

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY “MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE MMC OF NY JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

Today's news includes:

- ✓ President's letter
- ✓ Upcoming event details
- ✓ Ice cream schedules
- ✓ Updated schedule of events for this season
- ✓ Help Wanted ads
- ✓ Special Notes



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on the Internet at:

www.midstatemiata.net

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Note from Karen McKissock

Are you still waiting for the season to change like we are? Good grief, this has not started out too well for topless driving!!! But let's not let that stop us from having our usual fun since we have a great calendar full of events to participate in and friends to share them with. We waited all winter....

On a serious note, I need to share some information for all of you to be aware of:

When we are driving a club event as a caravan it is your personal car insurance that would cover your accident and injury resulting from an accident. If a 3rd party (non-member) is involved, the club insurance takes over for them only.

If we are driving a track event **no insurance covers anything**...not the track, not your insurance, not the clubs. So track events are at your risk and cost only.

We will be asking everyone to sign a waiver that drives with us at Watkins Glen from here forward. I am hearing you can buy caravan insurance and we will look into that but for now I wanted to be sure everyone was up to date with the information that has come to my attention. I think we can still 'run the track' and enjoy it so please consider the information above and assess your risk tolerance. Thank you.

Karen McKissock
MMC President

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

SPECIAL NOTES

Just a quick note to share that Jerry Willis has had a heart attack but is recovering. MMC has sent a card but we know most of you know him and Linda and perhaps a couple more cards will help heal faster.



The Newsletter Editor Job is being vacated and we need a replacement. It's produced in Microsoft Word and is pretty much a cut and paste operation technically. Please contact Karen McKissock with your application and credentials for an interview...Lol! Email kmckiss1948@gmail.com or call (585)820-6010.

The Sunshine Club Rep job has been filled by Christine Kuhn (Rochester member) Please notify her if you know of a member who is ill, deaths in the family, needs encouragement. She has already begun taking over from Mary Lou and doing a great job. Thanks for volunteering, Chris! Email coneill1965@gmail.com Her phone is 585-880-6880.

POST EVENT REPORTS FOR MAY

Saturday May 18th On the Farm Discovery Center
Event Coordinator –Chris Fesko and Tyler Wainwright

The rainy spring weather broke just in time for a tour of the On the Farm Discovery Center. Sunny skies and top-down temperatures greeted the seven Miatas that met in Skaneateles for a drive around the south end of Skaneateles Lake. A stop on the west side afforded a splendid perspective of the Fesko Farm and the Discovery Center on the east side of the

valley. After a discussion of farming practices and watershed issues, we drove down to lake level to observe a bald eagle tending its nest. We then headed up the east side to the On the Farm Discovery Center.

Chris gave her 12 guests an orientation and tour of the barn, which included Alpacas, goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, a rabbit, a horse and a Jersey calf. After we all got to feed the animals, hold a lamb or a chick and learn how to put a chicken to sleep, we went upstairs to see how Chris teaches children. Simple machines such as pulleys and tools such as crow bars, hammers and tape measures are used to teach math to elementary school children. We got to operate a 150 year old corn shelling machine. And we learned about how her 125 year old barn was restored. A short walk across the road to Chris' frog pond afforded the opportunity to catch frogs and observe aquatic creatures such as tadpoles, salamanders and minnows. Melanie Valencia proved particularly skilled with a frog net.

After photos were taken, 10 of us took the short drive to the Lakeside Vista Restaurant on Otisco Lake for a leisurely lunch on their outdoor deck. It was a perfect end to a wonderful day.

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

Saturday June 1st Marcellus Parade at Olde Home Days

Event Coordinator –Chuck and Mary Jo Paul

HERE COMES A PARADE

Saturday June 1st is the date for the annual Olde Home Days Parade in Marcellus. The day begins at 9 a.m. when more than 45 vendors and informational booths line Main Street for “the way it used to be” on parade day. Any time after noon there will be activity (mostly food) in Marcellus Park (Platt Road). How about a sausage sandwich pre-parade?

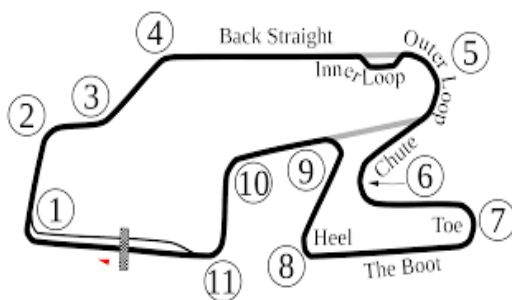
We will meet for the parade at 2:40 at the convenience store located at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and Route 175. We line up trying to vary colors (some are more obsessive than others. This year we have a new direction from the village that **we cannot toss candy to the children** along the route which is about one mile long and very heavily populated on parade day. The parade ends at beautiful Marcellus Park where we will re-group and count the cars (40 is the record-can we beat it). We will shortly depart for a short scenic, drive ending at Skan-Ellus drive in for great food and ice cream. This location is a great jumping off point in all directions for the drive home.

Any questions: Chuck Paul 315 673-4432 (315 378-6018 day of event) or cpaul@twcny.rr.com

Sunday June 2nd -Watkins Glen Three Laps & Lunch

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner and Steve Wilson

Rain Date (June 16)



Do you have a secret desire to be a race car driver? Would you like to experience what it's like to drive around Watkins Glen race track at your own pace? Woo-hoo! Here's your chance!

We will meet at the Watkins Glen International Race Track at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 2nd Gate #3 (NOT main gate) at 2790 County Road 16) for car staging and individual signing of track liability waiver. (All payments must now be reserved and made PREPAID TO THIS EVENT per new Track policy. NO EXCEPTIONS. See below.) IMPORTANT: We have been allotted a specific time so we need to be at the gate, staged, and signed off or you snooze/you lose. We will not be able to wait for latecomers or we will lose our reserved time slot.

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

*****VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE LINE UP AT THE TRACK WITH "SPIRITED" DRIVERS UP FRONT OF THE LINE AND THOSE WHO JUST WISH TO "CRUISE" AT A MORE LEISURELY PACE AT THE REAR so everyone may enjoy the track experience at their own pace. If you're not sure, please go to the rear of the line.**

(Tip: You may want to read Gail's TECH article on our Miata Club webpage (WWW.MIDSTATEMIATA.NET) "So You Wanna' Be a Race Car Driver" before this event or check out YouTube videos of Watkins Glen International that explains how to drive and approach each turn like a pro.)

After our laps and finish line "photo op" stop, YOU ARE OPTIONALLY AND CORDIALLY INVITED to the Seneca Harbor Station Restaurant, 1 Franklin St. at the waterfront marina, for a group luncheon.

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

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

PLEASE R.S.V.P. LUNCHEON AND/OR PREPAY LAPS NO LATER THAN

TUESDAY, MAY 28TH.

REGISTRATION CLOSED

Saturday June 8th Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park

Event Coordinator –Dale and Cathy Nagel

Mansion State Historic Park

This is a rain or shine event



Come join us for a guided tour of the gardens and Mansion at Sonnenberg in Canandaigua. There are 9 formal gardens. Flowers such as Blue Flax, Corabells, Cranesbill, Shasta Daisy, Siberian Iris, Oriental Poppies, just to name a few, maybe in bloom. We will be meeting for lunch at 1 pm and then will have a guided walking tour of the gardens and mansion at 2 pm. Sonnenberg Garden at www.Sonnenberg.org

We will be planning a drive from Syracuse. Hopefully other areas will plan one from their locations! More information will be coming. We will need to have a count and menu selection by May 24 if planning on attending.

Admission: \$13.00

Lunch: \$8.50, box lunch from Wegman's

They also have a wine tasting for an additional \$6.00. Open until 3:30 pm. This will be on your own!

Cathy and Dale Nagel cen42085@aol.com or 315-677-9342.

Sunday June 16th Lorenzo European Car Club

Event Coordinator –Bob Sabella

The European Motor Club of CNY (formerly the MG CAR CLUB) has again cordially invited the MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB to be special guests at the 2019 European car show on June 16th (Father's Day) at Lorenzo State Park in Cazenovia, New York. The show is from 9-3. Special on field parking arrangements have been made so the club's Miata's will be in the vicinity of the European car judging field, visible for all folks attending the car show to see our Miata's. (The Miata's will not be judged) There is no charge for attending the event. There is no registering needed, just show up at the show entrance and you'll be directed to the special guest parking, and enjoy the show.

The European Motor Club also asked if any Miata Club member would like to help with the show set up (parking, layout, etc.) they would be more than welcome. If interested contact Rick Kunz at 315-663-6452.

Miata information for the event, there is no specific caravan to the show; everyone is on their own unless they choose to set up their own caravan. The car show is an all-day event and when it breaks up around three there will be no club drive after the event. You can stay or leave as your schedule allows. Food will be available on the grounds. The show is a rain or shine event.

Thursday June 20th Rudy's Run
Event Coordinator –Steve Bollenbacher

Let's go for a Solstice eve run to Rudy's Lakeside Drive-In on the beautiful Lake Ontario shore line. Enjoy the famous Oswego sunset on the eve of longest day of the year. Seafood, burgers, Texas hot and ice cream available. If you can't make the organized run, meet there after 7:30. Skip rocks, look for Canada, squint to see the green flash as the sun sizzles into the lake and lights up the bottom of fluffy clouds (or watch dark, gray clouds race overhead in the breeze, listen to the stones clatter as the foaming waves crash and toss them about, look for a waterspout in the distance). Meet at Byrne Dairy, Baldwinsville. Take Rt. 690 N or S, get off at the Rt. 370 exit, head West towards Beaver Lake Nature Center. Take a right into Byrne Dairy. Meet at 6:30pm, leave at 6:45. We will drive rural roads and finish at Rudy's (78 County Rt. 89, Oswego, 13126). Menus and more at www.rudyshot.com. Almost an hour ride and about 35 miles. Rain or shine, no RSVP needed.

Steve (315) 297-7481 evening of event if needed, or (315) 593-0728 before that.

Sunday June 23rd Midstate Miata Club Annual Picnic
Event Coordinator –Karen and Norm Abbott

When: Sunday, June 23, 2019

Time: 12:00 noon

Where: Fillmore Glen State Park

1686 State Route 38

Moravia, NY 1311

Come on out for a casual drive, and then a club picnic in the beautiful Finger Lakes region. Each area will enjoy a scenic drive to get to Fillmore Glen State Park where it will be a nice opportunity to take a few hours to catch up with friends in the club, and get to know others you may not have met yet. With around 160 cars in the club we are never all together at one time. After our picnic, maybe we can even stop for ice cream. Look for more info in the upcoming newsletters, and mark your calendar so you don't miss it.

The Midstate Miata Club has paid to rent a pavilion for our club picnic. The club is also paying the \$7.00 entrance fee, but you **MUST** bring the attached coupon to turn in at the gate or you will be charged \$7.00. We will again be using the Fillmore Room and have access to 2 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 is swimming and hiking available.

Each area can coordinate plans for a caravan to reach the park, and there is an ice cream stand we can stop at when we leave if so desired.

The MMC will provide Charcoal, Aluminum Foil, Utensils, Paper Plates, Plastic Ware, Napkins, and Tablecloths.

Members are asked to bring their own Food to grill, Drinks and a Dish to pass. Please bring your items in a grocery bag you can use to put your trash in to take home. State Parks require you to take your trash with you. The dish to pass can be family size; it does not need to feed the whole group. Because we do have access to refrigerators, we should be good with all kinds of food options. Beer and Wine are allowed.

Suggestions are: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Steak, Grilled Panini, Crock Pot food, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Watermelon, Jell-O Salads, Fruit Salad, Fruit Tray, Veggie Tray & Dip, Potato Chips/Dip, Chips/Salsa, Appetizers, Cheese/Crackers/Pepperoni, Cookies, Cakes, Pies, Brownies, Homemade Treats. Be creative, one year we had to many brownies.

PLEASE DETACH AND BRING COUPON~~~~~

ADMIT ONE VEHICLE TO
FILLMORE GLEN STATE PARK
FOR
MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019
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## ***JULY EVENTS***

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### **Wednesday, July 10th Log Cabin Car Show in Macedon**

Event Coordinator –Mary Lou Reisdorf

**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 9** to get enough spaces set aside for us. Let me only if you will be going at [reisdorfm@yahoo.com](mailto:reisdorfm@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

### **Sunday, July 14th Pancakes and Planes (Fulton airport)**

Event Coordinator – Steve Bollenbacher

Meet by 9:15 at the rear of Great Northern Mall (theater area). Leave by 9:30 for a 30 minute cruise to the Oswego County Airport in Fulton. We will display our cars on the ramp until 11:30 or so and watch planes. Then it's on to your own adventure for the rest of the day. Since these activities are best without rain, this is a shine event. Breakfast cost is \$8., \$7. for seniors and vets. No RSVP needed.

### **Saturday, July 27th Middlesex Fire Company Dinner**

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole

It's time again for our annual Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner trip. We will meet at Bill Gray's 1225 Jefferson Rd in Henrietta **for a 2:00 pm A.I.S.M.R. departure time.** For any new members that's "Ass In Seats Motors Running". There will be approximately a 1 ½ to 2 hour ride to Middlesex. This is the 47th year the Middlesex Fire Department has been doing this dinner and I can guarantee that you will not leave hungry. For those who haven't done it before this is a fresh cut roast beef dinner with all the trimmings served family style at tables of eight. The cost is \$12.00 per person. After you have had your fill they will ask you what pie you would like for dessert. I suggest you get your pie for to go because we will be

continuing on after dinner to Canandaigua for the required ice cream stop. Contact me directly **only if you will be going or if you have to cancel out** at [candgr@gmail.com](mailto:candgr@gmail.com) or 585-223-7586 and your area reps. If you have to cancel on the day of the event call me at 585-704-9940

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## **AUGUST EVENTS**

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### **Sunday, August 4th North Rose Railroad museum**

Event Coordinator – Bill and Nancy Lowe

Details to follow

We will tour a 3 story building that has a model train layout that is over 2 miles long and took 10 years to complete.

### **Sunday, August 11th Polo in Skaneateles**

Event Coordinator – Chuck and Mary Jo Paul

Details to follow

We will stop at Bob's BBQ to pick up supplies then head over to the Polo field for a laid back afternoon.

### **Friday, August 23 Midstate Miata Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner

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

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

**Flyer and registration on last page of this newsletter**

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## **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

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### **Sunday September 15th, Watkins Glen International Racetrack**

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner

Details to follow

We will meet at Watkins Glen for 3 prepaid laps around the track and follow it up with lunch at the Seneca Harbor Station Restaurant.

### **Sunday, September 22nd Apple Fritter Crawl**

Event Coordinator – Lee Maddy and Miriam White

Details to follow

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



## Sunday, September 29th Delaware County Drive and Lunch

Event Coordinator – Lou and Carol Trelease

Details to follow

Join us for a drive around the picturesque Delaware County with lunch at the Rainbow Lodge.

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## OCTOBER EVENTS

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### Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Vineyard Express Train Ride/Lunch

Event Coordinator – Nancy and Bill Lowe

All Aboard on Sunday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>!

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

A drive will be planned from the Rochester area  
Time TBD

Those who wish to stay over, the following hotels are in  
Lockport: Hampton Inn, Best Western, Lockport Inn, Quality  
Inn

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

Coordinator: Nancy Lowe 585.305.4410

Nanlowe53@gmail.com

#### Your excursion includes:

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

#### Experience Options:

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ITINERARY:

Boarding Time: 12:00 PM

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

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

This is an open parking area, dress for the weather. There will be signs and attendants to guide you.  
VIP Parking next to white building on the left when you turn down Michigan Street.  
Coach parking in parking lot on Michigan Street.

12:00 pm Board the Train - There are restrooms on the train.  
12:30 pm - Train Departs 21 Michigan and Park Avenue, Lockport NY  
1:30 pm Arrive at Medina Railroad Museum - Self-guided tour.  
2:15 pm Re-Board & depart for Spring Lake Winery  
3:00 pm Arrive at the Winery - Walk or ride to the crime scene and winery.  
4:00 pm Dinner at Spring Lake Winery - Enjoy dinner by the lake while you listen to live music.

There is open seating of tables of ten. Wander the nature trail, try and solve the murder.  
Feel free to dance or kick up your feet and relax.

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

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

**Reservations: Contact Mary Jo Corsaro at Train Tixs, Inc**

Phone No: 585-278-8315

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

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

### Wednesday October 09<sup>th</sup> -Spragues Ride with the Niagara Club

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole

Details to follow

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

### Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> –Annual Club Road Rally

Event Coordinator – TBD

Details to follow

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## DECEMBER EVENTS

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### Sunday, December 1st Annual Holiday Party

Event Coordinator – John Piston

Details to follow

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

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## ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2019



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### MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE

KAREN ABBOTT

**2019 Monthly: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays each month @ 7:00 pm**

**June 13-** Kenny's Corner Ice Cream, 7575 Buckley Rd, No Syracuse

**June 27-** Chuckle Berries Self-Serve Frozen Yogurt, 7567 Oswego Rd, Liverpool

**July 11-** Pete's Polar Parlor, 3345 Milton Ave, Solvay

**July 25-** Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 So Main St, No Syracuse

**August 8-** Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius

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

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

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

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

### MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA

GAIL WAGNER

**2019 Monthly: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month @ 6:30 pm**

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: 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 9/4, 10/2**

## **MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER**

**STEVE STEWART**

### **MMC Rochester Ice Cream Nite Schedule 2019**

**6:00 PM 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month**

- June 11 Orbachers, 4753 Rt.104, Williamson
- June 25 Bill Grays, 941 Hard Rd., Webster  
Bruester's, 1041 Ridge Rd. Webster
- July 16 Colby's, Rt.15 & 205, Rush
- July 30 Tom Wahl's, Rt.96, Bushnells Basin,  
Abbotts across the street on the canal
- Aug.13 Bill Gray's, 2987 Buffalo Rd. Gates  
Lugia's 4719 Lyell Rd., Spencerport
- Aug.27 Colby's. Rt. 250 & 15, Rush
- Sept.10 Charlie Reidels, 3141 County Rd. &  
Rd. 5 & 20, The Creamery, 10 Parrish St.  
Canandaigua
- Sept.24 Five Guys, 1100 Jefferson Rd. Henrietta  
Reads, 3141 E. Henrietta Rd. (15A)

## **MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, BINGHAMTON -2019**

**BARB HUNSINGER**

TIME: 6:30

- MONDAY June 3 Suzy Q's, Chenango Street, Hillcrest, NY
- WEDNESDAY June 19 Frosty Joe's, 8 Track Drive, Binghamton, NY
- MONDAY July 1 TO BE ANNOUNCED
- WEDNESDAY July 24 Ice Cream Works, 14 George St, Owego, NY
- MONDAY August 5 Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY
- WEDNESDAY August 21 Old School House, 17 Fox Farm Rd, Windsor, NY
- TUESDAY Sept 3 Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY
- WEDNESDAY Sept 18 Lickity Split, 152 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY

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## TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH’

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### TECHNICAL TIPS - “Wench With A Wrench”

By Gail Wagner - Midstate Miata Club of NY

#### Miata Fun Facts

Hi, Fellow Miata Folks,

Please be sure to check out my TECH articles from past newsletters on our Club webpage: [www.midstatemiata.net](http://www.midstatemiata.net) **ESPECIALLY washing and detailing your car after winter storage for some helpful info.**

Don't forget our Facebook page, too (go to Facebook and search for “Midstate Miata”). It's an “open” Facebook page so anyone can comment and/or leave Miata photos or articles there or contact Tim Wells, our Web Master, for assistance ([Timinwatkinsglen@yahoo.com](mailto:Timinwatkinsglen@yahoo.com)).

p.s. Tim would like to “retire” as our webpage webmaster if someone would like to volunteer to take over our page. It's minimal work. Contact Tim if interested.

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While this isn't “techie” info per se, I thought you might enjoy some light **Miata Fun Facts**:

- The Miata was originally proposed to be front wheel drive. (I hope they fired the guy who came up with that idea.)
- In 1976, an American, Bob Hall, a journalist at *Motor Trend Magazine* who was an expert in Japanese cars and fluent in the language, proposed a two-seater sports car to Mazda Research & Development.
- The original design was created by the Mazda design studio in Southern California.
- The Miata was introduced in fall of 1989 with a base price of \$13,800! (How times have changed). Originally designed as a \$7,500 sports car, dollar-to-yen fluctuations drove the price up before its introduction.
- Miata is the best-selling 2-seater sports car of all time and the most raced North American production vehicle.
- The first generation Miata informally called the “NA” (1989-1997) sold 400,000 units. Needless to say, as we know, it caused a sensation.
- In the 1990's, NA Miatas shared the exact same interior door release handle as the Aston Martin DB7 sports car. Both Mazda and Aston Martin were owned by the Ford Motor Company at the time (no longer).

- The NA and second generation “NB” (1998-2005) models all share the same chassis and interchangeable parts except for fuel tanks.
- NA’s, NB’s and third generation “NC’s” (2006-2014) share only same design side markers. NA and NB parts are not interchangeable with NC parts.
- *Supposedly*, or so they say and I beg to differ personally, the NC is the “least loved” of all the Miatas. The NC badging name was changed from “Miata” to “MX-5” and HP was increased to 167.
- A power retractable hardtop was added to the NC in 2007.
- The “ND” (2014-2019) was delayed for three years due to the global financial crisis.
- The ND wheels are the same as earlier NA and NB model with similar lug pattern.
- In late 2016, the RF (Retractable Fastback) model was announced.
- The Mazda Japanese factory will totally 100% restore to factory-specifications NA Miatas with original factory (OEM) parts if you want to ship it over there. (I wonder that that will cost? I guess if you have to ask you can’t afford it.)
- It is suggested the word “*Miata*” comes from the Old German language word “*miete*” meaning “reward”. I’ll buy that!
- “Miata” is a common female first name meaning “first born” or “first lady” of a tribal people living in western/northwestern Liberia and eastern Sierra Leone in Africa.
- The 2014 Anniversary Edition Miata of 100 units sold out in 10 minutes!
- The Miata Japanese design credo, “*Jinba Ittai*”, (人馬一体,) is loosely translated into rider (jin) and horse (ba) and one body (ittai) = “horse and rider as one”.
- In a joint venture with Fiat in 2016, the Fiat 124 Spider sports car, largely based on the ND Miata, is now manufactured alongside the Miata at Mazda's Hiroshima plant. The Spider 124 shares the Miata platform, mechanicals, interior and convertible top mechanism and is similarly priced.
- In late 2018 for the 2019 model year, the Miata was designated as “ND2” primarily because its 2.0 L engine was increased to 181 HP.
- On February 7, 2019, all five-hundred 2019 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition “Racing Orange” Miatas starting at \$35,000.00 were sold out in just four hours. An additional 143 cars will be shipped to the U.S. to those who were on a waiting list after the initial offering.
- On April 22, 2016, Mazda broke its *Guinness World Record* by producing its one millionth MX-5.

**Remember: The better you take care of your Miata, the better it will take care of you AND the longer it will last.**

*See You on the Road and Zoom-Zoom Safely!*

*Gail*

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# MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB

## 25<sup>Th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY!!!

**Friday – August 23**

Dinner/dancing at Geneva Country Club

6:00pm – cocktails

7:00pm dinner

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

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

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

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

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

Names of participants

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