



Miata Meanderings

October, 2011

Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Oscar Wilde once said “expect the unexpected”, well this year certainly is not what I expected my first year as President to be. I thought we’d get a handle on events getting cancelled due to weather. In past years I recall going to every event, in most cases the weather was great. Sometimes a little rain would put a damper on things, but the event still went on. But so far this year, the weatherman has not been very kind to us, especially not to our family/club members in the Southern Tier who have braved terrible flooding. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of them.

Perhaps in the future, instead of listening to the weatherman, we should start by gazing into a crystal ball. If anyone has one, please be sure to bring it to the planning meeting

next year.

But let’s try to keep our spirits up, and end the year on a high note. We still have a few events remaining, and some parties planned. So check out the newsletter write-ups, check the website, embrace the unexpected, and try to join us for an upcoming event soon.

Lee Maddy

Lee Impacts Southern Tier Folks



We are back in our home for the first night since Tuesday night Sept. 6th. It has been one hell of a week, but we survived.

We stayed with Jo & Bob **Gingell** while we were evacuated. I have some sad news though; **Anita and Dave Van Winkle lost their home**. The water reached the second floor, and they don't plan on rebuilding at that location. Their vehicles were



all taken to higher ground so the Miata is safe and sound. **Tony Alduino** was in Florida during the flood, but he e-mailed me and said his house was OK. He lives right on the river but his house is on a slab and it is up rather

high above the river. He has a pool down lower toward the river and he said he probably had lost it again with this flood.

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Harry & Mary Frisbie	Conklin	09 Copper	Joe Lamphere
Judy Wilcox & Joe Corso	Pennellville, NY	08 Green	Denise Wargo
Richard & Nancy Cianciotto	Fairport, NY	08 Silver	Karen McKissock

October Events

Midstate Miata Ice Cream Meets



Syracuse - For the month of October we will be changing the time to factor in the cool weather and the setting sun..... October 13, 6:30pm, Kimberly’s, 8240 RTE 92 in Manlius. October 27, 6:30pm, Biscotti Cafe, 741 North Salina Street, Syracuse

Rochester – October 4th at Hanks in Webster.

Binghamton – TBD, Pop’s Sugar Shack might have been a victim of the flood.

Sunday, October 2, Apple Orchard Crawl

Lee Maddy



October is a great time of year to be out in your car, so let’s not let a Sunday go to waste. For those of you who were disappointed to hear that the “drive to nowhere” event was cancelled, have no fear. Your weekend will not be a total loss. Instead of a long drive that gets you nowhere, please join me for a drive where we go nowhere (or close to it).

Yes, this may be the shortest club caravan trip yet (*Bob Sabella, you can decide*). Especially designed for those

of you who drive a long distance to get to the event, then complain about the length of the event drive, this one’s for you.

Join us for the Apple Orchard Crawl. We will meet at the Lafayette McDonald’s at 10 AM on Sunday, October 2nd, and crawl to several local Apple Orchards along Rt. 20 where you can taste apple fritters (chock full of Yummy battered and fried



apple goodness!- vote for your favorite), drink hot cider, buy apples, or even purchase your Halloween pumpkin. *Speaking from experience, you would be surprised how many big pumpkins you can fit into a little Miata.*

For those of you who also like to sample a little wine, a stop at the Apple Winery will be made, and perhaps if you still have room at the end, you may be able to convince me to stop for ice cream.

Sunday, October 9, Road Rally

Karen & Norm Abbott



Winding Roads, Waterfalls and Wizards

*****Please note date change*****

This year's annual "Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally" will start out at Fayetteville Town Center McDonald's, located on RT. 5 in Fayetteville.

Meeting time will be at 11:00am with an instructional meeting at 11:30am and the first car out at 11:45am. There is one pit stop during the route and the first cars should be arriving at the restaurant about 2:00pm.

The restaurant location will be a surprise again this year. We will need a head count in advance for reservations at the restaurant, and to print out rally directions. **So please respond by Friday September 30 to your area rep.**

Tom and Bev, please bring the trophy with you and we will award this years winner at lunch. 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. This could be your year to take the trophy home!!!

Fill your gas tank and try this rain or shine event...

From The Southern Tier Group: Fall Colors Ride

On Sunday, Oct 9 we will have a Fall Colors ride along the Cannonsville and Pepacton reservoirs, stopping in Andes, NY for lunch. We'll meet in Windsor, NY at the Big M plaza at 9 AM and leave there at 9:30. This is a rain or shine event. Please call to register by Monday, Oct 3 so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Also, please bring cash for lunch, as it's one check per table. **Call Lou & Carol Trelease (607) 655-3061.**



September Event Reports

John Holtz Mazda/Letchworth State Park

Karen McKissock

On Saturday, Sept. 17th 12 cars gathered at John Holtz Mazda in Henrietta to be welcomed by their Marketing Manager, General Sales Manager and the regional Technical specialist. As we were greeting a new member in

Rochester, we also had 2 new cars from the Syracuse area join us with more 'new' cars (and people) for us to meet and make friends with. It was our pleasure to host our new friends.

John Holtz had a 1989 theme as they provided a lovely continental breakfast for us while we listened to music from 1989. To continue to play out the theme we played a trivia game relating to that year with the final question being 'what was so special about 1989'. Duh! Finally we listened to the Technical specialist share some new technology called Skyactive that will be released in 2014 which will bring increased performance in Miatas. If you want to know more, just Google Mazda Skyactive to see a video and get a better idea of what's going on. He also shared that it will also be 2014 before a new generation body style will be released.

When we finished a great Q&A session we took off for a beautiful drive to Letchworth Park (Thank you very much to Chuck Rischenole who designed the route even though he couldn't join us for the day). Once in the park we gathered in a shelter for picnic lunches and Nancy's brownies and peanut butter kiss cookies which were delicious and very much appreciated. From that point we went 'free style' to enjoy the park until 4:15 when we gathered for yet another course home which took us past a great ice cream/gift shop. All in all it was a great day of friends, fun, food and zooming around in the best cars on the road!

Upcoming Events

Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party

Lee Maddy



After the announcement of the date for the Rochester Party, many people have been asking me “Are we still going to have a club holiday party in the Syracuse area, like usual?” and “when will it be?” Well wait no longer, and mark your calendar.

For those in Rochester, it makes sense to have an option close to home. But for those of you whom one party is not enough, I hope you will still join us all in the Syracuse area (Cazenovia NY) for the Club Holiday Party.

Details:

When: Saturday, December 17th.

Where: The Brewster Inn (Cazenovia NY)

6 Ledyard Avenue

Cazenovia, NY 13035

(315) 655-9232



Come join us for dinner in a Victorian Mansion on beautiful Cazenovia Lake which was once the summer home of John D Rockefeller's partner, Benjamin **Brewster**. If you want to stay the night, 3 rooms have been reserved, but you must call and make your reservation by November 5th. Rooms start at \$110.



Cash bar and Hors d'oeuvres at 6 PM

Dinner at 7 PM

Dinner costs \$50 per person (*tax & tip included*) and will consist of choice of Salad (House or Caesar), choice of Entrée (Pork Tenderloin, Salmon, Shrimp Scampi,

Chicken Francaise, or Filet Mignon (vegetarian option also available) and Dessert (All choices will be made at dinner, selections not needed in advance).

Those of you who have been there before know that, this is a Fine Dining Experience offered at a great price.

Unfortunately, space is limited to 50 persons, act quickly and reserve your place by sending in your check.

Mail your checks (made out to Lee Maddy) for \$50 per person to:

**Lee Maddy
40 Parkington Circle
East Syracuse, NY 13057**

Rochester Area Christmas Party

Karen McKissock



The Rochester Miata group would like to extend an invitation to you to join us for a Christmas Party in the Rochester area. We've had a lot of requests to do something local this year and have cleared it by Jay and Lee and now we'd like to share the details with all of you. This is not intended to supersede the Midstate Miata Club party, but is another option if you're interested in coming west as well. So here's the scoop...

We have selected Shadow Lake Golf Club on Saturday, Dec. 3rd for our party. I think we can do cocktails and light munchies starting at 6:30PM followed by the main entree options below:

Strip steak - \$47 per person

Crispy chicken stuffed w/basil, mozzarella cheese (not spicy) - \$39 per person

Crab stuffed sole w/sherry lobster sauce - \$40 per person

Vegetable Napoleon w/balsamic sauce and basil oil - \$31 per person



The price above includes:

App. - cheese, crackers, veggies

Green beans almandine, garlic whipped potatoes, tossed salad with dressing on the side

Tax and gratuity

Future details:

We can bring in our own cake from licensed kitchen (cut/serve for free)

Can do cookies and ice cream - \$5.00 plus tax and tip

Cash Bar in the room - can choose what's on it later

In order to move forward we need a commitment and deposit from each of you. So here's how I think we should handle it:

1. Each car's Hers and His need to reply to this note with your RSVP that you will or won't attend by Sept. 20th. Identify your menu choices (Please send the name and choice per person)

3. We'll need you to send a check to me by 9/30 for at least 1/2 of your total bill (for both of you) - or you can pay in full. If you don't send the whole amount, the balance will be due by 10/15. (So this means you need to send at least 1/2 of Her cost and 1/2 of His by 9/30)

I think we can make this a really special evening together and hope you'll all start saving your pennies to be able to join us. **Please send your response and a check to Karen McKissock, 1250 Lake Point Dr., Webster, NY 14580. Hope we can see you there.**

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Etc.

Tonneau Cover

Jerry Willis

Jerry Willis has an almost new tan tonneau cover (with hardware) for sale. It will fit 1999 to 2000 model year Miatas. If you are interested give him a call at 315-676-3072

Magnetic Club Logos

Chuck Rischenole

I want to thank all that purchased a set of the logos. With the quantity purchased I was able to get the price down to half of the original quote There will now be 35 cars in the club displaying the new logos at events. If anyone who didn't sign up on the initial offering is interested the club has ordered 6 sets that are available for purchase. Contact Jay Cartini if you are interested.

Where Should Rei Smith Get a New Cloth Top?

Rei Smith has contacted me and wants to know if anyone in the membership knows of a good repair shop that would replace his vinyl top with a cloth top. His top has cracked and he wants to replace it with cloth.

Please let Rei know at: reismith0@gmail.com

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2011

President: Lee Maddy

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