390 each). A U.S. government-led clinical trial showed that the drug reduced COVID-19 patients' recovery times by four days. But it hasn't been proven to reduce mortality. (06/30/2020) Gilead Sciences added that remdesivir may reduce the risk of death in severely ill patients. (07/11/2020)

Facemask Effectiveness

The National Center of Biotechnology Information on October 7, 2009, published a paper. They state that some studies are saying that simply talking spreads 10 times more viruses than coughing or sneezing. Wearing a facemask reduces the spread of the virus by half as compared to not wearing a facemask. (06/30/2020)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2843952/>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7205645/> 05/08/2020

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

<https://www.pnas.org/content/117/22/11875> 06/02/2020

Florida Atlantic University

<https://www.fau.edu/newsdesk/articles/efficacy-facemasks-coronavirus.php>

Physics of Fluids Journal

<https://aip.scitation.org/doi/full/10.1063/5.0016018>



Droplets being spread from cough or sneeze

Below is a list of how far you can distribute droplets with COVID-19 when you cough. Consider what you have been wearing.

- ✓ No mask, from cough droplets, go **8 feet**
- ✓ Single-layer bandana, from cough droplets, go **3.5 feet**
- ✓ Loosely folded masks, from cough droplets, go **1 foot**
- ✓ Over the counter masks, from cough droplets, go **8 inches**
- ✓ Homemade 2 layer quilted cotton, from cough droplets, go **2.5 inches**

All have some leakage from the sides, so social distancing is still very important!

Testing

Everyone can have a nasal swab test for free at New York State-run testing sites. It does not hurt, Susan and I have been tested, and the results were that we did not have COVID-19 on 05/12/2020. You must make an appointment, see below. A private testing site may charge a fee, but they may have more options and provide results faster.

In the **Syracuse Chapter**, the tests are performed at the Syracuse Community Health Center. Both the East and West Clinic Sites will be opening next week. Starting on July 20th, the East Fayette Street location will be open for appointments on Mondays and Thursdays. The Oswego Street site will be open for appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 21st. Both sites will be seeing patients from 8:30 am – 5:15 pm. Please contact them at 315-476-7921 for more information, or to schedule an appointment. The East Clinic address is 1938 East Fayette St #2, Syracuse, NY 13210 and the West Clinic address is 603 Oswego St, Syracuse, NY 13204.

In the **Rochester Chapter**, free testing is done behind Monroe Community College, MCC, at 1000 East Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14623. Call 1-888-364-3065 or register online. <https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov/>

In the **Southern Tier Chapter**, free tested for COVID-19 is at the New York State drive-thru testing site at Binghamton University, call 1-888-364-3065 or go online at covid19screening.health.ny.gov. gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus

In the **Ithaca Chapter**, (Tompkins County) has free nasal swab testing in your car with or without symptoms by appointment only by first calling the local hospital, Cayuga Medical Center for appointment date and time. Testing is located at The Shops at Ithaca Mall at 40 Catherwood Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850, just off North Triphammer Road. Pre-register online at cayugahealth.org/ or call 607-319-5708.

Economy and Facemasks

From the daily email newsletter, the *Morning Brew*, 07/01/2020

“ECONOMY Wear a Mask, Save \$1 Trillion

In what sounds like a fun college research project but is a matter of critical national importance, Goldman Sachs tried putting a number on the effect of face masks on the U.S. economy.

The results: A national policy requiring face coverings could prevent a 5% hit to national GDP, the bank's chief economist wrote. How?

- ✓ Mask mandate → more people wearing masks → fewer cases of COVID-19 → no need to close businesses again.
- ✓ Goldman said mask-wearing could partially substitute for those closures, which it projects would knock 5% from GDP.

Mandates work. In its research, Goldman found that the share of people who say they "always" or "frequently" wear masks jumped by 25 percentage points in the 30 days following a state mask mandate.

Zoom out: Despite research showing masks help stop the spread of the virus, they've become a politicized accessory. Sen. Lamar Alexander, a Republican, kicked off a hearing yesterday by asking President Trump to wear a mask to set an example.

Maybe he's thinking of the lions outside the New York Public Library, which were just outfitted with masks of their own.”



Herd Immunity

Herd Immunity is estimated to begin being effect at about 70%, but that value varies a lot, some say as low as 20% and some much higher. Also, it is important to know that it is related to where you live, very rural or very urban locations. The herd immunity number can be achieved by getting a vaccine shot, becoming infected and living, or a combination of the two. It is important to know how long you will be immune because you will go from immune to not immune in this calculation when you are no longer immune if it turns out that COVID-19 is not a disease that you can only catch once. In the New England Journal of Medicine reported a half-life of only 52 to 120 days. It is not known how 'many' antibodies you need, but this testing says that the rate of decline is approximately exponential and not linear as others are reporting. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2025179> 07/21/2020

$$V_c = (1 - 1/R_o)/E$$

V_c is the critical vaccination level of the population.

R_o is the basic reproduction number

E is the vaccine effectiveness against transmission

<https://academic.oup.com/cid/article/52/7/911/299077>

Home Furnace Air Filter

Consider replacing your AC / furnace filter with a MERV 13 or better (the higher number the better at catching particles). It is currently believed that this rating of filter will capture viruses such as COVID-19. This is especially important if current studies that say smaller droplets can carry a real risk of transmitting the virus and that the droplets stay suspended in the air for longer.

The World Health Organization, WHO, states that large droplets can stay in the air for a few minutes. Smaller droplets can circulate inside AC systems for as long as 16 hours. 07/07/2020

Travelers to New York State

If you know someone who has come from restricted states, you could forward them the information in the link below. It could save them \$2,000.00 fine and prevent them from being brought to a court hearing where they could also be ordered to complete mandatory quarantine.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory#restricted-states>

<https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form>

Health Surveys

These surveys typically take a few minutes the very first time to complete. After that it will take less than one minute. You will be send reminders each day.

Stanford Medicine, National Daily Health Survey For Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://med.stanford.edu/covid19/covid-counter.html>

Syracuse Chapter

Does anyone know if there is a daily health poll site?

Please let me know. john.N.Amon@gmail.com

Rochester Chapter

ROCCOVID-19 Daily Health Survey <https://roccovid.org/>

Southern Tier Chapter

No local daily health poll site.

Ithaca Chapter

Tompkins County COVID-19 Site <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health>



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REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Coordinators
Saturday, May 16th (Postponed & rescheduling)	Midstate Miata Club on New York Annual Picnic	Volunteer Needed
Sunday, June 21st (Canceled)	European Motor Club of Central New York Car Show	Bob Sabella
Summer (Postponed, Date TBD)	Miata Mamas" – Ladies ONLY Lunch at Elderberry Pond Farm	Gail Wagner
Sunday, July 12th (Canceled, Postponed)	North East Classic Car Museum & Bullthisle Model Railroad	Del Austin
Sunday, July 12th	Scallywag Cider Last Quarter Run aka Cider on the Solstice NEW EVENT	Ray Mosher
Sunday, July 19th (Canceled, postponed until 2021)	Western NY MG Car Show	David King
Sunday, July 26th (Canceled)	Gary Patterson's 1500 square foot Home Model Railroad Tour NEW EVENT	Bill Lowe
Saturday - Monday, August 1st - 3rd (Canceled)	Weekend with the Mass Miata Club	Nancy Lowe
Saturday, August 8th (Canceled)	Fun Road Rally / Scavenger Hunt	Robert Mellen
Wednesday, August 26th (Canceled)	Log Cabin Car Show in Macedon	Mary Lou Reisdorf & Chuck Rischenole
August TBD (Canceled)	Polo in Skaneateles	Chuck & Mary Jo Paul
Sunday, September 13th	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
Saturday, September 19th	Scenic Drive through Chenango County and Lunch NEW EVENT - REPLACEMENT DRIVE	Lou & Carol Trelease
Thursday through Sunday, September 24-27th (Canceled)	Buggies & Bridges	PA Central Miata Club
Sunday, October 4th (Canceled)	Watkins Glen Raceway Laps & Lunch	Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson
Wednesday, October 7th (Canceled)	Niagara Miata Club to Sprague's Maple Farms	Chuck Rischenole
Saturday, October 10th (May be moved to an earlier date)	Road Rally	Ray Mosher
Sunday, December 6th	Midstate Miata Club on New York Annual Holiday Party	Mary Lou Reisdorf

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