



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



"A tornado chaser just left a probe on my front lawn...Should I be concerned". This was recently posted during last week's bad storms on Miata.Net by a Miata owner in Alabama. This is one of the reasons Bev and I moved back to CNY from the Heart of Dixie. Sure, we have to put our cars away during the winter, but the odds are in our favor we will still *have* a garage when it's time to get the car back on the road. Can't say that about the South during tornado season.

The start of this year's driving season has been great. Bev and I have driven about 800 miles so far since mid March.

I was recently asked by a club member about starting their car for the first time after the car comes out of storage. Specifically, should the fuel injection fuse be pulled prior to cranking the engine? Theoretically, this allows the engine to crank and build oil pressure without starting which reduces engine wear. In practice however, this not necessary. You can simply connect the battery and start the engine as normal. The oil is pumped through the engine very quickly and the amount of wear on the engine is equivalent to a few hundred miles of driving. Not a big deal in the lifetime of the car.

Like last year, I will be driving out to all of our Midstate Miata areas to have a scoop or two of ice cream. Hope to see you, say hello, and hear what you have to say about our club. In the meantime, as always, feel free to drop me an email or call if you have something you would like to talk about.

When life throws you a curve, hit the apex.

Tom C

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Bud Palmer & Joan Brownell	New Berlin NY	2009 Red	Joe Lamphere
Jerry & Denise Sabattis	Marcellus NY	2006 Copper Red Mica	Denise Wargo

May Events

May 8, Dewitt Rotary Pancake Day and Dandelion Run

Jim & Judy Williams

Get your new “safety gear” installed, have all your systems running smooth, check your tire pressure, clean inside and out, polish, buff, wax and shine, shine shine and buckle up tight. The 2010 driving season starts today!

The day will begin at the Dewitt Rotary Clubs famous Pancake Breakfast at Shoppingtown Mall in Dewitt, NY. We will meet at 10:00 and take the opportunity to shine and show off our pretty cars to the big crowd that will be at hand. Judy Williams, our proud Dewitt Rotarian, has a block of discounted tickets for the pancake breakfast. There will be lots to eat and the price is right.

(\$3.50 per person)

At noon we will depart on a tour thru beautiful Cazenovia and Madison County over some excellent back roads, by several scenic views, past waterfalls, along creeks, over hill and dale, around Cazenovia Lake and past lots of nice real estate.

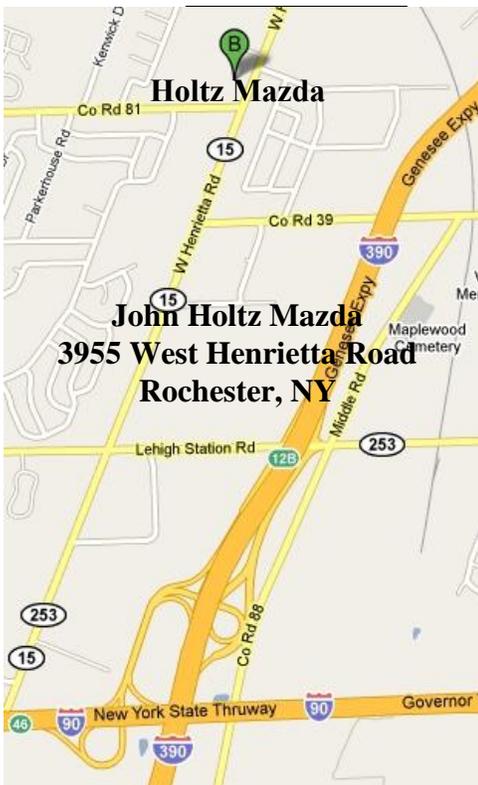
The roads will be some of the best in the area, Chittenango Falls Road (up and down), Perryville Road, the newly paved Gulf Road (up and down) and several other fun twisties. Buckle up tight -- Miatas are outa sight.. Zoom Zoom will be the order of the day as we kick off the 2010 driving season.

We will end the day around 1:30 with some of Jay’s finest at Carvell in Dewitt, NY.



May 22, Holtz Mazda

Karen McKissock



Join us for a new event at Holtz Mazda in Rochester on Saturday, May 22nd.



JOHN HOLTZ MAZDA

Ron will be at the NYS Thruway exit #46 Rochester at 9:45AM. He'll lead cars about 10 minutes to the dealership. Members should contact their area representatives for caravan instructions from Syracuse and Binghamton. We'll proceed to Holtz Mazda at 10:00AM for a complimentary breakfast, some networking and information to be followed by a great ride to Letchworth State Park. Details will be provided on where we'll be doing a late lunch during our ride soon. This is a first event at Holtz and it would be great for us to have a good showing of cars. Our event will be posted on their Events page and they'll do an email blast to their Miata customers to help us promote the day which will hopefully increase our membership. Folks need to reply to their area rep by May 14th if they plan to attend.

Please contact Karen if you need more information at (585-265-2418) or kmckiss1948@gmail.com

Ice Cream

As per jay, the ice cream schedule for **the Northern group** will be announced in time for everyone to participate.

The Southern group will be meeting at Pop's Sugar Shack on Conklin Ave. in Binghamton on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM during the driving season. We will have ice cream and discuss the upcoming events for that particular month. We will also set up other ice cream nights throughout the season.



Jay Cartini

Midstate Miata Club Annual Dues

Don't forget that your annual dues for the 2010 driving season were due by the end of April. Please forward a check for \$30.00 to Lee Maddy at 40 Parkington Circle East Syracuse NY 13057. Make your check out to "Midstate Miata Club of New York".

Those members who have not paid their dues by May 15th will be dropped from the membership.

E-Mail Addresses

It is important that all members keep their e-mail addresses current and accurate as I sometimes encounter problems with messages to members concerning club business. Although I always attempt to make corrections through the member's Area Rep I am not always successful.

I will continue to make initial attempts to make sure e-mail messages get through. However, after that I will simply delete the member's address from my mailing list and wait until someone responds with a question such as "Where is my newsletter?"

Deane Bergstrom

Tired of Tires?



Now that spring has sprung and our cars start to come out from their winter hibernation it's time to address the dreaded tire issue. There are many opinions and options when it comes to selecting the right tire for your car. These options include type of driving; durability vs. traction; size; cost; etc, etc, etc. Then factor in the opinion part of the equation and the possibilities are endless.

One thing that's universal is tire maintenance. There are 3 areas that you should focus on:

1 - Tire pressure. Improper tire pressure not only causes premature wear, but reduces fuel efficiency, and is a safety hazard. Every Miata model is a little different on this issue depending on tire and wheel size. Check your owner's manual, or there may be a sticker on the inside of one of the doors or inside the glove compartment with the correct recommendation for your car. This is an easy, no cost, routine maintenance item that you can do whenever you wash your car.

Jay Cartini

2 - Proper wheel alignment. What this does is sets the angle that the tire hits the road and influences how the car handles, drives, and how long the tires last. A good wheel alignment should last years, and I recommend a 4 wheel alignment as opposed to a 2 wheel alignment. If you notice your car pulling to one side; (and you've already checked the tire pressure); you are unfortunate enough to hit a large pothole or curb; or have treated yourself to a new set of tires; a 4 wheel alignment is in order.

3 - Rotate your tires. Each of your tires wears differently since you are putting different demands on each of them. This is another do-it-yourself maintenance item that can be done within a ½ hour. Check your owner's manual for the recommended tire rotation pattern (front to back/side to side). An easy rule of thumb is when you get the oil changed, rotate the tires.

OK that's all the words of wisdom I have for today. Following these 3 simple steps should give your tires plenty of life, and in turn, plenty of smiles for you and your Miata.

Remember, blue is better.

The Miata Journal

Tom Cavanaugh

Hello everyone, I wanted to inform the membership that there is a new magazine about the Miata available called ***The Miata Journal***. Many of you remember the now defunct Miata Magazine and Forever Miata.



Well, with this new magazine there are a couple of differences. First, it is sent by email only, no hard copy is available by mail. Second, unlike the former magazines, ***The Miata Journal*** email subscription is free!

If however, if you would prefer a PDF version which would allow you to print a hard copy, the cost is \$0.99 per issue or \$3.99 a year.

So, if you are interested here's the web address (miatajournal.com).

Schedule of Events for the 2010 Driving Season

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 26	Seneca Lake Winery, Windmill Market	Don Lerario Betty & Dave Simmons
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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