



# Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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## President's Message



I have always enjoyed the month of October for top down cruising in my Miata. The fall colors provide a backdrop and I like the cooler temperatures as opposed to the ninety degree days of summer.

This month I was able to participate in two events. The Trenton Fall drive was very enjoyable with a great breakfast and fantastic views. Deane really recharged my batteries with that drive. Thanks Deane. The second event was our annual road rally. One of my favorite club events. Karen and Norm did a great job this year. I'll let them tell you about the results. Sadly, now my thoughts turn to getting the Miata ready for another Winter's nap. I had a lot of fun this driving season and I

hope you did as well.

This will probably be my last President's Message. To paraphrase Lyndon Johnson, "I shall not seek and I will not accept" another term as Club President. During the last two years we have streamlined communications and reduced the cost of the club mailing list, established a reliable way to purchase club apparel, and are currently working to further protect the members by making the club an LLC.

Now it's time to let someone else lead. Perhaps you have some ideas of how you would like to improve your club. It has been my honor to be this club's President and I hope you would consider running for Club President to keep the Midstate Miata Club the best car club in New York State.

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>
Ken & Debi Shaver	Vernon NY	10 Copper Red	Karen Abbott
Lynne & Alex Cacciotti	Watkins Glen	90 White	Brian Wise
Martin & Margaret Kleinman	Rochester	06 Black	Karen Abbott

## **December Events**

### **Holiday Party**

**Lee Maddy**



The annual Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party will be held at the Craftsman Inn in Fayetteville on December 4th 2001.

There will be a sumptuous buffet dinner and rooms will be available on a limited basis and at a very attractive price. The attached brochure describes the party in detail and contains instructions for sending Lee your reservations which are due by November 19th.

### **Event reports**

### **Tubing**

**Janet Calp, Andy & Denise Wargo**



It turned out to be cloudy and overcast, but it was warm and 10 of us ventured off on the two hour tour, while three decided to be adventurous and take the four hour. We were taken to a new drop in site, where Janet, the fearless leader of the pack, set sail solo ... The Abbotts, Tyler, Jackie and myself tied together in raft form, while, Jim & Judy Williams and Mike & Cathy Neuner tied off as couples, maybe for reasons that should stay unknown ... and off we went.

The current was slow and it took us awhile to get to the bridge, where Andy, the landlubber, was waiting to take pictures ... Lee & Miriam managed to call Andy just as we were going under the bridge, so we all got the chance to yell "HI" as we drifted on down river. We meandered down the river, laughing, slipping, bumping, spinning, drinking beverages of choice and laughing some more. Miata enthusiasts are very good at stocking tubes with coolers and snacks. At times, Norm and Tyler, our human tugs, pulled us

along as the water was a bit low.

Now, 6 of us managed to stay somewhat "together" and Jim & Judy Williams did manage to catch up with us toward the end, but the Neuners were nowhere in sight most of the afternoon, therefore, have been tagged as "Neuners had a "Nooner" on the Tioughnioga". They strolled into the picnic area after 8 of us had been ashore for a bit.. .. hhhmmm .... We picnicked in the pavilion and you all know how that goes ... all kinds of food comes out of tiny little cars and gets shared and noshed, then what do



we see?? The four hour tour comes in two hours early ... the "explanation" was hot knee caps ... now who's buying that one?? .

After eating, we then ventured on to the Frog Pond to see the unique sculptures, where Lee & Miriam caught up to us and of course, the event was topped off with ice cream and more "secret happenings". For the mysteries to become unraveled, you must join us next time ... as "what happens on the river, stays on the river!"

## ***Trenton Falls***

***Bev Greco, Deane Bergstrom***

The visit to the Trenton Falls hydroelectric plant began with a delightful brunch buffet at the Beeches in Rome. We were seated in the exclusive Michelina Room where we had a great brunch with all the amenities.



Then it was Tally Ho and off for a scenic drive to Trenton Falls where we walked along the great pipe bringing water to the power generation facility.



On our ride we stopped for a scenic view of the valley,

Delta Lake and Oneida Lake in the distance, passed the Baron Von Stueben monument, and then ended at the Falls. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.



While we were stopped at the scenic view I had a small battery problem (like my car would not start) which injected some excitement into an otherwise trouble free event. Thus, the subtle comment by Tom about "recharging his batteries". I have since replaced said battery at my local Mazda dealer just in time for Winter storage.

## ***Road Rally***

***Karen & Norm Abbott***

Sunday October 17 turned out to be a nice day for the annual "Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally. We met at Carrier Circle and after a brief drivers meeting, the cars began departing 3 minutes apart. The foliage was beautiful as the sun peeked out on a cool autumn day. We made our way through country roads in East Syracuse, Minoa, Kirkville, Manlius, Fayetteville, and Dewitt, then back to Carrier Circle for a buffet at the Double Tree Hotel.

We thought this was a nice surprise as we never start and end the rally at the same place. **Were you surprised??** Our trip included several curvy roads and of course Gulf Road, since we were in the area. The

cars criss-crossed past each other as they wove through the countryside. Attention to detail was important, as road names were not mentioned very often.



The group did a great job, and no one was lost this year, though Bob Sabella did open the panic envelope. I think Bob has so **many** trophies; he just does not want to be greedy. The results were very close, and our winner is **Tom and Bev Cavanaugh**, with Lee Maddy and Miriam White just behind them by 1 point. Congratulations Tom and Bev and enjoy your trophy until next year when we all rally again in an attempt to take the trophy from you.

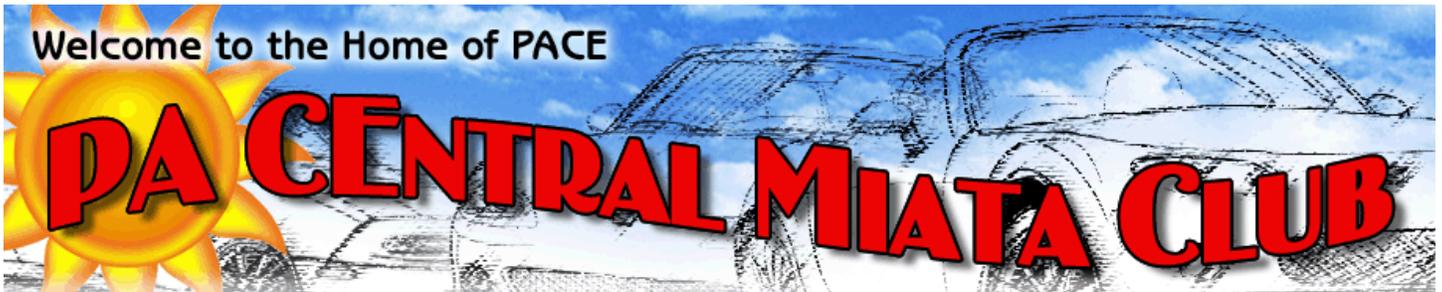
### ***Midstate Miata Club Name Tags***

***Deane Bergstrom***

In the event your name tag has been lost, misplaced, wore out, or eaten by the dog please let me know and I will provide you with a replacement. Send an e-mail to me at [dbergst1@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dbergst1@twcny.rr.com) or surface mail to me at 1311 Franklyn Street, Rome, NY 13440.

### ***2011 PACE Event***

***Bob Sabella***



The PACE Miata Club of Lancaster PA will hold its 2nd Buggies & Bridges II Event next Sept 22 - 25, 2011. This event is limited to the first 125 cars. As of 10/16/10, 70 cars have already registered. If you're interested, go on line to - [buggiesandbridges.net](http://buggiesandbridges.net) - for information, lodging, registration etc.

### ***Schedule of Events for the Remainder of the 2010 Driving Season***

December 4

Holiday Party

Lee Maddy

### **Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2010**

President: Tom Cavanaugh

Vice President and Activities Chairperson: Jay Cartini

Communications Manager and Newsletter Editor: Deane Bergstrom

Treasurer: Lee Maddy

Membership & History: Bob Sabella