

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

"MIATA MEANDERINGS" NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Note from Karen McKissock

Well, here we are at the end of our official driving season for 2019. It's been a great year for our members...old and new ones. We did a number of new and interesting rides/events while maintaining the good old favorites. We saw many friends from years past and met a number of new, enthusiastic members with ideas and energy. We have a number of new hips in the club...yeah to medical technology and walkers! Lol!



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on the Internet at:

www.midstatemiata.net

Our 25th Anniversary party was a hit and fun memories to hang onto. Now we're gearing up for our annual Holiday Party that John Piston has been working hard to pull together for us again. This year has a new twist with an Ugly Sweater contest which should prove to be very interesting indeed. Please make sure to look at the flyer attached and get your reservation in ASAP. For new members, it's a lot of fun, great food and a lovely location in Auburn. It's definitely worth the money. Thanks to the club Board for authorizing the subsidy to defray some of the cost. Nice holiday gift to our members.

Don't forget there will be a meeting of the Board on Nov. 16th at 10:00 at Tony's Restaurant in Syracuse that's open to all members. We'd love to have your input live but if you can't join us please send your comments and ideas to myself or your Area Rep. They are listed at the end of this newsletter in case you don't know their email. Please let your Area Rep know if you plan to attend.

We will resume the monthly newsletter distribution in February but

keep your eyes out for an Annual Planning meeting in the spring. Until then, think of what kinds of events you'd like to participate in next season and let us know so we can get them on the calendar.

Here's hoping to see lots of you for the meeting and/or Holiday party but if I don't, please have a safe and Happy Holiday Season. Drive carefully...no zooming in the snow!

Karen McKissock MMC President

NOTICE: Deadline for the February newsletter is January 27th, Monday. This includes all post event reports, new events and updated upcoming events. Please sent them to John.N.Amon@gmail.com

NOTICE NEW DATE FOR HOLIDAY PARTY, SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2019

REMINDER FOR HOW TO RESPOND TO EVENT ATTENDANCE

To help streamline communications for gathering who is attending our events we will require members to contact **the Event Coordinator directly AND copy your Area Rep** to help them plan for caravans from your area. You will **only need to respond if you are planning to attend**, but if you need to cancel last minute you still need to let both parties so they don't hold up the ride waiting for you. Please pay close attention to the contact info and deadlines.

Event Etiquette

If you have RSVP'd for an event, the event organizer is likely expecting you to attend and will wonder where you are if you fail to show up at the appointed time and place. If you end up not being able to attend, please let the organizer know. Otherwise, the whole group may be unnecessarily delayed waiting for you and it adds undue stress on the poor soul who is running the event. Also, if you contact the organizer on the day of the event, please don't use an email, use a direct phone call.

My apologizes to John Pfeiderer for misspelling his name in Post Event Reports. Sorry John. John Amon

CLUB LOGO APPAREL

While the driving season is drawing toward its end for this year, the holiday season is fast approaching. 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.

POST EVENT REPORTS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday September 22rd Lafayette Apple Fritter Crawl

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Event Coordinator - Lee Maddy

We had another great turnout this year for the Apple Fritter Crawl. 21 cars met at the Lafayette Byrne Dairy to start the run. It was a beautiful warm fall day. We were lucky because it was sunny and the crowds weren't bad. There were no traffic jams or huge long lines like we had last year.

Deer Run Orchard, the smallest of the orchards, did a great job with making their fritters quickly because they watch our website and knew in advance that we were coming, they serve a ring of apple lightly battered and deep fried. Next, we were onto O'Neil's where we needed to park across the street because of their small parking lot. Their fritters tended to be big, doughier but full of good apple pieces. Then on to Navarino Orchards, where the fritters are crispier with more apple in the middle. Finally, we stopped at Beak & Skiff where the crowd was large but not unmanageable. Since the traffic was not as bad as last year, we were not only able to stay on-time but we ran early which allowed six diehard cars to get to the track early for added track time.

As last year, Jay organized an invitation for us all, after the orchards, for special parade laps at the new private road course club called Pineview Run in Lafayette. <https://pineviewrun.com/> The track laps were very spirited, and thankfully no deer appeared and jumped over a car like last year.

The timing was perfect because rain moved in just as we were finished and heading home

And what of the fritter competition you may ask. It was close again this year between O'Neil's and Navarino, with Navarino being the favorite. If you didn't make it this year, make sure to attend next year.

Sunday, September 29th Delaware County Drive and Lunch
Event Coordinators – Lou and Carol Trelease

12 cars, 23 people joined us for our drive and lunch at the Rainbow Lodge. In spite of a cloudy forecast, the weather turned out to be a beautiful fall day: sunny, blue sky, pleasant temperature. Just right for driving with the tops down. The drive had country roads, scenic views, leaves starting to change, and the Cannonsville Reservoir. Lunch was enjoyed by everyone. Service was excellent and so was the food. We took time to feed the trout before leaving. There sure were some good sized fish in that pond!

All in all, it was a good day. Thanks to everyone who came with us.

Lou & Carol Trelease



Sunday, October 6th Vineyard Express Train Ride/Lunch
Event Coordinators – Nancy and Bill Lowe

Boy, did we have a blast! Four red cars headed out for the drive from Rochester to Lockport and managed to catch quite a few lights along the way that tried to split our little group up. (Go figure.) We met up with the 5th couple at the boarding platform, who came in an OTM. There were three couples in First Class and two couples in coach from our group, so we all had company for the train ride. The seats in coach were much more comfy, while First Class passengers were treated to snack trays and unlimited wine, which made for interesting conversation. Each character involved in the Murder Mystery stopped by to chat so we could ask questions to figure out who did in the victim. We had fun discussing the characters, and only one of us figured it out correctly - way to go, Bill!

The visit to the Medina Railroad Museum was a real treat for those who wanted to see it. Some of us stayed on the train and entertained ourselves. Once at the winery, we were fed the standard buffet fare and

entertained by a decent dance band. We chose to sit out on the beautiful back deck and chat. A few couples opted to spend the night in the area, while the rest of the group drove home. This great experience had us smiling for days! It would be fun to do again with a larger group maybe even fill up one of the train cars with Miata Club members.



Wednesday October 9th -Spragues Ride with the Niagara Club

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole

A rather small caravan including John & Susan Amon, Dave & Christine Kuhn, Dave King, and myself in 4 cars started out from Avon to meet up with the Niagara club in Yorkshire for their annual ride to Sprague's Maple Farm Restaurant in Portville with a stop at the Cuba Cheese Factory in Cuba where Steve and Linda Stewart joined up in a SUV. Linda just had a hip replaced and couldn't manage getting in the MX5 but their car qualified because it was a Mazda. As far as cheese this is one of those "If we don't have it you don't need it " stores. We had some fun on their choice of roads to the restaurant for some great food and an opportunity to meet some of their members. They have us beat folks. Their club was formed in 1990 but we outnumber them in membership. After Sprague's a ride home on some great roads including one with new pavement with hills, dips, and curves approximately 6 miles long and no other traffic on it. The final destination being Colby's for (what else?) an ice cream stop. Get out those 2020 calendars and circle the second Wednesday in October and join us next year.

Sunday October 20th – Annual Club Road Rally

Event Coordinator – Kay Muller & John Muller

The weather started out a little damp but changed quickly to a beautiful day for the Annual Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally. The rally was won by Ray and Sue Mosher with a perfect score. There was a tie for second between Dale and Cathy Nagel and Kevin and Dannielle Swart. Ten cars participated and enjoyed a delicious post rally lunch at The Reef in Jack's Reef. Lesson of the day: look at your feet before you leave the house.



NOVEMBER EVENTS

None

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, December 8th Annual Holiday Party
NOTICE NEW DATE, SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2019

Event Coordinator – John Piston



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

Sunday, December 8, 2019

11:30 registration, cocktails and holiday cheer; 12:30 brunch

Holiday party time is upon us again!! We will be having a beautiful Holiday Brunch at the Springside Inn's "The Point at Sand Beach" facility located at 2924 Sand Beach Rd., Auburn, N.Y. (<http://springsideinn.com/banquets-and-meetings/the-point-at-sand-beach/>). The cost will be **\$15.00** per person (taxes & gratuity included) and includes brunch and desserts. There will also be a cash bar available.

We will 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.

NEW 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:
John Piston, 400 Merrell Rd., Syracuse, NY 13219

ALL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Questions? Email: efrog22@gmail.com Phone: 315-415-5770

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

Please send form below when registering:

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Reservation for the 2019 Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2019

Location: The Point at Sand Beach, 2924 Sand Beach Rd., Auburn, NY

Time: 11:30 registration, cocktails and holiday cheer; 12:30 brunch

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

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ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2019



MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE

KAREN ABBOTT

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

See you in the spring!

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA

GAIL WAGNER

2019 Monthly: 1st Wednesday each month @ 6:30 pm, ice cream only

Ithaca, proudly "centrally isolated"!

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

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

See you in the spring!

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER

STEVE STEWART

MMC Rochester Ice Cream Nite Schedule 2019

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

See you in the spring!

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, BINGHAMTON -2019

BARB HUNSINGER

6:00 PM

See you in the spring!



“WENCH WITH A WRENCH”

By Gail Wagner

Just Some Misc. Stuff

October already. Wow, what happened to summer?

I hope everyone paid attention to their spring, summer and fall Miata maintenance so important for our little cars, especially given their age.

And, I hope everyone took a look at my last month’s suggestions for storing your Miata for winter. P.S. don’t leave the parking brake on for a long extended period.

Here’s some random end-of-the-season thoughts:

- Recently, I was talking to someone at an event who said they had no idea when their spark plugs were last changed. If you don’t know, then it’s surely time to change them, with spark plugs wires, if applicable, including your battery if you don’t know it’s age either (or at least have it tested). These relatively low-cost, preventative maintenance

and fuel-saving tasks may save you parked by the side-of-the-road, non-running agony in the future.

- I recently purchased a new Robbins convertible top with heated glass rear window for Scarlet, my 2006 red beauty, and had it installed at Welco Awnings & Upholstery in Ithaca. I had heard they did fine work and believe me, they didn't let me down. The new top is tight-fitting and looks great. I highly recommend them for upholstery and top replacement. (As an aside, be sure to use a good quality convertible top cleaner and conditioner on your convertible top as it will 1) last longer, and 2) look lots better. I use RaggTop Convertible Top Cleaner & Conditioner products recommended by all the premium car manufacturers like Audi and BMW.)
- Steve and I recently installed four new Bilstein shocks in Scarlet this summer. As a result, we decided a re-alignment was definitely in order. We used Willcox Tire in Ithaca who did a good job. They will also align your Miata to your custom alignment specs if you autocross or do frequent track days and need something beyond normal street driving.

NOTE: I welcome any recommendations and/or referrals for automotive shops that you have used for repairs or preventative and are happy with and I will pass them along.

- Another thought you might want to check out: I recently checked with Hagerty.com (the exotic and collector car evaluation and insurance company) for an insurance quote for my older 2006 Miata. I believe someone in our Club mentioned this to me recently. I ended up switching my Miata insurance from my current car policy that includes 3 other vehicles and homeowners insurance to Hagerty for \$263.00 per year for the Miata. I saved about \$400 switching over! Coverages were the same for Hagerty as I had on my previous insurance 500/300/50) with \$500 deductible for our other vehicles and Hagerty agreed on my own estimated value of my car.
- A former member of our Midstate Miata Club recently moved to northern Florida and sent me a copy of their latest Club's newsletter. I have received their permission to reprint an article that I thought would be of interest to everyone about the new special limited edition 30th anniversary Racing Orange Miata (and I mean ORANGE) just recently released for sale. (See below.) I think I read somewhere that the first 500 sold out in the USA in 10 minutes!
- Here's a website for a YouTube video examining buying a new \$40K "ND" Miata (4th generation) versus buying an older Miata that you might enjoy - a dilemma many Miata enthusiasts have: make a significant financial effort and buy the new "ND" generation model or settle for an early NA or NB Miata for a lot less money and a lot less safety features (air bags, etc.).

Copy and paste this into your goggle browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0qppUHN2Uc>

Additionally, here's an article below with kind permission of First Coast Miata Club newsletter:

Mazda MX-5 30th Anniversary Edition Is Pure, Unadulterated Fun

With the world's most popular roadster, the MX-5, turning 30 recently, Mazda is celebrating its anniversary with a limited edition aptly called the 30th Anniversary.

Offered in 3,000 units worldwide, including 500 allocated to the U.S. market and 550 to the United Kingdom, it comes in an exclusive, and quite striking, Racing Orange shade and sports

unique black alloys and orange brake calipers on all four corners. You can catch a glimpse of the same orange color inside too, on the dashboard, door panels and gearshift lever. The Recaro sports seats with orange piping, wrapped in leather in Alcantara, offered good lumbar support and the anniversary plaque constantly reminds users of the sports car's special status.

Equipment is generous, with the MX-5 30th Anniversary Edition getting standard LED headlights, parking sensors, satellite navigation system and a Bose premium audio with speakers incorporated into the seats for the ultimate music experience with the top down.

Like most roadsters out there, the MX-5 isn't that practical. The boot offers a mere 130 liters (45.6 cu-ft) of cargo space, so you'll definitely have to travel light. It also lacks traditional door bins or a glovebox, but there are some small storage spaces inside.

Let's face it, nobody is going to buy the small Japanese roadster for anything else than its brilliant handling and, perhaps, good looks. So, the thing that you'll have to keep in mind is that it offers one of the purest driving experiences, with sharp steering and huge levels of grip around corners. The 2.0-liter, naturally aspirated four, with 181 HP, which is offered in all markets except Japan that gets a 1.5-liter unit, provides sufficient power across the rev range. Get it with the six-speed manual gearbox and you'll be having lots of unadulterated, rear-wheel drive fun.



Zoom-Zoom Next Spring!

Gail

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FUTURE EVENT FOR 2020

Dear Miata Enthusiasts,

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

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

Details of the event are on our web site at [UMN-C2M2-2020.COM](#).

Please share this email with other members of your club.

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

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