



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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www.midstateMiata.com

President's Message



I have touched on the topic of participating in our club events. However, besides our wonderful members, there are a lot of other clubs and activities out there for you to explore, all you need is a computer and one website www.miata.net

Miata.net is where I first learned about our club, clubs in the region, and others around the world. Have a question about how to do something on your car? Check the FAQ or garage page for answers. Want to find a new toy to buy for your car? Or as Jay would say "Safety Equipment", look in the market place for the many vendors that tailor themselves to anything you could ever want for your year and model. Want to see what others with your same car interest are talking about locally, and around the

world, check out the "Forum" pages. If there is a national or regional event, it will be listed there, and it will be your best bet to find out in advance so you can sign-up, and not miss out. It is a great source for anything and everything Miata. If you're at all interested in buying new toys for your car, or even getting parts at a discounted price, it's the best place to start your search.



Miata.net and the people that I have met through the Miata community are how I learned about, and what got me on my Miata trip to France. When Joe and Joyce Lamphere later heard me talk about it, they thought that it sounded like so much fun, that they joined me a year later for a trip to Belgium. If you get a chance, ask them about it.

So you never quite know where a Miata will take you. It might just be around the corner, or it might just be around the world.

Lee Maddy

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Bill Houghton	Auburn	2004 Green	Denise Wargo
David & Judy Baumler	Minoa	2009 Liq. Silver	Karen Abbott

Joseph Galutz	Brewerton	2010 Red	Denise Wargo
Richard & Clare Woods	Pennellville	1999 Red	Karen Abbott
Jon & Laura Dickason	Rush	1991 Red	Karen McKissock
Bob & Diane Gradl	Rochester	1994 Black	Karen McKissock
Timothy & Darcie Murray	Mumford	2008 Copper Red	Karen McKissock

August Events

Midstate Miata Ice Cream Meets



Syracuse – To Be Announced

Rochester August 9th, Papa Jacks, 261 W. Main St, Victor
August 23rd, Luiga's Ice Cream, Manitou Road, Spencerport

Binghamton - We will be having our first of the month ice cream night on **August 1st** at Pop's Sugar Shack at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 10, Log Cabin Drive In

Jim Reisdorf

The Log Cabin is hosting its Wednesday night car show with over 500 cars and 200 motorcycles attending. We have reserved parking available to club members who wish to attend. Food is available in the restaurant and outside picnic area. We will meet across the street from the Thruway Exit 43 (Palmyra/Manchester) at 4:30 and proceed to the Log Cabin. This is a NON RAIN event.

Sunday, August 14 - Cornell Plantations

Miriam White



Come explore Cornell's gardens, natural areas, history and architecture! Visit the new visitor's center, take a walking tour of the gardens or wander through the wildflower garden or sculpture garden.

We will meet in two locations:

- 8:15am at Tully's in Camillus
- 9:15am at Burger King in Auburn
- **Southern Tier members – please meet us in the parking lot of the visitor's center at 11:15am**

We will drive to Cornell Plantations and eat lunch. Please bring your own picnic basket and beverages to enjoy lunch on the grounds. **Folding chairs, blankets and/or folding tables are also suggested.** After lunch, enjoy the different gardens via driving or walking trails. Note: some trails are hilly or a short steep incline so wear shoes for natural or slippery trails. For more information on Cornell Plantations go to: www.cornellplantations.org

Saturday, August 20, Chicken Wings & Car Show

Jay Cartini

Details will be provided by your area reps.

Saturday, August 21, Muckdogs Baseball Game

Karen McKissock

Batavia Muckdogs (farm team for St. Louis Cardinals) vs. Mahoning Valley Scrappers baseball game and great BBQ at the Center Street Smokehouse.

Date: Sunday, August 21st

Single Game Tickets Adults(14-59)

General Admission:\$6.50

Box Seats:\$7.50

Junior/Senior(13 & under/60 & over)

General Admission:\$5.50

Box Seats:\$7.50



We'll be leaving the Log Cabin in Macedon at 9:00AM to take a leisurely ride to Dwyer Stadium for the 1:00PM game (with plenty of potty stops). We should arrive a little early because it's a small parking lot and we don't want to park near any fly balls and if anyone wants to bring some 'tailgate' snacks to pass, please feel free. There is a concession area at the stadium but this is a very small, quaint old stadium with a nostalgic feel for some of OBGs.

Check out some pictures if you'd like <http://www.frontiernet.net/~rochballparks/batavia/batavia.htm>

Following the game we will take a 10 minute max ride to the Center Street Smokehouse for awesome eats! Check out the menu! <http://www.centerstreetsmokehouse.com/>. There's a Thruway entrance a few minutes away for the return trip for folks from the Syracuse area. Again, Thanks to Chuck Rishenole for the great navigation planning.

Please notify your Area Rep **by August 15th** if you plan to attend so we can arrange caravans in plenty of time if we need to. If you have any questions, please contact Karen McKissock.

July Event Reports

A Mystery No Longer

Chuck Paul

Sunday, July 17th, 12 Miatas with 22 hungry people on board travelled a circuitous route to reach our Mystery Brunch at Mirbeau Inn and Spa in Skaneateles. Many tried to guess our destination based on announced driving time however they neglected to remember a basic rule of Miataing.....never take the straight roads. What could have been a twenty minute drive lasted almost an hour on some interesting roads. Our fearless leader, Lee Maddy, was kind enough to bring up the rear...it's much easier spotting a bright yellow Miata for reference.

The brunch itself is not extensive...however, the quality and, in many cases, uniqueness of the offerings make it stand out. For those who were able to walk after indulging in the brunch, a tour of the inn and spa was offered. A very warm day with a cool brunch. Perhaps another mystery next year.

Polo With MG Car Club

Ed & Layne Keller

On July 24, we met with the MG club for a trip to the Skaneateles Polo Club. The weather could not have been better when we set out from Tully. A short drive took us to Bob's Barbeque in Homer for those who hadn't packed a lunch. We had about 14 Miatas and 3 MGs, and picked up another on the way. After a 45 minute drive up West Lake Road, we arrived at the polo field, where Chuck and MaryJo Paul had arrived earlier, and were ready with shade and a lovely melon cocktail complete with fresh fruit. Thanks to them for another welcome drink again this year. Another MG met us at the field as well as a Non Miata - good neighbors and friends of the Kellers. We also shared the bounty of several other members who passed around homemade wine, cookies, and fruit, cheeses and other goodies. The match itself was exciting with Skaneateles taking an early lead, only to have the Cortland team come back strong and end at a tie of nine goals each at the end of the day. There is talk of trying to go again in August - if you are interested, contact the Kellers, or if you just feel like polo, drive out any Sunday in July or August to watch the play.



June Event Report

Lake Ontario and Fort Niagara

Karen McKissock

On June 26th 7 cars left Eastview mall on a cold, gray day heading for a ride along the Lake Ontario shoreline to the Niagara area. It didn't look promising... But we headed north to Alaska; I mean to Lake Ontario passing some cool farmland and horse farms and crossed the Irondequoit Bay to take a great twisty ride to end up in view of the lake. (Thanks to Chuck's directions we think we've found the Marcellus equivalent of the 13 curves.) Shortly thereafter, we picked up the Parkway and travelled along the lake until it ended and then continued to hug the shoreline along Rt. 18 until we got to Wilson where we stopped for lunch at the Boat House. Just as we arrived the sky opened up to beautiful blue sky and warming temperatures. I'm sure I can say for the whole group, some of whom have made a return visit already, that the Boat House was a great stop, delicious food, a view of the harbor and we even got to peak into a couple of the little shops.



From there we took a short ride to Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown and enjoyed an interesting tour of the fort and a demonstration of shooting a musket that Karen Abbott will never forget. (Ask me any time...I've got pictures). It's definitely a place we'd like to return to and spend more time. You can see Toronto from nearly anywhere in the fort. As the day was getting a little long for some folks, we separated and some went on to the village of Youngstown for an ice cream before returning home. We had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs and hope to do it again sometime.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 24, Camp Sagamore

Kevin Smith

Come see the fall colors and tour the "Great Camp Sagamore" on Saturday, September 24th.

This all day event will begin at 8:00am at McDonald's at the Fayetteville Town Center. Departure will be at 8:30am, for an hours drive to meet the Eastern members at McDonald's on Seneca Turnpike, New Hartford.



Leaving New Hartford, we will head north for the Adirondacks, stopping for a quick lunch en route, then on to Camp Sagamore for a 1:30pm tour. We need 20 people to get the group tour rate of \$13/person, otherwise its \$14/person, \$13 seniors (65+).

Following the tour, we will travel to Old Forge for an early dinner at the Old Mill Restaurant, then head for home.

Those who must travel far and wish to stay overnight should make reservations early, since this will be peak fall color season. Please RSVP directly to Kevin Smith ksmith03@twcny.rr.com by August 26th.

***Midstaters at
Rudy's Pavilion 1 & Sweet Inspirations Deck 1***



Etc.

Club Pins Now Available

Bob Sabella

The Miata Club recently received a new supply of our club pins. They are \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. See or contact Bob Sabella, Lee Maddy or Jay Cartini if you wish to purchase them.

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 Mosher

Sunday, May 22	Henrietta Parade	Steve Stewart
Saturday, June 4	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12	Niagara Falls	Karen McKissock
June 25	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

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