



Miata Meanderings

September, 2011

Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Don't let a little weather, dampen your Miata season. Rain or the threat of rain, over some of the weekends this year has cancelled events. As I write this, the tail end of Hurricane Irene has just past over the region, and flooding still exists on many of our roads. Hopefully everyone's cars are safe, and everyone's basement sump pumps functioned properly.

There is still plenty of good Miata driving left. In fact, fall is perhaps the nicest time of year to go topless. I know that quite a few members will be heading south to PA soon to attend the Pace Club's Buggies and Bridges event, while others head north for Kevin's Camp Sagamore event. No matter which way you are heading, the cooler fall air, and the colors of the turning leaves will make for a nice fall season.

Let's hope that other hurricanes don't pass our way again this year, and that weekends this fall are dry and clear. There are several more driving events still planned this year, so think good thoughts, wish for good Miata driving weather, and I hope to see you out at an event soon.

Lee Maddy

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
John & Nancy Jurik	Penfield	2008 Blue Mica	Karen McKissock
Dave & Sue Merry	Homer	2002 Yellow	Joe Lamphere

September Events

Midstate Miata Ice Cream Meets



Syracuse – For the month of September we will be visiting for your culinary delight.....

September 8, 7:00pm, Carvel, East Genesee Street, DeWitt

September 22, 7:00pm, Pete's Polar Parlor, Milton Ave, Solvay

Rochester – September 13, Seneca Farms in Penn Yan, 108 West Lake Rd, Penn Yan

September 27, Charcoal Corral, 7037 Chapman Ave, Perry

Binghamton - We will have our first ice cream night on September 6th. We will have miniature golf at Chucksters in Vestal with a picnic after the golf at Hunsingers house on September 11th. More details will follow on this event.

Saturday, September 17, Holtz Mazda/Drive Karen McKissock, Chuck Rischenole



Please join the **Midstate Miata Club** for the 2nd event hosted by **John Holtz Mazda** in Rochester on **Saturday, Sept. 17th** beginning at **9:30AM**. Following a continental breakfast, some dealer news and information, maybe a contest or 2, and some great conversation about what else...our Miatas, we'll take a leisurely Zoom Zoom to Letchworth State Park. **Ron will meet anyone travelling from Syracuse, Binghamton area at Rt.90 exit 46 at 9:20AM to go to Holtz.**

Once we're inside the Park, it's a pretty unstructured event and you can peruse as you wish. This year we have the option of having a box picnic lunch from the Glen Iris Inn at approximately noon. If you elect to bring your own lunch, that's OK too. We have reserved a shelter at Letchworth for our eating comfort and time to socialize until 3:00pm.

There is a special event that day that we can enjoy at our leisure until 4:00pm

Native American Heritage Days

Time: 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM

Location in the park: Trailside Lodge Area

Watch Native American Dancers perform traditional dances and learn about their cultural significance. Featuring athletic and craft demonstrations, Native American food and other goods.



If you're interested, please register by responding to your Area Rep and sending a check to Karen McKissock by Sept. 9th for your box lunches.(Karen McKissock, 1250 Lake Point Dr, Webster, NY 14580)

Picnic To Go Menu (please plan to provide your own beverages for the day, no alcoholic beverages please)
All the picnics are packed in 100% compostable containers made from sugarcane.

Salads

1. Grilled chicken and mushroom salad \$11.95 (**\$12.91 w/tax**)
Assorted wild mushrooms, cherry tomatoes and bell peppers tossed with leaf lettuce, crumbly bleu cheese and Italian dressing, topped with grilled chicken tenders
2. Summer fruit plate \$11.50 (**\$12.42 w/tax**)
seasonal fresh fruit served with fruit breads and yogurt
3. Tomato mozzarella salad \$10.95 (**\$11.83 w/tax**)
sliced tomatoes, fresh mozzarella and red onions on field greens with balsamic vinegar and basil olive oil
4. Chopped Salad \$11.95 (**\$12.91 w/tax**)
mixed greens topped with cucumber, tomato, red onion, bell peppers, mushrooms, pepperoni, cheddar cheese and egg

Sandwiches

5. Smoky hollow \$11.95 (**\$12.91 w/tax**)
whole wheat pocket bread stuffed with sliced ham, avocado, tomato, roasted red pepper and alfalfa sprouts, served with parmesan pepper dressing
6. Turkey BLT \$11.95 (**\$12.91 w/tax**)
turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise piled high on a ciabatta hoagie roll
7. Vegetable wrap \$10.50 (**\$11.07 w/tax**)
spinach, marinated mushrooms, black olives, feta cheese, diced tomatoes and mixed greens with a roasted garlic pimiento hummus in spinach wrap

PLEASE NOTE: Park entree fee - \$8 per vehicle

If we have time and interest we'll try to find an ice cream stop before heading for parts unknown (or home). If anyone has questions, please contact Karen McKissock directly.

Saturday, September 24, Camp Sagamore

Kevin Smith

Come see the fall colors and tour the "Great Camp Sagamore" on Saturday, September 24th.



This all day event will begin at 8:00am at McDonald's at the Fayetteville Town Center. Departure will be at 8:30am, for an hours drive to meet the Eastern members at McDonald's on Seneca Turnpike, New Hartford.

Leaving New Hartford, we will head north for the Adirondacks, stopping for a quick lunch en route, then on to Camp Sagamore for a 1:30pm tour. We need 20 people to get the group tour rate of \$13/person, otherwise its \$14/person, \$13 seniors (65+).

Following the tour, we will travel to Old Forge for an early dinner at the Old Mill Restaurant, then head for home.

Those who must travel far and wish to stay overnight should make reservations early, since this will be peak fall color season. Please RSVP directly to Kevin Smith ksmith03@twcny.rr.com by August 26th.

(Information only since reservations were due to Kevin by August 26th – Ed.)

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.

August Event Reports

Racing, the real deal!!!

Jay Cartini

We started off a few minutes behind schedule on Saturday, August 20 as we waited for an earlier group to finish up using the track. Once that was done it was all ours!

After a brief instructional talk and course walk through we were under way. Thirteen competitors, 1 Pontiac Solstice, 2 Cobra's, and 10 Miata's took to the track for a late afternoon test of man and machine. In addition we had another Cobra and 4 or so Miata's hang around as an audience.

We ended up doing 6 timed runs each. Each run consisted of 2 laps. We kept track of times using the unofficial method of stop watches, which are subjective at best, based on the operator, and his reflexes.

The best time of the day went to fellow autocrosser, Kal Arquette, in his Factory-5 Cobra (with autocross tires I might add), at 1:06:25. The best Miata time went to Tom Cavanaugh with a 1:10:82 (this was good for 3rd overall).

A lot of fun was had by all as we were joined by members of the Albany Club, the Cobra Club and a few non affiliated competitors. We may turn this in to a regular event and promote it more in advance via the Miata Net.....and perhaps use the proper timing equipment in the future.....I'm just say'in.

Remember, blue is better.

Event Updates

Drive to Nowhere Event on Oct 2nd.

Tom Cavanaugh

This event has been cancelled

Cornell Plantation (Update)

Lee Maddy

Due to poor weather the Cornell Plantations event, which was to be held on August 14th was cancelled. Since most of the flowers and plants at the Plantation have already flowered and are going dormant for the year, this event will be postponed till next spring when the flowers will be back in bloom (we hope you will be able to join us then).

Etc.

Magnetic Club Logos

Chuck Rischenole

To anyone I have missed in canvassing the club members in who would want a set of the logos. The total cost for a set of 2 will be \$24.50 delivered. If you would like a set send a check made out to me in that amount by September 15th.

Send the check to:

Charles Rischenole
8 Sablewood Circle
Fairport NY 14450

Schedule of Events for the 2011 Driving Season

Saturday, April 16	MMC & PACE Club at Watkins Glen	Lee Maddy
Saturday, May 7	Dewitt Pancake Day	Jim Williams
Saturday, May 14	Waterfalls & Wineries	Ray Mosher
Sunday, May 22	Henrietta Parade	Steve Stewart
Saturday, June 4	Marcellus Parade	Chuck Paul
Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12	Niagara Falls	Karen McKissock
June 25	Go-Kart Racing	Jay Cartini
Sunday, July 17	Mystery Drive , Brunch	Chuck Paul
Wednesday, July 20	Log Cabin Drive In	Jim Reisdorf

Sunday, July 24	Polo With MG Car Club	Ed & Layne Keller
Wednesday, August 10	Log Cabin Drive In	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, August 14	Cornell Plantation	Miriam White, Lee Maddy
Saturday, August 20	Chicken Wings & Car Show	Jay Cartini
Saturday, August 21	Muckdogs Baseball Game	Karen McKissock
Saturday, September 17	Holtz Mazda/Drive	Karen McKissock Chuck Rischenole
Saturday or Sunday, Sept. 24 or 25	Sagamore Great Camp	Kevin Smith
Thursday to Sunday, Sept. 22-25	Buggies & Bridges	Info Only
Sunday, October 2	Drive to Nowhere	Tom Cavanaugh
Sunday, October 16	Road Rally	Karen & Norm Abbott
TBA	Holiday Party	TBD

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2011

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