

# MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY “MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

Volume 3, issue 2

## WELCOME TO THE MMC OF NY MAY 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

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



### Note from Karen McKissock

Welcome Spring!!! The April (and May) showers are certainly bringing May flowers again this year. I love this time of year when it feels like all things are new and optimistic. That optimism is how I feel about returning as the club's President and working with the Area Reps and Board members to bring a great season of Zoom Zooming! The planning meeting resulted in a number of new events that look very interesting and I'm looking at more of us having fun again this year. Not only are the events a reason to drive our cars but they also provide the opportunity to make new friends which is an important component of enjoying your membership. Personally Ron and I have made some of our best and most meaningful friendships being members of our club and I encourage all of you to reach out to other members from all areas and get to know members outside your geographic area.

Also, I'd like to remind all members that if you see a member with a red dot on their badge it means they are a new member. Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them into the club. Remember being 'the new kid in class'? Our club has grown in leaps and bounds because of the fun we have in the cars and the great folks that drive them.



Visit the Midstate Miata Club  
on the Internet at:

[www.midstatemiata.net](http://www.midstatemiata.net)

*Karen McKissock*  
*MMC President*

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## REMINDER FOR HOW TO RESPOND TO EVENT ATTENDANCE

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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

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## SPECIAL NOTES

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### Winter Storage

Those of us who are not fortunate enough to have our own personal storage space have to go out and rent space to store our cars over the winter. I'd like to develop a listing of places that our members use. If you have a place that offers winter storage that you can recommend, please drop me an email with the location, type of structure (heated?) floor material, cost, and point of contact. I will collect the information and put it in the fall newsletter. Thanks!

Ray Mosher   mosherrski@yahoo.com

### Radio information

Radios may be purchased from United Radios 5703 Enterprise Pkwy. North Syracuse  
Phone 315-446-8700.

You may purchase one for \$200.00 or ask if they have a refurbished one for less. Ask them to set the frequency for the Midstate Miata Club of NY.

I hope this helps those who are interested in obtaining their own radio. Remember that the area reps have use of 4 radios for any event.

Mary Lou Reisdorf.



**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](mailto:kmckiss1948@gmail.com) or call (585)820-6010.

**The Sunshine Club Rep** job is vacant and needs a friendly face. Mary Lou Reisdorf has held this position for several years and has done a great job sending cards, flowers, etc. to members for illness, death in the family and so on. There are written guidelines to follow and the person works with Ronnie Sabella to distribute as needed. It doesn't require very much time and is greatly appreciated by all. Please let Karen McKissock know if you are interested. ! Email [kmckiss1948@gmail.com](mailto:kmckiss1948@gmail.com) or call (585)820-6010.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS MAY**

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**Saturday May 11th Dewitt Pancake Breakfast**  
**CANCELLED**

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



One of our early season events is a visit to the award winning On the Farm Discovery Center, at 1215 Woodworth Rd., Skaneateles , NY. This is a rain or shine event.

We will meet at the Kwik Fill, 797 US Rt 20 (W, Genessee St), just west of Skaneateles at 10:30 am. There will be a driver's meeting prior to departure at 11 AM sharp. We will have a drive of approximately 1 hour around Skaneateles Lake to the Discovery Center, where Chris will lead us in a 90 minute tour of her children's education facility.

This is a 120 year old barn. There are several different kinds of farm animals in residence as well as a hands-on classroom. There is also a farm pond where, weather permitting, we can see what's swimming. Clean porta potties and hand washing station are on site. After the tour, we will make a 30 minute drive to the Lakeside Vista Restaurant at 2437 Rt 174 , Marietta, at the north end of Otisco Lake. There, starting at about 2 pm, we will enjoy a sandwich / wrap buffet with salad bar for \$15.95 per person plus tax and tip. Non-alcoholic drinks included. Seating is indoors or outdoors depending on the weather.

I will need the following information prior to Sat, May 11:

- Ø Who and how many will meet in Skaneateles for the caravan
- Ø Who and how many will meet at the Discovery Center
- Ø Who and how many will be joining us for lunch

Please let your area Rep know these details so they can pass that info on to me, Tyler Wainwright. Emails or phone calls also work. It should be a great day. I guarantee everyone will learn something. We hope to see a great turn out.

This will be a fun time and you can ask all those questions you have wanted the answer to about Agriculture.. The Discovery Center is a National award winning facility.

I am sure you wanted to know how corn has sex..

See you that Saturday!!

Chris Fesko

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## ***JUNE EVENTS***

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**Saturday June 1st Marcellus Parade at Olde Home Days**  
Event Coordinator –Chuck and Mary Jo Paul

### ***HERE COMES A PARADE***

Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 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). If you wish you can bring wrapped candy to toss to, not at, 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.

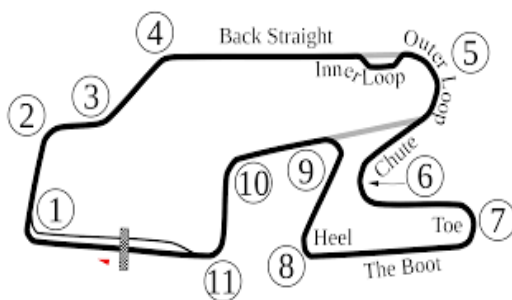
Any questions: Chuck Paul 315 673-4432 (315 378-6018 day of event) or

[cpaul@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:cpaul@twcnny.rr.com)

## Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> -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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 28<sup>TH</sup>.**

**See reservation form on the following page**

Watkins Glen Reservation

**TRACK LAPS PREPAYMENT REQUIRED NO EXCEPTIONS**

Watkins Glen track laps of \$20.00 per car:

Check to be made out to:

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

Mail this sheet with check and optional luncheon reservation to:

Gail Wagner, 105 Iroquois Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

**Must be received by Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. NO EXCEPTIONS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**OPTIONAL**

**SENECA HARBOR STATION LUNCHEON R.S.V.P. REQUIRED**

**(No prepayment required)**

**Name(s) Attending:**

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> (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](http://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

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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

Details to follow

Car show at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon NY.

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

Event Coordinator –

Details to follow

Meeting at the Great Northern Mall for a drive to the Oswego County Airport in Fulton for breakfast and to display our cars.

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

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole

Details to follow

Meeting at the Log Cabin In Macedon to travel the Middlesex for a “family style” dinner finishing in Canandaigua for ice cream.

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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/Saturday, August 23-24 Midstate Miata Club 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner

More details to follow

**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.

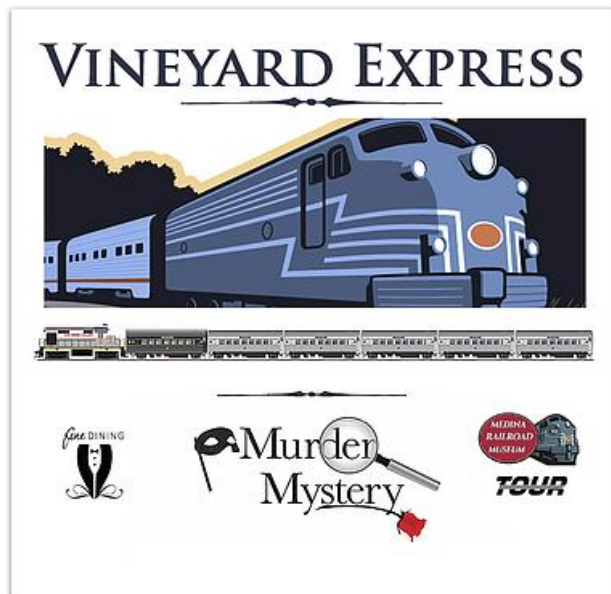
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## OCTOBER EVENTS

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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**

**May 23-** Gannon's Isle, 1525 Valley Drive, Syracuse (inside seating)

**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: 5/1, 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**

- May 14 Colby's, Rt. 15 & 250, Rush
- May 28 Five Guys 405 Commerce Drive, (North end of Walmart/ Kohl's plaza, Rt. 96) Poppa Jacks Ice Cream, 261 W. Main St. Victor
- 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 May 6 Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY
- WEDNESDAY May 22 Big Dipper, 6935 Vestal, Pkwy, Apalachin, NY
- 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



### ARE YOUR TIRES TIRED??

Hello, Miata Club Folks,

Back in 2013, I wrote an extensive column in 2-parts about tire choice and maintenance. (It's archived on our Miata Club webpage [www.Midstatemiata.net](http://www.Midstatemiata.net)) under TECH.) I hope you will peruse it again before driving season but in the meantime I wanted to once again stress the importance of having tires that are safe and roadworthy. After all, they're what separate your bootie from the road surface and your driving safety is paramount.

So, is your Miata pretty much a summer weekender only? Yeah, the tires look great and they seem fine BUT the tire industry wisely suggests that you replace with **new tires every six to seven years no matter what their total mileage** and they're not recommending that just to generate new tire sales, believe me!

If you can see fine “spider web” cracks forming in the sidewall, you're wayyyy overdue. More importantly, **even if the tire appears to look great, the rubber breaks down inside the tire and can cause major issues...**can you say “blowouts” or disengaging from the rims?? Factors such as heat, storage, under-inflation and conditions of use can also dramatically reduce the life of a tire. Don't believe me...go read up.

I personally heard the story recently of a Club member's tire coming completely off the rim while turning a corner at speed because he didn't check the tire manufacture date on the used Miata that he had just purchased. The tires were 7 years old. He was lucky; he gained control of the car and didn't hit anything or anyone. Whew! Convinced? I sure was. Yes, I know four tires are expensive but what is your life or health worth? Something to think about.

### HOW TO DETERMINE THE AGE OF YOUR TIRES

Not sure how old your tires are and don't have the receipt from your last purchase? No worries -- this is how (see below). The good news is you can check your tire's “date of birth” by the serial number on each one. Usually the “date code” is encased in a circle or square on the outside of your tire. If you can't find it, drop in to your local tire store and ask them to find it for you. I'm sure they'll be thrilled. ☺



### **TIRES MANUFACTURED YEAR 2000 TO PRESENT**

The date of manufacturer is the last four digits of the DOT (U.S. Dept. of Transportation) code. The first two digits are the week of manufacturer and the last two digits are the year. As above, the code is 1612. That means the tire was manufactured during the 16<sup>th</sup> week of the year 2012. Pretty simple.

### **FOR TIRES MANUFACTURED BEFORE YEAR 2000**

I hope no one has any tires this old!!! but just for the record the DOT code was a bit different then, but who cares, right? I'm pretty certain you aren't traveling on 19+ year old tires.

### **HANG ON TO YOUR PROOF OF PURCHASE**

The next time you buy tires make sure you keep your purchase receipt. I keep a folder with all my Miata stuff - maintenance receipts, purchase receipts, vehicle title, window sticker, etc., speeding tickets (just kidding). Then you'll always know how old your tires are without having to check out your sidewalls -- and you'll be ready in case you ever need to make a warranty claim (read the fine print on your tire purchase receipt or ask the retailer).

It would also be smart to check the tire date on new tires that you purchase especially if you purchase tires over the Internet. Sometimes tire dealers will sell a tire at a really good discount because the tire is nearing its "retirement" (sorry for the pun) manufacture date. This can affect warranty too. I'm just sayin'....

### **TIRE WARRANTY**

Most tire manufacturers' warranties cover the tires for four years from the date of purchase or five years from the week that the tires were manufactured. Don't be afraid to ask about warranty coverage when you purchase a new tire. Bummer Alert: If you lose your sales receipt, you could actually limit your warranty coverage. Here's an example: If you purchased new tires today, but they were manufactured two years ago, your warranty would cover four years from today's date, since that is your date of purchase. But if you lost your proof of purchase, the tires would be covered for five years from the date of manufacture which was two years ago. So your warranty would end three years from today, not four, meaning you could lose a year of coverage. ☹

### **LETTING GO**

Of all of your Miata's components, tires have the greatest effect on the way it handles and brakes. So if the tire store or your annual inspection shop recommends new tires, bite the bullet and spend the money and don't put it off. Your life could depend on it.

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

P.S. Remember to check out my previous archived tech and tip columns on our Club website under TECH: [www.mistatemiata.net](http://www.mistatemiata.net)

**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:**

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| 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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