

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY “MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE MMC OF NY JUNE NEWSLETTER

Today's news includes:

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- ✓ Upcoming June/July event details
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www.midstatemiata.net

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Note from Ray Mosher

Not the best driving year so far! “Hakuna” had to be towed out of its storage spot this spring. SAD! When I reconnected the battery that had been on a trickle charger all winter, except for operating the headlights, it showed no sign of life. No engine cranking, warning buzzers - just the headlights. It seems the main 80A fuse had gone bad over the winter. A \$6 part and an hour of labor and I was on the road.

Next up were several club events run either in the rain with the top up or top down but bundled up to keep warm. Finally this week I actually drove the car wearing sunglasses - twice. What joy!

If you are jealous of other members you see wearing clothes with the club logo, there is no need. Club apparel can be ordered through Land's End. You go through the club website and follow the “Club Apparel” link. Once you select your item(s), make sure you adjust the thread colors to contrast the item. Not much point in black thread on a black fleece. Don't be shy about calling them for help and make sure they know what you want. If you want to save some money and aren't in a hurry, get on their email list to be notified of sales. They periodically offer free logos and/or free shipping.

Don't forget to register for the Grand Prix Festival at Watkins Glen on Sept 8. Several of us run the “Sporting Roadster Tour” every year and have great time.

Ray Mosher
MMC President

CHANGES FOR HOW TO RESPOND TO EVENT ATTENDANCE

To help streamline communications for gathering who is attending our events we will require members to contact **the Event Coordinator directly AND copy your Area Rep** to help them plan for caravans from your area. You will **only need to respond if you are planning to attend**, but if you need to cancel last minute you still need to let both parties so they don't hold up the ride waiting for you. Please pay close attention to the contact info and deadlines.

JUNE EVENTS



MARCELLUS PARADE

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD at 3PM

A Little Different This Year....But Still a Parade

Event coordinator: Chuck Paul

Yet again we have been invited to participate in the Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade on Saturday, June 3rd at 3 p.m.. Last year we "paraded" 40 Miatas in our biggest year ever. Can we beat that number?

This year we have made some changes. We will meet in the lower level of Marcellus Park (Platt Road where we finish the parade) between 12:30 and 1 where there will be great food adjacent to our parking area. In addition to normal field days fare there will be Giannelli sausage (put a Giannelli in your belly) and Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches available. Be sure to get your discount coupon from Chuck for 33% discount.

We will depart Marcellus Park at 1:30 for a 60 minute drive through scenic Central New York to include 13 curves as always. We will arrive back at the parade formation site (**Sunoco station intersection of Lee-Mulroy and Pleasant Valley Roads**) at 2:30 for a 3 p.m. start. The parade lasts about 45 minutes with candy being thrown by some and smiles on all the parade watchers. Parade ends at Marcellus Park.

For those who wish to just be in the parade please try to arrive by 2:45 to line up. Anyone arriving earlier than scheduled may wish to visit Main Street Marcellus for craft booths and lots of activity. Marcellus is small...you can't miss Main Street.

For more information call Chuck Paul at 315 673-4432.

Day of event 315 378-6018.

No RSVP Required



MG EURO CAR SHOW/LORENZO PARK

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

Event coordinator: Bob Sabella

The MG CAR CLUB OF CENTRAL NEW YORK has once again cordially invited the MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB to be special guests at the 2017 European car show on June 18th (Father's Day) at Lorenzo State Park in Cazenovia, New York. The show is from 9-3. Special on field parking arrangements have been made so the club's Miata's will be in the vicinity of the European car judging field, visible for all folks attending the car show to see our Miata's. (The Miata's will not be judged) There is no charge for attending the event. There is no registering needed, just show up at the show entrance and you'll be directed to the special guest parking, and enjoy the show.

The MG Club also asked if any Miata Club member would like to help with the show set up (parking, layout, etc.) they would be more than welcome. If interested contact Rick Kunz at 315-663-6452.

Miata information for the event, there is no specific caravan to the show; everyone is on their own unless they choose to set up their own caravan. The car show is an all-day event and when it breaks up around three there will be no club drive after the event. You can stay or leave as your schedule allows. Food will be available on the grounds. The show is a rain or shine event.

No RSVP Required

JULY EVENTS



MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 16 (date change)

Event coordinator: Karen & Norm Abbott and Gerry & Mary Ann Knight

TIME: 12:00 NOON-??

WHERE: FILLMORE GLEN STATE PARK 1686 STATE ROUTE 38 MORAVIA, NY 13118

PRICE: \$7.00 PER CAR STATE PARKING FEE

The MMC has paid to rent a pavilion for our club picnic, so we will be using the Fillmore Room and have access to 2 refrigerators, power outlets, and bathrooms for our convenience. The room is enclosed with tables and chairs and also outdoor picnic tables so we should be quite comfortable rain or shine. This is a State Park so there is a parking fee, plus swimming and hiking available.

Each area can coordinate plans for a caravan to reach the park, and there is an ice cream stand we can stop at when we leave if so desired.

The MMC will provide charcoal, aluminum foil, utensils, paper plates, plastic ware, napkins, and tablecloths. **Members are asked to bring their own food to grill, drinks and a dish to pass. Please bring your items in a grocery bag you can use to put your trash in to take home. State Parks require you to take your trash with you.** Also consider a blanket or beach towel to put on the picnic table bench if you so choose. The dish to pass can be family size; it does not need to feed the whole group. Because we do have access to refrigerators, we should be good with all kinds of food options. Beer and wine are allowed.

Suggestions are: Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, steak, grilled panini, crock pot food, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, watermelon, jello salads, fruit salad, fruit tray, veggie tray & dip, potato chips/dip, chips/salsa, cheese/crackers/pepperoni, appetizers, cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, homemade treats. *Be creative, one year we had way too many brownies.*

No RSVP Required



WAGNER WINERY DINNER & OLDIES NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 21ST

Event Coordinator: Gail Wagner & Steve Wilson

Get out your white bucks, saddle shoes, bell bottoms and leisure suits and join us at Wagner's (Winery) Brew Pub for (optional on-your-own) barbeque dinner, (chicken, fish or ribs dinner), good local beer and live 50's, 60's 70's good-time, toe-tapping music by "The Tarps", a well-known local Ithaca oldies cover band that includes our own Miata Club member, Steve Ungberg on keyboards.

All Miata folks are invited to meet us at Ithaca Home Depot, 410 Elmira Road (Route 13) parking lot at 4:45 p.m. for a prompt 5:00 p.m. caravan departure via very twisty scenic backroads to Wagner Vineyards/Wagner Valley Brewing Company, 9322 Route 414-North on (east) Seneca Lake in Lodi or meet us at the Brew Pub by 6:00 p.m.

Food/drink will be on your own. Dinner is served 6:00-8:00 p.m. and music begins at 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. There is also a \$3.00 cover charge for admittance. Leave on your own.

No RSVP Required Rain or shine event



FINGER LAKES CHEESE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd

Event Coordinators - Lou & Carol Trelease

The Finger Lakes Cheese Festival takes place at the Sunset View Creamery in Odessa, NY on Saturday July 22, 10 AM to 5 PM. In addition to being able to taste and buy artisanal cheeses from the many Finger Lakes cheese makers, there will be tastings of beer, wine and cider. There will be vendors of homemade jams & jellies, baked goods, salsas, vegetables, and cheese related items; live music all day, and food for every palate. A self-guided tour of the farm and hay rides are available.

There is an entry charge of \$8 per person at the door. Advance tickets are on sale for \$5 on the website www.flcheesetrail.com.

The Southern Tier chapter will caravan to Odessa from Vestal. Meet in the parking lot near the Big Lots at the Four Corners in Vestal. Be there no later than 9 AM. Please contact us if you plan to join us by Thursday, July 20. Any club members from other areas are welcome to meet us at the Festival.

Since the Festival is outdoors, this is a **SHINE ONLY** event.

Contact - Lou & Carol Trelease 607-655-3061 or buckshotfarm@aol.com

Contact Lou & Carol Trelease by Thurs. July 20 SHINE ONLY



LOG CABIN CAR SHOW & BBQ

WEDNESDAY JULY 26TH

RAIN DATE AUG. 9TH

Event Coordinator: Ron McKissock

The Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon 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 Ron know if you will be attending as we need a count to reserve parking no later than Monday, July 24th. **This is a NON-RAIN event.** Check out the Cruise night video: <https://www.logcabinny.com/cruze-night>

Watch the website for updates in inclement weather. The Syracuse Area will meet for a 3:30pm departure from the Doubletree Hotel at Carrier Circle. We will then drive to the Log Cabin.

Contact Ron McKissock kmckiss1948@gmail.com SHINE ONLY

INVITATIONS FROM OTHER CLUBS

Field Days in CT.

August 20

Nutmeg Club

All year long our significant others, children, families, neighbors, co-workers, fellow club members, etc., hear about and support (or put up with) our fanaticism for the vehicle that we love called the Miata. We have great fun in our vehicles. How about having great fun out of our vehicle on a late summer day with all those who have enjoyed the ride with us either figuratively or literally?

The Nutmeg Miata Club has reserved the date of SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017 to have a get together at a place called Holiday Hill in Prospect, Connecticut. This facility offers us a 10:00AM to 5:00PM day filled with activities, food, scenic views, more activities, more food, etc., etc. for very reasonable all-inclusive ticket prices for adults and children (alcoholic drinks extra). The facility offers way too much to list here. Check out the website. <http://www.holidayhill.com>

Remember field days, remember summer camp, remember family reunions? This is all that and more. Can the NA's beat the NB's at horseshoes, volleyball, and bocce. How much unlimited popcorn, ice cream and soda can your child (or you) consume? Will you get an airbrushed tattoo, swim, canoe, play bingo or just relax? The total solar eclipse on the following day is also a cause for celebration, or, for those doomers, a cause for one last big hurrah.

All are welcome. Invite your friends, invite your family, and invite your neighbors. Bring the family minivan full. Miatas will have dedicated parking.

Ticket orders are being taken from now until August 7, 2017 but the sooner you send in your payment the sooner the tickets will be mailed to you. Do not RSVP to the Nutmeg Miata Club event area. Your payment will be your RSVP. **The application will be on the MMC website in the calendar section.**

Print out the Ticket Order Form. Fill it in COMPLETELY. Send WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO: Nutmeg Miata Club, Inc.
c/o Karen Cotner, Treasurer
29 Crescent Street
Waterbury, CT 06710

Operation Bullwinkle IV

October 7

Vermont Club

Hello from the Vermont Miata club! For the last four years our club has been making an annual trip to Rangeley, Maine, from Burlington, Vermont, for the twisty roads, the great scenery, the spectacular foliage and the chance to spot Moose. Each year we stay at the same hotel, the Country Club Inn, which is a rustic, clean, friendly spot with magnificent views overlooking Rangeley Lake from high on a hilltop. Our room rate includes made to order breakfast and we have always enjoyed dinner in their superb Dining room. It really is the best restaurant in town and beyond. Once again we have reserved a block of rooms for October 7 of this year and we would like to invite other New England and New York state clubs to join us. Here is a link to the

hotel: <http://www.countryclubinnrangeley.com/> .

And here is a link to our club event page with pricing: <https://www.meetup.com/Green-Mountain-Miata-Club/events/238955133/> .

Hopefully some of you can make this part of your Columbus Day Weekend plans. My phone number is [\(802\) 233-9060](tel:8022339060) and I'm Tom, feel free to call with questions.

If you are interested in these events, please contact your Area Rep to let them gather interest and determine if there are any groups planning to attend.

EVENT REPORTS

Wine & Waterfalls 2.1

May 6, 2017

This year's iteration of my Wine & Waterfalls series was the wettest ever!

Leaving home with threatening skies, the rain held off until we got out of our cars to walk to the first waterfall. Then the skies opened up. But so did the umbrellas and we were on our way to see Seneca Mill Falls. With all the recent rain and a high water level in Keuka Lake, there was a LOT of water in the Keuka Outlet and going over the falls. The rain continued when we went to the second falls at Cascade Mill. And still it persisted when we stopped at the Glenora Winery. We drove down to see Glenora Falls and were treated with an amazing amount of water in the falls. Lunch at the FLX Winery was chaotic, but I don't think anyone left hungry. Most of the 14 cars we started with motored on to Hammondsport and the Bully Hill Winery. The trip home up Keuka Lake treated us with more "bonus" waterfalls that I've ever seen along the roadside. I even noticed a huge falls in Hammondsport that I will have to research for the future.

We ran the whole event with tops up and much of it with wipers on - not the way I would prefer it. But the group we had was great. Nobody complained and nobody cancelled due to the weather. Future waterfall events might (and hopefully will) have better weather, but none will have more water in the falls!

Thanks to all you intrepid souls for making a great day - in spite of the weather!

ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2017



MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, SYRACUSE

KAREN ABBOTT

Monthly: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7:00pm

June 8- Pete's Polar Parlor, 3345 Milton Ave, Solvay

June 22- Kenny's Corner Ice Cream, 7575 Buckley Rd, No Syracuse, NY

July 13- Sweet Frog, Fayetteville Towne Center, Fayetteville

July 27- Big Dip, 216 No Main Street, No Syracuse

August 10- Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius

August 24- Vicki's Tasty Treat, 680 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool

September 14- Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 So Main St, No Syracuse

September 28- Carvel Ice Cream, 4322 E Genesee St, Dewitt (inside seating-park in Tops Grocery lot)

OCTOBER 12TH 6:30 - Hafner's Garden Center, 7265 Buckley Rd, No Syracuse (inside seating)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ITHACA

GAIL WAGNER

Monthly: 1st Wednesday of each month @ 7:00pm

Ithaca, proudly "centrally isolated"! 2017 monthly Ithaca Ice Cream Night begins May 2017 on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Purity Ice Cream, 700 Cascadilla St., Meadow St. (Route 13), Ithaca, NY. Please park behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing/Heating Supply Company parking lot on Cascadilla St. as we have in the past. (Questions: Gail Wagner, Ithaca-area rep, gwtr3red@gmail.com).

All ice cream nights will be held at Purity Ice Cream on:

June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, ROCHESTER

CHUCK RISCHENOLE

SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH @ 6:30PM

June 13 Red Robin (905 Holt Rd Webster) &
Pultneyville Deli (4120 Lake Rd Pultneyville)

June 27 Creekside Inn (6071 Route 15 Rush) &
Colby's (Route 15 & 251 Rush)

July 11 Lakeside Restaurant (6270 Lakeside Rd Ontario)
& Orbachers (4793 Route 104 Williamson)

July 26 Wednesday 6pm Cruise Night Log Cabin (Route 31F Macedon)

August 8 MacGregors (759 South Main St Canandaigua) &
Creamery (10 Parrish St Canandaigua)

August 22 Parker's (206 Main St Newark) &
Coolees (5076 Route 31 Newark)

September 12 Colby's (Route 15 & 251 Rush)

MMC ICE CREAM SCHEDULE, BINGHAMTON -2017

BARB HUNSINGER

We will continue meeting for ice cream on the first Monday of the month at Pop's Sugar Shack at 589 Conklin Rd, Binghamton, NY, 6:30 PM, beginning May 1, 2017, as we have in past years. (Questions: Barb Hunsinger)

In addition we will have ice cream at the following at 6:30 PM:

June 21 - Big Dipper, 6935 Vestal Parkway W, Vestal, NY

July 19 - Ice Cream Works, North Ave, Owego, NY (between Talcott & George St)

August 16 - Jones Humdinger, 1441 Front St, Binghamton, NY

September 20 - Suzy Q, Chenango St, Hillcrest, NY

October 18 - Tastie Cream, 2021 Vestal Pkwy, Vestal, NY

TECHNICAL TIPS – 'WENCH WITH A WRENCH



By Gail Wagner

Give Me A Brake, Okay?

Oh, oh.....are the brakes on your car squealing, is the car pulling to one side, or is there a giant puddle of yucky stuff under your car on the garage floor? All of these problems point to an issue with your braking system.

The brakes are obviously an essential component to the safety of both you and your passenger. While brakes are quite reliable, your brake system does require some routine maintenance and problems can develop as a car ages. We wanna' stop when we wanna' stop, right?

A Little Background: How Brakes Work

The brake system in our Miatas are called "disc" brakes as opposed to the older "drum" brake system. Disc brakes use a rotor which is attached to the hub of the wheel with calipers, brake pads, and a hydraulic system (that's what brake fluid is for) to slow the car and bring it to a stop when the brake pedal is applied.

So when your brake pedal is applied, the hydraulic system increases the pressure being put on the pedal, which causes the calipers to push the brake pads against the rotor which slows the car and brings it to a stop. Ta-da ! ☺

Our modern disc brake systems are extremely reliable but there are a number of pieces/parts and some require routine maintenance and replacement which you should be aware. ☺

With My Apologies to David Letterman:

"The Top 10 Brake Concerns Every Driver Should Know"

- **Brake pads:** Worn out brake pads will cause the braking distance to increase and may cause a metal-to-metal grinding on the rotor surfaces (not good). If a brake pad gets cracks in its surface - caused from overheating the pad - then they will squeak or squeal when stopping. If the pads and rotors get overheated, then the stopping distance will be increased. Brake pads have a built in metal "scraper" that will warn of excess brake wear. Once you hear a squealing or scraping sound on a regular basis, it's time to replace the brake pads. I strongly suggest you use Mazda Miata OEM or OEM-equivalent (Akebono brand) brake pads for best wear and performance.
- **Rotors:** The brake rotor surface needs to be flat to keep contact with the brake pads. If the rotor surface is warped from heat damage, it will cause the brake pedal to pulsate up and down and the car to jerk when stopping. This is not the pulsating brake feeling for those of you with ABS antilock automatic braking system in later 1998+ Miatas. If your rotor is overheated, its surface will be discolored blue to purple, hardens the surface and the brake pads will not be able to grip them. Then guess what? This will cause a car to not stop as quickly as it should. Note: if your Miata has been stored or unused for a while in a damp location, rotors can rust causing poor braking performance.
- **Leaks:** A leak in the braking system is usually a hydraulic (fluid) issue. If the brake pedal goes to the floor (talk about a sinking feeling!), it can usually be traced back to a leak. A leak in the brake line will result in a loss of brake fluid and eventually the brake system may fail altogether. That is REALLY not good. ☹ Leaks should be addressed immediately. A pool of brake fluid on the garage floor or a low brake pedal are all symptoms of this problem. Don't wait.
- **Sticking caliper:** The caliper and caliper brackets hold the brake pads and force them against the rotor to stop the car. Caliper pistons can become stuck and when this happens the car will usually pull to one side when the brakes are applied or the pads and rotors will be overheated or worn down too fast. It will also affect acceleration as the brake is sticking. A **sticking caliper** can be dangerous and should be repaired ASAP. Sometimes the caliper bracket slides will bind causing the same issues as a stuck caliper except only one pad will get worn down too fast instead of both.
- **Warped rotors:** Rotors can become warped if they are exposed to extreme stress. Mountain driving or towing (not with our Miatas, of course) can result in warped rotors. Extreme high performance driving without slowly cooling the brakes afterward can warp a rotor. Even parking a car next to a sprinkler system can warp a rotor! The cold water hitting the hot brakes can result in warping. Warped rotors will usually cause the steering wheel and car to "shake, rattle and roll" when the brakes are applied. Warped rotors may even increase stopping distance or cause the ABS antilock brakes to engage prematurely.
- **Brake fade:** If the car is taking longer than normal to stop, it is probably due to brake fade - you put your foot on the pedal and it slowly drops to the floor without stopping the car as quickly as it should. In most cases this is a short-term problem but it can turn into a long-term problem. For instance, driving down a mountain road will heat

up the brakes making the pads and rotors less responsive. Once the brakes cool down they should return to their normal functionality. As time goes on though, brake fade can become permanent and then it's definitely time to replace the brake pads and rotors. Brake fade is the early sign of overheating the brakes and will damage the rotors and pads. Read \$\$\$\$\$.

- **Smoking brakes:** While smoking brakes a *la Steve McQueen* and "*Bullit*" does sound sorta' cool, it's actually a very dangerous condition. Overheated brakes or brakes that are smoking means the brake pads have been burned (you may notice an acrid, burning smell) or something is leaking onto the brakes. If this happens, the pads will develop a glaze which can severely affect your stopping distance. I understand that if axle seals are leaking onto the brakes, it will ruin the brake pads and rotors too. Read \$\$\$\$\$.
- **Brake light:** If the brake light (or ANY light for that matter) on your dash illuminates, it can indicate a serious issue. In most cases it probably means a problem with the hydraulics and the car should be inspected and repaired as soon as possible. It is never safe to drive if the brake light is illuminated, okay? (The light also doubles duty to let you know the parking brake is left on in some cars.)
- **Faulty or collapsed hoses:** A collapsed or malfunctioning brake hose can result in calipers that move unevenly. This will cause the car pull to one side when the brakes are applied. If the brakes are pulling to one side, the car should be inspected and repaired as soon as possible. Sometimes the fluid pressure to the caliper will not be released by the faulty hose and will keep the caliper applied. Tip: If you wanna' be cool, get a set of stainless steel brake lines (hoses). Stainless steel lines provide a number of benefits as compared to OEM rubber brake hoses. They provide excellent protection from roadway debris, they reduce expansion during pressurization and they give you the cool race car look. (I have Goodridge-brand, red, braided stainless steel ones ☺).
- **Emergency brake on:** This may seem silly but it can happen. It is pretty easy to forget to release the emergency brake and this will cause acceleration performance issues as well as damage to the brake system. If the car seems to be accelerating slowly or you hear a squealing or grinding noise, check to make sure the parking brake is not engaged. If the parking brake cable seizes after being set and you try to release it that can cause the car to not be moved at all. ☹

IMPORTANT: Brake Fluid: Your entire brake fluid system should be flushed and totally replaced at least every two years. Why? Glycol-based brake fluid starts to absorb moisture from the moment it's put in the system. The fluid attracts moisture through microscopic pores in rubber hoses, past seals and exposure to the air especially where humidity is high. Water in the brake lines lowers the boiling point of the fluid so stopping ability can diminish in hard stops as heat in the system increases. In addition, over time the moisture can cause internal corrosion in the brake lines, calipers, master cylinder and other components. Brake fluid is stored in the master brake cylinder reservoir, a translucent plastic container on top of the master cylinder in the engine compartment. This allows you to see the fluid level inside without having to remove the filler cap when you check the fluid level. Opening the cap unnecessarily should be avoided because it allows moist air to enter the reservoir. Be careful adding extra brake fluid to the reservoir if the level is low as it is highly corrosive to the paint finish. By the way, clutch fluid is the same as brake fluid; brake fluid is used both in hydraulic brake and hydraulic clutch.

In summation, your brakes require serious maintenance attention for obvious reasons. Check your brake fluid level under the hood monthly and attend to any brake problems you may have as soon as possible. If you take good care of your Miata, it will take good care of YOU!

Zoom Zoom Safely!

Gail

DISCLAIMER

Please note these tips are not reviewed or approved by the Mazda Motor Corporation or any other corporation or entity other than the originator. The Midstate Miata Club of NY does not accept any liability for damage or injury as a result of utilizing these tips and pointers. Please use common sense and always remember safety first!



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Event Coordinators should be prepared to submit their information per the schedule above in order to publish the newsletter in a timely fashion. Thanks!!!

Date	Event	Detailed article	Post event report	Resp
June 2-4	Lake Placid weekend	April 15	June 15	Lee & Jim
June 3	Marcellus Parade	April 15	June 15	Chuck Paul
June 18	Lorenzo Euro Car show	April 15	June 22	Bob Sabella
July 16	Club picnic	May 15	August 15	Karen A and Mary Ann
July 21	Wagner Winery & Brewery w/Oldies music	May 15	July 25	Gail
July 22	Finger Lakes Cheese Festival	May 15	July 25	Carol & Lou Trelease
July 26	Log Cabin Car Show	May 15	July 29	Ron M
August 13	Polo and Tail Gate Party	June 15	August 17	Chuck & Mary Jo
August 26	Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner (NEW DATE)	June 15	August 17	Chuck Rischenole
August 27	Seneca Lake Brunch/Cruise	June 15	August 30	Gail
Sept. 8	Vintage Festival @ Watkins Glen	July 15	Sept. 15	Ray
Sept. 16	Palmyra Canal Days Parade	July 15	Sept. 20	Chuck R
Sept. 23	Bill Hodges Memorial Road Rally	July 15	Sept. 27	Dale
Oct 4 or 11	Lunch ride w/Niagara club	August 15	Oct. 15	Chuck R
Oct. 22	Apple Fritter Crawl	August 15	Oct. 27	Lee & Miriam
Dec. 3	Annual Holiday Party/brunch	Oct. 15		John & Elaine

Midstate Miata Club Schedule of Events

2017 Driving Season

Refrigerator version

DATE	EVENT	LEADER
Saturday, June 3	Marcellus Parade and Ride	Chuck & Mary Jo Paul
Sunday, June 18	Lorenzo (MG) Euro Car Show	Bob Sabella
Friday, July 21	Wagner Winery & Brewery w/ Oldies Music	Gail Wagner
Saturday, July 22	Finger Lakes Cheese Festival	Carol & Lou Trelease
Wednesday, July 26	Log Cabin Car Show and BBQ (Macedon)	Karen & Ron McKissock
Sunday, July 16	Club Picnic –Fillmore Glen State Park	Karen Abbott & MaryAnn Knight
Sunday, August 13	Polo and Tail Gate Party in Skaneateles	Chuck and Mary Jo Paul
Saturday, August 26	Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner NEW DATE	Chuck Rischenole
Sunday, August 27	Seneca Lake Brunch/Cruise	Gail Wagner
Friday, Sept 8	Vintage Festival @ Watkins Glen	Ray Mosher
Saturday, Sept 16	Palmyra Festival Parade	Chuck Rischenole
Saturday, Sept 23	Bill Hodges Memorial Road Rally	Dale Nagel
Wednesday Oct. 11	Lunch/Ride w/Niagara Club to Spragues Maple Farm	Chuck Rischenole
Sunday, Oct. 22	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy & Miriam White
Sunday, Dec. 3	Annual Holiday Party/Brunch	John & Elaine Piston

[Additional events will be added as each local area flushes out addition fun venues and rides – please watch the website at midstatemiata.net for update](#)

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2017 Driving Season

Full details will be in the newsletters and on our website

Saturday June 3

Marcellus Old Home Days Parade

A great annual event included in the Marcellus Old Home Days celebration. Last year we had over 35 cars tossing candy at excited kids (and parents). This event includes one of the best rides of the year along with eats and ice cream. Local area caravans meet at the staging site.

Event Leader: Chuck Paul

Weekend June 2-4

Lake Placid Weekend

A rare club weekend event with the UMN (Underground Miata Network) from Ottawa. Details for making hotel reservations are on the club website (midstatemiata.net) under Calendar tab. Reservations are limited so don't wait to sign up.

Event Leader: Lee Maddy and Jim Williams

Friday June 18

MG Euro Car Show

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Event Leader: Bob Sabella

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Wagner Winery & Brewery

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Event Leader: Gail Wagner and Steve Wilson

Saturday July 22

Finger Lakes Cheese Festival

The Finger Lakes Cheese Festival takes place at the Sunset View Creamery in Odessa, NY on Saturday July 22, 10 AM to 5PM. In addition to being able to taste and buy artisanal cheeses from the many Finger Lakes cheese makers, there will also be tastings of beer, wine and cider. There will be vendors of food & ice cream, cheese related items, a farmers market, musical entertainment, and tours of the farm.

Event Leaders: Lou & Carol Trelease

Wednesday July 26

Log Cabin Car Show and BBQ

The Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon 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.

Event Leaders: Ron McKissock

Sunday July 16

Club Picnic

The MMC will rent a pavilion for our club picnic at Filmore State park. Usually the room is enclosed with tables and chairs and also outdoor picnic tables so we should be quite comfortable rain or shine. This is a State Park so there is a parking fee, plus swimming and hiking available. There will likely be a \$7.00 fee to enter the park. It will be partially subsidized by the club. What you'll need to bring details will follow.

Event Leader: Karen Abbott and Mary Ann Knight

Sunday August 13

Polo and Tail Gate Party in Skaneateles

Where else can you watch horses run and not lose your bet? A scenic drive, great barbecue, and hotly contested Polo match all on Sunday, August 13th. 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 Leaders: Chuck and Mary Jo Paul

Saturday August 26 **NEW DATE**

Middlesex Roast Beef Dinner and Ice Cream

It's time again for our annual outing to the Middlesex Fire House for their famous roast beef dinner. The cost is \$11.00 per person. For those who have not been there before the dinner is served family style at tables of eight and includes roast beef, real mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, relish tray, rolls and butter, coffee or iced tea. This is an all you can eat so don't be bashful. The meal finishes with them asking what choice of pie you would like for dessert. I suggest you get the pie to go because we will be continuing on to an ice cream stop in Bloomfield. Each geographic group will establish a time/place to meet in their area to caravan to meet at the Middlesex Fire House.

Event Leader: Chuck Rischenole

Sunday August 27

Seneca Lake Brunch and Boat ride

How about a relaxing summer afternoon brunch cruise on beautiful Seneca Lake? Our destination will be at Watkins Glen Harbor at noon to proceed to boarding. The cost of the cruise and brunch is \$45.99 and will require pre-registration and payment to Gail Wagner. This is a rain/shine event and no refunds will be allowed. More details to follow in newsletter. Each geographic group will establish a time/place to meet in their area to caravan to meeting location.

Event Leader: Gail Wagner and Steve Wilson

Friday September 8

Watkins Glen Vintage Races

Don't miss the U.S. Vintage Grand Prix, one of the largest vintage racing events in the nation, featuring historic SVRA (Sportscar Vintage Racing Association) race cars from nearly every era, as Watkins Glen International celebrates its legendary history. See website for more details: <http://www.theglen.com/Tickets-Events/Events/2017/US-Vintage-Grand-Prix.aspx>. Event Leader: Ray Mosher

Saturday September 16

Palmyra Canal Days Parade

Palmyra has been celebrating Canal Town Days for the past 49 years. The club has been invited back to participate in their parade. We will begin the day at the Log Cabin in Macedon and proceed with a ride to Palmyra for lunch. After showing off our cars in the parade we will drive on to Canandaigua for the best ice cream around.

Event Leader: Chuck Rischenole

Sunday September 23

Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Cars will meet at a pre-arranged location to participate in a memorial Road Rally for former member Bill Hodge. This is a rain or shine event which includes a timed drive with clues to reach the end location followed by lunch.

Event Leader: Dale Nagel

Wednesday October 11

Lunch/Ride with Niagara Club and Spragues Maple Farm

Details are unfolding. Stay tuned.

Event Leaders: Chuck Rischenole

Sunday October 22

Apple Fritter Crawl

Advertised as the shortest of all our Miata caravans (not counting parades of course), the six mile run is more about fall, the apples and which apple fritter is better. We stop at four orchards to enjoy the sights, and to taste test the apple fritters.

Event Leader: Lee Maddy and Miriam White

Sunday December 3

Annual Holiday Party

Back by popular demand we will be having a super Sunday Brunch for our Holiday Party.

Event Leader: John and Elaine Piston

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