

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY “MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE MMC OF NY NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Today's news includes:

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- ✓ Post event reports
- ✓ Wench with a Wrench
- ✓ Holiday Party sign-up sheet



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Note from Ray Mosher

This year's driving season went into "extra innings" this year. It kind of makes up for the slow start it had, I guess. Hope you got to enjoy some extra topless miles this fall. If you have not done so already, make sure you follow Gail's winter storage prep instructions when putting your car away for the season. I just did mine today and Hakuna is now settled into the barn for her winter hibernation.

Just because our driving season is about over, the club fun is not. Make sure you send in your check for the Holiday Party, held again the Springside in Auburn. Money is due on Nov 10th. Please don't forget to bring unwrapped toy to donate.

During the winter, try to generate ideas for next year's driving season. We have a lot of new members and we'd like to get their input at the planning meeting next spring.

Have a great winter!

Ray Mosher
MMC President

OCTOBER EVENT REPORTS

LAPS AND LUNCH AT THE GLEN SEPTEMBER 28TH

Coordinator: Gail Wagner and John Becker

What a great way to spend an idyllic mid-week day traversing the roads of the Finger Lakes capped off with three 'spirited' laps around the infamous Watkins Glen International Raceway. Well, that is what 14 of your Club members did this on this cool September day.

Club members from Ithaca, Binghamton, Syracuse and Rochester met at the Watkins Glen International main gate for sign-in and pre-lap chit-chat. Despite cool temperatures and partly cloudy skies, spirits were high among these wanna-be road-racers. Once the pace truck arrived, our mini caravan set out for fun and excitement. After two laps, the group paused for a short 'rest' stop on the main straightaway for a photo 'opp' and or to let the brake pads cool-down. After the final lap, as the drivers left the track, everyone was wearing broad smiles of exhilaration. However, a few passengers looked a little green-in-the-face. Luckily, none of the participating Miatas ended up on the end of the tow truck.

Afterwards, the Ithaca group took a lap around the original road course. (The Rochester group arrived early in the day to take their lap around around the historic road course before proceeding to the group rendezvous meet-place.)

A group lunch was pre-arranged at Jerlando's in the heart of the Village. The drivers continued their excited chatter about their driving experience. I'm sure a few check marks were entered on one's bucket lists.

A big thanks to the 'event' leads; John Becker (Rochester) and Gail Wagner (Ithaca) for co-coordinating

SPRAGUES WITH THE NIAGARA CLUB

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11th

Coordinator: Chuck Rischenole

It was one of those days when Mother Nature decided to turn on her irrigation system but it didn't stop our club join the Niagara club for the days first joint club event with them. We were represented from the Rochester Chapter by myself, John & Susan Amon, John & Delores Gingerich, Dave King, Richard & Shirley Dittman, Steve & Linda Stewart, John & Delores Becker, Russ & Moe Young, and as always representing the Syracuse Chapter Kevin Smith bringing us to 9 cars. Despite the rain we traveled some fun roads with hills, curves, and dips getting to the place to meet up with their club and start from there to the restaurant for lunch with a total of 26 cars. There was a stop along the way at the Cheese Factory Shoppe in Cuba NY. If you are into cheeses if this one of those stores that if they didn't have what you were looking for you didn't need it. The meal at the restaurant was excellent with many choices and seating was mostly at tables of 4 that gave us the opportunity to meet and talk with their club members. We agreed to swap schedules for next seasons events and hopefully get to do more events together. This is an annual event for their club so when you start with your 2018 calendar circle the second Wednesday in October. Our day ended with a drive from the restaurant to Colbys for you guessed it an ice cream stop and then on to our homes with a perfect day behind us.

Chuck Rischenole

TRIP REPORT – OPERATION BULLWINKLE

Coordinator: Carol and Lou Trelease

The Vermont Miata Club invited our club to participate in their annual trip to Rangeley, Maine over Columbus weekend. Two cars from our club took them up on the offer - ourselves and Tony Alduino with Melanie Valencia. We drove to Burlington, VT on Friday to meet the Vermont club early Saturday morning. 12 cars enjoyed the tops down drive over twisty roads through Vermont, New Hampshire, and into Maine - great scenery, colorful foliage, and the chance to spot Moose. Once in Rangeley, the tradition is an early evening outing to look for Moose. We drove to an area where Moose are regularly seen and waited but, alas, none showed up while we were there. The closest we got to an actual Moose was the head of one mounted above the fireplace at the Inn! In spite of that, it was still a good time. Our thanks to the Vermont Miata Club for the fun experience.



LAFAYETTE APPLE FRITTER CRAWL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

EVENT COORDINATOR -Lee Maddy and Miriam White

The weather was fantastic and the turnout was incredible! We had 28 cars start out from the Lafayette McDonalds on the shortest and final driving event of the season. We make stops at four fritter purveyors, including the final one at Beak & Skiff. At the end, the ballots were tallied and Navarino's was the clear winner of our Best Fritter award. After the fritters were consumed, many of the assembled sampled the hard cider, apple wine and liquors made at Beak & Skiff, generating a "write in" ballot for the best tap room (also the only tap room) at Beak & Skiff.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY AND HARRY SMITH

Our best wishes and gratitude go out to Mary and Harry as they leave our club but embark on their next adventure in Florida. It's been a pleasure driving with you and enjoying many years of fun and laughter with you both. Ride on!!!

DECEMBER EVENT



Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party Springside Inn's The Point at Sand Beach Sunday, December 3, 2017

11:30 registration; 12:00 cocktails and holiday cheer; 12:30 brunch

Holiday party time is upon us again!! We will be having a beautiful Holiday Brunch at the Springside Inn's "The Point at Sand Beach" facility located at 2924 Sand Beach Rd., Auburn, N.Y. (<http://springsideinn.com/banquets-and-meetings/the-point-at-sand-beach/>). The cost will be **\$15.00** per person (taxes & gratuity included) and includes brunch and desserts. There will also be a cash bar available.

We will be making donations to an area charity. If you would like to participate please bring an **unwrapped** toy or other gift for a child up to 12 years of age.

We will also continue our tradition...a White Elephant gift exchange which we started three years ago. To participate, bring a wrapped gift valued under \$10 (new, used, gag or anything else) to exchange. It has been a lot of fun and generates a lot of conversation and joking.

New this year: There will be drawings for several door prizes.

PLEASE USE THE REGISTRATION SHEET AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARTY. MORE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE THERE.

TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH



By Gail Wagner

Have A Merry, Merry Miata

Hi, Miata Folks,

I imagine by now most of us, me included, have sadly packed our little cars away in winter storage. But let's think positive and be optimistic.

Holiday gift-giving (and receiving 😊) is coming, so here's some holiday Miata-related gift suggestions to slip in front of your spouse, significant other or adult children. Yes, it's always nice to give, but you have to admit, it's awfully nice to "receive", especially if it's something on your wish-list.

Most of these items can be purchased on-line from Go-Miata (www.gomiata.com), Moss Miata (www.mossmiata.com), AutoAnything (autoanything.com) or your fav auto part/supply store. Prices listed below are approximate.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and hope to see everyone at the Miata Club Holiday Party on December 3rd.

Zoom-Zoom Next Spring!

Gail



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Miata Stuff I Gotta' Have

Car Accessories:

New Mazda Factory Floor Carpet Mats - \$8.00 - \$109.00

Silicone Wiper Blades - \$20.00 each

Zoom-Zoom or Mazda chrome or black license plate frame - \$30.00 +

Water and UV resistant car cover (I like CoverCraft) - \$130.00 - \$250.00

Retro Chrome Trunk Lid Luggage Rack - \$229.00

Chrome or matte black exterior gas filler cap - \$100.00

Weather Tech Waterproof Trunk Liner - \$100.00

High Flow Permanent Air Filter (Just hose it off to clean) - \$50.00

Shifter Rebuild Kit - \$90.00 - \$124.00

Vinyl Convertible Top Boot - \$250.00

Dual Interior Cup Holders (no tools needed to install) - \$50.00

Dual Air Horn Kit - \$55.00

Hood Lift Kit (after unlatching, lifts slowly by itself. I have one.) - \$50.00

Trunk Lift Kit (after unlatching, lifts slowly by its self) - \$35.00

Mazda Key Chain (Leather or chrome) - \$10.00 - \$12.00

Wolfstein "RaggTopp" convertible Top Cleaner and Conditioner Kit (restores and cleans like magic) - \$40.00

For the Driving "Enthusiast":

Stainless Steel brake lines - \$150.00

Perforated Performance Pedal Set, Silver or Black - \$99.00 - \$125.00

Brake Pads - Akibono (Mazda OEM), Hawk or Brembro - \$30.00 - \$135.00 per set

Cold Air Intake - \$250.00 - \$350.00

Front & Rear Sway Bars- \$200.00 set

Front Shock Tower Brace - \$200.00 - \$300.00

Non-adjustable Bilstein or Koni shock absorbers - \$100.00 - \$300.00 per pair

Hard Dog Roll Bar (the real thing) - \$400.00 - \$500.00

Performance Spark Plug Wire Set - \$40.00 - \$70.00

Performance Cat-Back Exhaust System - \$50.00 - \$700.00

And Finally:

Miata MX-5: Twenty-Five Years (coffee table book) by Thomas Bryant (yes, the guy from "Road & Track Magazine) - \$34.99

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PLEASE mail your reservation request and check **made out to Midstate Miata Club to:
John Piston, 400 Merrell Rd., Syracuse, NY 13219**

ALL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 10, 2017

Questions? Email: efrog22@gmail.com Phone: 315-415-5770

**There are several rooms available upon request if you would like to spend Saturday or Sunday night
Call the Springside or visit their website for room reservations**

Please send form below when registering:

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Reservation for the 2017 Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party

Date: Sunday, December 3, 2017

Location: The Point at Sand Beach, 2924 Sand Beach Rd., Auburn, NY

Time: 11:30 registration; 12:00 cocktails and holiday cheer; 12:30 brunch

Name (s) _____

Number attending _____

Date sent _____

Amount enclosed _____

Date received _____