



Midstate Miata Club of New York

“Miata Meanderings”

Official Newsletter for July 2013
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President's Message



Well, we finally strung 2 sunny days together this week! Small miracle I think. Too bad it wasn't on Father's Day. (Hope all you Dad's and Granddad's had a great day anyway.) I know we'll get some better weather soon, hopefully before we start to shovel snow again. I guess that's how we can look at the rain...we don't have to shovel it!

I have a couple new things this month that I hope you'll find interesting. First, we have adopted some guidelines for the Sunshine Club that we're ready to share. Please help us stay in touch with our members should the need arise to send a remembrance to someone. If possible, let us know if we can share the circumstances with other members or if we should just send an acknowledgement and keep the 'news' confidential. The guidelines will be a separate attachment along with this month's newsletter. Thanks.

Guest disclaimer forms – in order to 'shore up' our liability coverage I'd like to implement a new form for non-members/guests to sign before an event. Once signed, the Event Coordinator should send the form back to me for filing, please. It is very similar to the statement on our membership applications, but will help cover us for guests. This form will also be included as a separate attachment this month and will reside on our website when you need more. This is pretty important so please try to remember to keep some in your glove box if you are hosting any events.

Christmas party committee – we currently have 2 volunteers from Rochester to form our party committee for this year. I'd like 2 from each area if possible. If we don't get working on this very soon we'll be in jeopardy for getting a great location for the party. We'd like to have a central location to increase our attendance. Members should send their names to their Area Reps by **June 26th** and they will let me know who is interested by **June 27th**. I'll coordinate a 'meeting' ASAP. We'll likely use email extensively and meet maybe once unless all the committee is at a planned event. If you want to send suggested locations/venues but don't want to be part of the committee, feel free to send your ideas to me.

Finally, we have several new members to our club. I hope to see them at some of the fun upcoming events. July has a great schedule.....Zoom, Zoom as much as you can. Remember, nobody has time; we have to make time to have fun.

Karen McKissock

Miataude, July, 2013

Jay Cartini

OK so what exactly happened? We start off March and April with the weather teasing us as to what's to come, then, May's weather is the best in years.....then, the other shoe drops and June turns into the rainy season. Great.

We all have milestones in life. Last week I hit a big one, times 2. No, it wasn't running a 4 minute mile (I do it in 3 ½), hitting a hole-in-one (every time I play), or sinking a ½ court shot (I do it blindfolded most of the time). Nope, nothing as exciting as that. Instead, it is was more like a kick between the legs. The twins each passed their drivers test on the 1st try. Yeah, I'm not all that happy. I thought approaching the driving instructor with the promise of "free ice cream for the year" would do the trick.....I was wrong.....damn it!

I've noticed more and more Miata's out on the road. This is good. I guess being the most popular selling sports car in history there will be quite a few sightings on a regular basis. Everyone should have a couple of club brochures in their glove box to hand out when one of these "nonaffiliated" Miata's are sighted.

I know a lot of people go get the oil changed at the dealer or their favorite garage. I'm guilty of that on the vehicles that are still under warranty (and still receiving free oil changes). But I really don't mind doing the Miata myself. Where else can I hide in the garage, not be bothered because the hood is up and the jack is out, for hours on end.....and when I'm interrupted if I shoot out a quick reply of "can't you see I'm changing the oil? What could you possibly want right now?" seems to keep them at bay. Lisa finally asked, why does it take one of those places 20 minutes to change the oil and it seems to take you all day. Couldn't you be using this time to paint the kitchen?.....Busted, I'm still working on a response to this one.

OK that's all for now, just remember, *blue is better!!!*

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
David & Nancy King	Penfield	12 Blue	Steve Stewart
Tom & Liz Price	Clay	09 Touring Red	Denise Wargo
Bob & Mary Watt	Livonia	07 Stormy Blue Met.	Steve Stewart
Tom & Julie Peck	Syracuse	Black	Denise Wargo
Bill & Kit Atkinson	Skaneateles	13 Dolphin Gray	Karen Abbott

Ice Cream Schedule



Syracuse Area Ice Cream

Miriam White & Karen Abbott

All ice creams are on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, except for May 9th which will be at 6:30 PM:

July 11 – **Big Dip**, 216 N. Main Street, North Syracuse

July 25 – **Vicki's Tasty Treat**, 680 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool

August 8 – **Sno Top**, 315 Fayette St, Manlius

August 22 – **Plank Road Ice Cream**, 449 S. Main St, North Syracuse

September 12 – **Skaneateles Drive In**, 1659 US Route 20 East, Skaneateles (inside seating)

September 26 – **Gannons Isle**, 1525 Valley Drive, Syracuse (inside seating)

October 10 – **Kimberly's Ice Cream**, 8240 Cazenovia Rd, Manlius (inside seating)

Rochester Area Ice Cream

Steve Stewart

7/9/2013, **Krony's**, 500 Hamlin-Clarkson Rd. (Rte.19), Hamlin, food in-house.

7/23/2013, **Bruster's**, 1041 Ridge Rd., Webster, food at Bill Grays, 941 Hard Rd.

8/13/2013, **Abbotts**, Rte.96, Bushnell Basin, food at Tom Wahl's, Hitching Post Plaza Rte.96

8/27/2013, **Muir House**, Water Front, Canandaigua, food at Charlie Reidel's, Rte.5 & 20

9/10/2013, **Papa Jack's**, 261 W.Main St. (Rte.96), Victor, food at Papa Jack's Grill next door.

9/24/2013, **Reads**, 3130 E. Henrietta Rd. (Rte.15A), Henrietta, food at Bill Grays, 1225 Jefferson Rd. (Rte. 252)

Binghamton Area Ice Cream

Joe Lamphere

We will have ice cream the first Monday of each month throughout the driving season (except for Labor Day) beginning April 1, 2013 and Pop' Sugar Shack on Conklin Road in Binghamton an 6:30 PM Other ice cream nights will be set up as members see fit.

July Events

July 4, Thursday, Montrose PA Parade

Joe Lamphere

The annual 4th of July Parade will be held in Montrose, PA, and again we have been ask to participate. This is a chance to show off your Miata before a multitude of people.



The parade begins at 11:00 AM Thursday July 4th. We will meet at our staging area at 10:15 AM. The staging area is in a vacant lot just east to McDonalds Golden Arches on Grow Street (Rt. 706/167). We will also have a caravan leaving from the Vestal Library parking lot on Rt. 434 at 9:15 AM.

The recommended directions to Montrose: Take I-81S to the New Milford exit 223. Follow the signs pointing to Montrose. Go left on 492, left on Rt.11S, then right on 706W to Montrose. Rt.706W will take you right by our staging area on the left before McDonalds and across the street from Jackson-Hewitt Tax Service.

After the parade we will regroup and Harry Frisbie will take us on a breathtaking drive through the Pennsylvania countryside, stopping for an appetizing lunch. I think that we might get Harry to stop for some ice cream on our way home. All in all it should be a fun day, as it has been in past years.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at 607 754-3159 or jlampere@stny.rr.com.

July 14, Sunday, Breakfast with Santa and Ride Along Oatka Trail

Gary Perkins

Breakfast with Santa and ride along Oatka Trail - July 14th Breakfast with Santa is an annual event at the Genesee Country Campground. The campground is located at 40 Flint Hill Road in Caledonia. GPS is 42 59.166 N, 77 54.156 W. (Some GPS's might want to use Leroy instead of Caledonia.) Flint Hill Rd. is approximately 2 ½ miles west of Caledonia on north side of US 20. Breakfast for our group is at 9:00AM. Cost is \$4.00 per person and includes eggs, toast, sausage or bacon, pancakes, juice and coffee.



Following breakfast there will be an approximately 60 mile ride on some interesting back roads. **We will need to know who will be attending by July 10th**

Sunday, July 21, Norwich Classic Car Museum & Lunch

Bob Sabella & Lee Maddy



Sunday, July 21st, the club will tour the Northeast Classic Car Museum located in Norwich, NY. Many changes have occurred since our last visit there in August, 2006. They have added two buildings, and now, display over 175 classic cars. In addition, this summer a feature selection of "Woody Wagons" is added to the Pre War, Franklin's, and cars made in New York State displays. For more information about the museum visit www.classiccarmuseum.org

After the tour, lunch will be on your own. We recommend two local restaurants, at the north end of town on Rt. 12, is Bill's Diner, open seating and plenty of parking. On the south end of town, on Rt.12, is Gus's Steak House, also open seating and ample parking.

We will meet at 9:00 AM will depart at 9:20 AM from the Scotch & Sirloin Restaurant located in Shoppingtown DeWitt, Erie Blvd East, (the same mall as the Pancake Breakfast Event) The Southern Group can meet up a 11:00 AM at the Museum in Norwich, 24 Rexford St. (Rt. 23). There is an \$8.00 per person admission charge, cash or CC. (please do not buy tickets until the whole group arrives as we may be eligible for a group discount) Area Reps, Bob Sabella will need a head count by July17th so arrangements can be made for tour guides.

Ad Hoc Event, Jul 27-29. Miatas at the Gap

Ray Mosher

This is the largest annual gathering of Miatas (400 Miatas!) in the country held at Deals Gap/Fontana NC (near Smokey Mountains National Park). There will be vendors, free food, beer swaps, drives to area attractions (both natural and man-made), and of course... great roads, great people and great cars! Vendors will be set up at Fontana with their wares for sale, show and shine will be just about everywhere there is to park and a few places in between.

There will be drives to different locations, including Wayah Road, the Cherohala Skyway, Waterfall Tours, Fat Buddies BBQ in Franklin, and of course, The Tail of the Dragon! TAIL OF THE DRAGON AT DEALS GAP, with 318 curves in 11 miles, is America's number one motorcycle and sports car road.

The nearby CHEROHALA SKYWAY is quickly becoming number two with its remote 60 miles of scenic mountain highway. The area also has other incredible roads like the MOONSHINER 28, DEVILS TRIANGLE, THE DIAMONDBACK, SIX GAP NORTH GEORGIA, THE SNAKE and GREAT FOREST SERVICE DUAL SPORT RIDING. *There is no registration, but accommodations need to be reserved – soon. Lodgings fill up quickly and if they're already full, ask about a waiting list. Event details are at <http://www.gapmiatas.com/links.html>. Dragon details at tailofthedragon.com. The Moshers are planning to attend.*



Upcoming Events

August 3, Belhurst Castle & Winery ride and Brunch

Linda & Steve Stewart



Planned is a drive to and gourmet brunch at the historic Belhurst Castle in Geneva N.Y. on Saturday August 3rd at 12:00 A.M. The ride will start at 10:00 A.M. from the Hampton Inn / McDonald's on Rte. 96 in Victor just north of the Thruway entrance. Cost including tax and gratuity is \$25.04 per

person. Cost covers all food, non-alcoholic drinks and either a complimentary Bloody Mary or Mimosas. Individual checks will be given out so no up-front money will be required.

The brunch will be limited to the first **40 people** to signup. We will need name with number of persons planning on attending. We will also keep if, necessary, a waiting list by signup date. We will confirm back to you your status as you sign-up.

If there is a last minute cancelation we will contact first person on waiting list and so on. We need firm commitment no later than Friday July 26th. For those who do not wish to do the drive you will need to be at Belhurst Castle by 11:45 A.M.

This is a rain or shine event. Please contact me directly at and send copy to your area rep: oldracerstew@frontiernet.net.

June Event Reports

Saturday, June 1, Marcellus Parade

Chuck Paul

OH YE OF LITTLE FAITH -Diehard Miata people know that you just can't believe everything the weatherman says. On Saturday, June 1st the forecast was for afternoon showers and thunderstorms. A few took them at their word, stayed home and missed a picture perfect summer day in Marcellus.

28 cars (down from last years 31) paraded, threw candy near, and sometimes at, little parade watchers. Trees on a portion of the route offered some shade from the 90 degree heat. Upon arriving at the park most dined on chicken or sausage before setting off on a 45 minute ride over hill and dale ending at Sweeties for pie and ice cream treats.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and thanks to Pres. Karen and VP Jay with their club radios there were no lost souls.

See you next year.....first Saturday in June.

Schedule of Events for the 2013 Driving Season

Sunday, August 3

Belhurst Castle Ride & Brunch

Scenic ride to Geneva for a gourmet brunch in an old castle. Great new winery onsite for gifts and your wine cellars. Priced around \$25 per person plus tax/gratuity. Check out www.belhurst.com

Event Leader: Steve Stewart

Sunday, August 25

Polo Match

Where else can you watch horses run and not lose your bet? A scenic drive, great barbecue, and hotly contested polo all on Sunday, August 25th. Join us for a day of polo with the Skaneateles Polo Club. Informal picnic on the grass, fresh air, beautiful scenery and a fun annual event.

Event Leader: Chuck Paul

Sunday, September 15

Run For the Colors

This is an annual event that is put on by OASIS Adaptive Sports organization to help disabled veterans participate in outdoor sports as part of rehab. It's about an 80 mile ride near Honeoye with a BBQ at the end.

Event Leader: Chuck Rischenole

Sunday, September 29

Road Rally

Event Leaders: Coleen Welch (with help from Tom Cavanaugh)

Saturday, October 5

Massachusetts Club Finger Lakes Meet at Watkins Glen

Event Leaders: Lee Maddy & Miriam White

TBD

Holiday Party

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