MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY "MIATA MEANDERINGS" NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE MMC OF NY OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Today's news includes:

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Note from Ray Mosher

It's getting down to the wire folks. Don't let the 90 degree weather fool you, our 2017 driving season is almost over. We had a lot of fun in the sun (and rain), made some new friends and got to enjoy life with our cars with other likeminded individuals. Thanks to all out there who participated, and especially those who organized events, our Area Reps and all of the other club officers. Tuck your cars in for a long winter's nap.

During the long, cold CNY winter, you may want to curl up by the fireplace with a good book. If so, I can strongly recommend <u>The Last Open Road</u> by Burt (B.S.) Levy. It's a work of historical fiction set in the post-WWII eastern USA sports car racing world. The plot follows a young mechanic fixing sports/racing cars at different racing venues, ending up at the fateful Watkins Glen race.

This year's edition of the Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally was a lot of fun, however we only had four cars participate. This is well below the norm for this event. As the winner of this year's event, I will be hosting the run next year and would like to plan an event that will be enjoyed by a larger group as in previous years. Please send me your suggestions on what you would like to see in next year's rally. If you normally attend this event, but did not this year, please let me know why, as I would really like to see greater participation.

The club web site has a Classified ad section available for members and sponsors. Just notify our webmaster, Lee Maddy if you have Miata stuff for sale or is wanted. Please do not use the Area Reps email list and post it yourself. Our club email lists belong to the club and is only for club use. If you need to post information for the whole area or whole club, please notify your Area Rep.

Have a great winter!

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 <u>only need to respond if you are planning to attend</u>, 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.

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our club suffered a loss this week with the passing of Cathy Neuner. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike. In lieu of flowers, the club will make a donation to their charity of choice. Cathy and Mike had been members since 2004.

In addition, sadly our new member Mike Bastian from the Rochester area lost his father on Friday the 22nd. Our sympathy goes out to him and his family for their loss.

Finally, Ron and Karen McKissock lost their 19 year old grandson in a motorcycle accident last week and are finally home from Atlanta.

SPECIAL REMINDER

All members are reminded to watch our club website for updates throughout the year. There are Classified/For Sale items, calendar and updates, old newsletters, photos and more.

You can find the website at: http://www.midstatemiata.net/

OCTOBER EVENTS

WATKINS GLEN BBQ POP UP EVENT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH

Coordinator: Gail Wagner

Hey, Miata Folks,

Indian Summer's last gasp??

How about dinner this Saturday, 10/7 via our famous back road route (see attached directions) to Watkins Glen for BBQ dinner? See details below:

This Saturday, 10/7, 5:00 p.m.

Meet at Kohl's Dept. Store on Route 13/Elmira Road We will leave promptly 5:15 p.m. via our famous back roads route to Watkins Glen. Dinner at Nickel's BBQ/Brewery on Franklin St.

RSVP Meet at Kohl's 5:00 p.m.or meet at restaurant about 5:45 p.m. LET ME KNOW EITHER.

Hope to see you all for Maybe?? our last Ithaca event.

SPRAGUES WITH THE NIAGARA CLUB

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11th

Coordinator: Chuck Rischenole

I realize this is early to be asking for a commitment for an event in October but the Niagara Club has contacted me that they need a headcount from our club to make arrangements with the restaurant. Yes the date is correct it is a Wednesday (I guess their club has more retired people than we do). We will be meeting up with them along the way to the Cuba Cheese Factory store and then on to Spragues for lunch. This will be a full day's event leaving from Bill Grays Restaurant on Jefferson Rd in Henrietta at 9:00am. The return trip will end with an ice cream stop in Rush. Please let me know directly if you will be going no later than September 10th.

Contact me directly only if you will be going at 585-223-7586 or candgr@gmail.com



LAFAYETTE APPLE FRITTER CRAWL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

EVENT COORDINATOR -Lee Maddy and Miriam White

Back from hiatus, by request. This event is less about the drive, more about Fall, apples, and which apple fritter is better. So join us this year and cast your vote.

Meet 10:30 AM at the Lafayette McDonalds (Rt. 20 & Rt. 81), we will depart at 11 AM. The total event will travel down route 20 for a total trip of 6 miles, stopping at 4 apple orchards on the way. For those of you who enjoy your apples in alcoholic form, one of the stops will be at the Beak & Skiff Cindery and Vodka distillery.

No need to RSVP, just show up if you want, and stay for as long as you like. Save room in your trunk, and take home a pumpkin for Halloween.

Will there be ice cream? Maybe...

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

No RSVP Required

If you are interested in these events, please contact your Area Rep to let them gather interest and determine if there are any groups planning to attend.

DECEMBER EVENT



Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party Springside Inn's The Point at Sand Beach Sunday, December 3, 2017

11:30 registration; 12:00 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.

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New this year: There will be drawings for several door prizes.

PLEASE USE THE REGISTRATION SHEET AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARTY. MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE THERE.

SEPTEMBER EVENT REPORTS



WATKINS GLEN GRAND PRIX FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 8-10

Event Coordinator: Ray Mosher

We only had 3 club cars represented at the Sporting Roaster Tour of the Grand Prix Festival, but the folks in those cars (and the 80 or so other cars) had a great time. We met at Havana Glen in Montour Falls and then headed out for a 2-plus hour spirited drive around the Finger Lakes. A wicked-fast V-8 powered Sunbeam Tiger leader, great roads and eventually some nice sunshine made a great run. We took a quick break back at Havana Glen, and then it was another nice drive to Knapp Winery. After lunch and wine tasting, we drove back to Watkins Glen and our laps around the old racecourse, with the adoring crowds cheering us as we drove through downtown Watkins Glen. After parking downtown, we walked among the vintage racecars and other interesting cars provided by the other tour runners.

The rest of the weekend there was vintage car racing at Watkins Glen International racetrack. There seemed to be a class for everything, including cars that don't seem very "vintage". Jaguar had an autocross track set up in the infield parking lot where everyday folks (like me) could drive new Jaguars at speed, including the R-model Jaguar F-type. Words cannot describe this car and the experience, but an over \$100,000 price tag, 550 hp and a zero-to-sixty MPH time under 4 seconds might give you an idea! I was in line when they opened the next morning. WOW!

Great job and thanks to Ray

PALMYRA PARADE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Event Coordinator: Chuck Rischenole

12 cars from the Rochester Chapter and 2 from the Syracuse Chapter Chuck & Mary Jo Paul, and Kevin Smith started out on a day that Miata owners dream about. Clear skies, sunshine, reasonable temperature, and a gentle breeze. It was about an hour drive to the restaurant on roads with gentle curves, hills, and dips and only one signal light to contend with. Some of the drivers got nervous when we came upon the sign we Miata owners hate "Caution Loose Stone". The roads were fine and had the final brooming two days before the event but I had failed to mention that at the drivers meeting when

we went over the caravan rules and the route. Our lunch at the Yellow Mills Diner went a bit slower than last year but left us with time to get to the staging area for the parade. The meal were great with choices from a very extensive menu. Onto the parade where we were positioned fourth out of fifty in the parade. (It helps to know the chairperson) The Palmyra Parade may not be as long as Marcellus but I think the number of people watching were close to it. After the parade a ride to Canandaigua for our final stop at the Creamery for our "traditional" ice cream stop.

Thank you to Chuck for helping us grow this event.



BILL HODGES ROAD RALLY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Coordinator: Dale Nagel

It was a BEAUTIFUL afternoon for the participants in this year's road rally on September 23rd. After an initial hiccup with the clue packet (my bad), the four teams were off for hilly ride through Southern Onondaga county, into Cortland county and the finish at Empire Farm Brewery in Cazenovia.

The overall winners were Ray & Sue Mosher who are now the proud holders of the trophy for the next year. Ray & Sue finished in first place in 2 of the three scoring categories, correct answers and mileage, finished second in overall time and got all the bonus questions correct. Congratulations!





There may not have been many participants but a good time was had by all. We hope to see more teams from all areas next year. You may also want to ask someone about the team that didn't successfully finish for the first time.

Thanks to Dale Nagel for maintaining a club tradition.

SOUTHERN TIER POP UP EVENT



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Coordinator: Del Austin

17 Miata's with 29 members and two guests met at the McDonalds in Montrose Pa.

Breakfast was to start between 9 am and Depart at 10:15 am. Well McDonalds gave a new meaning to FAST FOOD. We departed McDonalds 20 minutes late. But from there on it turned out to be a very good Miata day! The group traveled south on PA 29 into Tunkhannock Pa. stopping for a potty break and picking up a member there. Back on RT 29 toward Noxen, and Sweet Valley, at Hunlock Creek we passed mountain tops lined with tall white wind mills.

Nearing the southern end of Rt 29, the Miata's encountered some great twistiness. At Nanticoke we turn right onto PA RT 11. It must be noted here that all the roads we traveled were in fine shape!

For miles before we entered Berwick we saw large clouds of white smoke in the Berwick area. We were soon to see where it was coming from. On our right were the HUGE cooling steam towers of the PA Electric Power Plant. On into Berwick, a quick food and potty stop at the McDonalds on the southern end of town.

What a difference a few miles can make in service. It was on to Bill's Old Bike Barn. This place is very hard to describe. Bill has over several decades, collected a large part of our country's past. He has collected over the years cameras, dolls, and motorcycle's, telephones (100's) a Doctor office, Beauty Shop from the 30's, Printing Shop, Train Shop, a restaurant from the 1939 World's Fair, and so much more. You cannot see it all in one trip. I know because I have been there at least 9 times, and have taken many of my friends from around the world there. And it cost \$5.00 to get in!

Back on the road again, we followed our route back to RT 29, and ran the twistees's again. This time we took a short side trip around Harvey's Lake. This lake is a must if you are every in that area. A dinner stop at the famous Grotto Restaurant was a deserved meal and break for the Miata group. Great food, outstanding service, and very nice setting putting the topping on this Miata day. We returned north after completing the ride around the lake. Two groups headed out, one north and one Northwest. A special thanks to Bob Gingell for his help with this run, and to all who let me show them Bill's Bike Barn.

Many thanks to Del for a great day

2018 Waterfall Ramble

I have run the Wine & Waterfalls tour for several years, including this year. I usually run these alternating years, so don't plan to conduct one next season. However, if you need a 2018 Miata waterfall fix, I have a solution. The Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival folks have a new event, the Grist Iron Brewing Waterfall Ramble. Scheduled for May 19, 2018, this 100 mile tour will view 20 waterfalls. It also includes 3 laps of Watkins Glen International racetrack, a lap of the old track, lunch for 2 and a craft beer crowler for a cost of \$75 per car. There is also an optional dinner and live music that evening at the Grist Iron Brewing Co. Details are at http://grandprixfestival.com/ramble.html. Last year's event sold out in February, so do not wait until next spring to register!

ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2017



MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE. SYRACUSE

KAREN ABBOTT

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

OCTOBER 12TH 6:30 - Hafner's Garden Center, 7265 Buckley Rd, No Syracuse (inside seating)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA

GAIL WAGNER

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

Ithaca, proudly "centrally isolated"! 2017 monthly Ithaca Ice Cream Night begins May 2017 on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Purity Ice Cream, 700 Cascadilla St., Meadow St. (Route 13), Ithaca, NY. Please park behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing/Heating Supply Company parking lot on Cascadilla St. as we have in the past. (Questions: Gail Wagner, Ithaca-area rep, gwtr3red@gmail.com).

All ice cream nights will be held at Purity Ice Cream on: October 4

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER

CHUCK RISCHENOLE

Done for the season... but watch for notes from Mr. Ice Cream Rischenole for more spontaneous fun.

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, BINGHAMTON -2017

BARB HUNSINGER

We will continue meeting for ice cream on the first Monday of the month at Pop's Sugar Shack at 589 Conklin Rd, Binghamton, NY, 6:30 PM as we have in past years. (Questions: Barb Hunsinger)

In addition we will have ice cream at the following at 6:30 PM:

October 18 - Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY

TECHNICAL TIPS – 'WENCH WITH A WRENCH



By Gail Wagner

WINTER STORAGE TIPS

Hi, Miata Folks,

This is a re-run of a previous column I wrote a few years ago. As I do each fall since we have a quite a few new members, I thought it might be apropos to print this column again for the and as a refresher to us "oldie" club members as we tuck our Miatas away for storage.

Yes, sadly, it's almost time to prepare our Miata's for their long winter's nap. Below are some tried-and-true pointers I have found invaluable to keep our Miata's in good condition over the long, cold NY winter and ready for spring reawakening. Warning: Most of you know I am obsessive-compulsive about maintenance. ©

□ Change the oil and filter BEFORE storage to remove acids and other waste products that can corrode your motor. I
recommend using the OEM Mazda genuine filter with anti-drain back valve in it. Our Mazda Club dealer sponsors will give
us parts discounts. Use a good quality motor oil too. I now use Mobil One synthetic. It's your choice to use synthetic oil or
real petroleum-based oil but do not mix both together. You can always DIY or buy your own oil and Mazda filter and take it
to a trusted mechanic to change for you.

□ Wash, wax and thoroughly clean the interior of your car. This includes washing underneath especially the wheel wells to remove dirt with a hose. Vacuum thoroughly to remove food crumbs that entice small creatures to picnic on leftover Doritos or the like in your vehicle. Critters can be unbelievably destructive not to mention their indiscriminate excretory habits. ② Consider taking your removable carpets indoors to prevent becoming musty. Place a couple of scented dryer sheets inside the cabin to discourage critters. DO NOT use mothballs. It takes all summer to remove the nasty naphthalene fumes which are toxic to breathe in the spring.

store and check the freeze point or have it checked and coolant flushed/replaced, if necessary, before winter. This ain't California, ya' know. Old coolant can corrode the engine, cooling system and heater core.
Fill the gas tank completely to prevent condensation that may contaminate your gasoline and corrode the fuel system. Some suggest premium gas without ethanol (which contains water). IMPORTANT: add a gasoline stabilizer additive such as "Sta-bil" and run the engine to mix it in to prevent the gasoline from becoming "gummy" that may clog injectors from sitting over time.
□ Check your tire pressure . Some suggest a slight tire over-inflation may prevent flat spots on your tires if you are not putting the vehicle up on jack stands. More on jack stands later.
□ Consider placing a sheet of heavy plastic polyethylene sheeting under the entire vehicle to prevent vapor buildup. Plus it's easy to spot any fluid leaks (I hope not!).
Remove the battery to a warm, dry place (and charge once a month, if possible) or leave it in the vehicle and consider plugging in a trickle battery charger if you have access to an electrical outlet. It's a popular myth that the battery will discharge if stored on a concrete floor. It won't, but if you're a non-believer (like my husband) set it on a piece of wood.
☐ Wrap the wipers in plastic wrap to prevent the rubber from sticking to the windshield or remove completely and store indoors. I told you I was O-C.
☐ Jack Stands: If considering putting your vehicle up on jack stands to prevent flat spots on your tires, don't put the jack stands under the frame as it will stress the rubber bushings in the suspension if the suspension "droops". Try to keep the weight as it is now that is, put the jack stands under the outer ball joints to approximate it sitting on the ground.
Release the parking break. If left on, the brake pads may stick to the rotors.
■ Exhaust & air intake: Remove the air filter, wrap it in aluminum foil and replace. Cover the end of the exhaust pipe with aluminum foil to prevent warm, fuzzy critters from nesting in both areas and causing havoc. I'm told a plastic orange juice bottle top also fits over the exhaust tip. Again, do not use toxic moth balls.
IMPORTANT: leave yourself a little note taped to the steering wheel to remind yourself to move the aluminum foil from the intake air filter and exhaust pipe or the car won't start and you'll be wondering why. Also, note any maintenance issues you might want to address in the spring so you don't forget.
Insurance: You might be tempted to cancel your auto insurance when your vehicle is in storage, i.e., cancel completely or keep Collison and keep Fire and Theft only. Although that might initially save money, there is a chance that the insurance company will raise your rates due to the gap in coverage, which could cost you more in the long run. This can vary based on where you live and who your provider is, so contact your insurance company to see what options are available to you. Also, it a pain in the hiney to remove plates and get new plates at DMV each fall and spring with accompanying paperwork. I personally keep all coverage Nov. 1st through Mar. 30th while in storage.
□ Car Cover: Consider a good, ventilated, breathable car cover if you don't have one to allow water vapor to leave the vehicle and keep dust and dirt off the finish and cats who love to sleep on convertible tops.
□ Lock the doors, give 'er a little pat on the fender and say, "See you in April".
Zoom-Zoom Next Spring!

Gail

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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!!!

Date	Event	Detailed article	Post event report	Resp
Oct 4 or 11	Lunch ride w/Niagara club	August 15	Oct. 15	Chuck R
Oct. 22	Apple Fritter Crawl	August 15	Oct. 27	Lee & Miriam
Dec. 3	Annual Holiday Party/brunch	Oct. 15		John & Elaine

Midstate Miata Club Schedule of Events 2017 Driving Season

Refrigerator version

DATE	EVENT	LEADER

Wednesday Oct. 11	Lunch/Ride w/Niagara Club to Spragues Maple	Chuck Rischenole
	Farm	
Sunday, Oct. 22	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
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Additional events will be added as each local area flushes out addition fun venues and rides – please watch the website at midstatemiata.net for update

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Full details will be in the newsletters and on our website

Wednesday October 11

Lunch/Ride with Niagara Club and Spragues Maple Farm

Apple Fritter Crawl

Details are located earlier in this newsletter.

Event Leaders: Chuck Rischenole

Sunday October 22

Advertised as the shortest of all our Miata caravans (not counting parades of course), the six mile run is more about fall, the apples and which apple fritter is better. We stop at four orchards to enjoy the sights, and to taste test the apple fritters.

Event Leader: Lee Maddy and Miriam White

Sunday December 3 Annual Holiday Party

Back by popular demand we will be having a super Sunday Brunch for our Holiday Party.

Event Leader: John and Elaine Piston

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PLEASE mail your reservation request and check made out to <u>Midstate Miata Club</u> to: John Piston, 400 Merrell Rd., Syracuse, NY 13219

ALL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 10, 2017

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 whe	n registering:
	ration for the 2017 Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party
	oer 3, 2017 t Sand Beach, 2924 Sand Beach Rd., Auburn, NY on; 12:00 cocktails and holiday cheer; 12:30 brunch
Name (s)	
Number attending	Date sent
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