



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Well summer has arrived, and so far this year has been a combination of either gloomy overcast days, or hot sunny days with pop-up crazy winds and pouring rain storms. I hope that you have been able to get your cars out to enjoy those nice days we have had so far. It seems to me that the best weather has been during the week, never on weekends, so I envy all you lucky retirees.

In past newsletters, I have spoken about the planning meeting, and how we try our best to plan out the events for the year. It seems to me that in the past few years it has become more difficult to keep to the original schedule that we set at the planning meeting. Due to unforeseen circumstances, sometimes events do get cancelled or dates need to change. This concern was raised last year, and at this year's planning meeting a new policy was enacted, stating that "all date changes or cancellations to scheduled events, require notification to a board member, so that the board may take appropriate action immediately by approving the change or cancellation, and/or attempt to substitute an alternative event in its place". By doing so, the full membership can be informed promptly and consistently in the most appropriate manner possible (i.e. newsletter, website, email, or area rep notification).

We always hope to have a Miata event on the day(s) scheduled at the planning meeting. Many members mark their calendars to save the date(s) so they can attend. So, if a leader cannot have their scheduled event on the date listed in the established calendar, contacting the board will see if the leader wants to re-schedule their event or substitute a different activity on the same day, or if the board can insert an alternative drive or activity on that date in the calendar. So, you may be asking yourself "why is Lee telling me this?" It's because for those of you that may be concerned over changes that have occurred already, I want to let you know "as a heads-up" there are some more upcoming changes to be expected. So, please keep checking your newsletter, and the website for updates that may occur. We will try to do our best to keep you informed and make sure the year is full of fun events, which you will want to attend. A cancelled event should not necessarily be a cancelled day.

For example, we have some weekends in July coming up without events, so after a discussion with Tom Cavanaugh, he has graciously agreed to help me add a new event this month, a favorite for many, a drive to Rudy's in Oswego. Please see the body of the newsletter for details, I hope you can attend.

LEE Maddy

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Donald Spicer	Mexico, NY	92 Blue	Bob Sabella

July Events

Midstate Miata Ice Cream Meets



Syracuse - For the month of July we will be visiting for your culinary delight.....

July 13, 7:00pm, Big Dip, Main Street, North Syracuse

July 27, 7:00pm, Kimberly's, 8240 rte 92, Manlius

Rochester – **12 July**, Gullace's, 4 Elm Street, Bloomfield

26 July, The Chill & Grill, 616 East Main Street, Palmyra

Binghamton - We will be having our first of the month ice cream night on Tuesday **July 5th** at Lickity Split Ice Cream store in Vestal, next to the M&T Bank at 6:30 PM. After the ice cream we will go to Gazebo in the park for a concert with Tony Alduino's daughter performing.

Monday July 4, Montrose Parade

Joe Lamphere



MMC has been ask again this year to participate in the July 4th Parade in Montrose PA As you all know we have been invited back to the Montrose July 4th Parade. We will meet the morning of the 4th at the Vestal Library parking lot, at 7:30 AM, and leave at 8:00 AM to caravan to Montrose. We will have breakfast at Miss Penney's Restaurant.

Candy throwing is discouraged due to the safety concerns involving small children. Now you have two choices, you can join us for the caravan and breakfast or you can drive directly to Montrose and join us at the lot next to McDonalds on Grow Ave at 10:00 AM. If you have any questions feel free to contact Randy Wike or myself and we will try to give you answers.

Sunday July 10th, Rudy's Lakeside

Lee Maddy/Tom Cavanaugh

Want to enjoy a nice drive and casual dining along the shores of Lake Ontario? Known for great fish fry and Texas hot dogs, come join us for a caravan up to Rudy's in Oswego. This family owned and operated seasonal restaurant is a club favorite, with a fabulous view of the lake. Just don't feed the seagulls. To find out more about Rudy's, check out their website at www.rudyshot.com. **This is a non rain event, so hope for good weather.** Area Reps, please contact your members to let them know about this new event, however no head count is required. This will be a casual event. Any members who are interested should just show up. Meeting spot: Great Northern Mall parking lot (near Dicks Sporting Goods) at 1 PM (Cicero intersection of Rts. 481 and 31)



Sunday, July 17, It's a Mystery !!!

Chuck Paul



Is your life getting a little too predictable? Looking for a little mystery?

Join us Sunday, July 10th for a mystery drive and brunch. We're not saying where we'll go or where we'll end. We'll depart Arby's in Weedsport (1/4 mile south of Exit 40 at the intersection of Routes 31 and 34) **promptly** at 10:40 for a 45 minute drive which will end at a gourmet dining spot for brunch. It is not the largest brunch buffet but the quality surpasses just about all similar offerings.

Still with us? The cost, including tax and tip, is \$30 per person. I know that's a lot, but when you see the quality you'll understand why.

The only catch...we need a guaranteed count by July 1st. We have a limited number of spots. Please e-mail cpaul@twcnny.rr.com or call 315 673-4432.

Wednesday, July 20, 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, July 24, Polo With MG Car Club

Ed & Layne Keller

It is time for Polo again, seems like this is a club staple. This year the "MG Car Club" will be joining us.



On Sunday July 24th we will be meeting at 12:00 in Tully at the "Burger King" on the corner of Rte. 80 and Rte. 81. There will be Time for coffee, a potty stop, and a drivers meeting with a departure time of 12:30.

We will take a left turn out of the parking lot and a right turn on Rte. 281 for 10.3 miles to the famous "bob's Barbecue" for those who want to pick up food for the "polo match". We should be at "Bob's" from 12:45 to 1:15 or so.

Departing at 1:15 we will leave the parking lot with a left turn on Rte. 281 and go 1.3 miles and turn right on Rte. 41 continuing to the end of Skaneateles Lake where we will cross over to Rte. 41A and continue to Andrews Rd., we will turn left on Andrews Rd. and go .6 miles to the Polo Field on the right. (there is a \$ 2:00 fee per car for Polo)

We will be arriving at the Polo Field at 2:00 to give us enough time for visiting and a picnic lunch before the Polo Match starts at 3:00 and ends at 5:00.

This is a good weather event only event and will be canceled if it rains.

May Event Report

Wine & Waterfalls Tour 2

Ray Mosher

Thanks go out to the 21 cars (and their co/drivers) that joined together for at least part of the tour, especially the 4 that finished the trip to enjoy the falls and some cold ones in Honeoye Falls. The whole trip included 6 waterfalls (short walks to 3 of them), a pit/wine stop at Glenora Winery, an extended lunch at Bully Hill, and some winding back roads with views of 3 of the Finger Lakes. We managed to dodge the rain showers to run topless for most of the day. Your feedback is welcomed to help formulate W&W III.

June Event Report

Marcellus Parade

Chuck Paul

Don't Believe Everything You See on Radar!! Saturday, June 4th, started dreary and went downhill from there. At 12:30 four cars headed east from Rochester reported heavy rain. Rochester weather tends to arrive in Central New York in about two hours so a check of good old Doppler radar was in order.

From Buffalo to Syracuse there were indications of moderate to heavy rain that would be around for the rest of the afternoon. The decision was made to cancel the four Rochester cars who are always up for a parade as it appeared that the light shower happening at 1:00 would only worsen and there was no chance of a parade at 3:00.

With grim anticipation we approached the gathering spot at 2:30 just as the rain stopped. To my amazement there were cars from Rome and Binghamton and points in between. A total of 19 cars (that's right math majors, with the four from Rochester we would have had an all time high of 23) looked impressive and received much acclaim with weather that was perfect for a parade..

Following the parade, a 50 minute curvy ride ended at Sweetie's (all the ones who left the park made it this time) and enjoyed lots of pie and ice cream. For some of the newest members this was their first outing with the club and they vowed to return for many more.

Upcoming Events

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

We will drive to Cornell Plantations and eat lunch. Please bring your own picnic basket and beverages to enjoy lunch on the grounds. 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

Etc.

Replacement Parts

Chuck Rischenole

Before you head to the dealer or a local parts store the next time you need to replace something major on your car check with "usapartsconnection.com"

Unfortunately I found their web site after purchasing a new ignition coil, exhaust manifold, and the front catalytic converter through the dealer for \$1600.00. Lucky me, my car has a California emission system which translates to two catalytic converters in the system one at the exhaust manifold and another in the exhaust pipe. Getting back to usapartsconnection. they carry OEM parts for Miata's and eight other makes of cars. Their price for the same items was \$1070. Everything they sell is average of 25 -30% off list price and free shipping with orders over \$100.00 Keep them in mind the next time you need to replace something.

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

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