



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Spring is an exciting time of year for me. It's that time when the flowers start to peak out from underneath their beds of snow, and I try to wait ever-so-patiently to uncover the car. Eventually the snow melts, the rains come, and the skis are put away. The signs are there. It's almost that time. The roads are flooded, the salt has washed away, and only the gravel remains to be raked off the lawns. But it's still not quite time yet. Perhaps another snow lurks in waiting. But this spring is especially exciting because it's the beginning of an era. It's the start of my Presidency. So as my first official act, I'd like start by thanking Tom Cavanaugh for doing an excellent job as our most recent president, and for all the other past presidents before him, for leading by example. I'd also especially like to thank Ronnie Sabella for taking over as the new Treasurer (long may she reign), or more

appropriately, perhaps, I should say thank you to Bob Sabella for volunteering her...

Looking back it seems hard to believe that I have been in the club for as long as I have, and it seems that I've been the Treasurer for almost as long. I never would have thought back in 1993 when I bought my first miata (a red one) that a little car would end up having such a large profound impact upon my life.

So get your cars out from their hibernation early, and get ready for a new and exciting year. The first event is rapidly approaching, and getting your car back on the road is the start to what might become one of the best days of your life.

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Russ and Moe Young	Canandaigua	2011 Copper Red	Karen McKissock
Susan and F. Sam Hall	Marcellus	2008 Highland Green	Denise Wargo
John and Dolores Gingerich	Wolcott	2007 Silver	Karen Abbott
Jim Lamb	Binghamton	2010 Black	Joe Lamphere

April Event

PACE at the Glen

Lee Maddy

(Reservations to attend are required by Wed, 04/06 to Lee Maddy, due to this early event)

Saturday, April 16 – Join the members from the Central Pennsylvania PACE club for a day at Watkins Glen! The day will include laps on the track at Watkins Glen, lunch on your own, an activity after lunch which may be your choice of joining the PACE club for a winery tour, or wandering on your own to walk about town, visiting the car or aviation museums, then ending with everyone meeting for dinner at the Cobblestone Restaurant in Geneva to share their adventures of the day!

The tentative schedule is:

- 8:45 Syracuse members meet at the Fairmount -Tully's Restaurant parking lot
- 10:15 Rochester members meet at the Geneva McDonald's (462 Hamilton St). Park in the rear (bus parking area) and wait for Syracuse group, who will proceed to Watkins Glen
- 11:15 Southern Tier members should meet PACE members at the Watkins Glen front gate.
- 11:30 Laps on the track – (\$25 for 3 laps, or \$50 for 6 laps plus 3 free – total 9 laps)
- 11:30 – 1:00 Lunch will be on your own either at clubhouse, or off site.
- 1:30 – 4:00 Select your next activity:
 1. Winery Crawl – currently Rock Stream Winery & Fox Run Winery (prior sign-up required)
The PACE club will lead this activity. Cost: \$2/person at each winery for tasting
 2. Or, explore on your own with suggested visits to the Glenn Curtis Aviation Museum, International Motor Racing Research Center, or enjoying what the town or the track has to offer.
- 4:00 – 5:30 Drive to Geneva
- 5:30 - 6:00 Dinner at the Cobblestone Restaurant in Geneva - (prior sign-up required)
Cost: \$18 – 26 Pre-selected list of entrees
(As more information becomes available we will pass it along to you)

Please e-mail Lee at mrmiataman@yahoo.com (preferred) or call 315-637-0472 before Wed, April 6 with the following information:

- 1. Confirmation that you are attending (leave name & telephone number)**
- 2. Number of people**
- 3. If space should be reserved for you on the winery crawl**
- 4. Number of people attending the dinner at the Cobblestone Restaurant**

Information on the locations to be visited can be found at:

Watkins Glen Race Track <http://www.theglen.com/Tickets-Events/Events/2011/Opening-Weekend.aspx>

Rock Stream Winery - <http://www.rockstreamvineyards.com/center.html>

Fox Run Winery - <http://www.foxrunvineyards.com/winery.asp>

Cobblestone Restaurant, Geneva, NY <http://www.cobblestonegeneva.com/index.php>

Midstate Miata Club Planning Meeting on 26 Feb. 2011

Deane Bergstrom



The meeting was opened by outgoing President Tom Cavanaugh who set the stage for the day's events. The first order of business was for the attending members to introduce themselves and their cars. Naturally, Bob Sabella told us he has a chrome car with red trim. See left.

Lee Maddy provided a Treasurer's report and was happy to report the club is good financial shape with a plus on the ledger of \$3518.00. Please note, club dues need to be sent to Lee Maddy or our new Treasurer, Ronnie Sabella. Speaking of which, the next topic focused on the election of officers.

Lee Maddy was elected President and Ronnie Sabella voted in as Treasurer. Jay Cartini remains as Vice President and Activities Chairperson, Bob Sabella as Membership and Historian, and yours truly as Newsletter Editor and Communications Manager.

Bob Sabella covered membership and let us know we now have 102 members with two recent ones. Tom told us about how to order clothing items at Land's End by going to the Midstate Miata Club website and following the link for apparel. We had an extended discussion on different types of signage we could use to identify Club cars in a parade or for attending various events. Although no decisions were made additional research will be pursued.



After a super lunch provided by Burdick Mazda we got to the nuts and bolts of planning for the 2011 driving season. The results are in the schedule included in this newsletter.



We all talked about the venue for the holiday party and at least three locations were proposed. Tyler, Bev Greco, and Lee will gather info and then determine the final outcome.

Now that we have a plan in place....

Jay Cartini

I would like to thank everyone that participated in our recent planning meeting. As you can see we have some shuffling of the officers, and we welcome the addition of Ronnie Sabella as our new treasurer. (I have a sneaky suspicion that Ronnie has been more active than we know, but now she will get all the recognition that she deserves.)

The event listing is for the most part complete. There are a few events in which the dates need to be verified, but other than that, as you can see, we have put together a variety of fun filled events to get us through the summer.

Thanks again for all your help.....and remember **blue is better!!!**

Etc.

Reminder - Midstate Miata Club Dues

Dues for the 2011 driving season are due in April. If you have already paid – thanks. If not, please forward a check in the amount of \$30.00 to Ronnie Sabella, 401 Swansea Ave., Syracuse, NY 13206 and make the check out to “Midstate Miata Club of New York”.

One of my favorite words is FREE, and Romano Mazda agrees! Jay Cartini

I recently received a call from Josh Rushlow, the service manager at Romano Mazda at 3120 Erie Blvd East, (877) 446-7830. Josh has informed me that now that the dealership is up and running they would like to help us in any way they can. For club members they will be providing:

- 10% off all accessories
- **FREE** oil changes for life on any Mazda vehicle you may own.

We will provide them with a club roster, but to insure you get the proper discount, or get your free oil change, please have your membership ID card handy.

In addition, Romano Mazda will be providing us with complimentary items to raffle off throughout the year.

Thank you Josh, and Romano Mazda, for your support!!!

Finding the Signal Light

Chuck Rischenole

If you have found yourself at a stop light with the top up and you are scrunching down over the steering wheel to see the signal light, or with the top down doing the same thing, or looking over the top of the windshield to see it check this out at lightinsight.com. It is a Fresnel lens that self-adheres to the top of the windshield inside the car. The cost is \$17.50 each or \$16.00 each for 2 or more. I have had one in all three vehicles since they first came out and they work great.

Schedule of Events for the 2011 Driving Season

Saturday, April 16	MMC & PACE Club at Watkins Glen	Lee Maddy
Saturday, May 7	Dewitt Pancake Day	Jim Williams
Saturday, May 14	Waterfalls & Wineries	Ray Moser
Sunday, May 22	Henrietta Parade	Steve Stewart
Saturday, June 4	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12	Niagara Falls	Karen McKissock

One Weekday, June xx	Go-Kart Racing	Jay Cartini
Sunday, July 17	Mystery Drive , Brunch	Chuck Paul
Wednesday, July 20	Log Cabin Drive In	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, July 24	Polo With MG Car Club	Ed & Layne Keller
Wednesday, August 10	Log Cabin Drive In	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, August 14	Cornell Plantation	Miriam White, Lee Maddy
Saturday, August 20	Chicken Wings & Car Show	Jay Cartini
Saturday, August 21	Muckdogs Baseball Game	Karen McKissock
Saturday, September 17	Holtz Mazda/Drive	Karen McKissock Chuck Rischenole
Saturday or Sunday, Sept. 24 or 25	Sagamore Great Camp	Kevin Smith
Thursday To Sunday, Sept. 22-25	Buggies & Bridges	Info Only
Sunday, October 2	Drive to Nowhere	Tom Cavanaugh
Sunday, October 16	Road Rally	Karen & Norm Abbott
TBA	Holiday Party	TBD

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2011

President: Lee Maddy

Vice President and Activities Chairperson: Jay Cartini

Communications Manager and Newsletter Editor: Deane Bergstrom

Treasurer: Ronnie Sabella

Membership & History: Bob Sabella