

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

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President's Letter from Karen McKissock, May 2020



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First of all I hope this newsletter finds all of our members in good health and Covid 19 free. I think for most of us this has been an unprecedented challenge and although we will get through it together as they say, it's definitely not without hardships on everyone's part. The physical isolation from friends and family and not being able to dispense hugs and kisses is very difficult for me. Personally speaking, our granddaughter is having a baby next month and we are sadly expecting we won't be able to hold or kiss her for an unknown number of months. My heart breaks for all the others who are experiencing the same thing or worse. Who would have ever thought they'd face that in our lifetime?

OK...on to club business. As you all know we had to cancel our annual Planning Meeting in March but that doesn't mean we have been working on some events on a very tentative basis. Jay has put together a listing you'll see later in this newsletter but obviously it's dependent on if there will be any relaxing of the stay at home mandate. Hopefully we can get a start in June and go on from there. From what it sounds like on the news it will be a slow start and possibly much later than we usually begin. But I don't want anyone to think that we are abandoning the season all together. We're bouncing around a couple ideas that will still allow us to ride 'at a distance'. Stay tuned for what and when...

New event ideas are still very welcome and will be included as received. If you have a date specific event idea please let us know and Jay will add it. Having events that have to move to another date or cancel add value

and can be saved for next year if necessary, so please use the template at the end of the newsletter or use a simple email with all the information in the template. Put your thinking caps on...we don't have a lot of other things to do. Should anyone submit their ideas please be sure to submit them to Jay Cartini, JPCartini@aol.com, as well as John Amon, John.N.Amon@gmail.com, so he can be sure to include them in the newsletter.

Here's some cool information that Barb Hunsinger shared with me. The Only in NY newsletter is really interesting and full of great things to do in our state. Lots of great ideas for us to consider going forward:

The curviest road in NYS is Route 97

[The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Is New York's Windiest Road](#)

We have a Cheese Trail as well as a Wine, Beer and Pottery Trails.

To join the newsletter the address is newsletter@onlyinyourstate.com.

Just a reminder that we have a Sunshine Club and Christine Kuhn is our volunteer in charge. We have guidelines posted on our website that explain how it works but basically, if there is a significant life event in our membership and their families we send cards or flowers as defined in the guidelines. If you know of a member that we could/should acknowledge please let Christine (coneill1965@gmail.com) and myself know via text or email.

Lastly for this issue, we need a volunteer or 2 to be the Event Coordinator to host our annual Holiday Party. It is already scheduled and most of the planning is complete so it would be finalize the menu, posting the cost, time, activities. John Piston has sold his car and will not be back in the club, but he did a great job of getting it all ready to handoff to the new Coordinator. If you are interested please let me know and I'll give you all the information John sent me.

In closing, I'm praying that you are all well and waiting for better weather and a sooner than later end to this awful mess. Please take care of your mental health...take walks, phone a friend (I'll answer), say a prayer, read a good book. I'll be thinking of all of you all and waiting to see you.

Zoom zoom carefully. The roads aren't infected. Take a run...

Karen McKissock

MMC President

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NOTICE: Deadline for the **June** newsletter is **May 27th, Wednesday**. This includes all post event reports, new events, updated upcoming events, 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

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

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

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

If you have found this newsletter on our Club website or been forwarded it by someone and you are a member, please contact your area representative as your email in the membership database is likely wrong. You should also check your junk email folder as it may have been 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/>

Quiz: Do you know what this equation means? The answer is at the very end of the newsletter.

$$f(CCC) = f(NPiP) * (f(TSiG) * f(MDBP)) / f(PPEW)$$

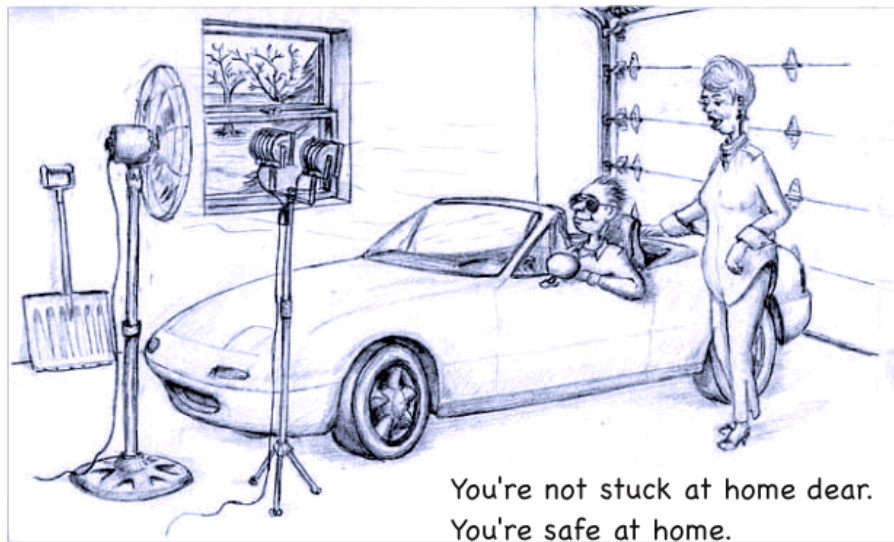
Please be aware that our driving season will be affected by the COVID-19 virus. Be sure to watch for updates from your Area Representative as each event gets closer.

Stay home. Stay safe. Save lives.

EVENTS

Driving My Miata

This is 100% COVID-19 compliant



APRIL EVENTS

None, but maybe you can use the time to add options or perform work on your Miata.

MAY EVENTS

Saturday, May 9th, DeWitt Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast and Dandelion Run

Event Coordinator - Name Not Provided

(Cancelled)

The annual Dewitt Rotary Pancake Day and Dandelion Run is sure a sign of spring. Zoom in to Shoppingtown Mall in Dewitt by 10 a.m. for a Show and Shine - and all you can eat pancakes. The Dandelion Run will go south and west this year with great lake views, hills, and dales, pretty little yellow flowers, at least 13 curves and with ice cream.

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.

Saturday, May 30th, On the Farm Discovery Center

Event Coordinators - Tyler Wainwright & Chris Fesko

(Cancelled)

One of our early season events is a visit to the award-winning On the Farm Discovery Center, at 1215 Woodworth Rd., Skaneateles, NY. Enjoy the drive around Skaneateles Lake to the farm followed by lunch. Come and learn about farms and animals. <https://www.fesko.com/>

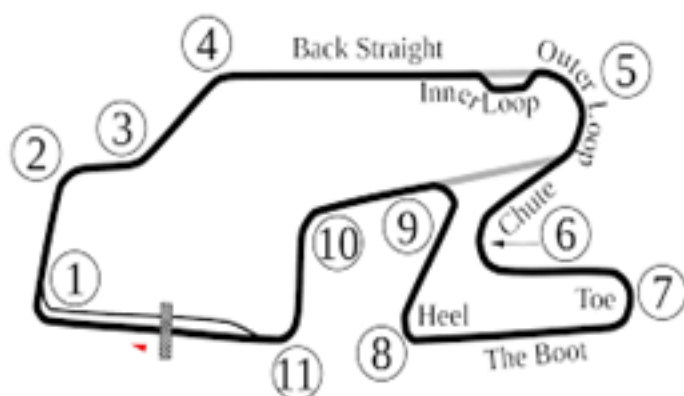
JUNE EVENTS

Sunday, June 7th, Watkins Glen Raceway Laps and Lunch

Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson

(Cancelled)

Would you like to experience what it's like to drive around Watkins Glen race track at your own pace? Do it with us as an annual event because it's so much fun!



LAPS: We will meet at Watkins Glen International Raceway (2790 County Road 16) at GATE #3 (NOT the main gate) at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 7th for car-staging for our reserved track time of 12:00 p.m. noon, individual signing of track liability waiver for three pace car-led laps at your own pace lasting about 20 minutes. There will be a stop for photos at the finish line. (Sorry, no additional paid laps are available.)

LUNCH (Optional): After our laps, we will proceed to the Seneca Harbor Station Restaurant in Watkins Glen at the harbor on Franklin Street at approximately 1:00 p.m. for a group lunch, ordering off a group menu, separate checks. You do not have to participate in the Watkins Glen Laps to attend the lunch.

**** RESERVATIONS FOR LAPS AND OPTIONAL LUNCH ARE REQUIRED (GAIL WAGNER: gwtr3red@gmail.com) Also check in with your area rep as required and for possible group caravan to the track.

This is a sunshine or overcast no rain day event only.

<https://www.theglen.com/> and <https://www.senecaharborstation.com/>

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.
Awestruck Ciders

<http://www.critzbrewandcider.com/>
<https://www.awestruckciders.com/>

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

Event Coordinator -Bob Sabella

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/>

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

Event Coordinator - Gail Wagner

(Canceled for Summer Date TBD are rescheduled)



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).

JULY EVENTS

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

Event Coordinator - Del Austin

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/>

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/>

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.

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.americanheritemuseum.org>

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.

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/>

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.

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.

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 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: _____

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).

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?](#)

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
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

May 14 - **Canceled** - Heid's, Liverpool. 6:30 PM - **Canceled do to COVID-19 restrictions**

May 28 - **Canceled** - Gannon's, Syracuse. 6:30 PM - **Canceled do to COVID-19 restrictions**

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, July 1, Aug 5, Sept. 2 and Sept. 30 (no October)

The May 6th event is canceled do to COVID-19 restrictions.

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER - 2020

STEVE STEWART

MMC Rochester Ice Cream Nite Schedule

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

May 12 **Canceled** - Colby's, Rt. 15 & 250, Rush - **Canceled do to COVID-19 restrictions**

May 26 **Canceled** - Five Guys 405 Commerce Drive, (North end of Walmart/ Kohl's plaza, Rt. 96) Poppa Jacks Ice Cream, 261 W. Main St., Victor - **Canceled do to COVID-19 restrictions**

June 9 Orbachers, 4753 Rt.104, Williamson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



This picture from World War II, a soldier carrying a donkey. It is not that the soldier loves donkeys or has some sort of perversion. What's happening is that the field is mined and that if the donkey was free to wonder as it pleased, it would likely detonate a charge and kill everyone. The moral of the story is that during difficult times the first ones you have to keep under control are the jackasses who don't understand the danger and do as they please.

TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH’

By Gail Wagner - Midstate Miata Club of NY



Changing Her Motor Oil & Filter

Greetings, Fellow Miata Folks,

Now that Scarlet my 2006 True Red NC Miata is home from winter storage and the weather has turned early- spring cooperative, I decided to change my oil and filter with my husband Steve's able mechanical oversight and assistance, male muscle and excellent Craftsman tools.

In early April as I lined up the Mobile One 100% synthetic motor oil, Mazda OEM anti-drain back oil filter, various socket wrenches and equipment to do the job, I had a PTSD moment recalling the very humorous first time I changed the oil in 2013. At the time that event inspired me to write an essay piece for my own amusement which I later submitted to our Miata Club newsletter editor and "The Wench with a Wrench" was born. ©

Believe me, the oil changes now go a lot smoother and faster now than what you'll read below. (Please note I no longer use Castrol GTX regular oil and have switched to 100% synthetic.)

I hope you'll get a chuckle out of my automotive misadventure.

Zoom-Zoom!
Gail

Introduction

One Sunday last summer, I thought it would be fun to change the oil and filter in Scarlet, my beautiful red MX5 Mazda Miata sports car, rather than take it to a shop. It's been a while since I've changed engine oil on any of my sports cars but now that She and I have really "bonded", I thought it would be wise and prudent to know I had a good oil filter with an anti-drain back valve and premium 5W20 oil in her crankcase belly rather than a who-knows-what-it-is flimsy filter and mystery motor oil that those speedy oil change places use to save on their overhead. None of that cheap inferior stuff for my classy girl!

Now, I freely admit I'm getting rather obsessive/compulsive about her upkeep, maintenance and after-market cool-factor accessories and she's gotta' last me until I either a) win the lottery, b) can afford a new ND Miata or, c) I'm too old to climb in and shift manually anymore (can that really happen?). Besides, who knows when any of those choices will be available but in case you were wondering, I prefer choice "a".

Part I - The Prep

Preparing for my automotive project, I pinned my hair up in a perky pile, slicked on some mascara, slipped into my Calvins (and yes, there was something between me and my Calvins), buttoned up my pre-faded Ralph Lauren designer chambray work shirt, laced up the suede boots and popped in my emerald chip earrings. Well, let's face it. A girl's gotta' be well-dressed at all times even for a driveway oil change. Ya' never know who might be driving or walking by, right?

I then proceeded to assemble my mise en place: wheel chocks, filter wrench, plastic gloves to save the manicure, oil vacuum pump, paper towels, a plastic baggie to slide over the old oil filter so it wouldn't leak black oily goo all over everything (as in me) when removed, and an old empty plastic bottle for the used oil. I placed my new jug of Castrol GTX oil and the expensive "genuine Mazda parts" oil filter next to Scarlet's propped open jaws in the driveway and chocked the wheels. To use synthetic oil or not to use synthetic oil - that was the question. I decided to go for the real tried and true organic, dead dinosaur, hydrocarbon stuff. I guess I'm just an old-fashioned girl at heart. So..... hey, I was ready. I was grinning. I was confident. I could do this. And, I was lookin' good..... I was Woman, Hear Me Roar. This would be easy and fun and a great brag to the guys at work.

Well, I was soooooooooo wrong. The automotive gods decided to play with Gail. ☹

Part II - Piece of Cake, Right?

I looked under the bonnet (sorry, this is an English sports car holdover term; "hood" to most folks) and surveyed the innards of my target specie. Ah..... 1) there's the dip stick and, 2) there's the oil filler cap. No prob. I removed the filler cap and shoved the vacuum pump hose into the depths and pumped the canister handles until the satisfying site of brownish-black ooze emanated from the depths slipping neatly through the hose into the vacuum can. 3) Okay, now where's the oil filter? (Embarrassed pause....) Okay..... now where the hell IS the oil filter? It's not under the hood where it's supposed to be. Can't see it underneath. Don't panic. Get the manual. Uh, oh. No nice illustrated diagram of where it is located and I'm not in possession of an official Mazda factory repair manual to source (soon to be remedied). Now what? Run to the computer and Google-consult a Miata NC chat-group. Success: the boys say it's underneath the motor behind the front cross member next to the driver's side wheel inconveniently hidden from view beneath a bolted metal plate, Stupid.

Okay, relax. Deep breath. I can handle this. I am Woman and I may not be roaring right now but I'm not whimpering either. I don't need to graciously accept defeat and call any AAA repair truck but I admit minor irritation is beginning to set in. So go drag out the floor jack, a drop cloth, the jack stands and a socket wrench to unbolt the plate. Find the right socket size from a box of myriad assortments, crawl under the chassis and have at it. No prob, right?

Now, I admit right here that I'm not the most dexterous mechanic with the tools....I'm much better with computer keyboards and French chef knives. Needless to confess that I kept whacking myself in the face ratcheting the bolts off the cover plate while lying on my back under the car (see picture) with not a lot of work clearance. But we got 'er done and the cover plate was removed.

Okay, this is getting better, right? I am breathing normally again and the blood pressure has come down. Now for the oil filter removal. Slip a baggie over the filter to prevent the sludgy oil in the filter from running down the arm, the face, the whatever, then get the handy filter wrench and slip it over filter and baggie and twist it off. Easy peasey, right? Nope. The gods are toying with me again. Filter wrench is for a "D-cup" filter. I need an "A-cup" wrench size for my slim mini-filter. Damn. Now what? In reality, my confidence was flagging and that \$30 oil change was starting to look mighty good. So out from under the car and back to the basement....must be something I can use from tool heaven down there....Ah, eureka: a "redneck oil filter wrench": a big, red-handled Rigid pipe wrench. Should work just fine. I am roaring once again, I think (I hope, I pray).

Back under the car with the wrench, Man, this is getting old. I'm gettin' old. Crawling under vehicles isn't as easy as it used to be in my 20's (or 30's or 40's). Baggie goes back on the filter, wrench over baggie and remember "lefty-loosey/righty-tighty". The filter unscrews to my great relief and a big sigh but in the meantime, dirty black oil streams down my hand, down my arm, across into my armpit. Sorry boys. The baggie didn't work as advertised on the Internet. Damn. I catch dripping oil with some towels and wipe oil off myself as best I can. A little Speedy-Dry on the asphalt to soak up the oil drippings and we are good to go - again. I'm trying to stay calm even with clenched teeth and pursed lips but not bad, not bad. A small victory. We got it off. We're doing okay and ready to push onward and upward to greater oil-change glory.

Part III - Press On Regardless

I get my shiny, new "Genuine Mazda Parts" filter and lubricate the rubber gasket with fresh oil for a nice seal. I climb back underneath (oh, my aching' you-know-what, by now). I screw 'er in, hand-tighten and a tiny bit more. Ah, such a good feeling! The worst is over. Success. We have met the enemy(s) and they are ours! The automotive gods be damned. Bolt the cover plate back on the undercarriage and smack myself in the face a few more times with the wrench for good measure and voila! almost done! I realize as I crawl out from under the car, singing "The Little Old Lady from Pasadena", an assemblage of neighborhood dog-walkers have gathered on the sidewalk next to Scarlet and me, pointing down and politely chuckling. "Yes, hi folks, I am really changing my own oil and no, folks, there is no role reversal: Steve isn't cooking dinner tonight". (Let's not make it a really bad day, okay?)

Part IV - The Finish - 3 Hours Later.....

The neighbors have departed, my red face is back to its normal color, my blood pressure has returned to 120/80 and as I unscrew the cap from my fresh Castrol jug and plug 4.5 quarts of fresh life's blood back into Scarlet, I smile, I'm confident. I can do this. I am Woman, Hear Me Roar.

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!

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.

For Sale

Nothing this month, sorry. Do you have anything?

STREET SURVIVAL FOR YOUNG DRIVERS

If you have teenage kids (or grandchildren), you need to check this out. Tire Rack, BMW CCA and the SCCA sponsor Street Survival. Your teens take their own cars to a big parking lot and learn about car control. Their press says "Tire Rack Street Survival, a national non-profit teen driving program, teaches teen skills that will help them stay alive behind the wheel. Teenagers learn from knowledgeable enthusiast driving coaches how their actions govern a car's responses, what the limits of their vehicles are and how to void collisions entirely." This is a hands on, behind-the-wheel experience. I sent my kids when they were teens and they got a lot out of it, and it's only \$95 for the entire day of instruction plus meals. Their only complaint was having to drive our Alero.

All the May classes this year have been cancelled nationwide. There are normally classes in Rome, Canandaigua, London NH, Saratoga Springs, Watkins Glen, Rochester area, and sometimes Binghamton/Johnson City.

This is a nation wide program with many schools in many areas.

Go to www.streetsurvival.org for the latest dates and www.tirerack.com/streetsurvival for more information.

Ray Mosher

GOING TO THE MOVIES AT HOME

We are all stuck inside. But the TV comes to the rescue! Who knew we could do our part by sitting on the couch watching TV? So sit down and let's fight this thing. That said, here are my recommendations for care-themed TV shows and movies:

Movies:

Ford V Ferrari - recently in theaters and now Redbox, it tells the story of how Ford developed and raced the GT 40 to defeat Ferrari, after Enzo spurned Ford's offer to buy the company. Hot cars for the guys and Matt Damon and Christian Bale for those that like hot guys.

Rush - The story of the rivalry between two great racing drivers, Niki Lauda and James Hunt. Great racing scenes and a good story.

Grand Prix - 1966 film starring James Garner from the classic Formula One era.

Winning - Paul Newman, his future wife Joanne Woodward and Robert Wagner in an Indy 500 story from 1969

Le Mans - more racing than plot or dialogue from 1971 - Steve McQueen

Italian Job - Not a car flick, but the three Mini Cooper getaway cars have an outsized role (if a Mini can be outsized) and the cast is easy on the eyes (both genders). Note there are 2 versions, the latter (and my favorite, from 2003) with Charlize Theron and Mark Wahlberg and an earlier one from the 60s' with David Niven.

The Great Race - not your typical racing movie, per se, but is a hoot. Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon, Natalie Wood and Peter Falk set out on a NY to Paris car race in the 20s. Directed by Blake Edwards.

Genevieve - British comedy from 1953 featuring a rally from London to Brighton.

Fast & Furious - this is a whole franchise (8?) with Vin Diesel and Paul Walker (for a while). Light on acting and plot, but heavy on cool cars, attractive ladies and the associated culture.

Cars - Animated Disney for the kids (and their parents)

TV Shows:

Top Gear - Best ever, but go with the earlier BBC version with Jeremy Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond. Don't miss the Mini Cooper that goes down the ski jump!

Everyday Drives - just found this on Amazon Prime (free for 30 days). Episode 2 compares the 4 generations of the Miata. A must watch for Miata fans!

Enjoy and stay healthy,

Ray Mosher

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Think of this as the Sunday comics in your regular newspaper. If you don't receive a newspaper, you do remember what they are, right?



This is what you do to be able to tow your camping trailer. A simple V8 swap.



This is what happened to your brother-in-law who was at your house when the COVID-19 pandemic started.



You remember Batman and Robin, right?



If you wanted to make some improvements to your car, consider this option! You are looking for something to do, right?

REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Coordinators
Saturday, May 9th, Cancelled	DeWitt Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast and Dandelion Run	Volunteer Needed for 2021
Saturday, May 16th Postponed, maybe rescheduling to August	Midstate Miata Club on New York Annual Picnic	Volunteer Needed
Saturday, May 30th, Cancelled	On the Farm Discovery Center	Tyler Wainwright & Chris Fesko
Sunday, June 7th, Cancelled	Watkins Glen Raceway Laps and Lunch	Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson
Saturday, June 20th	Cider on the Solstice NEW EVENT	Ray Mosher
Sunday, June 21st	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	North East Classic Car Museum & Bullthistle 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

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From Cambridge University.

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See, you are really smart!

The answer to the quiz equation is;

$$f(CCC) = f(NPiP) * (f(TSiG) * f(MDBP)) / f(PPEW)$$

f(CCC) Confirmed COVID-19 Case

f(NPiP) Number of People in Group

f(TSiG) Time Spent in Group

f(MDBP) Mean Distance Between People

f(PPEW) Personal Protection Equipment Worn