

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY “MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE MMC OF NY OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Today's news includes:

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- ✓ Ice cream schedules
- ✓ Updated schedule of events for this season
- ✓ New Pop Up additions



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Note from Ray Mosher

The shorter and cooler days are a clear sign that summer is over. That means that our driving season is once again coming to an end. We still have a few weeks of topless weather remaining, so get out and enjoy it while you can

Last weekend, Lee Maddy led us on the annual Apple Fritter Crawl. It was a beautiful sunny day and over 20 cars and their drivers were there to enjoy it. After leaving the final fritter stop at Beak and Skiff, Jay Cartini had arranged for us to enjoy a few casual laps of the nearby new Pineview Club racetrack. This new 1.2 mile track is now open to club members. Jay led us out and the expected fun ensued. I was enjoying the ride when I noticed a large deer coming my way, quite quickly. I braked hard, but there was not much more I could do as we approached the inevitable collision. At the last second, the deer jumped - completely over the top of my low-slung Miata, narrowly avoiding disaster for both of us. I stopped and the deer ran on. Luckily, Dale and Cathy Nagel were not far behind me and saw the whole thing unfold. Thankfully there were witnesses, otherwise nobody would have believed me! So be sure to be careful out there. Driving a Miata is fun and always an adventure, sometimes more than you planned on.

Ray Mosher
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 or text message. Thanks.

POST EVENT REPORTS

Friday Sept. 7th Watkins Glenn Grand Prix Festival Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher

The weekend after Labor Day, WGI hosts a weekend of Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) vintage car racing. On the Friday, many of these vintage race cars come down from WGI en masse, lap the 6.6 mile "old course" (which still exists pretty much as it did in 1948) and park on Franklin St for the evening. Spectators line the streets to celebrate a tribute to the return of these vintage racers to the village of Watkins Glen. During the day, a number of "tours" are held for the auto enthusiasts where you drive your car along a prescribed course, have a group lunch, do laps of the old course, park in a group and generally have a good time. One of these is the "Sporting Roadster Tour". This is limited to sporting convertibles to which the Miata certainly qualifies and a number of our members participate every year. This year there were only a few club participants, but those that did had a great time, as usual. This year we were again blessed with lovely weather, which always helps.

Jaguar was the featured marque this year and I have never seen so many E-Types (XKE) in one place before. A very cool 1952 C-Type Jaguar won the Concours de D'elegance. This car is likely one of the most historically significant Jaguars in the country, being one of the first ones exported to the US and was very successful in its racing career, including Watkins Glen.

The SVRA racing weekend was cool, but enjoyable. The Mini Cooper race was my personal favorite. I once again got to drive some Land Rovers on an off-road course as well as autocross the new Jaguars. I was first in line Sunday morning so the car's tires were cold, which made for an exciting time!

Ray Mosher

Saturday Sept. 15th Palmyra Parade

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole

Participation in the parade this year was cancelled due to the fact that not enough members signed up. We will no longer be offering this as a club event.

Sunday Sept. 16th Watkins Glen Raceway Laps and Lunch

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner and Steve Wilson



And zoom-zoom we did! A sunny 80-degree day, close to 30 Miatas from all Club regions and many smiling faces greeted each other at Gate 3 at the Watkins Glen International Raceway.

Queuing up at noon after signing liability waivers and paying our fee, we headed out single file for 3 thrilling at-speed laps around the famed and twisty 3.4 mile raceway. Before leaving the track, we stopped at the finish line with the pace car for socializing and picture-taking together.

After leaving the raceway, those of us who elected to gather for lunch met at Jerlandos Italian Restaurant for a delicious lunch and more socializing.

I was tickled to talk to a table of “newbee” 2018 members who had a self-appointed “pull off the orange dot (denoting new member) on the nametag” ceremony.

The day was certainly a success in terms of weather and the accolades and happy “thank-you’s” received after this event. Let’s make it an annual end-of-summer outing.



Sunday Sept. 23th Lafayette Apple Fritter Crawl

Event Coordinator – Lee Maddy



We had another great turnout this year on the first full day of fall, for the Apple Fritter Crawl. 26 cars met at the Lafayette McDonalds to start the run. It was a beautiful cool and crisp fall day. Apparently, the weather sparked the apple cravings in everyone around central NY as the expectations of busy traffic were quick to prove true. At the drivers meeting, after going over the day's itinerary, a very special bonus surprise was announced. 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/>

On our way to the orchards we managed as best we could to find parking for all the cars. Dear Run orchard, the smallest of the orchards, did a great job with making their fritters quickly, a ring of apple lightly battered and deep fried, and handling our crowd. 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, but we were delayed by the traffic, and had to stand still while others were backed up trying to turn onto Rt 80 heading to Beak & Skiff.

Once finally arriving at Navarino, one couple commented that this was their favorite because of the view. Another described the fritters as "Crispy, yet with lots of apple goo in the middle". Upon leaving, many decided that they had had enough with the traffic and went home, or for ice cream. But, 8 brave cars continued on to Beak & Skiff where the crown was ample but not unmanageable, and then to the nearby track. The track was small but new, and the laps were very spirited. I couldn't have gone much faster without changing my car's tires and getting new suspension work. Ray got a very special surprise on the track as a deer leapt over his car on one of the corners. Thankfully I missed that experience this time around.

And what of the fritter competition you may ask. It was a tie this year between O'Neil's and Navarino, although the margin of error was close and inconclusive. Guess we may need to go back again next year to decide...

Sunday Sept. 30th Road Rally

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher

As this driving season draws to a close, the 2018 edition of the Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally is in the books. We had a good showing of 13 couples in the hunt for a lunar lander (among other things) in the chase for the travelling trophy. Two near-perfect scores forced a tie-breaker where John & Kay Muller edged out Paul & Michelle Blust for a hard-fought win and the opportunity to host next year's rally.

The post-rally lunch was held at the Glen Haven Hotel on the southern shore of Skaneateles Lake. This was the first international rally as Steve & Leah from the Underground Miata Network in Ottawa participated. They vowed to take the rally home to Ottawa.

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday, October 10th Spragues with the Niagara Club

Event Coordinator – Chuck Rischenole

For those of you that haven't signed on yet if you are planning on going I will need confirmation at candgr@gmail.com or 585-223-7586 no later than October 6 to make arrangements with the restaurant. We will meet at the McDonalds in Avon located at 250 E. Main St. (US20) for a 9:00 am departure to meet up with the Niagara Club for their ride to Sprague's Maple Farm in Portville for lunch. Their drive will include a stop at the Cuba Cheese Shop in Cuba NY. If you have never been there before this is one of those "if we don't have it you don't need it" stores for cheeses. The Niagara Club uses the FRS radios for communication on their rides so if you still have one stashed away in a drawer or box somewhere bring it along. After lunch we will do a return trip with Colbys In Rush as our final destination. Hope to see some more members for this event.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Our annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2nd. It will be a brunch at the Point at Sand Beach in Auburn.

Please watch your email for the registration information/form and deadline to sign up to join us for another great brunch and fun with friends as we wrap up the driving season and celebrate the holidays.

ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2018



MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE

KAREN ABBOTT

Monthly: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7:00pm

OCTOBER 11- AT 6:30 TODAY- SWEET FROG, FAYETTEVILLE TOWNE CENTER, FAYETTEVILLE (INSIDE SEATING)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA

GAIL WAGNER

Monthly: 1st Thursday of each month@ 7:00pm

Ithaca, proudly "centrally isolated"! 2018 Monthly Ithaca Ice Cream Night begins May 2018 on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at hometown Purity Ice Cream, corner 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow St. (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing and/Heating Supply Company building on Cascadilla St. as we have in the past. (Questions: Gail Wagner, Ithaca-area Rep, gwtr3red@gmail.com). All are cordially welcome!

Dates: October 4

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER

CHUCK RISCHENOLE

All done...8 pounds later!!!

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, BINGHAMTON -2018

BARB HUNSINGER

Another great season of food and fun! Can't wait to plan 2019!

TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH’



Gail is taking a much needed breather this month. Thanks for another great year of helpful information for our members!!!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Event Coordinators should be prepared to submit their information per the schedule

above in order to publish the newsletter in a timely fashion. Thanks!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Pre-event article due date</u>	<u>Post event report due date</u>
10-Oct	Spragues with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole	8/21	10/20
2-Dec	Holiday Party	John Piston	9/24	n/a

EVENT SCHEDULE WITH TEASERS (MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW NEARER THE EVENTS)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Teaser (more details to follow)</u>
10-Oct UPDATE	Spragues with the Niagara Club	Chuck Rischenole	We will have a fun drive to join up with the Niagara Club for a ride to the restaurant in Portville for lunch. After lunch a drive to our final destination Colby's in Rush for an ice cream stop.
2-Dec	Holiday Party	John Piston	The Point at Sand Beach in Auburn

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