



Miata Meanderings

June, 2011

Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Last month I spoke of attending my first big Miata event in Toronto, and of being a part of a larger world wide Miata family and community. But closer to home, your Miata family starts with those in the club.

Our club has had many members throughout the years. Some people join the club, but never show up to an event; which is a shame because they don't know what they are missing. Sometimes people join, but are too busy to make most events, or find that other things like life get in the way. And unfortunately, some of our members have passed away, who we miss with great sadness, last year was more difficult than most.

But, there are also many devout members through the years which have been able to make the time in their lives to participate in the club, and take an active role. Through the years members have stepped up and served as board members, area reps, attended the planning meeting, and/or hosted an event. It's those of you that have done so, that really make the club. You know who you are, so give yourselves a pat on the back, and congratulate yourselves because it's you, the active members of the club, that really make the club what it is today.

As if the people in the club are not enough of a benefit, let me remind you of a few more. Recently you should have received your new membership card for this driving season. Show that card at Romano Mazda in Syracuse and receive a free oil change for any Mazda vehicle you own, not just your Miata.

Perhaps, your Miata needs a big overhaul? You can also get 10% off parts and labor at Burdick Mazda in North Syracuse. Be sure to show your card prior to service to make sure that you receive your discount.

Spring is now fully upon us, and the rain is bound to let up sometime soon, I hope! Already we have had a few great events, so in between the rain drops, and weekends packed with mowing lawns, try to join us for an event like a drive, or ice cream.

We have a lot of things scheduled so, check the calendar, and keep checking the newsletter and website for updates. Also if there is an impromptu event which you would like to put together yourself; we can help you get the word out to the members.

Lee Maddy

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
John & J. Jill Carpenter	Morrisville	08 Sport Gray	Denise Wargo
Jon Crisp	Pulaski	92 Black	Karen Abbott
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Ice Cream



Binghamton: June 6, 2011 at Pop's Sugar Shack at 6:30 PM

Syracuse: For the month of June we will be visiting for your culinary delight.....

- June 9, 7:00pm, Gelato, Main Street, North Syracuse
- June 23, 7:00pm, Carvel DeWitt, 4322 Genesee St, DeWitt

Rochester: 10-May, Orbackers, 4793 New York 104, Williamson
24-May, Minnehans in Lakeville (has go carts), 5601 Big Tree Rd, Lakeville

June Events

Saturday, June 4 Marcellus Parade

Chuck Paul

MIATAS, MORE MIATAS, EVEN MORE MIATAS -Yet again we have been invited to participate in the Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade on Saturday, June 4th. Last year there were 21 of us, our record is 22, and we're going to try for 25 this year. It really is impressive to see that many Miatas in parade formation pass by the cheering crowd. Not sure why, but the people love us!

We will meet at the rear of the Sunoco Mini-Mart at the corner of Lee-Mulroy Road (Route 175) and Pleasant Valley Road in Marcellus. It's not hard to find as the rest of the parade surrounds the parking lot. The parade starts (at least in theory) at 3 p.m. – suggest arrival by 2:45.

Once the parade ends (45 minutes + or -) at beautiful Marcellus Park, we'll take a 45 minute break to allow those who wish to enjoy a sausage sandwich or chicken dinner time to do so. The rest of us will enjoy the shade and relaxation of the park and then it's off on a scenic drive which, I promise, will include the infamous "13 curves" before ending at Sweetie's for homemade pie and ice cream. It doesn't get much better than this!

No need to call ahead but if you would like more information or just want to advise you'll be there....cpaul@twcny.rr.com or (315) 673-4432. Parade day, feel free to call (315) 378-6018

Sunday, June 12, Niagara Area

Karen McKissock



We're changing the plan for an overnight in Niagara Falls and spending a day in the Niagara area. We're sure you'll enjoy the alternative option and hope the date change will work for you even if we don't go into the city of Niagara Falls. If anyone wants to proceed on their own, I have a list of possible hotels to help with your planning.

On **Sunday, June 26th** we will meet at Eastview Mall in Victor (right off the Thruway exit #45) in front of Macy's at 9:00AM. When you exit the Thruway follow the signs to Rt. 96 and you'll want to go west (bear right after the exit and turn right on Rt. 96). The Mall is about 2 miles and will appear on your left. We'll leave by 9:15AM for a ride along Lake Ontario shoreline to a quaint village fishing harbor in Wilson. We'll have lunch at the Boat House restaurant overlooking the harbor. After lunch we'll take a short ride to Youngstown for a step back in time visit to Old Fort Niagara built in 1678 and then a ride around the village and waterfront. Of course we'll have an ice cream stop before starting a leisurely ride back to Rochester and the Syracuse area. Lunch will be in the \$20 per person range and admission to the Fort is \$10 per person. Depending on the number of people attending, we may order ahead. If so, I'll send instructions for where to send your checks. Stay tuned for an update.

Please respond to your Area Rep. by June 8th if you plan to join us for a scaled back trip to the west side.

I'm attaching a picture from the Fort below if you want to add it to the newsletter. Please let whoever is doing the website that they need to change the date on the calendar there as well.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thank you.
Karen

Go-Kart Racing

Jay Cartini

Get ready to prove just how good you can drive!!!!

OK, back after popular demand, the 2011 incarnation of the MMC Go Kart Challenge. We will be strapping (OK wedging) ourselves in to some of the fastest rental karts around.....

Feel the power, the thrill, the terror of driving a precision piece of equipment around the challenging Cherry Valley Go Kart Track in Lafayette NY.

Prices will be based on the amount of laps you end up doing. The bad part is the more you win the more you pay.....the good part is that the more you win the more you race.....so there really isn't any bad to speak of.

I am waiting on the Kart Track to get back to me on what dates are available. If it's a Friday night, we will get together at 6pm, if it's a Saturday, we will get together at 4pm.

The remainder of the details will follow shortly.....I know you're all in suspense, so start practicing.



Coming in July

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.

May Event Reports

Dewitt Rotary Pancake Day , Scavenger Hunt And Dandelion Run

Deane Bergstrom



The annual Pancake Day Breakfast event was hosted by Jim and Judy Williams. Although the weather was "iffy" and we got rained on for the ride home it was a success and the food and company were great.

After the breakfast some of us had to forego the drive, but be assured it was memorable. Additional details from Jim may be forthcoming in the next newsletter.



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 Moser
Saturday, June 4	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12	Niagara Falls	Karen McKissock

One Weekday, June xx	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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