



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, I was just thinking that this year's Driving Season is coming to a close sooner rather than later. I guess I better start taking one or two of those rides I've been putting off while waiting for "the perfect top down day". The Perfect Top Down Day. What is the perfect top down day for you? Is it a day when there is not a cloud in the sky and the temperature is 80 or above? We have had a lot of those this summer. Or is it a nice brisk spring day with the heater providing that nice warm bubble of air in the cockpit? Some of you, I'm sure, would say it doesn't matter, that as long as the top is down...it's a perfect day. For the most part, I tend to agree with this notion, but I do have my own idea of the perfect top down day.

My perfect top down day has a temperature in the mid 70's with partly cloudy skies. I find cloudless days to be a bit more fatiguing on a long drive, so that's why I like a bit of clouds. Now to me, what I consider most important for a drive that will be remembered long after the car is put away is *visibility*. I'm talking about how after a strong cold front passes through you can see for miles and the color of everything just seems to pop. Days when it seems you can look at hills on the horizon and believe you can count the leaves on the trees. We might get five or six of these days during the summer. I cherish every one of those days and make it point to put the top down and go for a drive. But in the mean time, the driving season *is* getting shorter. I think Bev and I will go for a drive this afternoon. After all, no sense waiting for the perfect day when we own a car that makes everyday a bit more perfect.

When life throws you a curve, hit the apex.

Tom C.

Midstate Miata Club Member Kevin McGoff Wins ECAC's 2010 George Shiebler Award Joe Lamphere



CAPE COD, Mass. - Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Commissioner Rudy Keeling announced today that Kevin McGoff has been selected as the recipient of the 2010 George Shiebler Award presented by Rotasole. He will receive his award on Tuesday, September 28, at the ECAC Honors Banquet presented by Jostens. The luncheon will be held at The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, Massachusetts during the 2010 ECAC Fall Convention and Trade Show. The George L. Shiebler Award is presented

annually to an ECAC official who has demonstrated dedication to his avocational activities.

The award is named after George L. Shiebler, former ECAC commissioner, in honor of his leadership over the many years he was associated with Eastern collegiate athletics.

McGoff has been a basketball and soccer official for more than 35 years, and served as an ECAC soccer assignor for the past 18 years. He is responsible for recording schedules and assigning officials for 65 men's and women's teams, 3000 assignments, and over 300 officials per year.

McGoff's basketball officiating career began in 1972 and he has worked at the Division I, II, and III levels. McGoff has officiated games for the Atlantic-10, Ivy League, Patriot League, and America East at the Division I level and Northeast-10 and SUNYAC at the Division II and III levels. He had the privilege of working the NCAA Division II Finals in 1999 and the NCAA Division III Finals in 2003. McGoff also worked at the high school level for many years and officiated three New York State High School Finals.

McGoff's soccer officiating resume is equally impressive. He has officiating for the Big East, Atlantic-10, Ivy League, Patriot League, and America East, and has worked both the Big East Championship and the Patriot League Championship. At the Division II and Division III levels, McGoff has worked for the Northeast-10 and SUNYAC, and has officiated ten SUNYAC Championship games. He also worked the NCAA Division III Finals in 1999 and 2003. McGoff worked as a high school official for more than 30 years and officiated ten New York State High School Finals.

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Carol Thomas	Cortland NY	92 Blue	Joe Lamphere
Fred and Eileen Chambers	Fort Plain NY	10 Copper Red	Karen Abbott
Nancy Peters	Beaver Dams NY	94 Montego Blue	Brian Wise
Kevin and Linda McGoff	Endicott NY	04 Red	Joe Lamphere

September Events

Syracuse Ice Cream Nights

Jay Cartini



For the month of September we will continue to mix things up a bit....

September 9, 7:00pm Hickory Hill Ice Cream, 3451 rte 31, Baldwinsville (sorry Lee)

September 23, 7:00pm Pete's Polar Parlor, Milton Ave, Solvay

Rochester Ice Cream Nights

Karen McKissock

8/10 - Hank's Ice cream - Rte. 250 in Webster just north of Rte 104. (Hamburg (even ostrich), hots, roast beef on wick, etc)



8/24 - Log Cabin - Macedon Rte 31F (has dining)

9/14 - Orbachers - Rte 104 in Williamson (has dining)

***Sunday, September 12, Binghamton Museum, Carousel
Joe Lamphere, Barb Hunsinger***

This event has been canceled.

***Saturday, September 25, Windmill Market, Seneca Lake Wineries
Betty Johnson and Dave Simmons***

Let's go to the Windmill and Winery Tour. We plan on meeting in Penn Yann N.Y. at the Knapp and Schlappi Lumber Store on 273 Lake St. at 9 a.m. Sept. 25th. We will caravan to Old Bath Road to Hobson Road and The Windmill. We will have designated parking. From 10am to 12 n. Shopping and lunch , then on to the wineries.



We will have directions before we leave for the wineries. Things we will see The Windmill , Keuka Lake, Heron Hill Winery, Bully Hill



Winery and Hunt Country Winery in Branchport.

We need a head count by Sept 13.th Tasting fee \$2 to \$3 at each winery.



August Event Reports

Canandaigua Lake Drive

Betty Johnson and Dave Simmons

We met in Canandaigua, drove along West Lake Road to Bristol Springs. Visited Ontario County Park at Gannett Hill, Into Naples for ice cream and on to Cohocton and the Windmill Farm. We then drove on to Honeoye and The Wizard of Clay , We had a demonstration on throwing clay by the owner potter. Then we drove south past Bristol Mountain, stopped at a pie shop for Grape Pies etc. On to Naples again and Italy Valley to Branchport and The Antique Inn. Total miles 105. It was a good day. *(This was one of the best and well organized events I have attended. The schedule was realistic, the stops plenty, speeds were sane, lots of opportunities to talk, a good place to eat, and all in all a fun outing - Deane)*



Club Picnic

Tom Cavanaugh



The seas were rough that day my friend...like the unforgiving mistress she is. OK, so we were not on the water, but that was the only weather related thing that was in our favor for the club picnic. The day started rainy and windy and stayed that way for the whole time of the event. It was so bad that the park management didn't even bother to open the admission booth. Everybody got in the park for free.

Fifteen hearty souls braved the day and enjoyed camaraderie in shelter number three at Sampson State Park. We were originally booked to use shelter number two but it was flooded on one end. Bob Sabella gets the hero of the day award for thinking ahead and bringing his huge tarp that we stapled to one end of the shelter. Without this wind break we probably would have had to cancel this “rain or shine” picnic. The weather was that bad.

The day wasn't all a wash though, (Sorry, bad pun) three of our newest members (Nancy and Richard from Hamlin NY and Nancy Peters from Beaver Dams) made it and it was great to meet the new people. As usual for a Midstate Miata Club Picnic, everybody went above and beyond the call of duty and there was plenty of food and wonderful dessert to pass around. Thank goodness Grace Rischenole brought a big carafe of coffee which was most appreciated on such a raw day.

So, while this day wasn't quite say, the equivalent of surviving Hurricane Katrina, to those who will forever be known as “*The Courageous Club Picnic 15*”, I say thanks for coming out on such a rotten day. For the rest of the club, I promise to let someone else pick the day of the picnic as my luck with weather is terrible.

Honor America Days in Rome

Deane Bergstrom

Two of our members appeared in the Rome NY Honor America days parade held on July 31st.



Sherry Skogland is driving their Miata and Herb is driving a highly customized Miata.



Rome Tappet Twirlers

Deane Bergstrom

The third annual Tappet Twirlers of Rome's "Rockin in the Park" auto show and contest was held on August 1st in the Lee Town Park.



One of the competitors was our own Bob Sabella who entered his chrome Miata and ended up with a



second place trophy in his class.

A picture of Bob and his trophies prove that chrome is better.

July Event Report

Midstate Miata at the Montrose, PA Parade

Randy Wiqe



They say the sun comes up earlier in Montrose, Pa and on Monday, the 5th of July they were right. It got down-right scorching by the time we finished our breakfast at Miss Penny's downtown and headed for our staging



area. Fortunately we had some shade trees nearby while waiting for our cue to join the procession. Altogether we had 10 Miatas in the parade. We snaked through town immersed in the crowd sometimes ten rows deep. We were warmly welcomed by the group and the parade ended after 90 minutes. Later we went to the village green to partake the goodies and crafts being offered. We had a great time and hope to participate again next year.

Coming in October

Sunday Oct. 17 –Annual Road Rally

Karen & Norm Abbott



This year’s annual “Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally” will start out at Carrier Circle.

Meeting time will be at 10:00am with one pit stop during the route and the first cars should be arriving at the restaurant by 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 trophy will be awarded at the buffet. It will be hard to give up. It has been a fixture in our house, as we have won two years in a row. You will need to be on your toes during the rally, and maybe YOU will be the one to take it from us.

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. We almost lost Jay Cartini one year, maybe we will be luckier this year. What do you think Jay??? So mark your calendar, and don’t miss out on this adventure. A rally is much different than a caravan event. So give it a try.....See you Oct. 17th.

Sign ups with your reps. This event will appear in the October newsletter.

Schedule of Events for the 2010 Driving Season

Sunday, April 25	Show and Shine, Quaker Steak	Jay Cartini
Saturday, May 8	Dewitt Pancake Day	Jim Williams
Saturday, May 22	Holtz Mazda	Karen McKissock
Saturday, June 5	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
Saturday, June 12	Auburn Founders Day Seward House	Em & Morgan Boyce
Sunday, June 27	Batavia Baseball	Karen McKissock
Wednesday, July 7	Log Cabin Drive In	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, July 11	Polo	Ed Keller
Saturday, July 24	Sweet Inspirations	Lou Nefflen
Sunday, August 1	Tubing	Andy & Denise Wargo

Sunday, August 15	Canandaigua Lake Drive	Betty and Dave Simmons
Sunday, August 22	Picnic	Tom Cavanaugh
Wednesday, August 25	Log Cabin Drive In	Jim Reisdorf
Saturday, August 28	Japanese Car Show	Bob Sabella
Saturday, September 25	Seneca Lake Winery, Windmill Market	Betty Johnson, Dave Simmons
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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