



Miata Meanderings

May, 2011

Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Well, I hope that my awe inspiring message in last months newsletter got you all "Pumped Up" to get your cars back on the road. Perhaps the few nice days that we have had in between all the rain might have done it, or perhaps the early track day at Watkins Glen did the trick. If not, well you missed what turned out to be a good one. Yes it was wet, and a little cold, but it was a great time, and a wonderful opportunity to meet some new friends from the PACE Miata club.

To me, the club is much more than just driving the car, it's also about camaraderie with others who share your love and appreciation of the car. It was back on September 17th 1995 when I joined the club. It is easy to pinpoint the date because it's chronicled in Bob Sabella's historical "memory lane" list of past activities. I had never thought that I would join a car club, I was "too young", but it just so happens that I had found out through this "cool" thing called the internet, about an upcoming gathering of Miatas that was going to be happening the following year. There was going to be an international convention of Miatas in Toronto Canada, and several club members were signed up to go. So I went to meet those who we going to attend, and surprisingly to me, the club seemed like fun.

And when I went to the convention I met other Miata owners from all over the world, the designer of the Miata, the publishers of Miata Magazine, there were games and drives, vendors, free stuff, and Miatas in every color. It was a blast! Turns out that friends that I made there, became the catalyst for many more trips to come (I'm sure I'll tell you about those in the future).

It's then when I had realized that what had started as just a trip blossomed into being part of a bigger family and community. Rest assured that the world is not as huge or foreign as you may think. Wherever you go in the world, if there is a paved road, there is another Miata family member nearby to watch over you, to help you out in a pinch, or to share a pint in a time of need.

Lee Maddy

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Peter Knowlton & Dana Paradise	Liverpool	2008 Silver	Karen Abbott

Jeff & Diana Horst	Liverpool	2007 GT Black	Karen Abbott
Scott Ladin	Rochester	2010 Blue	Karen McKissock
Dick & Daithi Borges	Chittenango	2000 Burgundy	Denise Wargo

Midstate Miata Club Dues

Deane Bergstrom

Club dues for the 2011 driving season are due by April 30, 2011. If you still have not paid your dues you should write a check payable to **The Midstate Miata Club of New York** and mail it to **Ronnie Sabella, 401 Swansea Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13206.**

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

Ice Cream



Binghamton May 2, 2011 at Pop's Sugar Shack at 6:30 PM

Syracuse For the month of May we will return to where it all began.....

May 12, 7:00 pm, Pete's Polar Parlor, Milton Ave, Solvay

May 26, 7:00 pm, Sno-Top, Manlius, next to the swan pond

Rochester at Orbackers on May 10th and on May 24 at Minnehans in Lakeville (has go-karts)

MAY 7, DEWITT ROTARY PANCAKE DAY , SCAVENGER HUNT AND DANDELION RUN **JJM & 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 2011 driving season is warming up.

On May 7th join the fun starting with 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 beautiful cars to the big crowd that will be at hand. Our own proud Rotarian Judy Williams, has a block of discounted tickets for the pancake breakfast. There will be lots to eat and the price is right. (\$4.00 per person) At noon we will depart on a tour winding along some of the best back roads through beautiful Madison County, You will enjoy scenic views, waterfalls, winding creeks, some beautiful lakes and hopefully dandelions in bloom.

Remember to bring a pen and a pad. We will be having a sort of Scavenger Hunt that will test your skills of

observation as we zoom along.

The roads will be twisty as usual and everyone will have an opportunity to sharpen up their driving skills.. Miata's 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 at Snowtop in Manlius

Wine & Waterfalls Tour 2

Ray Moser

On May 14th and back by popular demand! Those of you who partook in the inaugural Wineries & Waterfalls Tour two years ago know what to expect, but this time we have a whole new set of waterfalls. This is a driving event along some fun roads with stops at a number of waterfalls in the Finger Lakes region. Many of the waterfalls will be at or near the roadside, a few will require short walks, the longest requires a 20 minute, (roundtrip) hike along fairly level ground. Plans are subject to change, but currently we plan to start near Canandaigua, then proceed near Geneva, Penn Yan, along Seneca Lake, then to Hammondsport (with lunch and tastings at the Bully Hill winery overlooking Keuka Lake), and along Canadice Lake, ending up in Honeoye Falls. I have a modified route for our Southern Tier members, starting near Penn Yan. They can do the first two falls at the end if desired. Please contact your area rep so we can get a rough count for lunch, but you can still come if you don't sign up! Watch the web site for updates with detailed starting points and times.



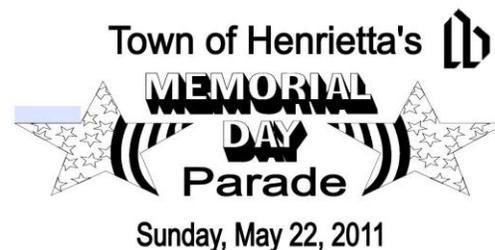
Henrietta Memorial Day Parade

Steve Stewart

On Sunday May 22nd the Midstate Miata Club will have opportunity to participate in the Town of Henrietta Memorial Day parade. We will meet at Tim Horton/Sunoco Plaza at 11:30. Plaza is on north side of Rt.253 (Lehigh Station Rd.) and just



west of intersection of 390 and Rt. 253. We will then go en mass to staging area at Sperry High School just east on Lehigh Station Rd. We have to be staged before 12:00 noon. The parade is 1.8 miles long and starts at 1PM. Throwing hard candy to spectators is allowed if you chose to do so. I will need head count by Monday May 9th for town and for local diner to setup for us after parade.



We will take a short rest and stretch break after parade and then a ride ending at the Log Cabin diner.

Directions:

From East: Take 90 (Thruway) west to exit 46. Follow 390 north exit sign to Rt. 253 ramp signs. Turn left on to RT. 253 and proceed to Sunoco plaza on your right.

From South: Use 390 North to exit 12 and bear right onto Rt.253 ramp. Turn left on to Rt. 253 and proceed to Sunoco Plaza

From Rochester: Take 390 South to exit 12A. Turn right on to Rt. 253 and proceed to Sunoco Plaza. Any questions / concerns feel free to contact me. Steve Stewart at oldracerstew@frontiernet.net (preferred) or 585-586-9152 RSVP to your area rep by

April Event Report

PACE at the Glen

Plus One – Miriam White

What do you get when you cross driving rain, gusty winds, a curvy racetrack and over 20 Miatas? Lots of fun! The PACE club from Pennsylvania joined 12 hardy souls from the Midstate Miata Club to face the challenge of driving at Watkins Glen on the track's opening day. A majority of drivers purchased 6 laps but actually received 9 laps on the track. As we waited our turn to enter the track, a tow truck went out to rescue one driver who went off the track. Staff walked down the line of cars cautioning everyone to be careful on the slick track. I'm not sure anyone listened as speeds in excess of 60 miles an hour and much, much higher speeds were reached. Refuge was taken in between runs in the empty garages to get a break from the wind. After the runs, Miatas scattered in different directions to wineries, museums or town. We eventually met at the Cobblestone Restaurant in Geneva for an excellent meal but even better company. PACE members visited our table to introduce themselves, compare notes on their day and to thank the club for joining them and the help they received. Lee and I met two couples that will be in Hilton Head in October when we plan to be there. Phone numbers and e-mails were exchanged so we can meet in Hilton Head. We may even consider driving down to Hilton Head!

Etc.

Bug Remover

Chuck Rischenole

If you are looking for an inexpensive product that works great for removing bugs from the car give this a try.

RainX has come out with a washer fluid product called Bug Remover (color green) in a one gallon jug cost around \$3.00 - \$3.50.

Use a spray bottle to apply it-- let it set for a minute or so -- wipe the bugs off with a damp cloth or use a water hose.

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
Sunday, May 22	Henrietta Parade	Steve Stewart
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

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2011

President: Lee Maddy

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