

Midstate Miata Club of New York

“Miata Meanderings”

Official Newsletter for August 2016

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President's Message



Another great month for roadsters is behind us and yet another one looks like it's on the way. What a great summer we're having (except for the drought). I hope you are all enjoying it as much as I am. I'm writing this sitting in the sun in 75 degrees with a beautiful breeze blowing in the windows. Living the dream...

Below you will find a short note Steve Stewart received that he has shared with me that I'd like to pass on to all of you. I hope the link at the bottom of the note works so you can watch the video. Pretty impressive!

Raises the roof like no other roadster

The highly anticipated 2017 Mazda MX-5 RF was revealed at the New York International auto show. The new Mazda MX-5 Miata RF is the epitome of superior fastback styling with a new kind of open-air feel. The Mazda MX-5 RF went the extra mile to deliver a car that is as stunning to see as it is impressive to drive with remarkable innovations like a hardtop that stows away in about 12 seconds.

Now you can see newly released photos, videos and future details on the brand at MazdaUSA.com

Next I'd like to share some news from Deane Bergstrom, Newsletter Editor. Deane has informed the Board he will be stepping down at the end of the season and will no longer produce our newsletter in 2017. First, I'd like to thank him for over 12 years of dedicated and patient work on behalf of the club. We've looked forward to this communication tool to keep up with news on our upcoming events, reports on completed ones, publishing the calendar for the year following the annual planning meeting and much more. It is the main resource for many members and Deane's work will be missed by all. Thank you, Deane, for all you've done to improve the look and effectiveness of the Midstate Miata Club newsletter.

With that being said, we need to ask for a volunteer or 2 to take over as we go forward. I don't believe it is an extremely time consuming job if the input is sent in on time so it can be formatted into the newsletter template. We currently use a MS Word document but may change that in the next year, but will work with and train our volunteers as needed. We will produce a schedule for deadlines in February for the 2017 driving season so everyone will know when they need to get input to the Editor. Publication dates will be 7-10 days later to give the Editor time to produce it and send to the Area Reps for distribution.

Please review the description and skills needed below and get back to me or Rosemary DeHoog if you are interested or have any questions. It would be great to have 2 folks work together on it to help with production. Below is the description in the by-laws and some suggested updates in red:

Section K. Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the creation and distribution of a monthly newsletter to the general membership. The Club newsletter shall be published not less than 6 times per year and is the official publication of the Club. Duties are as follows:

- **Compiles articles and information submitted for publication**
- **Publishes a schedule of when articles are due to the Newsletter Editor by March 1st of each year.**
- **Full articles will be included in the newsletter 2 full months prior to the event date.**
- **Newsletters will be distributed to the Area Reps to be cascaded to membership.**
- **Work with another member to do a Peer Review for accuracy prior to publication.**

Some of the skills need are as below:

1. Must be computer literate in Microsoft Word (other software may evolve if we change newsletter application)
2. Must be able to access and employ the Internet for mail services
3. Must be willing to work with the membership to meet the changing needs of the organization.

Deadlines for newsletter input for the remaining of this year are as follows:

- August 24 - deadline for September newsletter
- September 21 – deadline for October newsletter
- October 20 – deadline for any December event notifications/reservations
- Nov 16 – final information for Holiday party reservations

So, if you might be interested in volunteering, let's talk. We will be at the Log Cabin next week and at the picnic at the end of the month. Hope to see you then...

Enjoy every day!

Karen



Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom

<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Lew & Cherie Hylton	Syracuse	1994 Red	John Piston
Rod & Marsha Brewer	Horseheads	2003 Silver	Gail Wagner

August Events

Sunday, August 14 - Oswego County Airport & Breakfast

Steve Bollenbacher

We will meet at Great Northern Mall in the movie theater area (in the back) at 9am, then drive 1/2 hour to the airport in Fulton. We will display our cars in the ramp area until 11am or so. There are free airplane rides for kids 8 - 17 years old, depending on weather and pilot availability.



Oswego County Airport

40 Airport Drive Fulton, NY 13069
phone: 315-591-9130 fax: 315-591-9131
Bruce Bisbo, Manager



If breakfast isn't your thing, there will be a optional 1/2 hour drive to Rudy's/Bev's on the Lake Ontario shoreline in Oswego.

Since these activities are best without rain, this will be a shine event (random showers might be okay).

Sunday, August 21 - Polo & Bob's BBQ

Chuck Paul

POLO, EVERYONE. Sunday, August 21st will be our annual pilgrimage to the polo grounds in Skaneateles. We will meet at Bob's Barbecue, Route 281 I Little York.

Those attending will depart Bob's while others may pick up food to enjoy at the polo field. In either case, we will depart at 1:00 (A.I.S., M.R.) for a scenic drive to the polo field on Andrews Road in Skaneateles where we will tailgate and enjoy the beautiful view prior to the 3 p.m. match. We can't promise, but the past two years have included a personal visit from John Walsh of TV fame who is also a player and team owner.



Any questions, Chuck Paul at 315-673-4432 or cpaul@wcnr.com.

Sunday, August 28 - Northeast Classic Car Museum

John Pfleiderer



If you love Classic Cars than this is a drive you will want to be on! Our Club visited the Northeast Classic Car Museum a few years back and it's time to make a return visit to the largest Car Museum in the East and the home to the famous Staley collection. The museum has over 150 classic cars on display. So allow a few hours to wander through. We will be getting group admission rates – which will be \$8.00 per person. The Museum is located at 24 Rexford Street Norwich, NY

We will gather for a “top down” drive at 9:30 AM in the Mc Donald's parking lot at 877 State Route 13 in South Cortland NY. (**not the Mc Ds off Rt 81**). From there we will caravan south

into the Dryden area for a drive through the countryside on State and County roads to Norwich. The drive will last about 1 ½ hours. Before taking off, we will have a quick Driver's meeting to review MMC caravan protocols and leave at 10:00 AM Sharp!

Arriving in Norwich, we will stop for lunch (or late breakfast) at the Park Place Restaurant (Home of the Chocolate Smoothie) at 7 Park Place Norwich. The restaurant is across from the Park and there should be parking available around the Park Place. Park Place has American Pub style food with a large menu. It should take about an hour or so to have our Lunch and the Museum is right up Broad St (10 minute drive) and we should be at the Museum by 1:00 PM. You are free to tour the museum at your leisure or we can arrange for guided tours. No caravan is planned for the trip home. For more information about the Museum – visit www.classiccarmuseum.org

So please let your Area Representative know that you are coming on this run so we can assure our group ticket prices, guided tours (please let us know you want a guided tour) and restaurant accommodations. Please RSVP by August 21st. Thanks!

July Event Reports

Montrose PA Parade

Del & Virginia Austin



The 4th of July parade in Montrose Pa 2016 saw 18 Mid-State Miata Club car's turn out for this long time club function. Members from as far away as Ithaca, NY, Cortland, NY, Deposit, NY, Meshoppen, PA and members from own Binghamton area group attended the parade! The weather was hot and sunny, and had everyone looking for shade! Our staging area changed after we met at the Montrose McDonalds.

This year we were set to be at the rear of the parade so we could let the lady passengers off at the village green to see the vendor and food area. We were to spend about one and one half hours in the village to see what we most of the past year's drove right by. Many craft vendors and food vendors are in the village green area, along with the famous Montrose Fireman's chicken barbeque. And one has to stop a buy several dozen of the church's Welsh cookies, they are GREAT!

This year we parked all 18 club Miatas on Main Street for a display of the parade cars. The Miata's owned Main Street for about an hour. We then had Skip and Mary Ann Jorgenson led the Miata's out of town for a short ride to Cool Cow's ice cream for their famous ice cream. We departed Cool Cow with 14 Miata's for a great country road ride to Lake Carey, PA with Bob & Jo Gingell taking the point, and our car in the middle, and Skip and Mary Ann on the tail. Bob Gingell did several nice Le Mans stop and starts with the group in tow. The group stayed together well, and Bob took the group for a nice ride around Lake Carey PA. We took PA 92 over to Nicholson, PA then onto I-81 were most of the group headed home.

It was a great Miata day, and with a few exceptions all went well and everyone has a safe and enjoyable Miata 4th. of July. Thank you all who showed up!

Rudy's July 16th Event

Chuck Rischenole & John Gingerich

It was a perfect day for a ride as 10 cars left from the Rochester starting point including the club's newest members

Tom & Maria Basciani and as always Kevin Smith. Kevin has been with us so often we are considering making him an honorary member of the Rochester Group. As for the ride itself sunshine, reasonable temperatures, and a gentle breeze and smooth roads with curves, hills, and dips. It just doesn't get any better than this.

With some Syracuse cars joining in at the pit stop in Wolcott, we continued on toward Rudy's in Oswego. Our route to Fair Haven took us through some rural roads in northeastern Wayne County – chosen partly to prove that Wall St. and Broadway exist in more than just the Big Apple; also to showcase the ups and downs of the drumlins that exist as a geological feature to the south of Lake Ontario. Included were deer sightings. After some delightful winding roads along Lake Ontario, we arrived at Rudy's, located on a beautiful spot right on the lake. It was a beautiful day to eat outside with a fabulous view.



Our trip returning from Oswego to Fair Haven took us on a different road through the Sterling Valley – Old State Rd. After going through the village of Red Creek, we connected to Westbury Rd. – a rural stretch which includes a four mile section with 15 fabulous turns. Now my private secret is out (it's only a few miles from my home)!

Following more rural roads and many farms, we arrived at Reese's Dairy Bar in Auburn. Again they greeted our club warmly, having especially made sherbet samplers for us in addition to all their great ice cream products. It was a great end to a beautiful weather day with a great group of people in wonderful Miatas!

June Event Report

EuroCar Show Event 2016

Bob Sabella

A total of seventeen Miatas participated in a show and tell at the MG's Car Club 13th annual EuroCar Show held at the Lorenzo State Park lawn in Cazenovia NY.



The weather was great for over 300 various European cars including TR's, MG's, Jaguar's, Maserati's, Morgan's and Austin Healey's to name a few of the popular models.

The Miata's on display drew many visitors who also owned Miatas. Club brochures were given out and it's possible the club will welcome some new members.

If you want to see a great array of new and vintage classic cars, mark your calendar for next year's event held in June on Father's Day.

Ice Cream Schedule



Syracuse Area:

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

August 11- Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius

August 25 - Vicki's Tasty Treat, 680 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool

September 8 - Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 So Main St, No Syracuse

September 22 - Carvel Ice Cream, 4322 E Genesee St, Dewitt (inside seating-

park in Tops Grocery lot)

October 13 - at 6:30 today Hafner's Garden Center, 7265 Buckley Rd, No Syracuse (inside seating)

Rochester Area:

Ice Cream nights will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month starting at 6 pm

August 9 Carey Lake 959 route 441 Walworth & LONG ACRE FARM 1339 Eddy Rd Macedon

August 23 Colby's route 15 & 251 Rush

September 13 Bill Gray's 1225 Jefferson Rd & READS 3130 E Henrietta Rd (route 15A)

Binghamton Area:

We will continue meeting for ice cream on the first Monday of the month at Pop's Sugarshack on Conklin Ave, Binghamton, 6:30 PM, beginning April 4, 2016, as we have in past years. (Questions: Joe Lamphere)

In addition we will have ice cream at the following:

August 24 - C & G Ice Cream, Rte. 17C, across from Crestview Heights, Endicott, NY

September 21 - Treasure Ice Cream & Cafe, 3017 Watson Blvd, Endwell, NY - Inside

Ithaca Area:

Ithaca, proudly "centrally isolated"! We are meeting 2016 monthly Ice Cream Night beginning in May 2016 on the **first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm**. 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 meets will be held at

Purity Ice Cream - 700 Cascadilla St. /Meadow St. (Route 13), Ithaca, NY.

July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5

We now have three sponsors for the Midstate Miata Club. They provide service and discounts to club members so pay them a visit



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**Midstate Miata Club
Schedule of Events
For the 2016 Driving Season**

Event	Leader
Sunday, August 7 - Corning Museum of Glass (CANCELLED)	Gail Wagner
Sunday, August 14 - Oswego County Airport & Breakfast	Steve Bollenbacher
Sunday, August 21 - Polo & Bob's BBQ	Chuck Paul
Sunday, August 28 - Northeast Classic Car Museum	John Pfeleiderer
Sunday, September 11 - Oz Ride (Mathilda Gage House, Oz Museum & lunch)	The Abbotts
Sunday, September 17 - Palmyra Parade	Chuck Rischenole
Sunday, September 25 - Bill Hodge Road Rally	Gary Schoonmaker
Saturday, October 8 - Honesdale, PA Harvest & Heritage Festival	Lou & Carol Trelease
Sunday, October 16 - Cornell Ornithology Lab & Trail Walk	Gail Wagner & Local Reps Drive
TBD, Tech Day & New Member Appreciation	Marcy Edmiston
Sunday, December 4 - Holiday Party	John & Elaine Piston