



Midstate Miata Club of New York

“Miata Meanderings”

Official Newsletter for October 2013

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President's Message



As I'm sitting here thinking about how fast our driving season has gone and how many really wonderful events we've held this year. I'm also getting input on several new 'impromptu' events folks are proposing to take advantage of the leaves and continue to cohort around the state with Miata maniacs. Isn't that a good sign that we love being part of the Midstate Miata Club of NY and the friendships we've made?! Wow! What else can we ask?! I know the local groups have done a number of events that were not part of the regular calendar and this is working well...keep up the good work.

There are still several events for the balance of Sept. and Oct. so if you haven't had time during the summer, now is the time for all good members to come to an event. *I'm already getting ideas from members on possible events for next year!!!!*

This month we are introducing Gail Wagner's Tech Talk section to the newsletter. I hope you all enjoyed her article as much as I did last month. Thanks to Gail for volunteering!!! She is happy to take questions or your information sharing so feel free to contact her.

We also had an idea from our Southern Tier friends that we put a 'booklet' together of some of our favorite ride routes so we can take them any time we want or repeat them another year. I think this is a great idea and would like you to get back to me if you agree so we can decide if it's worth putting some work into. My email is: kmckiss1948@gmail.com. I'll be waiting to hear from you.

I'm still taking volunteers to work on the 20th anniversary party with me. I heard from 6 of our 130 members. Hint, hint. We'll be meeting in early October.

I do have one thing to ask of all of you. **PLEASE** try to get back to your Area Reps by their deadline when they ask you if you are attending an event. We have a hard time nailing down who's going and who isn't if you don't respond in time. Sometimes it's critical to have a count 10+ days ahead of the event, so when there's a posted deadline, please make your decision and get back to your Rep or designated person. We are doing our best to have the events on the calendar in March, in each month's newsletter with details updated the month before the event and your Area Reps often send their own request for attendance nearer the deadline. If there's more we can do to help you all make your choices and get the events on your calendars, please get back to me and we'll see what we can do. Thanks!

Saving the Holiday Party to last (but not least), please be sure to read the last page of this month's newsletter to get party details and to find the registration form and who to mail it to. This is one of the events that need to

have everyone heed the registration deadline. There is a limited capacity so get your registration to Moe as soon as you can. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Moe Young or me. It's going to be very different than previous parties but we think it's one you won't want to miss.
 'Til next we meet...ZOOM ZOOM!

Karen McKissock

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Bob & Kay Joslyn	Fairport	1995 Merlot	Steve Stewart
Warren Baldwin	Baldwinsville	91 Silver	Denise Wargo
David R. Kuhn & Sharon Gasbarre	Henrietta	2013 Dolphin Gray Mica	Steve Stewart

Ice Cream Schedule

Syracuse Area Ice Cream

Miriam White & Karen Abbott



All ice creams are on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.

October 10 – ***Kimberly's Ice Cream***, 8240 Cazenovia Rd, Manlius (inside seating)

Binghamton Area Ice Cream

Joe Lamphere

We will have ice cream the first Monday of each month throughout the driving season (except for Labor Day) beginning April 1, 2013 and Pop' Sugar Shack on Conklin Road in Binghamton an 6:30 PM Other ice cream nights will be set up as members see fit.

September Event Reports

Run for the Colors

Bill Lowe



What grew into an 8-Miata caravan participated in the annual Run for the Colors on Sunday, September 15th. This 80-mile ride is an annual event to benefit OASIS, a non-profit outfit that aids disabled vets by helping them regain physical and mental health through outdoor sporting activities.

After some of the usual milling about in the parking lot at Honeoye Commons, club members set off on the charted course that took us through Livonia, Geneseo, Letchworth State Park (and some “memorable” curves!), Nunda, Dansville and Naples. At the check point in Naples...The Middletown Tavern...the 8-Miatas all parked around a 1995 model that was already there. The owner of

that one just happened to walk at that moment and thought she was being pranked! She was so impressed she brought out other employees to eyeball the Miata massing.

From the tavern it was only about 14-miles to Sandy Bottom Park and ride's end, where we were treated to a barbeque, dinner, some music and a t-shirt giveaway. Two members of the group were among the shirt winners.

Those involved were Kevin Smith, Dale and Cathy Nagel, Lou Nefflen, Dick and Nancy Cianciotto, Warren Baldwin and Linda Bannon, Mo and Russ Young, Ron and Karen McKissock as well as Nancy and me.

Thanks to Chuck Rischenole for setting it up. He was unable to attend and thus asked me to lead the group. This indicates one of two things: (a) Chuck has far too much trust in former radio announcers. Or (b) nobody else would do it! Despite that, I must have done something right...because so far, at least, there have been no reports of a missing Miata anywhere along the route!

All involved agreed it was a great time and something to put on the calendar for next year!

We want to thank everyone who took part in the event and hope you had an enjoyable day. Your donation is going to a great organization. It is amazing to see what the OASIS group has done to help disabled veterans participate in outdoor and indoor sports. A special thank you to Bill & Nancy Lowe taking over for us...

Chuck & Grace Rischenole

Miata Club (Binghamton Area) Reservoir Ride

Del & Virginia Austin

Misty, day to start, but in the Big M parking lot in Windsor NY were 12 beautiful Miata's and there warm club members. All ready to follow Carol & Lou Trelease's 06 Copper Red on what would become one of the clubs most enjoyable rides this year. This 2013 riding season has been outstanding to say the least, with several

parades, and the now famous PA 125 ride, Lou and Carol had done this ride before, and we all knew it would be well planned out. But there was to be a special surprise at the near end. Off we went east on 17 toward Deposit, no back roads this time, and onto RT 10, A little misty, but a certain 06 True Red was seen running with its top down. A real true Miata couple (Randy & Bev Wike).



A potty stop in Walton's McDonalds and off again on some great Miata roads. The group ran very well together, and it was nice to see John Pfleiderer from Ithaca and his friend Pam in his 99 White Miata running with us, really enjoy our conversation with you both at lunch. Speaking of lunch, Lou & Carol. A great lunch stop, outstanding service and food. If you are ever in Andes, New York, the Andes Inn is a must try. Some of the members were seen running in and out of the several Antiques shops, (Anita Van Winkle). It is a good thing David you had room in the trunk!

Off again past several covered bridges, stopping at the one in Downsville. We even got to drive over one outside of Walton NY. We saw a family of American Bald Eagles under and around the covered bridge in Downsville. The sun came out and the tops came down. Off to Bainbridge, and the surprise Lou and Carol had for the members.

We were told that Lou and Carol were buying ICE CREAM in Bainbridge, and true to their promise they did. I saw sprinkles, and a big chocolate covered black raspberry cone. Not only did they give us a GREAT ride, but Good Ice cream. Some of us were off to the Frog Pond for fresh veggies, and perhaps a cabbage or pumpkin. It is wonderful to be able to drive a car such as the Miata on roads like we were on today. But it is not this great little car that makes this Mid-State Miata Club of New York so great, but the special people that drive and ride in this outstanding sports car. Oh yea, Lou and Carol are putting a special two county ride in October, and I think I heard something about free pumpkin pie. P.S. A very special THANK YOU to all the club members who made the special effort to put together this year's riding events.



October Events

Saturday, October 5, Magnus Ridge Winery Run & Lunch

Miriam White



Join us for a wine tasting and lunch at the Magnus Ridge Winery in Rock Stream on Seneca Lake. Magnus Ridge is a new winery with gorgeous views of the lake plus great wine. Lunch will be a pulled pork sandwich buffet served in their café reserved for us. Lunch is limited to 34 people so reservations are required! *Send an e-mail to your area representative today!* A wine tasting will also happen in one of their



private tasting rooms. Wine tastings alone are also available. Their large gift shop is a great place to wander and is filled lots of different gift ideas, so check your gift needs for friends and family before you come as you will probably see lots of things to buy! Or, sit outside and enjoy the view. After lunch we will meet up with the Massachusetts Miata Club for a drive through the countryside.



Lunch reservations: Price TBD, will include the wine tasting. Deadline to reserve is Sunday, September 22.

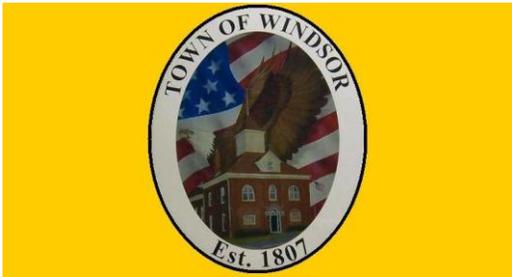
Wine Tasting Only: Send an e-mail to your area representative stating “wine tasting only” by September 22. Cost: \$3.00 per person

Drive Only: Just arrive at the meeting place.

This is a rain or shine event.

Saturday, October 12, Fall Foliage Drive

Lon & Carol Trelease



We're planning a local drive on Saturday, Oct 12. Starting in Windsor, NY we'll travel scenic country roads with excellent views in Broome and Chenango Counties to enjoy the fall colors. Lunch will be at Fred's Inn south of Norwich. We've tried out lunch there and liked it. (Del, we'll ask them if they have pumpkin pie!) The drive will be about 1.5 hours before lunch and 1 hour after lunch.

We'll meet at the Big M parking lot in Windsor at 10 AM. **Please let us know by Wed, Oct 9** if you'll be joining us so we can give a count to the restaurant. Notify us directly, as Joe Lamphere will be out of town. Phone (607) 655-3061 and email - Buckshotfarm@aol.com

Thanks & hope to see you.

Etc.

TECHNICAL TIPS – “WENCH WITH A WRENCH” Gail Wagner



Hi, Fellow Miata Club Folks,
Welcome to my inaugural “Tech Tips” column offering you suggestions about care and feeding for our beloved Miatas. While I am not a full-fledged, tool-toting mechanic (as evidenced by my oil changing experience in the last newsletter!), I bring lots of enthusiasm, personal experiences over 50 years of owning a stable of vehicles including Triumphs, Porsche, Corvette, Carmen Ghia, Mazda RX-7 and current MX-5, “Scarlet”, not to mention many sports cars “I have dated” in my single-girl past. (Sorry, Honey, that was way before we were married.)

I hope you enjoy my new column and I welcome and encourage any feedback and ideas for future columns when we pull the car covers off for a

new driving season. You can e-mail me at gwagner@ithaca.edu anytime. Safe and happy zoom-zoom driving!

WINTER STORAGE TIPS

Yes, sadly, it's time to prepare our Miatas for their long winter's nap. Below are some tried-and-true pointers I have found valuable to keep our Miata's in good condition over the long, cold NY winter and ready for spring reawakening. Warning: I am obsessive-compulsive about maintenance☺.

- **Change the oil and filter** to remove acids and other waste products that can corrode your motor. I recommend using the OEM Mazda genuine filter with anti-drain back valve in it. Our Mazda dealer Club sponsors give us parts discounts. Use a good quality motor oil too. I use Castrol GTX. It's your choice to use synthetic oil or real petroleum-based oil but do not mix both together. Don't try this at home, Kids (unless you're a die-hard, motorhead/masochist like me ☺). Buy your own oil and Mazda filter and take it to a trusted mechanic to change for you.
- **Wash, wax and thoroughly clean the interior of your car.** This includes washing underneath especially the wheel wells to remove dirt. Vacuum thoroughly to remove food crumbs that entice small creatures to picnic on leftover Doritos or the like in your vehicle. Critters can be unbelievably destructive not to mention their indiscriminate excretory habits. Consider taking your removable carpets indoors to prevent becoming musty. Place a couple of scented dryer sheets inside to discourage critters. **DO NOT** use mothballs. It takes all summer to remove the nasty naphthalene fumes which are toxic stuff not healthy to breathe.
- **Check all fluid levels** before storage especially the coolant/antifreeze level. Buy a little hydrometer at an auto parts store and check the freeze point or have it checked and coolant flushed/replaced if necessary before winter. This ain't California, ya' know. Old coolant can corrode the engine, cooling system and heater core.
- **Fill the gas tank** completely to prevent condensation that may contaminate your gasoline and corrode the fuel system. Some suggest premium gas without ethanol (which contains water). **IMPORTANT:** add a gasoline stabilizer additive such as "Sta-bil" and run the engine to mix it in to prevent the gasoline from becoming "gummy" that may clog injectors from sitting over time.
- **Check your tire pressure.** Some suggest a slight tire over-inflation may prevent flat spots on your tires if you are not putting the vehicle up on jack stands. More on jack stands later.
- **Consider placing a sheet of heavy plastic polyethylene sheeting** under the entire vehicle to prevent vapor buildup plus it's easy to spot any fluid leaks (I hope not!).
- **Remove the battery** to a warm, dry place (and charge once a month, if possible) or leave it in the vehicle and consider plugging in a trickle battery charger if you have access to an electrical outlet. It's a popular myth that the battery will discharge if stored on a concrete floor. It won't, but if you're a non-believer (like my husband) set it on a piece of wood.
- **Wrap the wipers in plastic wrap** to prevent the rubber from sticking to the windshield or remove completely and store indoors. I told you I was O-C.
- **Jack Stands:** If considering putting your vehicle up on jack stands to prevent flat spots on your tires, don't put the jack stands under the frame as it will stress the rubber bushings in the suspension if the suspension "droops". Try to keep the weight as it is now... that is, put the jack stands under the outer ball joints to approximate it sitting on the ground.

- **Release the parking break.** If left on, the brake pads may stick to the rotors and we can't have that, can we?
- **Exhaust & air intake:** Remove the air filter, wrap it in aluminum foil and replace and cover the end of the exhaust pipe with aluminum foil to prevent warm, fuzzy critters from nesting in both areas and causing havoc. Again, do not use toxic moth balls.
- **IMPORTANT:** leave yourself a little note taped to the steering wheel to remind yourself to move the aluminum foil from the intake air filter and exhaust pipe or the car won't start and you'll be wondering why ☺ and note any maintenance issues you might want to address in the spring so you don't forget.
- **Car Cover:** Consider a good, ventilated, breathable car cover if you don't have one to allow water vapor to leave the vehicle and keep dust and dirt off the finish.
- **Lock the doors,** give 'er a little pat on the fender and say, "See you in April".

DISCLAIMER

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Upcoming Events

Holiday Party

Karen McKissock



The annual Holiday Party announcement is shown below. Be sure and get your reservations in on time!!

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2013

President: Karen McKissock

Vice President and Activities Chairperson: Jay Cartini

Communications Manager and Newsletter Editor: Deane Bergstrom

Treasurer: Ronnie Sabella

Membership & History: Bob Sabella

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY



**Ho! Ho! Ho! It's Holiday Party planning time again...
Are you ready to think snow?! (Heck NO!!!)**

Well, the 2013 Holiday Party is taking a little detour from our traditional style party and changing it up a bit.

Sign up now for

Sunday, December 8th at 11:00AM.

We will be having a beautiful Holiday Breakfast Buffet at the Lincklaen House in Cazenovia. The party committee *knows* you'll like the cost and central location and hopes that you'll join us for good food and fun with friends. The cost will be \$18.00 per person including tax/gratuity (with a cash bar). The dress code will be Holiday attire so we can continue the festive spirit we've always observed. (*We're also expecting to see more of our members this year!*) This year's format should prevent anyone from having to stay overnight. However, if you wish to, there are rooms at the Inn on Sunday evening for \$75+tax. There are 6 rooms being held so please mention the MMC when you book.



We will also be making a donation to the Central NY Marines Toys for Tots so if you'd like to participate, please bring an unwrapped toy/gift for a child up to 12. Donors should consider what might be an appropriate gift for their own child/relative, purchase the item and bring it to the party. Thank you.

Please mail your reservation request and check to **Maureen (Moe) Young by the Nov. 7th deadline**. Please tear off and send your registration below and check made out to the **Midstate Miata Club of NY**. Moe will send an email back when she receives it.

Maureen Young 8 Island Lane, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Reservation for 2013 Midstate Miata Club Holiday Party

Name(s) _____

Number attending _____ Date sent _____ email _____

Amount enclosed _____

Date Received _____