



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Hello everyone. In the near future Midstate Miata Club of NY will become a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Why are we doing this? Well, our club has grown from a just a few members to a group with over eighty cars. We cover an area about the size of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island combined. Our members participate in events that are planned by the club at the yearly planning meeting and they also participate in locally planned events near their hometown.

It's important to know that legally, what happens to a member participating in a club or locally planned event in, for example, Syracuse, also effects members in Binghamton, Rochester, and the rest of the club. Your club expects that any member participating in any club or local event will do so as safely as possible and comply with all the laws of New York State.

But unfortunately, we live in a litigious world. So to decrease the liability to all members of the club we are going to become a LLC. Basically, an LLC is a legal firewall for the members of the club. In the event that someone wins a judgment against the club as an LLC, they would only be able to go after the bank account, property, etc, of the club LLC. They would not be able to go after the bank account, property, etc, of yourself as an individual member of the club. As the club continues to grow it's important that we always consider taking care of the members first. This is why we are pursuing becoming a Limited Liability Company.

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>
John and Kathy Cooper	Binghamton	06 GT Grey	Joe Lamphere
Christopher & Pamela Evans	Binghamton	04 Red	Joe Lamphere

Ice Cream

Northern Ice Cream



For the month of October we will continue to mix things up a bit, BUT we will be starting an hour earlier due to the unpredictable weather and lack of daylight...

October 14, 6:00pm, Kimberly's Ice Cream, Cazenovia Road (rte 92), in the Manlius Commons

October 28, 6:00pm Gannon's Isle, valley section of Syracuse

Southern Tier



We in the southern tier will have our next ice cream night on Oct. 4th (first Monday) at Pop's Sugarshack in Binghamton. Also a few of us plan to attend the Cooperstown Pumpkin Regatta which is held on Sept. 26th on Otsego Lake.

October Events

Sunday, October 3, Trenton Falls

Bev Greco, Deane Bergstrom



Come and join us for a delicious brunch at the Beeches in Rome NY and then for a drive to Trenton Falls where you will see a real water power generation plant in action along with some great Fall scenery. **We will meet at 10:30 in the Beeches parking lot. Directions to the Beeches are shown below.**

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The scenic trail begins near Brookfield Power's 28-megawatt Trenton Falls hydroelectric plant, located on the West Canada Creek. The plant typically generates 133 million kilowatt hours annually, enough to power approximately 20,000 homes for one year. "The Trenton Falls Scenic Trail provides visitors with an overview of three basic themes: the geology of the gorge, the history of Trenton Falls as a tourist destination and inspiration

to artists and writers, as well as the current and historical use of the site to produce electricity,” said Jon Elmer, general manager of Brookfield Power’s Lake Ontario operations.

The price for the brunch is \$12.95 plus tip. Please let your area reps know by September 28 if you plan to attend. Directions to the Beeches are as follows: From Rte. 5 and the Thruway take Rte. 365 East to Rome and exit left for downtown Rome. Continue North on Rte. 46 through the city passing Price Chopper on right and Ford dealership on left. Continue to Potter Road and turn left. The Beeches will be on your left and then go to the large parking lot in front of the Beeches. I’ll meet you there.



Sunday Oct. 17 –Annual Road Rally

Karen & Norm Abbott



This year’s annual “Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally” will start out at Carrier Circle. We will meet near the Doubletree Hotel and the “new” Springhill Suites. Enter at the traffic light at Weighlock Dr. and meet in the parking lot behind the Weighlock Café and Springhill Suites.

Meeting time will be at 10:00am with an instructional meeting at 10:30am and the first car out at 10:45am. There is one pit stop during the route and the first cars should be arriving at the restaurant about 1:00pm. The restaurant location will be a surprise this year, so pay attention to your instructions. We will be having a buffet, so bring your appetite. The cost of the buffet will be \$15.00 per person (including tax & tip). We will need a head count in advance for reservations at the restaurant by October 9, so be sure to respond to your area rep.

Please bring CASH, as we will collect your money, then give you your rally instructions and send you off. The trophy will be awarded at the buffet. This fun event does need a driver and a navigator, so buckle up and get ready for some excitement. If you have never participated in a rally, it is easy, so give it a try. This could be your year to take the trophy home!!!

Event Reports

Japanese Car Show

Bob Sabella



The first all Japanese Car Show was held inside Drivers Village Mall from 12 noon to 3 PM. Burdick Nissan was the sponsor along with the Z Association of Central NY. Our club had 11 Miatas along with 9 “Z’s” of various models and one 1984 RX 7 with the famous Wankel engine.



Foot traffic was light perhaps due to the good weather outside (but it was very comfortable inside). Both of our clubs spent a good amount of time talking cars, and club activities as well as checking out each other's cars.

The Z Club would like to make this an annual event and expand the participation to include additional makes such as Toyota, Mitsubishi, Subaru, and Scion etc.

After the show a short drive to the Plank Road Ice Cream Stand was a must for a few of our cars Thanks to all who participated.

Schedule of Events for the Remainder of the 2010 Driving Season

Sunday, October 3	Trenton Falls	Bev Greco, Deane Bergstrom
Sunday, October 17	Road Rally	Karen Abbott
December 4	Holiday Party	Lee Maddy

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