

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY “MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE MMC OF NY SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Note from Ray Mosher

It was 48 degrees at our house this morning - brr. We will have many more nice Miata days this season, but they are numbered. There is still plenty of time to get out and enjoy some topless cruising. We have a few club events left on the calendar (as well as ice cream), so make sure you take advantage of them before the snow flies!

To newer Miata owners, I'd like to point out a great source of Miata information - miata.net. These guys run a great Miata-only web site that covers all the bases. If you have a question about your car, look it up in their forums. It's a near certainty that you're not the first person to have it. There's a Classifieds section if you're looking for ideas to dress up your car or make some upgrades or repairs. There are tech articles, and links to vendors and sponsors. Note that much of the content is sorted by model. NA is the first generation car (1990-97), NB the second (1999-2005), followed by the NC (2006-15) and latest ND. Check it out!

We all appreciate our club and want it to prosper. But please be aware that the club logo belongs to the club and is only for club use. Please don't include it in your personal and business web pages or social media.

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.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



WATKINS GLEN GRAND PRIX FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 8-10

Event Coordinator: Ray Mosher

Every year, on the Friday after Labor Day, Watkins Glen celebrates the Grand Prix Festival. For those of you who are unfamiliar with racing and Finger Lakes history, in 1948, Watkins Glens hosted the first post-World War II auto race in the USA. Cars raced on the local roads including running straight through the middle of town. The racing continued each year until following a fatal accident in the 1952, after which the race moved to a dedicated track and later to its current facility now called Watkins Glen International (WGI).

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.

Whether you come for the evening to watch the cars roar through town or spend the day on a tour, it's a great time. I encourage you all to check it out! See GrandPrixFestival.com for full details.

No RSVP Required

PALMYRA PARADE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Event Coordinator: Chuck Rischenole

This will be the 50th year for their Canal Town Days Celebration and the club has been invited back for the third year to participate in their parade. Perhaps we could make this become the "Marcellus Parade" of the Rochester Chapter.

We will meet at the Log Cabin Restaurant on route 31F in Macedon at noon for directions and a review of the new caravan rules before leaving for a drive to the Yellow Mills Diner for lunch. After lunch it will be a short ride to the staging area to line up for the parade. With it being the 50th anniversary for Canaltown Days. They have invited some of the past Grand Marshals to participate in the parade. I have been asked by the parade chairperson if we will have any solo drivers in the parade to help with rides for the Grand Marshals. I must stress this **THERE IS TO BE NO THROWING OUT CANDY DURING THE PARADE.** After the parade we will regroup and there will be a ride to the Creamery in Canandaigua for the traditional ice cream stop. I will need a headcount no later than September 11th. Contact me and your area rep **ONLY IF YOU WILL BE GOING** at candgr@gmail.com or [585-223-7586](tel:585-223-7586)

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



BILL HODGES ROAD RALLY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Coordinator: Dale Nagel

This year's annual rally will start at Byrne Dairy in Lafayette, NY, located on Rt. 20 just off the I-81 southbound exit next to McDonald's. We'll meet at 12:30 at the rear of the store with the first team rolling out at 1:00. There will be about a 1.5 - 2

hour drive through CNY to the secret finish location. As usual there will be a number of questions to answer as you travel the planned route. The winner will be determined by a combination of mileage, time and number of correct answers. There will be food and drink (both kiddie and adult) available at the finish location. Please bring \$3 per car that will go towards prizes and then you buy your own food/drink at the finish. This event can be a relationship test at times between the pilot and navigator (at least that's what Cathy & I have found) so be sure to bring your happy face and a good time will be had by all.

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

Please contact Dale Nagel at dalen262@aol.com

SOUTHERN TIER POP UP EVENT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16(23rd)

Coordinator: Del Austin

The Binghamton are submitted a great idea for a ride to Berwick PA to Bills Bike Barn. It is a museum that started out about motorcycles, and now in its own building, The building covers just about anything you can think of from the last 80 or 90 years. It is a step back into America's past. If you grew up in the 30's, 40' or 50's you past is in this building. Everything from your Grandmother's kitchen to your Grandfather's workshop. Your first Lionel train to the toys and dolls (hundreds) you found under your Christmas tree.

You can take a walk down Main Street, to your first barber shop, or a 1940 beauty shop with the first electric curlers. A doctor's office and dentist office, a train shop, it goes on and on. Even items from a World's Fair, and WWI and WW II items. Del has been there 5 times, and with all the new additions to the museum, still hasn't seen it all. And the nice part, it is a very nice Miata ride, and only costs \$5.00 per person. We will meet at the McDonald's in Montrose PA for breakfast around 9:30 -10:00. Take PA RT 29 to Nanticoke PA were we will pick up PA RT 11 to Berwick. Bill's is on RT 11 south of Berwick just before Inter-state 80.

After a time we will return running the route backward to PA RT 29 with a side ride around Harvey's Lake and a stop at the famous Grotto restaurant. Those that want a different ride back can pick up near Bill's I-80 east to I 81 north.

If you want more info on Bill's Bike Barn or Bill's Custom Cycle, Google it. And you can bring you camera and take pictures.

This is a shine only run. I am looking at two dates in ***September, Saturday September 16 and Saturday 23 (rain date).*** Why Saturday, because more members can attend the ride on Saturday, and church on Sunday.

This event is open to the total club membership. Take time and join this cool ride!

Contact me directly only if you will be going at [607-217-5794](tel:607-217-5794) or VIRDEL2347@aol.com

OCTOBER EVENTS

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

JULY/AUGUST EVENT REPORTS



Midstate Miata Club Picnic 2017

Sunday July 30

Fillmore Glen State Park

Karen & Norm Abbott

What a treat to wake up to a cloudless day with beautiful blue skies and sunshine, *"Perfect weather for a picnic."* After the flooding in the Moravia area the week before, there was little to no sign of the flood damage or road closures. We were pleased to see the town was back to business. Seven Miatas started out from Tops parking lot in Dewitt. The caravan meandered through Jamesville, down Route 20, through Skaneateles, where they were having their antique boat show, and into Auburn where we stopped for a break before heading to our final destination, Fillmore Glen State Park.

Once at the state park, four Miatas who had already made their way from the southern tier greeted us. Improvements were made to the pavilion, which was beautifully renovated with new siding, paint and light fixtures, and new tables and chairs. Definitely money well spent. As we were preparing to get the grill going with pyromaniacs Gerry, Norm and Bob, more Miatas wondered in, and the group from Rochester found their way despite tricky directions. Now our total is 27 Miatas!

Steaks, burgers, hot dogs, and slow roasted chicken made its way to the ready coals. We had a good variety of dishes that were shared by everyone. It is amazing what a wonderful assortment of food we end up with, and there is always more than enough.

The swimming hole at the park was a cool 58°. No one in the club tested the waters but a few locals dared to plummet into the chilly water. Many took a hike through the various trails provided in the park as they walked off their hearty lunch. All enjoyed good food, good conversation, and great looking Miata's.

Attendees were Karen & Norm Abbott, Gerry & Maryann Knight, Lee Maddy & Miriam White, Kevin Smith, Bob & Ronnie Sabella, Linda & Jerry Willis, John & Elaine Piston, Ray & Sue Moser, Peter & Dawn Rogers, Nancy & Carl Peters, Marcia & Dave Kinglsey, Mary & Peter Huntington, Jeff & Liz Trescot, Deane Bergstrom & Gail Person, Tyler Wainwright, Nicholas Pestillo, Steve Scott, Frank Engler & Carrie Dean, Jo & Bob Gingell, Bev & Randy Wike, Irma & Jim Gardner, Nancy Wildoner, Alain Lepel, Deb Brewer, Betsy & Warren Smith, Bill & Nancy Lowe, David King



POLO MATCH AND TAILGATE PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

EVENT COORDINATOR -Chuck and Mary Jo Paul

CAN IT GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS?

That's what everyone was asking as we enjoyed a highly contested Polo match while enjoying food from Bob's Barbecue, in what can only be described as the perfect weather. 32 Miatas, including some new members and a lot of long time members, were able to revel in 75 degree temperatures with a wonderful breeze while overlooking beautiful Skaneateles Lake...that's what make this an annual favorite. And it's free.....can it get any better than this? Don't miss it next year!!!

MIDDLESEX FAMILY STYLE ROAST BEEF DINNER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26



EVENT COORDINATOR -Chuck Rischenole

This was the type of day that Miata owners dream about. Mid 70's, overcast skies with the sun peeking out occasionally, and fun roads with hills, dips, and curves.

We started the ride with 13 cars and 24 members and were met at Middlesex with one more car and 2 more members. The ride to Middlesex was a different route this time so some of the Syracuse people would have the opportunity to drive the roads they have missed out on in the past because they usually left after dinner. The meal was excellent as it should be after they have been serving it for over 40 years. I was assured by all that no one was leaving hungry. As we were leaving one of the fire department members putting on the dinner came up and thanked me for bringing our group and to come back anytime. He also said and I quote "And make sure you bring the cars".

As we were about to leave on the second part of our ride to Canandaigua for our ice cream it was pointed out to me by two people that there were errors in their route instructions. I guess this just helps enforce the rule of caravanning “don’t lose sight of the car in front and in back of you”. Our perfect day ended with our ice cream stop and from there everyone picked their own route to home.



Seneca Lake Brunch & Cruise

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Event Coordinators: Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson

Wow, what a great day! Mild temps, a cool breeze and a smooth, sun-spangled Seneca Lake made for a wonderful day aboard the *Seneca Legacy* cruise and brunch. Nine members of the Ithaca group drove scenic, twisty country backroads to the Watkins Glen harbor meeting the rest of the Miata folks at the dock, thirty-one of us in all.

After boarding, we made our way to our reserved top deck, open-sides seating area with a great view to enjoy friendly staff offering hot coffee and mimosas followed by a delicious brunch buffet. The cruise included pointing out interesting shore landmarks, local history and lake facts as the ship slowly made its way up the lake and back for the two hour cruise.

There was lots of smiles, laughter, renewed and new acquaintances, good conversation and our usual Miata camaraderie. It’s fair to say a good time was had by all who attended.

INVITATIONS FROM OTHER CLUBS

Operation Bullwinkle IV

October 7

Vermont Club

Hello from the Vermont Miata club! For the last four years our club has been making an annual trip to Rangeley, Maine, from Burlington, Vermont, for the twisty roads, the great scenery, the spectacular foliage and the chance to spot Moose. Each year we stay at the same hotel, the Country Club Inn, which is a rustic, clean, friendly spot with magnificent views overlooking Rangeley Lake from high on a hilltop. Our room rate includes made to order breakfast and we have always enjoyed dinner in their superb Dining room. It really is the best restaurant in town and beyond. Once again we have reserved a block of rooms for October 7 of this year and we would like to invite other New England and New York state clubs to join us. Here is a link to the hotel: <http://www.countryclubinnrangeley.com/> .

And here is a link to our club event page with pricing: <https://www.meetup.com/Green-Mountain-Miata-Club/events/238955133/> . Hopefully some of you can make this part of your Columbus Day Weekend plans. My phone number is (802) 233-9060 and I'm Tom, feel free to call with questions.

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.

ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2017



MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE

KAREN ABBOTT

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

September 14- Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 So Main St, No Syracuse

September 28- Carvel Ice Cream, 4322 E Genesee St, Dewitt (inside seating-park in Tops Grocery lot)

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:
August 2, September 6, October 4**

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER

CHUCK RISCHENOLE

SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 6:30PM

September 12 Colby's (Route 15 & 251 Rush)

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:

September 20 - Suzy Q, Chenango St, Hillcrest, NY

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

TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH



By Gail Wagner

MID/LATE SUMMER MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

Hello Miata Club Folks,

Remember when your Mom used to remind you of stuff....like don't forget to put on clean underwear "in case you have to go to the hospital" and wear your rubbers because it was raining? ☺

We've all been driving our Miatas for a number of months and miles so it's time to remind you of some maintenance suggestions that you might wish to consider, especially before you put your roadster away for the winter. You might want to use this column as a check-list to make sure you're up-to-date with maintenance suggestions. Your friendly owner's manual is a good reference too. (Tip: I always write what maintenance I do/have done in the back p[age of my owner's manual with the date.)

TIRE FAILURES CAUSED BY OLD TIRES

One of our Ithaca members recently brought this to my attention and I thought it was a really good reminder. I have briefly mentioned in a past column about tire age but I think it's important to mention it again. (See our website: TECH "Tires Part 1 & 2": www.midstatemiata.net)

In this member's case, he bought a used Miata last year BUT he didn't check the manufacturer's date on the tires even though the rubber looked quite good. As a result, this summer he had a tire split open between the tread blocks while driving around a corner! ☹ Obviously, this could have been catastrophic at high speed. He admitted he was very lucky.

Because most of us store our Miatas in the winter and tires do not get much yearly wear, it's easy to have low mileage and outwardly good looking tires BUT.....

Tires do not last forever, even if the tread shows little visible wear. As rubber ages, it loses elasticity, hardens and can become brittle. The reinforcing cords inside a tire can also deteriorate and lose strength. This increases the risk of a sudden tire failure the older a tire gets. **After six years, the risk of failure goes up sharply.**

Not to worry. All tires have a date code stamped on the sidewall. You will find it in a little recessed oval or triangle on the side of the tire (see below). The date code reveals the week the tire was manufactured and the year. For most tires made after 2000, the third and fourth digits are the year (15 = 2015). So, for a date code of 4315, this tire was manufactured during the 43rd week of 2015.



← Tire on my 2016 Mazda CX-3

***** Because of this, many safety experts say tires that are 6 to 10 years old have expired and should be replaced regardless of how much tread is left on the tires. Read that sentence again.**

Is a serious accident or your life worth the price of four new replacement tires? Check 'em out for manufacturer's date if you're not sure.

ANTIFREEZE AND COOLANT

I decided this was the summer to drain, flush and replace my coolant/antifreeze with some new stuff. (Note: It went a heck of a lot better than my first oil change a couple of years ago if you've read my article in archived TECH columns! However, just don't lose the petcock drain plug; they cost \$14 special order from Mazda Parts for a ½" piece of plastic. Don't ask me how I know this; let's just not go there... ☺). For all I know, my antifreeze could have possibly been original fluid in my '06. I did test it with my handy hygrometer and it was still viable for high and low temps but I do know antifreeze degrades over the years and I wanted *Scarlet* to have the best protection in summer and in sub-zero winter storage.

It wasn't very difficult to flush, drain and replace except time-consuming and it saved me \$200+ over having a repair shop do it but I recommend that you think about having this done if it's been a number of years or you're not sure. Engine coolant is replaced as part of recommended scheduled maintenance. **Mazda recommends flush and replacement every 30,000 miles.**

Antifreeze, also known as **coolant**, is a bright yellow or green liquid that may be pre-mixed in the jug or is mixed 50/50 with water to keep the engine and its components from freezing or overheating. Made from either ethylene glycol or propylene glycol, antifreeze and coolant change the freezing and boiling points of water. Ethylene glycol is highly toxic to animals, including yourself, if ingested, and can damage paint finish so beware if you're doing this yourself and wear gloves and eye protection and be careful of spills.

Your engine cooling system is made up of a set of components connected in a closed loop to circulate antifreeze/coolant through the engine and maintain a constant temperature and uses coolant passages inside the engine block, cylinder head, and intake manifold. These passages allow coolant to flow through these components to absorb heat or keep components from freezing in temperatures below 32F degrees. The water pump pushes the coolant through the thermostat and into the radiator where it is then returned to the engine for another cycle.

Driving a vehicle with a faulty engine cooling system can result in overheating, cylinder head gasket failure, engine block failure, or cylinder head warping (read \$\$\$\$ repair). It's never recommended to drive a vehicle with engine cooling issues or leaks (the green stuff in a puddle under your car).

MORE MAINTENANCE ITEMS TO CONSIDER

TIRE PRESSURE

Have you checked your tire pressure lately? Recommended tire pressure should be on a sticker on the inside of the driver's side door or in your owner's manual. Correct pressure is a not only a safety thing but a fuel economy saver as well. **Check monthly.**

AIR FILTER

Replace after 60 months or 60,000 miles. The new "permanent" filters are nice. You just take them out and vacuum occasionally.

TIMING BELT

Well, the jury is still out on this. Some say replace after 60,000 miles BUT failures appear to be few and far between and does not hurt the engine if it breaks. You're just unable to drive the car. Replacement is expensive, like \$700+. It's recommended that you replace the water pump if you do replace the belt.

ENGINE OIL

Checked your dipstick lately? Top up per the dipstick but don't mix conventional with synthetic and make sure per your owner's manual it's the correct grade..

And also.....

OIL CHANGE

If you're using conventional motor oil (not synthetic or blended synthetic), consider changing it before storage if it hasn't been changed in **5 months OR 5,000 miles. Some Miata diehards (like me) recommend every 3 months/30,000 miles.** (I change my 100% synthetic oil every spring after storage.)

BRAKE PADS

This is important. These will be checked (I hope) during your yearly auto inspection but it's recommended that they be **replaced every 2-3 years**, especially if you are a "spirited" driver and do hard driving/hard braking, high performance track days or lots of stop and go driving.

BRAKE FLUID/CLUTCH FLUID

Brake and clutch fluid (same fluid) are located in the same reservoir under the hood. Brake fluid degrades as it attracts water, even a partially used closed container on your garage shelf. It's recommended you have your brake fluid flushed and replaced with new fluid every 2-3 years. Toss partially used cans of brake fluid after 2 years at the latest. (Tip: I mark the date I purchased the brake fluid and opened it with a magic marker so I know how old it is.) If you are a "spirited" driver who hard brakes a lot or someone who does high performance track days, it's recommended that you use high temperature (DOT 4) brake fluid. I do.

DIFFERENTIAL FLUID

I covered this in detail recently but consider **draining and replacing every 30,000 miles per Mazda's factory recommendation.**

TRANSMISSION FLUID

It's recommended you have it **drained and replaced every 30,000 miles.**

PVC VALVE

Replace every 20,000 - 50,000 miles. If you normally drive **short trips**, change every 30,000 miles.

FUEL FILTER

Replace every 60,000 miles. If it's plugged, believe me, you'll know, i.e., lack of power driving up hills! Been there, done that. ☺

POWER STEERING FLUID

Guess what? **You never have to change this fluid!** Yippee! Just check and keep it topped up.

SPARK PLUGS

When was the last time you had these checked or changed? Check spark plugs and spark plugs wires (cracks, breaks, broken covering) for older Miatas and just the spark plugs for the newer models (which have “coil packs” in place of wires that do not need regular replacement). **Replace about every 30,000 miles.** NGK plugs are recommended by many, including me.

HOSES

Take a quick peek at all of your engine hoses to make sure there are no leaks, cracks, breaks or any have come loose. Only takes a minute. Replace as necessary; hoses are cheap.

BATTERY FLUID

Do you have a battery that requires adding water or a closed battery system? Unscrew those battery caps with a rag and top off with distilled not tap water if the cells look low on fluid. By the way, how OLD is your battery? Some have a date printed on top. You can have its useful remaining lifespan checked at many auto supplies stores. Consider cleaning corroded battery terminals with a toothbrush and a paste made with water and baking soda, cleaned off with a rag or paper towel. (Tip: Don't put the toothbrush back in the bathroom.☺)

INSPECTION STICKER

I always forget until two dates before expiration date. Duh. **Make sure you know when your inspection is due.** It's a pain but it's also a good safety check if you use a good repair inspection shop.

I hope this has been interesting and useful info. Next month I will re-run the “Putting Your Car in Winter Storage” tips as this is important.

Zoom Zoom Safely!

Gail

DISCLAIMER

Please note these tips are not reviewed or approved by the Mazda Motor Corporation or any other corporation or entity other than the originator. The Midstate Miata Club of NY does not accept any liability for damage or injury as a result of utilizing these tips and pointers. Please use common sense and always remember safety first!



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
Sept. 8	Vintage Festival @ Watkins Glen	July 15	Sept. 15	Ray
Sept. 16	Palmyra Canal Days Parade	July 15	Sept. 20	Chuck R

Sept. 16 (23 rd rain date)	Ride to Berwick PA to Bills Bike Barn	n/a	Oct. 15	Del
Sept. 23	Bill Hodges Memorial Road Rally	July 15	Sept. 27	Dale
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
Friday, Sept 8	Vintage Festival @ Watkins Glen	Ray Mosher
Saturday, Sept 16	Palmyra Festival Parade	Chuck Rischenole
Saturday, Sept 16 (23 rd rain date)	Ride to Berwick PA to Bills Bike Barn	Del Austin
Saturday, Sept 23	Bill Hodges Memorial Road Rally	Dale Nagel
Wednesday Oct. 11	Lunch/Ride w/Niagara Club to Spragues Maple Farm	Chuck Rischenole
Sunday, Oct. 22	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
Sunday, Dec. 3	Annual Holiday Party/Brunch	John & Elaine Piston

[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](http://midstatemiata.net)

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2017 Driving Season

Full details will be in the newsletters and on our website

Friday September 8

Watkins Glen Vintage Races

Don't miss the U.S. Vintage Grand Prix, one of the largest vintage racing events in the nation, featuring historic SVRA (Sportscar Vintage Racing Association) race cars from nearly every era, as Watkins Glen International celebrates its legendary history. See website for more details: <http://www.theglen.com/Tickets-Events/Events/2017/US-Vintage-Grand-Prix.aspx>. Event Leader: Ray Mosher

Saturday September 16

Palmyra Canal Days Parade

Palmyra has been celebrating Canal Town Days for the past 49 years. The club has been invited back to participate in their parade. We will begin the day at the Log Cabin in Macedon and proceed with a ride to Palmyra for lunch. After showing off our cars in the parade we will drive on to Canandaigua for the best ice cream around.
Event Leader: Chuck Rischenole

Saturday September 23

Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Cars will meet at a pre-arranged location to participate in a memorial Road Rally for former member Bill Hodge. This is a rain or shine event which includes a timed drive with clues to reach the end location followed by lunch.
Event Leader: Dale Nagel

Wednesday October 11

Lunch/Ride with Niagara Club and Spragues Maple Farm

Details are located earlier in this newsletter.

Event Leaders: Chuck Rischenole

Sunday October 22

Apple Fritter Crawl

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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