



Midstate Miata Club of New York

“Miata Meanderings”

Official Newsletter for May 2013

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President's Message



Well, we're off to a great season with 2 events already in April and 1 more to go! Although the weather wasn't a factor for the indoor go cart rides, it always is for the Watkins Glen event. Mother Nature smiled on us yesterday and we saw sunshine the whole time we were at the Glen! VERY different than the last 2 years!!! It was a crisp run around the track, but tops were down and spirits were soaring...fun was had by everyone. Thanks to Tom Cavanaugh for coordinating the day. I hope we'll have a good turnout for the Tioga Downs event on April 27th also.

Since our last newsletter, a group consisting of your Officers and Area Reps met to discuss some opportunities for the future of our club. I'll try to summarize in the bullets below:

- There are some refinements in the Event Coordinator guidelines. We will be publishing them and will post them on the club website.
- We need to remind all members that they need to notify their Area Reps, not the Event Coordinator, whether they are or aren't attending an event in order to get an accurate count of participants. Thanks for your cooperation.
- After some discussion, we have decided to pursue the 501 c3 option vs. the LLC. Jay is setting up a meeting with the attorney for the Officers and Area Reps to be able to vent questions in order to proceed. As part of this process we will refine our by-laws and share them with all members when they are complete.
- We will be establishing a 'Sunshine Club' to enable us to recognize significant 'social' milestones in our members lives e.g. illness, death, births, and weddings. As the guidelines are completed we will share the process for you to submit news to the committee.
- Event cancellation guidelines
 - If the final count for an event is less than 5 cars it is up to the Event Coordinator to contact Activities Chair (Jay) and the President (Karen) to discuss a cancellation in case there is something else that can be substituted on short notice.
 - Activities Chair (Jay) or President (Karen) will contact the Area Reps and Webmaster (Lee) in order to change the website. Area Reps will distribute cancellation notice to their members.

May is also shaping up with more interesting things to do so please check the events listing and post your calendar so you don't miss them. Also, in case you're like us and only look a month at a time, be sure to consider saving the date for the Marcellus Parade on June 1st so it isn't a surprise when you flip over the calendar.

Last, but not least, a reminder that I'd love to hear from any of you that may have something to share, be it a complaint, a new event idea or an improvement that may help more people join us for events. My door (email and/or phone) is always open. Until next month, Zoom on.

Karen McKissock

Miatatude, May, 2013

Jay Cartini

So last week Lisa came home to find the Miata in the garage. Her comment was "I should have known the car was coming home today, why else would you be vacuuming out the garage!"

So it may just be the garage, but it's the focal point for the neighborhood men to have manly discussions on how to save the world, fix the economy, keep our wives in line, watch classic 80's movies, smoke cigars and sip scotch. So I told her that the garage needs to be clean since that's where I entertain.....not because the car is there.....I put out a very passionate explanation and justification, but, in the end.....she called "bull shit" and went inside.

At least I tried.

Now that the car is out there are a few things everyone should be aware of. Keeping it clean. When was the last time you cleaned the door jams? Use some quick detailer and a rag and poof.....you can do wonders. How about treating the gaskets around the door, top and the inside of the trunk? I use a product called 303 Protectant (it's sold at marine stores to treat vinyl and leather on boats). Not only do I use it on the gaskets, but the interior. It leaves a more satiny sheen instead of a glossy one and doesn't seem to attract dust as quickly. Want to make the vinyl top look like new? Spray some on a rag and wipe it on. You'll be amazed how good it will look.

One more thing, you may read elsewhere in this publication that I might have offended the mustang club at Watkins Glen this past weekend. All I can say is that it never happened, and rumors regarding my exploits will be greatly over exaggerated by all parties involved. Tom was the one that did it!!!! That's my story and I'm stick'in with it.

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

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
John Pfleiderer	Ithaca	99 MX-5 White	Joe Lamphere

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:

May 9 – *Jo-Li-Me Cafe*, at Hafner's Garden Center, 7265 Buckley Rd, North Syracuse

May 23 – *Gannons Isle*, 1525 Valley Drive, Syracuse (inside seating)

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

5/14/2013, **Hanks**, 235 north Ave. (Rte.250), Webster, food in-house.

5/28/2013, **Lugia's**, Corner of Manitou and Lyell Rd. Spencerport, food at Bill Grays, 2987 Buffalo Rd. (Rte.33)

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

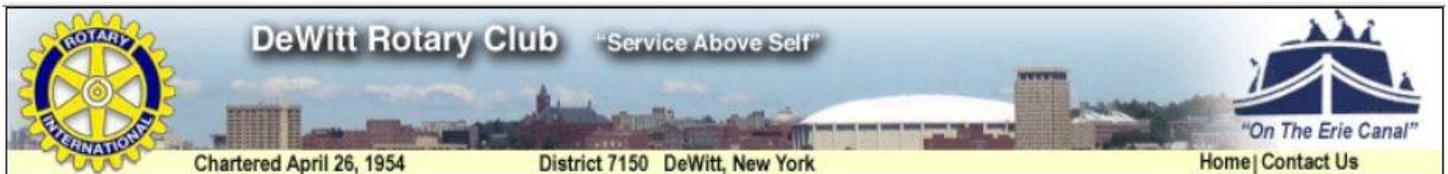
9/10/2013, **Papa Jack's**, 261 W.Main St. (Rte.96), Victor, food at Papa Jack's Grill next door.

9/24/2013, **Reads**, 3130 E. Henrietta Rd. (Rte.15A), Henrietta, food at Bill Grays, 1225 Jefferson Rd. (Rte. 252)

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.

May Events

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



Spring is here for good! The “safety gear” is installed, all systems running smooth, tire pressure is ok, clean inside and out, polished, buffed, all waxed and shined up nice....so let’s buckle up tight. The 2013 driving season is heating up. Join the fun starting with the Dewitt Rotary Clubs famous Pancake Breakfast at Shoppingtown Mall in Dewitt, NY. We will meet at 9: 30 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. (\$5.00 per person).

At 11:30 we will depart on a 1.5 drive We will tour winding along some fun back roads, alongside five lakes through beautiful Madison County , You will enjoy scenic views, waterfalls, winding creeks, beautiful lakes dandelions in bloom...great roads, tight curves .. Extraordinary zooming.

At 1PM we will arrive at the Quarry Hill Art Park. Located just east of Cazenovia and three imputes from McDonald’s on Route 20. The Art Park is a walkable and drivable outdoor Art Park. Complete with trails, restrooms, nice views...just the sort of thing that makes Cazenovia. As weather permits plan for a hour stop, bring a sandwich ...walk about and enjoy... Admission is without charge however a small donation is encouraged.

The Cazenovia McDonalds is just minutes away from The Art Park good for Burgers, etc...Ice Cream nearby as well.

At 2:10 we will leave McDonalds and head down falls road to Chittenango, thru a Gulf or two and end at Green Lakes Park.

The roads will be twisty as usual .. curves, lakes, views, a bit of art and zooming .. and everyone will have an opportunity to sharpen up their driving skills.. Zoom Zoom will be the order of the day as we advance the 2013 driving season.

Sunday, May 19, Waterfalls & Windmills 3

Ray Mosher

Here we go again! We will meet at 9:00 on May 19th at the “well done” Burger King at the Tully exit of I-81 (Exit 14). Note that this Burger King is not open, so can’t be used for breakfast or a potty stop. If you want those options, there is a convenience store across I-81 and a McDonalds one exit north in LaFayette.



Once we're on the road, we plan to drive some zoomy rural, winding roads visiting a cider house for hard (and soft) cider, a brewery for beer tasting, lunch and about 7 waterfalls in the Cazenovia / Hamilton region. Most of the waterfalls are by the roadside, but a couple require a walk of less than 5 minutes.

This is a rain or shine driving event.

April Event Reports

The race was on.....

Jay Cartini

So we met at Pole Position Raceway at Destiny USA for some good old fashion racing. Turnout wasn't as large as anticipated, but the competition was as heated and exciting. There really were no "winners" or "losers" since the racing is all against the clock and a slower driver, accident or spinout by others effects your time in a very negative way.

What people were not anticipating was the physical abuse the body takes while actually racing.....as appose to playing a race car video game, this was the real deal. The karts, being electric, have a good deal of torque when you start up and maintain a decent speed while racing.

Since fun was had by all and this is an event that can be done at any time during the year we should plan on doing it again, maybe even before the end of the year as an impromptu event.

As far as who won or lost? We'll let's just say I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings.....especially mine.

Watkins Glen Opening Day

Tom & Bev Cavanaugh



To those who might know somebody who is currently residing in Hell, an apology for causing the freeze over. There are two reasons for this. First, Sunday morning of the event dawned clear with bright sun (a first for this event). Second, our own Jay Cartini arrived for this event EARLY! This is first time in MMC recorded history that this has occurred. After the veterans of the club recovered from this shock, we made the drive to Geneva to pick up the Rochester members. They were

waiting for us with a great turnout of cars. Great to see so much enthusiasm from our western members. After a short meet and greet, we (that would be us Miatas and one welded top Mini) all caravan down to the Glen. On RT14 we encountered a large runner's marathon (no, the runners were normal size, it was just a lot of them) anyway, we had to pick our way through that lot which slowed our arrival at the Glen. We were late meeting our Southern Tier members. Joe and Joyce Lamphere who were not taking laps on the track, met us at the entrance to tell us that their group had already gone up the hill to the track due to our late arrival. Even though they had

an appointment, Joe and Joyce waited for us so that we would know what happened to the Southern Tier group. Thanks Joe and Joyce.

After getting our tickets we lined up in the paddock area to await our turn on the track. It was so cool to see 22 Miatas from our club (and the Mini) all in a row ready to challenge the famous Watkins Glen race track. If desired, drivers were allowed to make up to three runs of three laps each, for a total of nine laps on the track. The first two runs we were on the track by ourselves with a pace car and we were having fun driving our Miatas as they it were designed to be driven (Fast!) in a safe environment. For the last run we were paired up with the Mustang Club. I have to tell you, I had a blast harassing the Mustang GT ahead of me like a terrier after a rat. He just couldn't shake my 'only' 116 horsepower car no matter how hard he tried. Don't you just love our little Walter Mitty "race cars"?

After the laps on the track different groups from our club broke off to do their own thing. Some members remained to try the historic Old Watkins Glen Race Course. However, the old course was in pretty bad shape with loose gravel and potholes so we aborted the attempt prior to completing even one lap.

Thanks to all that participated in this event. If you missed it, hopefully next year this event will be back on the schedule, and you too will be able to find your inner Mario Andretti in our fun cars.

2013 Miata Club Dues

Ronnie Sabella

Dues for 2013 will remain the same – \$30 per car. If you have already paid, thank you. Please send your dues to: Ronnie Sabella, 401 Swansea Ave., Syracuse, NY 13206. Make your check payable to "Midstate Miata Club of New York" An updated club roster will be distributed to the members as soon as the dues cycle closes. **Those members who have not paid their dues by May 15th will be dropped from the club.**

Schedule of Events for the 2013 Driving Season

Saturday, May 11

Pancake Breakfast & Dandelion Run

The Rotary Club in Dewitt puts on their annual pancake breakfast. Join us for a favorite annual spring event! We will all park together for a show and shine and after we much pancakes Jim will take us for one of his patented dandelion runs.

Event Leader: Jim Williams

Sunday, May 19

Waterfalls 3

This is the third in a series of biennial driving events with stops at several roadside or short-walk waterfalls. This edition will mostly traverse Madison County, east of I-81 in the Cazenovia/Hamilton area. The plan is to also stop at a Cider Mill for cider (hard and soft) and possibly a brewery and/or winery to wet our whistles and otherwise refresh ourselves. We will stop for lunch at an as yet undetermined location. This is rain or shine event. **Event Leader: Ray Mosher**

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

Ad Hoc Event, Friday, June 28

Lake-to-Lake Ramble

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> **Event Leader: Ray Mosher**

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. Details to follow

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

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 11

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

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2013

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