



Miata Meanderings

June, 2012

Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

Visit the Midstate Miata Club on the Internet at:

www.midstatemiata.net

President's Message



Well the weather has gotten better and the sun has been shining, even on the weekends, so everyone should have their cars out by now. We've had great turnouts for both the Watkins Glen and Pancake Breakfast events, so we are off to good start. Let's keep it up.

We have also had many new members join the club already this year, so there may be some new faces in the crowd at the next event that you attend, so remember to wear your nametags and be sure to introduce yourself. Make everyone feel welcome, and promote the club and upcoming events. We are all ambassadors of the club, and the club is what we make of it.

We have been listening to your comments and will continue to try and make the club the best it can be. Remember to check the website for updates, and let your reps know in advance if an RSVP is requested.

If you're the event coordinator of a future upcoming event, don't wait, you can promote your event in advance. Send us a "tickler" article to advertise your event so people will know what it's about, we'll post it on the website and in the newsletter so people will know to save the date in their calendars.

Lee Maddy

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Mike & Jerry Schiff	Pittsford	1997 Black	Karen McKissock
Gary & Terry Perkins	LeRoy	2012 Sport Red	Karen McKissock
Stephen & Frances Littlefield	McDonough	2003 LS Red	Joe Lamphere

Ice Cream Schedule



Syracuse Ice Cream Schedule:

Thursday, May 10 @ 7:00 Jo-Li-Me Cafe, at Hafner's Garden Center
7265 Buckley Rd, North Syracuse

Thursday, May 24 @ 7:00 Gannon's Isle, 1525 Valley Drive, Syracuse

Thursday, June 14 @ 7:00 Antonio's Ice Cream, 1401 Buckley Rd, Liverpool (near 7th North), parking in rear

Thursday, June 28 @ 7:00 Pete's Polar Parlor, 3345 Milton Ave, Solvay

Thursday, July 12 @ 7:00 Gelato, (at Geddes Bakery) 423 So Main St, No Syracuse

Thursday, July 26 @ 7:00 Hickory Hill Ice Cream, 3451 Route 31, Baldwinsville

Thursday, August 9 @ 7:00 Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius (near Swan Pond)

Thursday, August 23 @ 7:00 Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 So Main St, No Syracuse, Parking in rear

Rochester Ice Cream:

Thursday, 14-June, Read's Ice Cream, 3130 E. Henrietta Rd, Henrietta

Thursday, 28-June, Scoop's, 24 Lakeshore Drive, Canandaigua

Binghamton Ice Cream:

We are going to meet for ice cream on the first Monday of the Month, (except for Labor Day) for the rest of the driving year. We will meet at Pop's Sugar Shack, Conklin Rd., Binghamton, NY at 6:30 PM. We will have other ice cream nights as the need arises throughout the year.

June Events

Saturday, June 2, It's Parade Time Again

Chuck Paul



Where else but in Marcellus (I believe Jay refers to it as "Happy Valley" but that's just Jay) can you take part in a festive parade for no other reason than you drive a little car that everyone smiles at when they see it.

Parade date is Saturday, June 2nd and, as in the past, we will meet at 2:45 in the rear of the Sunoco Mini Mart at the intersection of Route 175 (Lee Mulroy Road) and Pleasant Valley Road. The parade moves at 3 (or 3:05 or maybe 3:10). For those who have never participated we parade in two columns and throw candy to children along the route.

The parade lasts about 45 minutes and we end up in a quiet area of beautiful Marcellus Park across the bridge from lots of food and music. We enjoy the serene setting while some choose to dine on sausage sandwiches or chicken barbecue and then it's off on a spirited drive on some scenic roads. By decree we must find our way to "13 curves" and then on to Sweetie's for homemade pie and/or ice cream. Our record attendance is 23 cars....if we reach 25 the pie and ice cream are on me. (Thankfully, my wife does not read the newsletter.) Come join us for what has become an annual joyride. Contact is cpaul@twcny.rr.com or 315 673-4432.

Sunday, June 10 Hope Lake Lodge

Tyler Wainwright

The Hope Lake Lodge and Indoor Water Park is a four season resort located on Route 392 at Greek Peak near Cortland, NY. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Tully Burger King at exit 14 on Interstate 81.

Departure is at 11:00 a.m. and a leisurely drive south will have us arriving at Hope Lake Lodge before noon. Lunch will be at the Acorn Grill Restaurant (menu items from \$8 to \$15) a tour of the Lodge and the Cascades Indoor water park will follow.

A shuttle bus will then take us across the street to the Adventure Center for a brief tour. We will then have the option of riding the Nor'easter Mountain Coaster at a group rate of \$7.00 per person (minimum 15 persons). You can figure on the event concluding by 3:00 p.m.

Tyler needs a head count by Wednesday evening June 6th for the lunch and the coaster.

This is a rain or shine trip as are all the events described above. So come out and ride the slide!!!



**NOR' EASTER
MOUNTAIN COASTER**

This exciting, state of the art mountain coaster is located just west of Olympian trail and features over 4300 feet of excitement. It was manufactured by Wiegand and is one of the newest attractions at Greek Peak Resort. The Mountain Coaster is a gravitational hybrid of an alpine slide and a roller coaster that operates year round, and it features a unique design utilizing the natural setting (peaks, pitches, and turns) so be prepared for dips, banked turns, and even vertical drops! While the Mountain Coaster offers an exhilarating ride with two person cars that travel along a piped track at speeds of up to 28 miles per hour... riders control the speed of their cars and it is also a scenic ride for all ages.

Sunday, June 24 - Cornell Plantations

Miriam White

****This is a shine only event****

Please notify your area representative if you plan to attend by Wednesday, June 20, 2012



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

- **Southern Tier members – please meet us in the parking lot of the Cornell Plantation’s visitors center at 11:15am**

We will drive to Cornell Plantations and eat lunch. Please bring your own picnic basket and beverages to enjoy lunch on the grounds. **Folding chairs, blankets and/or folding tables are also suggested.** 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

May Event Reports

Dewitt Rotary Pancake Day

Deane Bergstrom



On May12 we all gathered at the DeWitt Mall in Syracuse to participate in the annual Midstate Miata Club Pancake Day hosted by Jim and Judy Williams and sponsored by the Rotary Club.



A great turn out of at least 26 bright and shiny Miata’s unloaded hungry drivers and copilots to be led by Judy Williams to feast on pancakes, bacon, sausage, and assorted beverages.

Then, Jim Williams took us on another of his great adventures in driving. Over hill and dale we went with the tops down and the sun shining – a perfect Miata day. Although Jim took us through some horrendous Saturday traffic we somehow managed to stay together and enjoy the drive. We ended up in Manlius at the famous swan pond for ice cream and to share the ride with all.

Pancake Day Video

Michael McCabe

This is the link to a short video I took of the cars leaving the parking lot at Shoppingtown earlier this month. This is the first time I've used you tube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMUI7kq1IGI>

Etc.

The Challenge



Who does this car belong to? Your newsletter editor has been notified by an anonymous member that Mr. Chrome, otherwise known as Bob Sabella, is going to be challenged for the title of “Krome King”.

The opening round reveals a luggage rack that is significantly larger and more lustrous than the one on “My Miata”. Be afraid, Bob, be very afraid.

Upcoming Events

Mazda Car Corral at Watkins Glen

Lee Maddy

Although not an official club event, this is posted for your information and interest.

There will be a Mazda Car Corral at Watkins Glen during the "Six Hours of the Glen" Grand Am Weekend June 30th to July 1st.

Time permitting, laps of the track will be available at the end of the day for those that have signed up for this event. The price for this event is \$25 per person which includes two days general admission to the event. Call 1-866-461-RACE (Mention "Car Club Group") Offer Expires June, 15th (Regularly \$35 presale/\$40 Gate).

Holiday Party

Lee Maddy

It's not too early to start thinking about the end of the year Holiday Party. The event will be held this year at the "Cobblestone Restaurant" on Saturday December 1st.

This wonderful Italian Restaurant is housed inside a restored 1825 farm house, originally built as a tavern and stage coach stop in the 1700's. It lies between Rochester and Syracuse in the Fingerlakes Region in Geneva NY. To find out more about the restaurant go to www.cobblestonegeneva.com



Save the date, and mark your calendars. More information regarding times, cost and menu options will be relayed as the date approaches.

Schedule of Events for the 2012 Driving Season

Sunday, April 22	Watkins Gen Opening Weekend	Lee Maddy, Tom Cavanaugh
Saturday, May 12	DeWitt Pancake Breakfast	Jim & Judy Williams
Saturday, May 26	Middlesex Dinner	Chuck Rischenole
Saturday, June 2	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
Sunday, June 10	VFW Post 396 Car Show	(Info Only) Donald Spicer
Sunday, June 10	Hope Lake Lodge at Greek Peak	Tyler Wainwright
Wednesday, June 20	Log Cabin	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, June 24	Cornell Plantation	Lee Maddy & Miriam White

Sunday, July 15	Watkins Glen Wine Festival	Karen & Ron McKissock
Wednesday, July 25	Log Cabin	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, July 29	Progressive Dinner	Lee Maddy & Karen Abbott
Sunday, August 5	Batavia Center Street Grill	Chuck Rischenole
Sunday, August 19	Polo	Ed & Layne Keller
Saturday, August 25	Private Autocross for Miatas	Jay Cartini
Saturday, September 15	Outhouse Racing on Redneck Day	Nancy & Rich Marsden
Sunday, September 30	Hemmings Concours in Saratoga Springs	Chuck Paul
Sunday, October 7	Road Rally	Tom Cavanaugh
October 11 – October 14	Mass Miata Fall for New England	Info Only
Sunday, October 14	Sharon Springs/American Hotel	Jerry Willis
Saturday, December 1	Holiday Party	Lee Maddy

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2012

President: Lee Maddy

Vice President and Activities Chairperson: Jay Cartini

Communications Manager and Newsletter Editor: Deane Bergstrom

Treasurer: Ronnie Sabella

Membership & History: Bob Sabella