



Midstate Miata Club of New York

“Miata Meanderings”

Official Newsletter for June 2013

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President's Message



Let me start off by saying I hope you all have your cars out of storage and have had a chance to do some Zoom Zooming already! The spring weather conditions have been variable for sure, but it's certainly better driving lately (and from here on out) than it was in January! (Although we have no problems at all in the snowy weather...but it does call for Ron to wash it every day. If anyone wants to go skating in the winter, we have a great rink in the driveway.)

Well your 'leadership team' has continued to tackle some questions I've had for them as I've undertaken my new office.

Based on a review of the last 5 years actual expenses I've created a budget for 2013-2014 using that historical information. I have to do a review/approval with the Area Reps and other officers but when we're done we will send it to all of you under separate cover via email. Some decisions we made as a result of the review and budget exercise are as follows:

- ❖ We will continue to spend \$200 to subsidize hors d'oeuvres for the holiday party to help defer some of the cost.
- ❖ We will investigate how to reduce the cost of the Annual Planning Meeting in Feb. as this is a large expense each year. If anyone wants to volunteer to help, please let your Area Rep know and we'll get a committee together. Thanks.
- ❖ Rochester will pilot a 'sponsorship' to Mazda dealers and recommended auto shops to try to generate some revenue and get connected to more potential members. We will share the results with the other areas for consideration.
- ❖ We have roughly \$4500+ carried over from the last couple years, but we know we have some legal expenses to cover setting up our 501c3. When the budget is done and we have a figure for this expense we'll send it out to you.

A couple other things to share from our recent workings:

- ❖ The club has a nice tri-fold brochure available for members to keep in their cars to pass out to possible new members. They are a great marketing tool and have our basic information on 1 side and application on the other. Please ask your Area Rep if you'd like some for your glove box. (Area Reps.-I will be printing more soon so if you run out let me know and I'll mail some out to you)

- ❖ We've had discussion about the club doing a little charitable giving and from the 'poll' I did we're split down the middle on if we should or should not give some money to a charity organization. So...I'll table any further decision until I get more input from more members, so if anyone would like to share their thoughts with me, please feel free to call, email or catch me at an event.



Last but not least, we still have several pair of the club magnets for your cars available for sale (\$25/pair-about 6 in.). If you're interested in purchasing them, please contact Jay Cartini to make mailing arrangements or pick up.

On a parting note, please take a look at the Event Schedule and try to post at least 3 events for this year so we can be sure you're fully enjoying your membership and we can enjoy your company. Even if it's ice cream nights... It's so much fun to Zoom around with friends!!!

Karen McKissock

Miatatude, June, 2013

Jay Cartini

As the summer season is upon us early....woo woo, it comes time to look at things in a different light.....or, where there is no light. When was the last time you took off your rear license plate and cleaned behind it? I know, it seems silly, but if gunk gets stuck behind there it could get squashed between the license plate and the rear deck and rub the paint off.....I'm just say'in.

Want to have some fun? Shift your Miata at 5500-6000 rpms. The engine really becomes alive after about 4500rpms and gives you a different experience when driving. 1st gear, not so much, but 2-3-4, yeah, it's fun.

So as we went on the dandelion run after the DeWitt Rotary Pancake Breakfast, our group leader, Jim Williams, had one simple goal. No pullovers! We were all skeptical at first wondering if this was even possible. Well he almost pulled it off. All the way down to the end, with only 2 turns left to go, catastrophe. The caravan not only broke apart, but a turn was missed by the back third. That's when it all fell apart.....cats living with dogs, up is down, light is dark, blah blah blah, so in the end, as much as he tried, Jim, our fearless leader, failed. Judy on the other hand did a fabulous job with communications and logistics.....But not Jim, maybe next time.

The waterfalls trip by Ray & Sue Mosher was exactly as expected. Awesome roads full of twists, turns, elevation changes and great views. We also had the unique experience of seeing a herd of cows running. That's right, running. Not once, but twice on this trip. Evidently a caravan of Miata's looks very similar to a line of cows, to the cows anyway, and they tried to pursue us.....Needless to say, we won that race.

So there's no excuse why your car shouldn't be out on the road, ready for use. Just think, if you're lucky, you and your Miata might in fact have a special relationship with a cow someday (sorry Tyler, no goats this time).

OK that's all for now.....and remember, *blue is better*.

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Doris & Gary Wood	Penn Yan	02 Green	Brian Wise
Sheila Mourin	Syracuse	11 Gray	Denise Wargo
Bernie & Sue Kaier	Rome (Yea)	90 Red`	Denise Wargo
Dawn Provan	Canandaigua	00 Red	Steve Stewart
Dick & Dona Flaherty	Syracuse	08 Burgundy	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:

June 13 – *Antonio's Ice Cream*, 1401 Buckley Rd, Liverpool (near 7th North) (parking in rear)

June 27 – *Pete's Polar Parlor*, 3345 Milton Ave, Solvay

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

6/11/2013, **Colby's**, corner Rte.251 and Rte.15, Rush, food in-house.

6/26/2013, **Log Cabin**, 2445 W.Walworth Rd. (Rte.31F), Macedon, food on-site (cruise night)

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.

June Events

June TBD, Drive-In Movie Night

Timing still to be determined but a fun night under the stars watching movies 'topless' should be fun. More details to follow in the newsletter.

Event Leader: TBD

Saturday, June 1, Marcellus Parade

Chuck Paul

Everyone loves a parade and apparently, everyone loves seeing Miatas in a parade. Once again we have been invited to participate in the Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade. Actually, they just assume we'll show up.....and we do. This year the parade is on Saturday, June 1st at 3 p.m... We will meet at 2:45 in the rear of the Sunoco Mini Mart which is on the corner of Lee-Mulroy Road (Route 175) and Pleasant Valley Road. Bring candy if you wish to throw it to, or at, the little cherubs who line the parade route. What community doesn't love a bunch of "hopped up" kids in their midst. The parade lasts about 30-45 minutes and we end in a quiet part of Marcellus Park just across a bridge from food and music. Following a short pause to allow consumption of sausage, chicken, etc. we will depart for a scenic ride, to include (by demand) a pass through "13 curves". We'll end at Sweeties where we'll dine on homemade pie and/or ice cream. The same deal as last year will apply....more than 25 cars in the parade and I pick up the bill for the pie and/or ice cream. What my wife doesn't know won't hurt me.

Note: in 2012 this was the best attended event of the season with 31 cars in line. Let's try to increase it this year. Any questions: cpaul@twcny.rr.com or 315 673-4432. Parade day you can reach me at 315 378-6018.

Wednesday, June 26, Log Cabin

Karen McKissock

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.

Please let your area rep know if you will be attending as we need a count to reserve parking no later than Monday, June 24th.

This is a NON-RAIN event. Watch the website for updates in inclement weather.

The Syracuse Area will meet for a 3:30pm departure from the Wyndam Hotel at Carrier Circle. We will then drive to the Log Cabin.

Ad Hoc Event, Friday, June 23, Lake-to-Lake Ramble

Ray Mosher

Part of the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival (but 3 months early), is a scenic tour in the hills and valleys of Finger Lakes Wine Country for sports and classic cars of any vintage. The tour includes a trip around the original 6.6 mile road course and parade laps around the current WGI Grand Prix course. Choose from two available routes, Scenic or Spirited to better fit your driving style and desired experience. The \$125 fee per car also includes two general admission tickets for the 6-hour sports car races that weekend. Advance registration is required. Details at: <http://www.grandprixfestival.com/ramble.html>

May Event Reports

Waterfalls & Windmills 3

Ray Mosher

There wasn't much sun, but there wasn't any rain. 48 participants in 26 cars from all over our region experienced the third edition of the waterfall tour. We blasted around some great zoom-zoomy roads, visited 6 waterfalls, enjoyed tasting hard cider at the Harvest Moon Cidery and had a great lunch in Morrisville. Hats off to the dirty dozen car's occupants that made it to the end at Pratt's Falls.

For those of you that asked, the book I used to find the falls is 200 Waterfalls in Central & Western New York by Freeman

Saturday, May 11, Pancake Breakfast & Dandelion Run Jim & Judy Williams

Pancake Day was grey and gloomy as 13 Miatas arrived at Shoppingtown Mall in Dewitt. The Rotarians served up lots of great food, the rain held off and at 11:30 we were off with most tops down. We all enjoyed a good deal of spirited driving, fun curves and nice views as we sped thru Madison County and past Cazenovia, Tuscarora and DeRuyter Lakes.

Special thanks to the Southern Tier group Jay & Laurie Russell ('06 Tour Mica), Harry and Mary Frisbee ('09 Copper) and Joe & Joyce Lamphere ('99 Anniversary Blue) – all good, fast drivers -- I had a hard time staying up front.

We all got to drive fast and enjoyed some great roads. Thanks to all.

Matthews Mazda Tioga Downs

Joe Lamphere

We had 22 cars take part in this event. They came from Rome, Syracuse, Rochester, Elmira and the Binghamton area. We all met at Matthews Mazda at 10:30 AM, where they provided us with coffee, doughnuts, and a fruit tray. Mazda hats and t-shirts were also given out along with a proclamation that members of our club would receive a 10% discount on parts and labor when you have your car serviced at the Matthews Import Store.

It was a beautiful day and members looked at the new cars on display while they enjoyed their coffee and doughnuts. We had a couple new members join us whom we all got to meet. For most of our members, this was the first time we had got together this year, so there was a lot of catching up to do.

After drinking all the coffee and munching all the doughnuts, we thanked the people at Matthews for their hospitality. We then lined up in two groups of 10 cars each and proceeded on our drive to Tioga Downs. It was a perfect top down day, the drive was 37 miles and took nearly an hour to drive. It took us over hills and around curves down through Pennsylvania and back into New York State. We observed gas well drilling, pipeline construction and many dairy farms. Seeing it was Amish country there was the challenge of watching out for the road apples.

We arrived at Tioga Downs where we all registered and received a \$10 Free Play Voucher. Most everyone was hungry, so we enjoyed the buffet lunch that was being served. After lunch most everyone went to the game room and tried their luck with the vouchers. Some people actually won money using the free voucher. It got time for us to go home, so everyone more or less left on their own. By all the reports I received, everyone had a good time.

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Teck Tip

Karen McKissock

For members who've had an older model Miata and might now have a new one, or folks with cars 2006 and forward, there is no longer a timing belt change needed as part of 60k miles maintenance. There is now a chain that doesn't require any maintenance unless you're having timing problems. This is about a \$300 savings!

Schedule of Events for the 2013 Driving Season

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Saturday, June 1

Marcellus Parade

A great annual event included in the Marcellus Old Home Days celebration. Last year we had over 31 cars tossing candy at excited kids (and parents) followed by a bite at the fairgrounds. The day concludes with a ride and stop for homemade pie and ice cream.

Event Leader: Chuck Paul

Wednesday, June 26

Log Cabin Cruise Night

Over 500 cars park and peruse with BBQ, dinner and ice cream available.

July 4, Thursday**Montrose PA Parade**

Parade through Historic Downtown Montrose to celebrate American Independence Day Every year, Montrose's big Fourth of July celebration draws people both from Pennsylvania and the Southern Tier and lots of other places as well: That's because it's earned a reputation for small town authenticity. It is a display of traditions often lost in the commercialization of the holiday. But go to Montrose, and it's like stepping back in time and even out-of-state residents appreciate that: The Montrose Fourth of July celebration is one of the best attended in the area.

Event Leader: Joe Lamphere

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

Details for this event will be in the June newsletter

Event Leader: Karen Mckissock

Sunday, July 21**Norwich Classic Car Museum & Lunch**

Located between Cortland and Oneonta. Over 170 vehicles on display. Many rare and one-of-a-kind cars. Check it out at <http://www.classiccarmuseum.org/>

Event Leaders: Bob Sabella & Lee Maddy

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

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. Event Leader: Ray Mosher

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.*

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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