

Members of the Midstate Miata Club of New York,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Midstate Miata Club of New York spring 2020 poll.

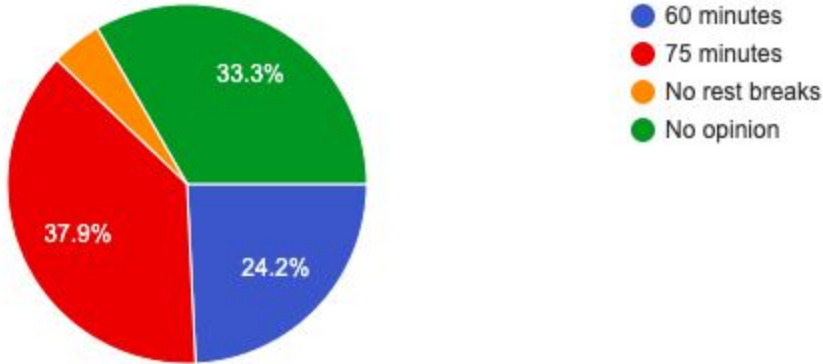
In preparation for the Annual Meeting on March 14, 2020, and the coming driving seasons, your Board has put together this poll to better understand what you like and don't like as well as what you know about the Club and don't know. This will help to better plan events for 2020, especially the details of those events.

Everyone who is a member was invited to participate, both pilot and co-pilot. We had 66 people participate in the poll or 24.2% of the members.

Below please find the results of the poll. I would encourage you to take a little time to read the responses. They are all there. The results would make very good talking points at events or ice cream meetings. This is especially true if you will be hosting events this year as there is a lot of good information as to what people like and do not like.

Thanks,
John Amon

How long in minutes would you like to see between rest breaks? 66 responses



60 minutes	16
75 minutes	25
No rest breaks	3
No opinion	22

What part of the events you have attended did you find MOST enjoyable? 58 responses

- 1) Driving, then hanging out
- 2) Meeting other Miatta owners and talking, seeing parts of NYS I have never seen.
- 3) It was so nice that someone had already researched the route and knew exactly where we were going, how long it would take to get there, and where the appropriate pull-off places would be. What a thoughtful – and important – thing to do!
- 4) Drives on winding roads and sharing meals with members
- 5) Unable to answer this question
- 6) meeting up with fellow club members
- 7) All are enjoyable, they gives a chance to drive
- 8)
- 9) The rides and seeing new destinations and continuing with some of the old ones

- 10) Country roads at moderate speeds
- 11) twisty country roads
- 12) Ice cream nights, Watkins Glen, area dinners
- 13) driving not talking
- 14) Polo
- 15) The drive of course...
- 16) Events centered on automobiles/Miatas/driving
- 17) The drive
- 18) waterfalls, adirondacks, rudys, wakens glen vintage gp, some historical sites, and other points of interest, drive-in theater, picnic and maybe some small group drives with a simple picnic, polo, kingston ontario canada
- 19) Chatting with the other members. Sharing a meal.
- 20) Driving nice curves
- 21) the drive, seeing new things, visiting with Miata friends
- 22) All of the event
- 23) any and all
- 24) I'm a new member so haven't attended any events yet. I like to meet members for a "cruise" with maybe lunch.
- 25) interacting with other members
- 26) All - the drive, the special destination, the food.
- 27) Polo at Skaneateles. Bob's BBQ great place to congregate too.
- 28) Driving! Lots and lots of driving.
- 29) Going to new places.
- 30) We like to see entertainment, not simply "eat"
- 31) leisurely travel on country roads
- 32) We haven't attended any events
- 33) New member
- 34) The French restaurant
- 35) Driving down country roads at breakneck speed. 😎
- 36) Scenery ..meals together...
- 37) Watkins Glen, Apple Crawl
- 38) Track events, caravanning, lunch / dinner events
- 39) Interacting with members
- 40) The drive and seeing the sites
- 41) Driving
- 42) Where you learn something or are entertained.

- 43) there were NO events close to my area, thus did NOT attend any in 2019
- 44) Meeting old Miata friends, making new acquaintances and looking at everyone's Miata.
- 45) drive and food
- 46) Love it all. Venue, food, ice cream and friends.
- 47) The drive, food, great people attending.
- 48) The stops along the trip, and the chance to talk with other Miata owners from around the state.
- 49) Driving back roads, being with other members(!)
- 50) The fellowship
- 51) Just being with other members and ice cream
- 52) Ice cream and picnic. Got to know local members.
- 53) Driving and eating
- 54) Rides on interesting back roads to destinations
- 55) Usually the drive.
- 56) Being with friends (new & old) and new and different destinations.
- 57) An interesting drive, nice scenery, views, some zoom zooming
- 58) All parts!

What part of the events you have attended did you find LEAST enjoyable? 49 responses

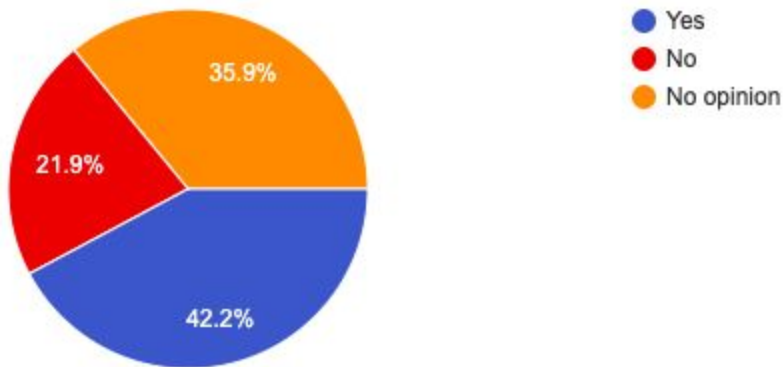
1. None
2. Non driving events
3. really nothing....we have always enjoyed the outings we have attended
4. No complaints!
5. Getting stuck behind a slow driver who can't keep up
6. Unable to answer this question
7. caravanning - aggressive group leaders speeding above limit, fast takeoffs at stop signs
8. The members who respond and don't show up & the ones who show up without responding
9. Long stretch of highway
10. talking
11. Watkins Glenn
12. I like pretty much all of the event segments. However, sometimes getting back on the road after a lunch break takes a while

13. Events that have little to do with the cars themselves
14. Too long drives
15. driving long distance before starting the event, very expensive events, parades, waiting too long to eat or pit stops
16. No complaints
17. Driving too slowly
18. lack of cohesiveness between areas of membership
19. The waiting for slow pokes to show up at event
20. none
21. waiting to start/ if not on time.
22. As long as the featured activity is of interest, none.
23. Only could arrange our timing for this one.
24. People who complain.
25. Parades
26. Riding all over for nothing memorable...just wasting time.
27. traveling above the speed limit; or at higher speeds
28. Long, Long trips with few pit stops.
29. Driving down country roads behind someone with a different sense of adventure☹
30. Too high speed..
31. Nothing comes to mind
32. Rain
33. Expensive dinners
34. Where people are not aware others are there.
35. too much driving & sitting just to get to STARTING point of event
36. Nothing. Enjoy it all.
37. waiting to get started
38. Long rest breaks
39. The events without a fun drive
40. Sometimes the long drive in early morning to get to distant events.
41. People who complain
42. Sometimes too much waiting around.
43. Drivers who do not obey caravan rules. Not avoiding road construction sites.
44. I have not found any event that had a part that I found least enjoyable except when an event ends at the destination and I need to know where I am and how to get back home.
45. N/A

46. Having to wait a long time to be served at lunch, recognizing that with a big group of people it can be difficult to have everyone served in a timely manner. Speaking from experience, the the hardest part of planning a trip is finding a good place for lunch.

47. When drivers do not drive as rules state..

Should any events be held that do NOT include food? 64 responses



Yes	27
No	14
No opinion	23

What kind of past events are most interesting to you? 53 responses

1. Polo, laps at WGI
2. the museum in Oswego
3. Loved loved loved the laps at The Glen!
4. Scavenger road rallies and multiple stop sight-seeing drives

5. Driving events
6. Marcellus parade, rides to East Aurora, Watkins Glen, holiday party
7. Polo, car museum sites, historical sites off the beaten path
8. New rides to new destinations
9. A drive to a destination such as museum, park, polo etc.
10. Country drives to destination, e.g. Norwich Car Museum
11. Picnics
12. Longer drives on Miata friendly roads.
13. Watkins Glenn
14. Places of interest
15. see above
16. We thought the ride through the Catskills was wonderful. Emphasis on beautiful scenery.
17. Interesting roads and/or destinations
18. polo, ice cream, day trips
19. Very hard to say, have found something interesting in them all
20. most road trips
21. haven't attended any events yet
22. The Glenn, Club parties
23. Ones that featured an interesting drive, and a destination of special interest (historical or mechanical).
24. Twisty roads leading to some nice place to look around, take a walk, bite to eat.
25. Long drives, maybe with lunch someplace new to me.
26. Any that includes driving a Miata, and meeting more great Miata people.
27. The opera at Glimmerrglass many yhears ago, We had breakfast at the hotel, it was sensational, then the opera. A VERY MEMERABLE AND ENTERTAINING DAY!
28. polo game, touring events
29. Road rally
30. Traveling, museums (Corning)
31. Laps of the track at Watkins Glen
32. Going somewhere of interest
33. Miata roads
34. tours to interesting places
35. Watkins Glen, Wine train murder mystery
36. Twisty drives, going new places
37. Long drives such as the Blueridge or rt 9 to Vermont
38. The Glen

39. Those that included travel, an over night. Museums, Events like the garlic festival
40. one hours plus drive over to another lake for lunch & tour of winery then back
41. Destination events such as museums, points of interest, interesting back road drives.
42. Enjoy the variety we offer. If it doesn't interest us we don't attend.
43. Where the drive to get there is a great ride
44. Road rallys, trips to interesting destinations such as museums and nature centers.
45. Polo match, Watkins Glen, Delaware County fall drive - anything scenic or historic.
46. Historical museums
47. Newbie this year.
48. Polo, ride to Glenn Curtis Museum and lunch, ride to Vidlars and lunch, ride to Rudys and Oswego Museum. WGI
49. Drives to places of interest.
50. Bethany, Chittenango and Lou/Carol's fall run AND The Oxford Veterans' Home
51. Interesting sights such as waterfalls and museums.
52. The visit to Sonnenberg Gardens, the Rose Mansion in Geneva (several years ago), the lighthouse tour along Lake Ontario, the visit to the huge dairy farm with hundreds of cows (also several years ago)
53. All the events have been interesting.

What kind of new events would you like to see? 47 responses

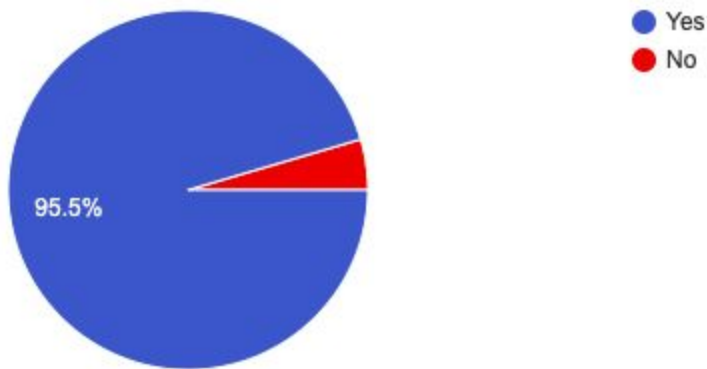
1. Off season curling with Colleen in utica, more pop ups, Drive-In movies, Genesee brewery, autocross,
2. Can't think of any ...but will let you know when I do
3. You put a lot of great events out there. I just have to take the bait and be better about weaving the club into my schedule.
4. Unique destination drives
5. Anything and everything dealing with "automobiles". Racing, Shows, Autocrossing, ...
6. joint events with other Miata clubs
7. More than just one day events
8. No opinion
9. Picnics wine tours music concerts
10. How about a track day at Pine View Run?

11. Shorter drive events
12. see above
13. More in Binghamton/ south of Syracuse
14. new day trips of interest that are not too costly
15. Events that members from all areas will attend
16. no opinion
17. Tail of the dragon (overnight)
18. I would like to see new ideas, maybe by someone who has not lead a drive in the past or has not done so in a while.
19. We should have one over night to each of the three area's, put on by the host area.
20. Most anything of some interest.not just riding around and do nothing and dsee nothing of intetrest
21. visits to area attractions or events
22. I'd like something where we could actually get to know the members. The ice cream meets do nothing for me
23. I would like to see small groups that would like to revisit the opera, travel to Vermont as
24. an overnight.
25. Any other place we could do laps?
26. Ride and overnight.
27. TSD rallys
28. Bonham Concours Car Auction..Lake George, September
29. Part drive/part new place in the CNY area.
30. Drives we can all enjoy and icecream
31. Car show, pocconos speed track
32. Fairs, festivals, parades, other Miata groups
33. something close to Ithaca & Binghamton
34. Maybe a reasonable distance overnight to a destination.
35. overnigheters
36. Any. The more the variety the more folks we should see participating.
37. Not sure
38. I like the mix of events already going on.
39. over night to historic/scenic areas
40. Car shows
41. .not sure.
42. Maybe an overnight event. Tour of breweries in Fingerlakes
43. I do not have any ideas at this time.

- 44. Enjoy what we have done, don't mind re-runs.
- 45. I'm sorry I missed the train ride last year in the Lockport area but I had a conflict. Could something like that be done again?
- 46. Not at this time

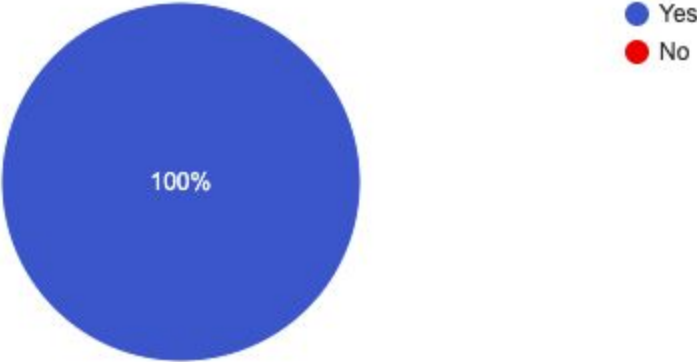
Are you aware all monthly events are listed on our Club website

(www.Midstatemiata.net)? 66 responses



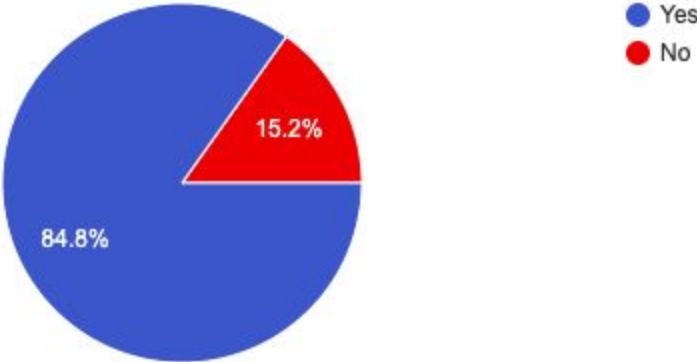
Yes	63
No	3

Do you feel you being kept informed of events, event cancellations and news by your area representative? 64 responses



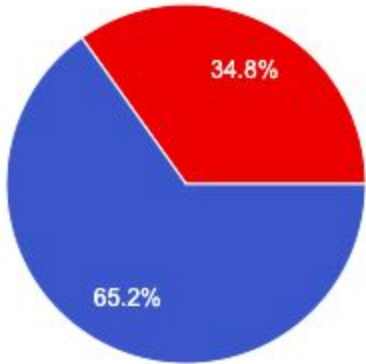
Yes	64
No	0

Do you know YOU can suggest and run a "pop-up" monthly event at any time (with assistance by your area rep)? 66 responses



Yes	56
No	10

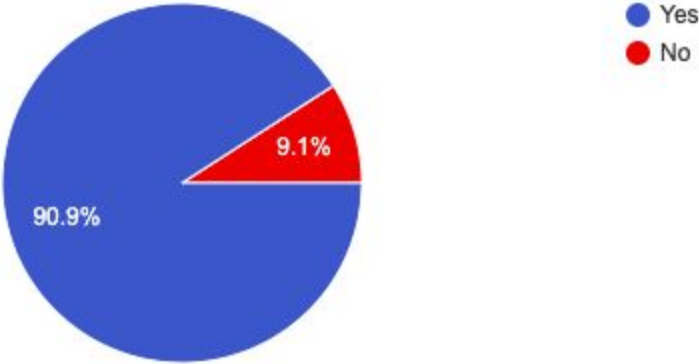
Do you need to be reminded of monthly events by your representative or is checking with newsletters and website sufficient? 66 responses



- Reminder requested
- Newsletter and website are sufficient

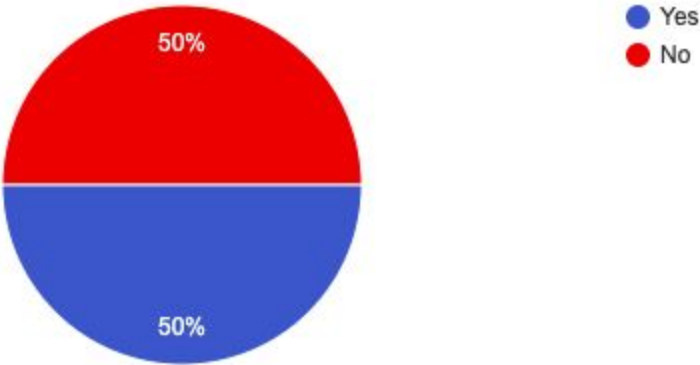
Reminder requested	43
Newsletter and website are sufficient	23

Do you know you need to alert your area rep AND the individual event coordinator if you plan to attend an event? 66 responses



Yes	60
No	6

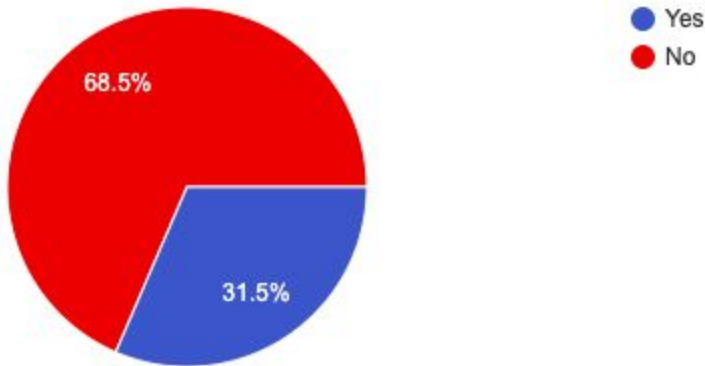
Are you aware we have a Club Facebook site (search for Midstate Miata on Facebook)? 66 responses



Yes	33
No	33

Are there any other clubs that are hosting events that you would like to participate in?

54 responses



Yes	17
No	37

If YES to the question above, what is the name of the Club and what is the event? 19

responses

1. Pace-buggies & bridges, Ottawa group. There may be others that I'm not aware of but would like to
2. don't know ...
3. Niagara - weekday road trips
4. Niagara Club
5. mg/euro club
6. I can't answer these 2 questions as I don't know another car club. If I did they may have an event that I would like to attend.
7. Onondaga Ski Club, but this social club does things mostly in the winter when our "babies" are carefully under wraps.

8. Underground,Canada
9. Any in the Fingerlakes area...
10. SCCA
11. POSSIBLY Delaware Valley (NJ) Miata Club coming to Corning NY again ??
12. Western NY Miata Club. Lehigh Valley Miata Club (PA)
13. I don't know of any specific events, but from the PACE and Ottawa club events posted on our site, I'm sure there are many more out there.
14. Broome County Art Trail June 6-7 10am-4pm. Various sites in Broome County.
15. Niagara
16. Ottawa Club
17. See below

Please add any comments you would like to share. 33 responses

1. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input!
2. We were new to the club this year and have totally enjoyed our adventures with the group
3. You guys are doing a great job! I love the camaraderie of the events that I've been to. I'm new to MiataLand, and I'd like to attend more events. It's just a matter of getting them on my calendar and making the commitment. It's not you, it's me! Thank you for the work you all put in to making this a cool group!
4. Thanks for putting this together.
5. I did enjoy my first season with the MMC, however, I love "driving" and would like to see longer drives, whether they are winding roads with the unfortunate many stop signs or down the freeways at exceptionally high speeds, I just love driving.
6. I may limit my trips that include 'heavy-footed' group leaders, I prefer quality rides with less emphasis on 'speed'
7. We need to educate new (& old) members co caravanning rules especially the distance between cars and not losing tar behind you. Update our guest form so they are aware of the rules & regulations of the club especially when caravanning.
8. The Newsletter Editor rocks!
9. Very happy with our Club membership. If we were not so busy we would attend more events!
10. Update Facebook page and utilize this for all events and coordinations
11. rep only needs to let us know any if any significant info/changes/cancellations of an event.

12. food may not be necessary for all events but probably most due to length of time.
13. due to several diabetics in the club actually eating should be pretty much on regular time
lunch: 12-1, dinner 5-6
14. Too many- most- events are on Sundays, making me unable to participate.
15. Is this survey for the board only or will the club see the results?
16. Love our '95, but can't find the time anymore to just go for a ride....darn it.
17. More people with more ideas is always good.
18. We should have run's such as short poker runs in our area's to keep people interested. And we should do local advertising in our area's to let non Miata people we are out there as a active Miata club. Because of the older age of many members, we should have a restroom stop built into our run's every hour, of at least 15 minutes.
19. Having hosted three (3) major events since a member, I would to like to see a fall foliage event starting in Geneva, Naples, and home by dark. I had one way back when, 42 cars, best one yet, everyone home by dark...
20. the club newsletter is well done; the more touring rather than attending events is of interest
21. Sometime things happen that you did not plan for,
22. My area rep wouldn't let me drive her car 😞
23. Knowledge of. Upcoming events should be published or notified by area rep as soon as she knows so we can plan our calendar. WE All have a busy summer ..fall..and knowing allows us to participate with MC events before we commit to anything else. Notifying one or two weeks before does not give us time to plan..save for..
24. Living in Elmira it is hard to get to events . Sometimes it might be a spur of the moment decision . Does Elmira have a rep anymore ? I know there are not many members from Elmira either .
25. The miata club is a really fun group and I am very proud to be a member
26. did NOT attend any Ice Cream weeknight events because held TOO EARLY (6:30 pm)
27. I am an area rep so some of these questions did not pertain to me. Good survey though.
28. I saw on another Miata club web site that they have past itineraries posted so that people can explore them on their own. It would also be nice to have a "suggested drive" area where members can post non-event drives they've taken that others might be interested in. Maybe an "unofficial event" area where a member can say "I'm heading to Old Forge today, anyone want to join me or meet me there?". I know this could be done on the MMC Facebook site, but I'm not on Facebook and have no intention of joining. I would like to be able to "opt in" to get automatic reminders of upcoming events and pop up events. This would take some of the responsibility off the area reps.
29. Saturday events work best for us...

30. Great job Thanks

31. I have enjoyed all of the people that I have met this past year.

32. N/A

33. Keep up the good work!!!

34. I would like the club to keep us informed of events being held by other clubs such as Fall for New England (by the Mass Miata club). I learned about the Ottawa Miata club's event this year in August from another club member who attended 5 years ago. Also there's the Buggies and Bridges event in Lancaster, PA. It would be good if our club could notify us of such events.

Thank you again to everyone who participated!

John Amon