



Miata Meanderings

May, 2012

Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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www.midstatemiata.net

President's Message



Ready, Set, Go.....no wait, not quite yet, it's snowing again! Some people got dumped on one more time. Perhaps that was the quickest summer ever, I hope not. I prefer to think those hot sunny days as just a little tease of what's yet to come. If so, then at least it got us all thinking about getting our miata's out on the road early. For those of you who did, think of yourselves as lucky to get a head start on what is sure to be another good year to come.

I feel fortunate, I've already had a few of my own personal Miata Ice Cream nights at my local Ice Cream Parlor, and I hope you have too . . .

It might be the sunny weather that got some people's Miata blood flowing early this year, but there were also a lot of brave souls that got started by joining me for a cold, raw, but really fun day on the track at Watkins Glen for our first event of the season.

Be it warm or cold outside, any day is a good day as long as there's no salt still on the roads. So if you haven't done it yet, open your personal calendars, and the club calendar, and see what events you will want to attend this year. We have a lot of new members that have either recently joined, or joined toward the end of last year; so everyone bring your nametags when you come to an event, introduce yourselves, and make the new members feel welcome. As usual this year's events will have some old-time favorites, but also some new surprises. You may want to try something that you would not normally try, it might be fun. Also, don't forget to mark down the Ice Cream Nights in your calendar, and check the website for updates or new additions.

Lee Maddy

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Nancy Lindquist	Rochester	91 BRG	Karen McKissock
William & Cynthia Jenkins	Stittville	12 SE Red	Denise Wargo
Jeff & Shirley Dailey	Liverpool	11 GT Red	Karen Abbott

May Events

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:

Tuesday, May 8 at Orbackers, 4794 Rte. 104, in the Town of Williamson, there is food on site.

Saturday, May 26 at Sharks, Rte. 5 & 20, in West Bloomfield, there will be ice cream after dinner at Middlesex.

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.

Saturday, May 12, Dewitt Rotary Pancake Day

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 2012 driving season is warming up.

On May 12th 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

Saturday, May 26, Middlesex Dinner

Chuck & Grace Rischenole

(This is a rain or shine event)

A drive through some of the western counties with a stop in Middlesex for dinner.

Join us at the Log Cabin Restaurant on route 31F in Macedon (cruise night location) where we will be leaving at 2:00pm for a drive through some of our western counties with a stop in Middlesex for dinner at the Middlesex Fire House.



This is an all you can eat dinner that they have been doing on the last Saturday of the month April through October for over 30 years. The dinner is served family style at tables of eight. The cost is around \$10.00 per person. The dinner includes roast beef, real mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, relish tray, rolls and butter, coffee, ice tea, and choice of pie for desert.

You may want to get your pie to go because we will be continuing on after dinner to Bloomfield for the traditional ice cream stop.

Please let us know by May 18th if you will be joining us at candgr@gmail.com or 585-223-7586

MMC Dues for 2012

Ronnie Sabella

Dues for 2012 will remain the same - \$30 per car. Payment is due by April 30th. If you have already paid, thank you and, if not, please send your dues to: **Ronnie Sabella, 401 Swansea Ave., Syracuse, NY 13206. Make your check payable to Midstate Miata Club of New York.** Those members who have not paid by the end of the grace period will be dropped from the club.

April Event Reports

MMC at the Glen

Lee Maddy



It started as a cold, blustery day and it got colder as the caravan started in Syracuse, and drove out Rt. 5 to meet the Rochester members at the totally new Geneva McDonald's which was a surprise to even me, the event coordinator, since they had built a new building and moved everything across the street.

Upon leaving Geneva we had blossomed into a caravan of 21 miatas and 1 Shelby

Cobra. The caravan snaked over hill and dale, through farmland and back roads on our way to meet up with the Southern Tier group waiting at the track. Only one brave car, “mine” went top down. Of course the Cobra also went topless, but since the Cobra really does not have a top, I guess he doesn’t really count. All was going well until the unthinkable happened. I hit a dirt road, and we all had to backtrack. Not one of my finer moments leading a caravan, but all took it in stride, and we soon got back on the correct path.

Arriving at the track in a fog, we were joined by more cars to total 31 miatas and 1 cobra. One of our larger turnouts, especially impressive given the weather. Although it seemed foggy, it was pointed out to me that it was not truly fog, but a cloud that surrounded us, and was delaying us from going on the track as scheduled. Tom Cavanaugh was nice enough to lead us on a few laps on the old road course, as the clouds lifted, and we were all then able to get on the track.

Some people purchased 3 laps, some purchased 9, but it was all for a good cause, to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Those hardcore members that stayed for 9 laps finished just as emergency weather warnings started to blare from the tracks loud speakers. Snow was on the way The day was great fun, but may future events be warmer.

Upcoming Events

Jt's Parade Time Again

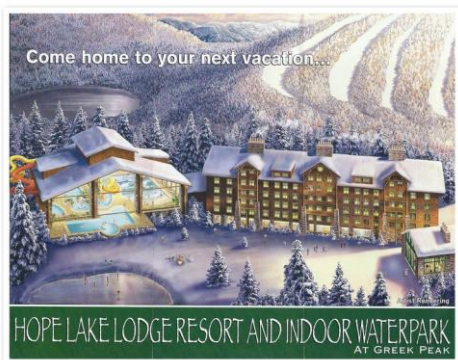
Chuck Paul

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!!!

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
Saturday, 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
TBA	Holiday Party	Lee Maddy

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