

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

“MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

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President’s Letter from Karen McKissock, June 2020



Zoom, zoom weather is finally here! Let’s celebrate!!! And how do we do that you ask...

Well, first and foremost, get in your car and drive it. Bring your masks in case you find an ice cream shop that has an outside window and stop for a cup...some in our area aren’t selling cones, only dishes.

Second, you can reach out and invite a few other members in your area to join you for a ride. The state has approved groups of 10 people to gather with social distancing of 6 feet, so 5 cars is a great size group to ride and sit to chat. You can get ice cream with friends... sounds like a plan to me.



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

I know that there's still lots of apprehension about going out in public even with masks and distancing, so if you're one of those folks, stay home or just use the first option and just drive. We all know there's nothing like the sense of peace and calm we get from driving down the road topless. This will definitely be a driving season with very little of our 'normal' fun with friends in our cars. But let's not think it's all cancelled because we will continue to provide opportunities to gather safely and still get together. Please watch your email and the website for updates. And if you have an idea you'd like to put something together just send it along to me or Jay Cartini and we'll see how and when we can make it happen.

It will take us some time to adjust to a new 'normal' and to consider this virus may cause us to modify some things for next year as well, but as they say 'we're all in this together and it can't stop us from zooming forever.

I hope this month's newsletter finds all of you in good health and that nobody has been impacted by this horrible virus. You're in my thoughts.

Karen McKissock
MMB President

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NOTICE: Deadline for the **July** newsletter is **June 24th, Wednesday**. 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 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.

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 filed 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 geographic areas, names, phone numbers, and email addresses are listed here also.

Syracuse	Dale Nagel	315-677-9342	dalen262@aol.com
Rochester	Steve Stewart	585-586-9152	sastew1943@gmail.com
Southern Tier	Barb Hunsinger	607-785-5459	bhunsin928@aol.com
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/>

Appropriate analogy: "The curve is flattening, so we can start lifting restrictions now. Or could it be..... "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now."

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 home. 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

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.

MAY EVENTS REPORTS

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

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

(Cancelled, possibly to be rescheduled, maybe in August)

Come on out for a casual drive, and then a club picnic in the beautiful Finger Lakes region to Fillmore Glen State Park. Bring your own food to grill, drinks, and a dish to pass. Remember that NYS Parks are carry-in - carry-out so do bring a bag to take everything with you. There are Refrigerators, power outlets, and bathrooms for our convenience. The room is enclosed with tables and chairs and also outdoor picnic tables so we should be quite comfortable rain or shine. This is a State Park so there are swimming and hiking available.

JUNE EVENTS

Saturday, June 20th, Cider on the Solstice **NEW EVENT**

Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher

We will meet at the Byrne Dairy 5829 US-20, Lafayette, the same location that the Apple Fritter Crawl begins, to start our drive. It is onto the tastings at Critz Farms Brewing & Cider Co. in Cazenovia and then to Awestruck Ciders, and great snacks and light lunch is available, in Sidney. This together will be approximately 90 minutes of driving, rain or shine, not including time we will spend at the cideries. Then a return drive home.

The southern tier group could organize their own drive to meet at Awestruck Ciders. All other areas a welcome to attend also.

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

Time: TBD, contact Ray as we get close for the time at mosherrskl@yahoo.com (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281

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

Event Coordinator -Bob Sabella

(Cancelled)

The Euro Car Show will change this year, The Miata Club has been invited to participate in the show. There will be a special class for the Miata's to exhibit and be judged. (not competing with the Euro Cars) THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL PARKING FOR THE MIATAS AS IN THE PAST. If you want to park on the field and be judged there is a \$20.00 entry fee and entry form completed, if you just want to walk the show you must park in the general parking lot. There is no admission fee for spectators. <https://europeanmotorclub.com/>

rsabella@twcny.rr.com or 315-463-9643 or 315-420-7274

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

Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner

(Canceled for Summer Date TBD when and if restaurant opens for inside dining)



This event is for **LADY DRIVERS AND LADY CO-PILOTS ONLY!**

Grab your Miata keys and a lady friend and join us for a beautiful country drive to the Elderberry Pond Farm and Restaurant, 3712 Center Street Rd, Auburn, NY 13021 located at about 8 miles northeast of Auburn. (website: <http://www.elderberrypond.com>)

This charming restaurant is located on a certified 100-acre organic farm and country food store in a wooded glen overlooking the orchards, fields and seasonal vegetables. Their menu features fresh produce picked daily, pasture-raised meats from their farm and other organic or sustainable farms, fresh seafood selections and an excellent selection of wines, beers, coffees and teas from around the world.

Specific information and date and time for this event will be announced later in the summer, if possible. Watch your Miata Club newsletters, Club emails from your area rep and Miata Club website Calendar (www.midstatemiata.net).

gwtr3red@gmail.com or 607-257-7445 or (607) 227-8877

JULY EVENTS

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

Event Coordinator - Del Austin

(Canceled for this date, possible to be rescheduled)

This is a shine run, meeting at 10:15 a.m. at Price Chopper side parking lot on NY Rt 12 & 12A, 33 Chenango Bridge Rd, Binghamton, NY. Leaving 10:30 sharp. Taking Rt 12 toward Norwich, NY for lunch. After lunch onto one of two stops. You will have one and one-half hours to visit tither the North East Classic Car Museum, or out up the street to the Bullthistle Model Railroad. They are within walking distance of each other. Then a scenic drive on Rt 23 toward Oneonta, NY for GREAT Ice Cream at Golden Guernsey Ice Cream. Then we will take a nice back road (Rt 7) south toward home. Perhaps if time allows, a quick stop at Pine Ridge Amish Grocery store in Bainbridge, NY. Bring a cooler bag, the meat is outstanding. And the bakery buns and bread, will, we will just have to try them.

There is a \$5.00 (each) charge for the Bullthistle Railroad, and we will be working on a group rate for the Northeastern Classic Car Museum, depending on the size of the group that wants to go there. More information will come out in the Club newsletter. We will need some information on were the membership plans to go to which museum so that we can have a group rate at the Northeastern Classic Car Museum.

<https://www.classiccarmuseum.org/> and <https://bmrs.org/>

virdel2347@aol.com or (607) 217-5794 or (607) 242-6178 or (607) 242-4092

Sunday, July 19th, Western NY MG Car Show

Event Coordinator - David King

We are invited to join the Western NY MG Sports Car Club, Western New York annual Sports Car Festival. I know many of us of a certain age were owners of MGs and even some of us former members of that club. This is a judged event and if we have at least ten entrants we can have our cars judged and may be awarded a prize in a Miata category. Entrants may also ask not to be judged. We would be grouped together on the field. This would allow us to mingle amongst ourselves as well as with other entrants and to enjoy all the other sports cars on display. There will be food and beverages available to purchase.

The show is at the Rush Fire Department field behind the fire house, 1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, New York. The field opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. This is a rain or shine event.

The cost to enter is \$10 in advance and \$20 day of the show.

This is the MG Car Club's primary fundraiser. I can do a headcount and collect funds for advanced entrants. This will also allow us to tell the MG Club if we will meet the ten car mark for judging. Members may arrive and depart at their leisure and know that irrespective of when they do if they pre-registered, they will have a great parking spot saved on the field, although if they wish to be in the judging they will need to be on the field at the appropriate time. I will have details on that later when we can tell how many entrants we will have.

No planned drive is included, but groups from outside Rochester could arrange their own if there is interest.

<https://mgcarclub.com/calendar/>

doeskygato@aol.com or (585) 377-6461 or (585) 662-7635

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

NEW EVENT

Event Coordinator - Bill Lowe

Gary has labored 30 years to create a model train layout that now completely covers the entire basement of his home Rush, New York! He painstakingly constructs all the buildings and scenery and the detail created is truly breath-taking. This layout is so vast that it covers even the furnace and water heater, so he made a pull out section for that area in the event those things need service. Unlike the previous layout we visited in North Rose, this one has a consistent theme throughout depicting life in an earlier time in America.

We will leave at 9:00 a.m. from a location to be determined but it will be in the Rochester area for a 30 to 40-minute drive.

nanlowe53@gmail.com or 585-305-4410

AUGUST EVENTS

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

Event Coordinator - Nancy Lowe

A destination 5.5-hour drive on Saturday, August 1st, starting in Rochester with stop points to pick up members along the way with a two-night stay at a hotel to join over 40 cars of the Mass Miata Club on Sunday for their August 2, 2020, American Heritage Museum Event (RSVP before July 24, 2020) Members are welcome to head home after the event on Sunday if they choose.

August 2nd @ 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

In addition to the large new museum, MMC members and guests will be able to exclusively tour the Collings Foundation automobile collection with over 50 classic and rare vehicles from 1890 through 1946 and the vintage aircraft hangar with 14 aircraft from 1909 through 1945 - both of which are not open to regular museum visitors!

As part of the event, the MMC will hold a catered lunch in the hangar, overlooking the aircraft collection from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Pre-registration and payment are required before July 24th, 2020. Tickets are \$40 per person (\$42 if using PayPal to cover service fee) and include museum VIP admission and lunch. See all details at the link below.

<https://massmiata.net/event/april-26-2020-american-heritage-museum/?fbclid=IwAR3E9Y2Yiy2-WadF45PHWqXFycPkjWFmB7aSUtHKIVz5xDKuPwwY98C-yyQ>

Hotels and motels are expected to start in the range of \$155 per night including tax and fees.

See the American Heritage Museum event page for more details. <https://www.americanheritagemuseum.org>

nanlowe53@gmail.com or 585-865-6151

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

Event Coordinator - Mary Lou Reisdorf & Chuck Rischenole

This is a shine only event. We will meet again for our annual visit to the Log Cabin Restaurant on route 31F in Macedon. Reserved parking spaces for the club, great food outdoors or indoors if you prefer. A great selection of cars and motorcycles to look at and reminisce. I will need a headcount no later than July 9th to get enough spaces set aside for us. Let me only if you will be going at reisdorf@yahoo.com or 585-455-7044. Let your area rep know if you will be going to set up caravanning to the event. Hope to see you all there.

candgr@gmail.com or (585) 223-7586 or (585) 704-9940

August TBD, Polo in Skaneateles

Event Coordinator - Chuck & Mary Jo Paul

Join us for a drive through the countryside and to watch a polo match and enjoy your picnic lunch at the Skaneateles Polo Club. <https://www.skaneatelespolo.com/>

cpaul@twcny.rr.com or (315) 673-4432

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, September 13th, Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy & Miriam White

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.

buckshotfarm@aol.com or (315) 637-0472 or (315) 952-7148 or (315) 383-2454

Saturday, September 19th, Scenic Drive through Western Catskills and Lunch

NEW EVENT

Event Coordinator - Lou & Carol Trelease

We will be taking a scenic drive through the western Catskills to a lunch destination TBD and then return by a different route. The drive each way will be about 2 hours with a pit stop in the middle. Leaving Windsor, we will be following along the Cannonsville Reservoir and then the West Branch of the Delaware River. On the return, we will have views of the East Branch of the Delaware River and Pepacton Reservoir.

mrmiataman@yahoo.com or (607) 655-3061 or (607) 372-7134 or (607) 768-3150

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

Registration closed on 04/03/2020

<http://www.pacemiataclub.org/buggies-bridges-iii>

OCTOBER EVENTS

Sunday, October 4th, Watkins Glen Raceway Laps & Lunch
(Rain date track and lunch: Sunday, October 11th, 2020)
Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson



Meet: Watkins Glen International Race Track, 2790 County Road 16 at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 4th, Gate #3 (NOT main gate) for car staging and individual signing of track liability waivers by driver and co-driver both.

MUST BE PREPAID TO THIS EVENT BY Monday, September 28th, 2020

SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS

IMPORTANT: We need to be at gate #3, staged, and individual liability forms signed off by 11:45 a.m.

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

OPTIONAL LUNCH

You do not have to participate in the Watkins Glen Laps to attend the 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 p.m.
<https://www.theglen.com/> and <https://www.senecaharborstation.com/>

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RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK:

TRACK LAPS PREPAYMENT REQUIRED AND RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, SEPT. 28th. 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 a 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: _____

gwtr3red@gmail.com or 607-257-7445 or (607) 227-8877

Saturday, October 10th, Road Rally
Event Coordinator - Ray Mosher

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 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 we lost. Stay strong. Stay safe.

DECEMBER EVENTS

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

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

We will be again meeting for brunch and fun for our annual year-end wrap-up. We will be returning 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 an area charity. If you would like to participate please bring an **unwrapped** toy or other 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 check **made out to Midstate Miata Club** to:
[Looking for a volunteers, are you interested?](#)
Preliminary arrangements have been for the catering, food plan and location.

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

Questions? Email: [Looking for a volunteers, are you interested?](#) Phone: [Looking for a volunteers, are you interested?](#)

There are several 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.

2021 EVENTS

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

(Delayed for one year due to COVID-19 restrictions)

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

2021 will be our 25th / 26th 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 12th-15th August 2021**. It would be a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

The new dates for C2M2 will be August 12th to 15th 2021. If you are a registered participant, we have transferred your registration to 2021 and will keep your registration fee fixed at the 2020 rate. We will also extend the date for cancelling and getting a refund by one year until June 1, 2021. C2M2 is fully subscribed and we have a number of people on a wait list. Maintaining your registration will guarantee your spot at C2M2 next year at the current fee.

Should you need to cancel now, we will provide a full refund less \$25 to cover banking and other expenses.

For those with hotel reservations, we have confirmed that registrations must be cancelled directly with the hotel. We will advise when you can re-book for next year.

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



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.

Stay home. Stay safe. Save lives.

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE - 2020

DALE NAGLE

Every other Thursday starting May 14th

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: June 3 **CANCELLED**, 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 REVISED 5/26/20

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

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

June 9	June 23	July 14	July 28	Aug. 11	Aug. 25	Sept. 8
June 9		Colby's, Rt. 15 & 250, Rush				
June 23		Bruster's, 1041 Ridge Rd., Webster				
July 14		The Creamery, 10 Parrish Street, Canandaigua				
July 28		Pappa Jacks Ice Cream, 261 W. Main Street, Victor				
Aug 11		Lugia's, 4719 Lyell Rd., Spencerport				
Aug 25		Colby's, Rt. 250 & 15, Rush				
Sept 8		The Creamery, 10 Parrish Street, Canandaigua				
Sept. 22		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 June 1 Old School House, 17 Farm Fox Farm Rd, Windsor, NY

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

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TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH’

By Gail Wagner – Midstate Miata Club of NY



Greetings, Miata Folks,

This month's column is on the cooling system, literally, the life's blood of your Miata. Failure to realize potential problems and address them before they happen can cost you a great deal of heartache, lost driving time and costly repair.

Please remember that all of my previous columns are listed on our website (www.midstatemiata.net) under TECH.

Like Paris Hilton famously says, “ That’s Hot !! ”

Radiators, Overheating and Maintenance

What is a radiator?

The radiator's job is to remove heat from the engine's coolant. As hot coolant passes through the radiator it is cooled before returning to the engine where it absorbs heat and returns to the radiator. This cooling process keeps the engine from overheating.

How does the radiator work?

The engine generates heat when it is running; this heat must be removed to prevent damage to the engine. Coolant circulates throughout the engine and absorbs this heat. The water pump pushes the coolant through the radiator (where it is cooled) and returns it to the engine once more to absorb the engine's heat before returning it to the radiator to be cooled again. When a vehicle is traveling fast, rushing air flows through the radiator and cools the engine. When a vehicle is in stop-and-go traffic or stuck at a traffic light, the engine's cooling fan pushes air through the radiator.

What are the symptoms related to a bad radiator?

A failing radiator can cause the engine to run hot or overheat. Most radiators are made of metal and plastic. The plastic parts, usually black when new, can become brittle and crack over time, causing a leak of coolant (typically green or pink in color). The "brown death" is common to all radiators with plastic tanks. As they age and heat cycle, the color of the plastic end-tanks changes from black to a greenish-brown color, indicating they are becoming brittle and susceptible to cracking and breaking, often with no notice. (See below.)



(Top of greenish-brown radiator above with the yellow radiator cap.)

All manufacturers have a recommended service interval for coolant flush and 100% replacement. Check your Miata owner's manual or your repair shop. As the coolant ages, the additives breakdown and being to form solid deposits. These deposits will build up in the passages of the cooling system and will eventually clog components including the radiator. A leaking or clogged radiator must be replaced. Some automatic transmission cars will also have a transmission cooler integrated into the radiator. If this integrated cooler fails, it can allow transmission fluid and coolant to mix. This will cause shifting issues in addition to overheating.

Can I drive with a radiator problem?

A failing radiator has far reaching effects. An inoperative heater, loss of coolant, or engine damage from overheating could occur. Overheating causes severe damage to an engine, including failure of the head gasket. Continuing to drive an overheating vehicle may disable the motor. **If you see your temperature gauge flipping over to the "H" side or steam rising from under the hood, pull over and stop the engine and have your car towed to prevent engine damage.**

How often do radiators need to be replaced?

Replacement intervals vary greatly by vehicle and driving conditions. Typically, radiators are replaced at approximately 80,000 miles. While the radiator does not wear the same as a belt or brake pad, the repeated heating and cooling cycles the radiator experiences will eventually cause the degradation of its plastic end-tanks and seals.

How Do I Keep My Radiator Healthy?

Keep a 50/50 coolant mix.

Water is a better thermal conductor than anti-freeze, however you need the anti-freeze, even in hot weather, for its anti-corrosive and lubricating properties to keep your cooling system running efficiently. If your mixture has more than 50% coolant, your cooling ability is substantially reduced. You can even go down to about 30% in the summer to get more cooling efficiency from the added water.

Mix the coolant with distilled water only so that you have a combination of 50% coolant and 50% water. Some coolants will come premixed, that is, you don't need to add any water. These coolants will typically say 50/50 or pre-mixed on the front of the coolant bottle. Check your Miata owner's manual or repair shop for the correct coolant for your Miata.

Make sure your coolant level is correct

With the engine cold, fill the overflow reservoir to the "Full" line with your coolant mix. Do not fill it while the engine is hot. This will cause extremely cold mixture to be sucked back into the radiator as the engine cools, possibly causing thermal shock. In addition, you won't have the proper coolant level. Add coolant to a cold engine.

Be sure your thermostat is operational

Thermostat's, over time, have a tendency to freeze up. They may freeze in the open position, which will result in slower engine warm-up and, in winter (which most of us don't have to worry about with our Miata's), lack of heater output. Or they may freeze in the closed position, causing your engine to overheat. Replacement is recommended every few years - they're cheap.

Check your radiator cap

Your cooling system is a closed system designed to build up pressure as the temperature rises. The higher pressure raises the boiling point of the coolant mixture. When the temperature/pressure rises to the proper level, the valve in the radiator cap (yep, they have a valve - ever wonder what that spring is for?) causes the cap to open and the coolant to flow out to the overflow reservoir. As the coolant flows out, the pressure drops and the valve in the cap closes. As the engine cools, the valve opens in the other direction and the pressure drop in the radiator sucks the coolant back into the system, re-establishing equilibrium. Similar to a thermostat, the cap can freeze up causing pressure problems in your cooling system leading to an increased possibility of overheating. One symptom of a bad cap would be hearing a sound like a coffee percolator when you shut down. These are really cheap enough that you should just plan on replacing yours every year or so from any automotive supply store or Mazda dealer if you prefer OEM.

In addition to the above, if you're still having trouble, you can try some of these methods of gaining a bit more from your cooling system.

Try Redline Water Wetter

Water Wetter is a product designed to maximize the efficiency of the coolant by reducing the surface tension of the coolant. Without going into all sorts of physics, basically it makes the coolant transfer heat to the radiator fins a bit better. Does it help? Many think so and all race car drivers use it as they certainly operate at higher than normal temperatures and need to keep that engine cool.

Be sure your fan(s) work

If your fans aren't working, you'll overheat. Period. Check under the hood and see if the fan on the driver's side is running after the engine gets good and hot. If not, you have an electrical problem. It may be as simple as a fuse or an unplugged connector. Or it could be a bad sensor or broken wiring. The passenger's side fan only comes on when the A/C is running. Check it and be sure it operates properly.

Your water pump may be shot 😞

When a water pump dies, it usually leaks. If you decide it's almost time to replace your timing belt (about every 60,000 miles), you should change your water pump anyway.

Take care of your Miata and it'll take care of you!

Zoom Zoom Safely!

Gail

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MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

I am looking for volunteer writers. I would like to feature a new member and a seasoned member each month. 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 or call me. Or I may just call you to ask if you could write something.

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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

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(phone, email, address maybe), maybe the price, and a photo or two.

For Sale

Like new muffler off a 2009 Miata. Remover because it was replaced with custom muffler at 8000 miles on 2009 Miata. Fits 2006-2016 Miata's. Asking \$75.00 OBF. If interested



call Del Austin. 1-607-217-5794 or virdel2347@aol.com



For Sale

Both items are brand new. Never used nor removed from the boxes.

Both items are from Moss Miata and will fit the NB, model years 1990 through 2005.

#900-754 Cargo Net; \$12.99

<https://mossmiata.com/trunk-cargo-net>

#906-185 Raked Shorty Amplified Antenna; \$29.99

<https://mossmiata.com/raked-shorty-antenna-black>

I'll sell these for the price listed on the web site minus shipping to anyone within easy driving distance, i.e. the Rochester / Finger Lakes areas. If interested contact Mike Barlow at RadioAstronomyObserver@yahoo.com or (585) 754-5829



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REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Coordinators
Saturday, May 16th Postponed, maybe rescheduling to August	Midstate Miata Club on New York Annual Picnic	Volunteer Needed
Saturday, June 20th	Cider on the Solstice NEW EVENT	Ray Mosher
Sunday, June 21st (Cancelled)	European Motor Club of Central New York Car Show	Bob Sabella
Summer Date TBD	Miata Mamas" – Ladies ONLY Lunch at Elderberry Pond Farm	Gail Wagner
Sunday, July 12th (Cancelled)	North East Classic Car Museum & Bullthisle Model Railroad	Del Austin
Sunday, July 19th	Western NY MG Car Show	David King
Sunday, July 26th	Gary Patterson's 1500 square foot Home Model Railroad Tour NEW EVENT	Bill Lowe
Saturday - Monday, August 1st - 3rd	Weekend with the Mass Miata Club	Nancy Lowe
Wednesday, August 26th	Log Cabin Car Show in Macedon	Mary Lou Reisdorf & Chuck Rischenole
August TBD	Polo in Skaneateles	Chuck & Mary Jo Paul
Sunday, September 13th	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
Saturday, September 19th	Scenic Drive through Western Catskills and Lunch NEW EVENT	Lou & Carol Trelease
Thursday through Sunday, September 24-27th	Buggies & Bridges	PA Central Miata Club
Sunday, October 4th	Watkins Glen Raceway Laps & Lunch	Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson
Saturday, October 10th	Road Rally	Ray Mosher
Sunday, December 6th	Midstate Miata Club on New York Annual Holiday Party	Volunteer Needed

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.