



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Looks like a nice day. Guess I'll put the top down. Not going to bother with the boot. One twist of the key and I hear the engine start with a deep purr. I snick the gear lever into reverse and back down the driveway.

Another quick flick into first and I'm are moving down my street. As I turn onto the main road out of my neighborhood I gave the car a little more throttle and we quickly get up to highway speed. Now. There is my favorite little section of local curves. I keep my speed up as I enter the first turn. Not crazy speed mind you, just enough to feel the front of the car take a set as the tires grip the pavement. As I enter the next turn the car transitions easily and follows the road with the competent grace I have come to expect when driving my Miata. Again, no squealing tires, no loose bits flying about the cabin, just enjoying the "oneness between horse and rider" as Mazda likes to say. I leave the curves and continue on my way. I wave at a MGB as we pass and think about how our cars are so much alike and yet so different when it comes to reliability.

I'm cruising near the river and I glance up to see an Osprey start a dive towards its prey. That was pretty neat. Glad I had the top down. As I turn again onto a busy four lane highway my Miata handles the stop and go traffic easily. Some little kids are looking out the back window of the car ahead. I pop up the headlights a couple of times and they laugh and point. I can't help but chuckle as well. There's my turn. I make the light and turn into Wegmans. Yup, this whole article was about a quick run to the grocery store. With a Miata, even the most mundane trips are fun. Wouldn't you agree?

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>
Dan & Hope Mayack	Oriskany NY	99GY	Denise Wargo

July Events

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

Jay Cartini



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

- **July 8, 7:00pm Carvel DeWitt, park in the P&C parking lot**
- **July 22, 7:00pm Heids of Liverpool**

Wednesday, July 7, Log Cabin Drive In

Jim Reisdorf

Jim Reisdorf will meet all Miata's coming from the East at the motel across from Exit 43 (Palmyra/Manchester) at 4:30 PM. We will then drive to the Log Cabin.

Please let your area rep know if you will be attending as parking is always an issue. This is a sunshine event. I will contact Jay Cartini if it is cancelled. A rain date will be in the August newsletter



Sunday, July 11, Polo

Ed & Lanne Keller

It's time for Polo again! On Sunday July 11 we will be meeting in Tully at the "Burger King" on the corner of Rte 80 and 11A. We'll meet there at 11:45, leaving time for coffee and a drivers meeting.



Plan on departing at 12:15. We will leave the parking lot with a left turn on Rte 80, go .1 miles and turn right on Rte 281. The caravan will continue on Rte 281 for 10.3 miles to the famous "Bob's Barbecue" for food pickup and a potty stop, arriving at 12:30.

At 1:00 we will get back on Rte 281 for 1.3 miles and turn right on Rte 41. We will then cruise Rte 41 for 25.2 miles all the way to Skaneateles, making a left turn at the light on Rte 20. We will go through the village and turn left on Rte 41A, going 1.0 miles and turn right at the Polo sign on Andrews Rd. Turn right into the Polo field which is .6 miles on your right. If you go directly to Polo, save some shade!

We will be arriving at the Polo field At 2:00 to give us enough time for a nice picnic lunch before the match starts at 3:00.



welcome.

Details on the event will be forthcoming in time for your planning purposes

Sweet Inspirations Drive-in puts on a "Cruise Night" each Saturday from 4 pm to 9 pm during the summer. Many local custom car owners bring out their classic cars and hotrods for a fun evening of 50's and 60's music spun by a DJ and the camaraderie of other local custom car owners. "Sweets" has been a local favorite for these get-togethers for many years as the owner puts on several sock hops each year allowing the hot rodders to swarm in like bees coming home to the hive. The event has grown to the point that many owners have to park in the parking lot across the street as well. When it's time to head home, many a hotrodder leaves the obligatory patch of rubber on the highway in front of the drive-in, leaving the onlookers in a cloud of smoke. All classic and custom cars are

June Event Reports

J Don't Know Why, But They Love Us

Chuck Paul

Saturday, June 5th was forecast to be rainy with the chance of a thunderstorm, still 21 Miatas appeared for the Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade. I'm not sure what started the love affair with our little cars but the crowds truly seem to enjoy our participation. With members from the far west (Fairport) and the deep south (Vestal) we dazzled the crowd. Possibly the fondness had something to do with the pounds of candy which spewed from our interiors. In any event, the rain never appeared and everyone enjoyed the quiet shade in Marcellus Park. Several also enjoyed sausage sandwiches and chicken dinners.



Following our rest we set off on a 35 minute drive along scenic roadways. This year to avoid problems we added three club radios in an effort to guarantee that we all made it to the final stop. Unfortunately, with the hilly terrain and some amazing spread between front and back 15 cars made it as planned while 4 others took a scenic ride of their own. My error led to all of us missing 13 curves for which I apologize....next year. All was well once we arrived at Sweetie's where the owner awaited with homemade pies and ice cream. What flavor ice cream goes with Blackberry/Rhubarb pie?

Thanks to all who participated.

Etc.

Planning For An Event

Jay Cartini/Deane Bergstrom

Midstate Miata Club events require a fair amount of planning to be successful. The event coordinator should specify a backup coordinator, the name of the event, and the date of the event. Normally these are satisfied in the request for newsletter inputs. The coordinator should specify meeting times and places, drive details, eating plans, members attending (as per the area reps), and any other pertinent details.

Here is the checklist:

- 1 - Prepare directions and “dry” run route. Remember to add time for caravanning and potty stops. Potty stops should be scouted out in advance and be no more than 1 ½ hours apart. **(This should be done 4 weeks prior to the event.)**
- 2 - Scout out “food” locations and initiate contact with the management. **(Preliminary reservations should be made 4 weeks prior to the event with a follow up 2 weeks prior, and the week of with final numbers.)**
- 3 - Get event information to the newsletter editor so that it can be published the month of your event.
- 4 - Get details to the area reps no later than **2 weeks** before the event.
- 5 - Call/email area reps **1 week** prior to event for final head count.
- 6 - Make final reservations with restaurant and with any special event.
- 7 - Complete any “special” requirements of the event.
- 8 - Make copies of directions and maps if applicable for the event. (At least 7, one for you, 5 for the holders of the club radios, and 1 for inclusion in the Club Scrapbook.)
- 9 - Supply all necessary information to the Activities Chairman, Jay Cartini (i.e., me) in the event of a last minute emergency that will keep you from attending.
- 10 - Coordinate who will be writing up the review for inclusion in the newsletter.
- 11-Give event planning sheet and any directions and maps to the club historian, Bob Sabella, for inclusion in the scrapbook.

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

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2010

President: Tom Cavanaugh

Vice President and Activities Chairperson: Jay Cartini

Communications Manager and Newsletter Editor: Deane Bergstrom

Treasurer: Lee Maddy

Membership & History: Bob Sabella