

Midstate Miata Club of New York

“Miata Meanderings”

Official Newsletter for November/December 2015

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www.midstatemiata.net



President's Message



Trick or treat, eat something sweet, take a ride in a Miata seat. ☺
For those of you who have already put your baby to bed for the winter, you have my sympathies. For those of us who drive them all year around, there's still plenty of salt free driving left. Get out there and zoom!

Looking back at this year's driving season I have to reflect on how blessed we were this year compared to many other areas of the country that have been dealing with devastating flooding, fires, draughts, mud slides and more. As much as I hate winter, we certainly are much luckier (at least this year) to have not been impeded by weather when trying to have fun with our cars and our friends. Let's take a moment and give a thought to those still cleaning up across the country.

As this is the last newsletter of the year I'd like to publicly thank all the Event Coordinators who served up a fantastic menu of opportunities for us in order to explore some new venues, find new roads and meet new friends. While we identified an initial set of events at the planning meeting, we also added a number of 'pop up' events throughout the season some of which were for the entire club and some remained local. I loved that members continued to find new ways to enjoy their cars in new and different ways. I'm so proud that many of you are actively recruiting new members as well! I think we added 3 new cars to 164 memberships to date this year. The more the merrier!

And I can't forget to mention how exciting it's been to finally see the new generation Miata/MX5!!! They are really hot! I know of several of you have either purchased or ordered one for your garage. While we thought we'd have a chance to do an event around the release, the inventory was sparsely distributed to the dealers and they went out faster than they came in. That's good for all of us as a club and owners. Maybe next season we can have a Show and Shine at one of our dealers and enjoy several of them in one place if the new owners participate. Stay tuned....

As we close up the formal news I thought I'd share some 'next steps' going into the big sleep. First, I hope to see a lot of faces at our Holiday Party on Dec. 7th. It's a wonderful way to close out the year with good friends, good food and lots of fun. Please send your registration in to John as soon as possible. The article and registration form at the end of this newsletter also tell you about a couple fun things about the party in case you are new to the club.

Second, we will notify members in December of the date/time and location for the Annual Planning Meeting in late February. This is where we gather new event ideas and formulate the initial calendar for the year. We need your help... so keep thinking of fun things to do and places to go when you're shoveling your driveway. Feel

free to use the MMC website for calendars from previous years in case you'd like to do an old event again. (Calendars can be found in the old newsletters)

After the planning meeting we will distribute the calendar to all members so you can post them on your calendars as soon as possible so you don't miss any of the fun!!! After the planning comes the new season...can't wait!!!

Finally, I'd like to thank all the other members of the club that keep us growing, getting together, as well as, keeping the wheels on (no pun intended, but you have to admit it fits). So if you have the chance to reach out to your Area Rep, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, Webmaster, Activities Chair, Secretary and Vice President, please let them know that you appreciate them volunteering their time so we can all have fun. They do a GREAT job and I am very lucky to have them as our support system.

'Til we meet again

PS Don't forget to notify your Area Rep by Oct. 31st if you will be joining us for the Board meeting on Nov. 7th. We'd love to have your input regarding how the club is doing and how it can be improved.

***Happy zooming,
Karen***



Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom

<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Bill & Kate Harrison	Oswego	2001 BRG	Karen Abbott
Brad & Patti Saisselin	Fairport	2002 Red	Marcy Edmiston

October Event Report

Saturday, October 17, Fall Foliage Run

Dennis Bromley/Sue Beck

Curves, Colors,and Cold! Our 10/17 fall run started out with 43 degree weather with just a touch of SNOW in the air. Nine Miatas and their stalwart pilots and copilots readied for the run at Green Lakes State Park with coffee, cider, and hot chocolate. After a quick driver's meeting and a few Halloween goodies, off we went with two of the group TOP DOWN!

Through the enticing curves of Chittenango's route 13 then a stop at Pratt's Falls to enjoy the scenic waterfall. We continued over hill and dale to the curves and lakes near Tully. Transmissions and pilots took a lunch break at Bob's BBQ.

Chilly....Bob's personnel made a fire for us to warm up to as we ate their awesome chicken and pork sandwiches! Then back into our Miata cabins (nice and cozy warm) as it was 44 degrees, windy AND snowing lightly!!!



there are only thirteen of them!"

Onward to the hills leading into the Otisco Lake valley where the colors were brilliant and the curves...more curves...tested the mettle of the Miata's gears. Fifth, fourth and third gears all contributed on our way to Skanellus for ice cream...or hot chocolate, your choice. Fall colors were at their best through these curves. Then.... the famous "13 curves" of Camillus....another delight for pilots, copilots and transmissions alike! One of our pilots said, "The only thing wrong with the 13 curves is that

We finished the run at Webster Pond...a wild life refuge for geese, ducks, pigeons and swans.....where we were able to hand feed the birds and walk a nature trail. It was a great day to revel in the colors of fall, explore the hills and vales of Syracuse area, and....DRIVE.....and navigate some wonderful curves!!!!

Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party

John Piston

Sunday, December 6th so please save the date now!!!



Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party Springside Inn's The Point at Sand Beach

We will be having a beautiful Holiday Brunch at the Springside Inn's facility called The Point at Sand Beach in Auburn, NY (www.springsideinn.com) The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes brunch, cash bar, and desserts (taxes & gratuity included)

We will once again be making donations to the Central NY Marines Toys for Tots. If you would like to participate please bring an unwrapped toy / gift for a child up to 12 years of age and a value of \$10.00 or so.

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

TECHNICAL TIPS – "WENCH WITH A WRENCH"

Gail Wagner

Tech Tips for November/December by Gail Wagner is attached to this newsletter – Ed.

We now have three sponsors for the Midstate Miata Club. They provide service and discounts to club members so pay them a visit



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We will also continue our newest tradition...a White Elephant gift exchange. To participate, bring a wrapped gift valued under \$10 (new, used, gag or anything else) to exchange. It was a lot of fun last year and generated a lot of conversation and fun.

**PLEASE mail your reservation request and check to:
John Piston, 6106 Manlius Town Line Rd., E. Syracuse, NY 13057**

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efrog22@gmail.com 315-415-5770

ALL RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 17, 2015

All checks need to be made out to Midstate Miata Club

**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:

Reservation for 2015 Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party

Name (s)

Number attending _____

Date sent _____

Amount enclosed _____

Date received _____