



Miata Meanderings

August, 2010

Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Instant Karma's gonna get you -John Lennon In last month's newsletter I wrote about how our cars had more reliability than other sports cars. Well, it wasn't even two days after I sent my message out to Deane when my old "reliable" sports car started to act up. First, my car started squeaking behind the instrument panel. Uh oh, bad speedometer cable. "Honey, where's my Captain Contortionist costume from last Halloween?" Fixing a bad speedo cable doesn't take a lot of time, but you do use moves that would make Russian Gymnast proud. My back still twinges just writing about it.

After that fix, I started hearing a bit of a squeak from the left front as I made right turns. A little bit of diagnosis revealed a left front wheel hub starting to go. The noise isn't bad and there is no chance of a catastrophic failure so I'm going to let that one go until next month. I guess the moral of the story is this. With my own car is coming up on twenty years and 90,000 miles, it would be prudent not to cast aspersions on any older sports car I happen to see on the road. After all, just like our cars, they are on the road because of a labor of love.

When life throws you a curve, hit the apex.

Tom C.

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Nancy Peters	Beaver Dams, NY	94 M-Edition Montego Blue	Brian Wise
Christopher Sharp and Susan DiAngelo	Rochester, NY	91 Candy Apple Red (Repaint)	Karen Abbott

August Events

J scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream

Jay Cartini



For the month of August we will continue to mix things up a bit....

- **August 12**, 7:00pm Gelato @ Geddes Bakery, 423 S Main Street, N Syracuse
- **August 26**, 7:00pm Vicky's Tasty Treats, 680 Old Liverpool Road

Sunday, August 1, Tubing on the Tioughnioga River
Wargo

Andy & Denise

Join us for a day on the Tioughnioga River at Lighthouse Landing in Marathon. Tubing is great fun and easy..nothing like white water rafting!



We would like to plan for a four hour tubing adventure, as the two hour last year went by before we knew it and we laughed the whole way down river! Tube rental starts at \$8.00 per hour...you may also rent a kayak or canoe for the day at \$30 for single person/\$40 for double.

The tubes have a closed bottom and a cup holder, so you may tube with a drink. There is a picnic area at the sight with grills, if you should choose to bring "grillables". There will not be a "drive" on the way down.

We are planning on meandering home and finding a traditional ice cream stop. This event is a lot of fun and enjoyable..especially if our weather holds a few more

weeks.

Please let your area reps know if you plan on attending and what your interests are by Friday, July 23rd, so that we can make the appropriate reservations and finalize our trip plan. Looking forward to seeing you on the river! Final details will be forwarded by e-mail.

Please let me know if you have any questions at wargoweed@aol.com

Sunday, August 15, Canandaigua Lake Drive

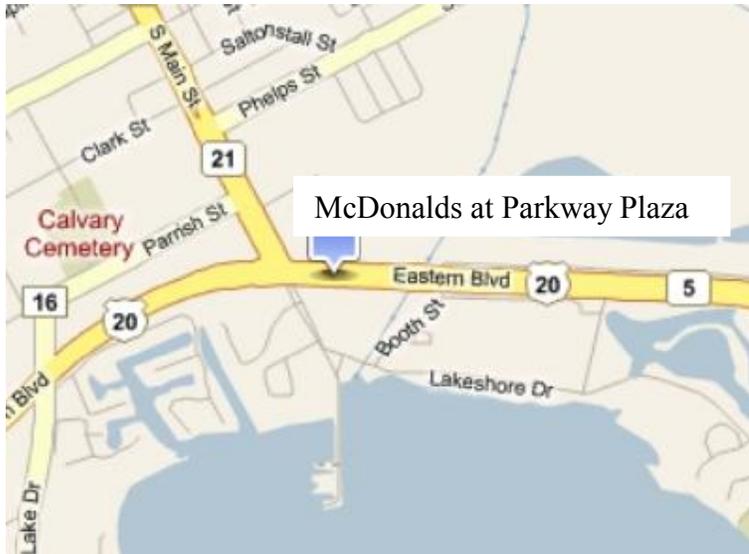
Betty and Dave Simmons



On Aug.15 we have planned a ride starting in Canandaigua, N.Y. Meet at McDonalds Rest. Parkway Plaza at 9 am. Coffee etc. Leave Mickey D's at 10 am. Drive south on West Lake Road. Directions for drive will



available at start of ride. Things we will see Canandaigua Lake, Bristol Hills with overlook, Naples, Cohocton Windmill Farm, to Honeoye and The Wizard of Clay, Bristol Mountain Ski Resort, Italy Valley and on to The Antique Inn, for dinner.



Let's hope for a good day. I need a head count by Aug 5 th.

Clay Wizard



beautiful as well as practical objects and vessels to ease and enrich their lives. Among the oldest artifacts we have are pieces of fired clay that have endured for thousands of years.

At the Wizard of Clay we proudly carry on this tradition. We work to make each piece as functional as possible, providing its owner with the timeless beauty and joy that only an art object can. We welcome you!

Check the map and come for a visit - we're open 7 days a week from 9-5 year round, except Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. You can also shop at the ever-changing pottery showcase, and let us hear from you!



Sunday, August 22, Club Picnic Tom Cavanaugh, Bob and Ronnie Sabella

We will picnic from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the Sampson State Park on the shore of beautiful Seneca Lake.

We have rented a pavilion and there are grills and plenty of picnic tables. Charcoal, lighter fluid, paper products, plastic ware, condiments, and bottled water will be provided. Bring your own food and favorite beverage. If you would like to bring a dessert to share that would be great.

This is a Rain or Shine event

Sampson State Park is centrally located between Elmira/Corning, Syracuse, Rochester and Binghamton on the east shore of Seneca Lake on RT 96a. This spot was chosen so that all our far flung club members can meet and get reacquainted again.



Suggested Routes:

Elmira/Corning, Drive to Watkins Glen, in town, turn right on RT414 north, at Ovid, turn left on

RT96a, Sampson SP will be on your left on RT96a .

Binghamton, Depart Binghamton westbound on RT17 (I-86), exit at Horseheads and proceed north on RT 14 to Watkins Glen, in Watkins Glen turn right on RT414 north and turn left at Ovid on RT96a, go north on RT96a, Sampson SP will be on your left.

Syracuse/Rochester/Utica, Take Thruway to exit 42, take RT 14 south to Geneva, in town , take RTs 5-20 east, just east of Geneva take RT96a south, Sampson SP will be on your right.

In The Park, Head towards the lake and past the Navy Jets, follow signs to picnic grounds, we will be in one of the two open pavilions. Look for Club Banner and lots of Miatas.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a seven dollar entrance fee per car.

Saturday, August 26, Japanese Car Show

Bob Sabella



The Syracuse (Datsun/Nissan) Z Association of Central New York and the Midstate Miata Club are sponsoring a Japanese Car Show at Burdick Mazda on August 28th



This will be a non-judging show. You can clean up your fun car and show it off to the public, the other car clubs and our club members. The event will take place INSIDE Burdick's Drivers Village from 12 Noon to 3 PM rain or shine.

We will plan to meet at the Hot Haus located in Northern Lights Shopping Plaza (Route 11 & South Bay Road, Mattydale exit going north on Route 81 from Syracuse) at 11:15 AM and leave at 11:30 AM for the short drive to Burdick's. If you go directly to Drivers Village, park near the Nissan Dealership, and wait for entrance directions. Food and beverage for purchase will be available at the deli in the atrium.

A short drive for ice cream after the show is also planned. Please notify your representative by August 23rd if you will be attending so we can plan on spaces in the mall. We would like to have a good club turnout for this show.

July Event Reports

Log Cabin Drive In

Jim Reisdorf

Log Cabin Car Show - We had a "HOT" show, literally. The temperature was in the 90's and I'm sure the blacktop was even hotter. Two new members and a local unaffiliated Miata owner brought the car count to 14. We arrived at 5:00 but the show was a slow start as the heat kept most of the hot-rods away until later. We were fortunate to be able to use the private dining room at the Log Cabin for our dinner.

Schedule of Events for the 2010 Driving Season

Sunday, April 25

Show and Shine, Quaker Steak

Jay Cartini

Saturday, May 8	Dewitt Pancake Day	Jim Williams
Saturday, May 22	Holtz Mazda	Karen McKissock
Saturday, June 5	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
Saturday, June 12	Auburn Founders Day Seward House	Em & Morgan Boyce
Sunday, June 27	Batavia Baseball	Karen McKissock
Wednesday, July 7	Log Cabin Drive In	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, July 11	Polo	Ed Keller
Saturday, July 24	Sweet Inspirations	Lou Nefflen
Sunday, August 1	Tubing	Andy & Denise Wargo
Sunday, August 15	Canandaigua Lake Drive	Betty and Dave Simmons
Sunday, August 22	Picnic	Tom Cavanaugh
Wednesday, August 25	Log Cabin Drive In	Jim Reisdorf
Saturday, August 28	Japanese Car Show	Bob Sabella
Sunday, September 12	Binghamton Museum, Carousel	Barb Hunsinger, Joe Lamphere
Saturday, September 25	Seneca Lake Winery, Windmill Market	Don Lerario Betty & Dave Simmons
Sunday, October 3	Trenton Falls	Bev Greco, Deane Bergstrom
Sunday, October 17	Road Rally	Karen Abbott
December 4	Holiday Party	Lee Maddy

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