



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Hello everyone, in a little over two years Mazda will be releasing the next generation of Mazda Miata. As you can imagine, Mazda is holding their cards pretty close to the vest when it comes to letting out any information about the new ND. But rumors have been floating on the internet. Here are some of the rumors that keep recurring and may have a grain of truth.

First rumor and most credible, the new Miata will have a direct injected engine. These engines have very high compression ratios, very high horsepower for their size, and return excellent fuel mileage. News around the 'net have the new Miata at 180hp returning 30-40 mpg on regular gas.

Second rumor, the new Miata will have a optional Dual Clutch Transmission. This transmission is a manual transmission with no clutch pedal, electronically shifting faster than can be done by human input. Currently, only high price sport cars such as Ferrari and Porsche use this transmission.

Third rumor, the new Miata will get a major weight reduction returning to its original svelte 2100lbs using high tensile steel for chassis strength in lieu of standard bracing.

The fourth rumor, and probably least credible, the new Miata styling will have sharper creases than previous generations. No more jelly bean look. But really, no one knows at this point what the car will look like. Mazda always holds as it's dearest secret what the new car will look like until the very last minute.

Now, if you add it up, we have a sports car that will weigh 2100lbs powered by a engine producing 180hp on regular gas. This would mean performance numbers of 0 to 60 in 6 seconds and a quarter mile time in the low 14 second range. This would be considered muscle car numbers just few short years ago. The most amazing number? The new Miata will do all this while returning 30-40 mpg. If the new Miata equipped *as rumored* sells in the current price range, then I think Mazda will have another huge hit on their hands. Certainly, the Miata will pick up a whole new generation of enthusiasts.

But what about you, the current owner? Would you trade in your faithful Miata for a car that will be quite a bit faster? Or would you stay with the car that has provided so much fun in the past. That's something we can talk about the next time we meet for ice cream. Until then.....

When life throws you a curve, hit the apex.

Tom C.



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June Events

Saturday, June 5, Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade

Chuck Paul



It's that time of year again.....the Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade kicks off at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th. As in the past we will gather at the Sunoco Mini-Mart at the corner of Route 175 (Lee – Mulroy Rd.) and Pleasant Valley Rd. around 2:45.

For those who have never attended.....it's a surprisingly large parade and even more surprisingly large crowd of spectators. The 20 or so Miatas that have become a part of the tradition always receive a warm welcome, possibly due to the numerous pounds of candy we throw (our club should be sponsored by the three local dentists). It's fun, takes about 45 minutes and ends at beautiful Marcellus Park where we will have dedicated parking. We will pause there for about 45 minutes to give anyone who wants to indulge, time for a sausage sandwich or chicken dinner. Then we'll depart for a scenic ride, no doubt including some curves, ending at Sweetie's for homemade pie and ice cream. I will even bow to the use of club radios so we all arrive together.

While an exact count is not required it would be great to hear from anyone planning to attend. An e-mail to cpaul@twcny.rr.com works best but a phone call to 315 673-4432 will work also. The afternoon of the parade I will turn on my cell phone (an infrequent event) for any lost souls or weather questions. That number is (315) 378-6018.

Saturday, June 12, Auburn Founders Day, Seward House

Em & Morgan Boyce

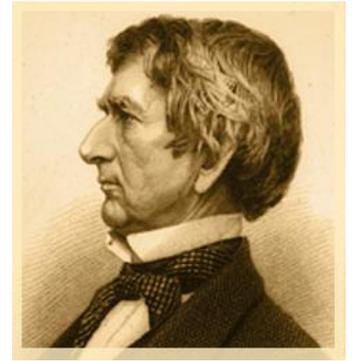
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Welcome! We invite you to visit Seward House Museum, the historic home of William H. Seward and his family. Our knowledgeable staff is on-hand to provide guided tours, or to help you navigate the many fascinating aspects of this beautifully preserved home. Enjoy masterpieces of American art and special exhibitions in both the historic house and the museum's gardens.

As of the publication date for this newsletter details on the Founder's Day event are not available. Everyone will be notified through the area reps when they become available.

Welcome to Founder's Day 2010. This year, Founders Day is celebrating Auburn as the "The Birthplace of Talking Movies". The City of Auburn is credited as the

“birthplace” of talking movies primarily due to the efforts of scientist and entrepreneur Theodore W. Case. His work changed the film industry and led to the creation of the Fox-Case Corporation, Movietone News, and Fox Films, which would become 20th Century Fox.



Founders Day will celebrate 50 years of Alaskan statehood. Alaska and Auburn are linked through William H. Seward, who lived much of his adult life in Auburn and was secretary of state under Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson. Seward negotiated the deal with Russia in which the U.S. bought Alaska on March 30, 1867, for \$7.2 million.

Sunday, June 27, Muckdogs Baseball & Tailgate Party

Karen McKissock



Join us for a fun day of old fashioned baseball with the farm team for the St. Louis Cardinals and a tailgate party before the game (1:05 start time). We'll meet at the Log Cabin in Macedon at 9:00AM for a quick 'pit stop' and then off to a leisurely 80 mile drive to Batavia (route compliments of Chuck Rischenole). The plans aren't firmed up about lunch yet, but a possibility is a box lunch from the Log Cabin to make it easy for everyone since our trunks can't port grills. They will hold beverages, some chairs for the parking lot prior to the game, and snacks to share so this may be the ultimate plan. Emails will be forthcoming with the final plan and cost for

lunch. If you're interested in joining us please let your area Reps know and I'll coordinate a count and caravan plans with them as it gets closer. Hope to see you all there. The Log Cabin is at 2445 West Walworth Road in Macedon.

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

Jay Cartini



For the month of June we will mix things up a bit and the times will return to 7:00PM.....

- **June 10**, 7:00pm Gannons, in the Valley section of Syracuse
- **June 24**, 7:00pm Sno Top, by the swan pond in Manlius

Event Reports

Racing with a Show and (no)Shine

Jay Cartini



OK, so the first event of the year didn't turn out as great as expected. The weather was threatening all day, and perhaps it rained, ok, poured, where you were, and if you believed the weather guru's, I can understand why you shied away from coming out and playing.....

BUT, we were rain free until almost the end of racing. 69 competitors took to the track at the NYS Fairgrounds. We were broken into 3 run groups, and were treated to 5 runs each. It wasn't until we had about 15 minutes of racing left that the sprinkles began. All in all, a great racing day.

After racing and awards those that did venture out headed on over to Quaker Steak & Lube. There we met up with other club members and had a nice dinner and conversation. There was one major disappointment though, no one had the courage to try the atomic wings. Oh well, I guess the only ones with courage are Norm, Denise and myself.....since we're the only ones to step up to the plate in the past (and I do have the sticker to prove it). Maybe next time.

Just remember, *blue is better!!*

Pancake Day and Dandelion Run

The heavy rain and high winds that were forecasted did not deter the ten Miatas and the hungry drivers and crew at the Dewitt Rotary Pancake Day. Judy Williams and the Rotarians put out lots of great food and there was a big crowd of local big shots, politicians and big eaters all day long.

The forecast was wrong. At noon the skies were sunny, the tops were down and we were off to enjoy some great roads. We ran up, down and back up Gulf Road, then the Falls Road (Route 13) past Chittenango Falls to Cazenovia, over some fun roads near Delphi, back down the Falls Road and over to Jay's Carvell in Dewitt. Tops were down all day and no rain. We got to drive fast on some challenging roads – a good start for the 2010 driving season. Zoom Zoom!!

Jim Williams



John Holtz Mazda & Letchworth State Park

Karen McKissock

Taking On Fuel For The Drive



dealership where we presented an impressive lineup of the finest Miata's around for miles! The dealership was more than impressed that we had a showing twice the size of their regular Porsche events and expressed

Can you believe 22 cars for an event in Rochester? I said 22 cars! Thanks to Tom Cavanaugh for picking up folks along the Thruway to bring 16 cars from our eastern membership. Ron met them at the Rochester exit and showed them the way to the John Holtz Mazda



Let's Go To Letchworth !!!

a couple ideas for future events (e.g. a chili run). After some conversation in the lineup we enjoyed a continental breakfast, compliments of Holtz, and got ready for our ride. Thanks to Jim Reisdorf and Chuck Rischenole for a creative route through Henrietta, Leicester, Avon and a landing in Geneseo for a great lunch at the Omega Grill. After eating and laughing too much we got back on the road to head to Letchworth State Park. Upon entering the park we took an 'on your own' approach to allow everyone to stop at points of their interest. There was a Civil War re-enactment at one area that captured several members. Many of us (mostly red cars) stopped at the Upper Falls for a look and then hit the trail again to meet most of the members at the Canyon Falls Ice Cream shop (Chuck's idea, no doubt) before heading to home or parts unknown. All in all, it was a great day and the weather cooperated to boot! Thanks to everyone for all their help making this a successful day we'll all remember.

Etc.

Trillium Car Club



The Trillium Car Club from Toronto, Canada visited Rome NY on May 21st for lunch at the Delta Lake Inn (deltalakeinn.com) on their way to Lake Placid. Lee Maddy and I assisted the visitors with directions and travel tips for their drive. I was able to join the 5 cars from the club at the Inn and led a caravan from there up Route 46 to the Frenchville Gorge where we enjoyed some twisties on our way to Route 12 North. I left them at Remsen and they continued on their way under sunny skies and great weather.

Deane Bergstrom

Delta Lake Inn



The reality is, we can't always be topless!!!

Jay Cartini



is what it's all about!

OK, so you buy a convertible and all you can think about is all the top down driving you'll be doing. The wind whipping thru your hair, the radio blasting, the engine roaring, the tires squealing, ooh yaaa, this

Then reality sets in, we live in central NY. So there are times that the top, begrudgingly, has to be up. Therefore top maintenance is a necessity. Since most of us have vinyl tops, this advice is for them. (Cloth tops have their own set of issues that need to be dealt with, and I'm trying to please the mass's here, sorry Bob).

So what do you do? Well, wash it. The car wash soap you use is fine, just make sure you rinse all the suds away. You'll also want to crack the top a bit every now and then by releasing the front latches and opening it a couple of inches, this will release the tension on the top and allow you to run a damp rag between the side of the top from behind one of the doors, below the zippered window, continuing to the other door. You'll be amazed at how much crud can accumulate in that crevice over time.

After the top is washed and dry you'll want to protect it. I'm a firm believer in 303 Aerospace Protectant. This is great stuff and works on rubber, vinyl, fiberglass, tires, plastic and leather. It puts a low sheen coating on whatever you apply it too. I've found that other products leave too glossy of a shine, especially on the interior, and seem to attract dust sooner rather than later. This seems to be a super product that the marine industry has known about for years. What that means is that it's tough to find outside of a marine supply store. It's also a little pricey, but does it really matter? I've been using the same 32oz bottle for the last few years now, so it does go a long way.

So be nice to your top, since you never know who might see you not naked.

Just remember, *blue is better!!!*

Schedule of Events for the 2010 Driving Season

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| 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 | Janet Calp, Andy & Denise Wargo |
| Sunday, August 15 | Canandaigua Lake Drive | Betty and Dave Simmons |
| Sunday, August 22 | Picnic | Tom Cavanaugh |
| Sunday, September 12 | Binghamton Museum, Carousel | Barb Hunsinger, Joe Lamphere |
| Sunday, September 25 | Seneca Lake Winery, Windmill Market | Don Lerario Betty & Dave Simmons |

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| Sunday, October 3 | Trenton Falls | Bev Greco, Deane Bergstrom |
| Sunday, October 17 | Road Rally | Karen Abbott |
| TBD | Japanese Car Show | Bob Sabella |
| December 4 | Holiday Party | Lee Maddy |

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