



Midstate Miata Club of New York

“Miata Meanderings”

Official Newsletter for September 2012

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President's Message



Summer is almost over and State Fair time is here, which also means that Fall is quickly approaching. Wow, what a Summer it has been. Lot's of warm days and warm nights. Aren't you glad you live here in Central NY instead of one of those HOT Southern States? If you are like me, you've been running your miata with top down and the air conditioning on. Long gone are my days with my stock NA miata with no air.

It's nice to start seeing the evenings getting cooler. But it's sad to see it getting darker earlier, remember to drive with care, because soon the deer will be out at dusk, especially on club ice cream nights. If you recall, I speak from experience on this subject.

However, this can also be the best time of the year, because there are still lots of club events left on the schedule, and many peoples spring/summer commitments like graduations and weddings tend to be over.

We just had our Polo event, and it was very well attended, as always. So let's keep the ball rolling. Open up your calendar and try to make it to one of the many upcoming scheduled events, or just make a plan to go leaf-peeping by yourself and for the special enjoyment of your car.

Lee Maddy

Newsletter Editor's Reflections

Deane Bergstrom



This is my 10th year as your newsletter editor and communications manager. The latter job was added after I began doing the newsletter and really means I produce name tags and coordinate with Bob and Ronnie Sabella on membership issues so I can supply an up to date and accurate roster. All in all it has been a fun job even though I have to beat on folks once in a while to get their write-ups to me on time. Sometimes I have a “senior moment” and errors will creep into the newsletter which occasionally I discover and sometimes not.

I usually try to gather up some graphics or artwork that supports the event and enhances the write-up and I always try to lay out the contents in a consistent and logical manner. I looked back at my first attempts to produce a readable and interesting newsletter and came to the conclusion that it was not too bad, but I think the quality and coverage have improved over time. I'll let you be the judge of that.

With this issue of the newsletter you may notice I have changed the banner to reflect who we are rather than just “meandering” about. I exercised editorial privilege in making this move and I think it will reflect the club in a

positive and clear way. I am always open to suggestions to improve the newsletter although adoption or rejection of any such suggestions will be made arbitrarily by me. However, I will at least offer my reasoning if such suggestions are rejected. So until next month, keep watching for your club news and views.

Welcome New Members

Deane Bergstrom



<u>Member</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Miata</u>	<u>Area Rep</u>
Jeanne Lagergren & Pamm Mosey	Baldwinsville	02 Lt. Blue	Karen Abbott
DeAnn Buss & Bonnie Foley	Syracuse	01 Crystal Blue Metallic	Karen Abbot
Dale & Cathy Nagel	Lafayette	01 LS Green	Karen Abbot
Suzanne & Colin Fitzgerald	Chenango Forks	03 Shinsen	Joe Lamphere
Nancy & Bill Lowe	Rochester	11 Copper	Karen McKissock
Colleen Welch	Utica	91 Red	Denise Wargo

Ice Cream Schedule

Syracuse Ice Cream Schedule - All are at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday night. Please note time change effective September 13:

July 26 – 7pm - Hickory Hill Ice Cream, 3451 Route 31, Baldwinsville

August 9 – 7pm - Sno Top, 315 Fayette St, Manlius (see the new cygnets!)

August 23 – 7pm - Plank Road Ice Cream, 449 South Main Street, North Syracuse (parking in rear)

September 13 – 6:30pm - Skan-Ellus Drive In, 1659 US Route 20 East, Skaneateles (inside seating)

September 27 – 6:30pm – Gannons Isle – 1525 Valley Drive, Syracuse (inside seating)

October 11 – 6:30pm - Kimberly’s Ice Cream – 8240 Cazenovia Rd, Manlius (inside seating)

Rochester Ice Cream - All are at 6:00 P.M.:

Wednesday, June 20th, Log Cabin, Rte 31 F, Macedon

Tuesday, July 3rd, Papa Jack's, Rte 96, Victor



July 17th, Lugia's Ice Cream, Manitou Rd., Spencerport

Tuesday, August 14, Chill & Grill, Rte 31F, Palmyra

Tuesday, August 28th, Muir House, Lake Waterfront, Canandaigua

Thursday, September 13th, Lickety Splits, Fairport

Tuesday, September 25th, Hanks, Rte250 North of 390, Webster

Binghamton Ice Cream:

We are going to meet for ice cream on the first Monday of the Month, (except for Labor Day) for the rest of the driving year. We will meet at Pop's Sugar Shack, Conklin Rd., Binghamton, NY at 6:30 PM. We will have other ice cream nights as the need arises throughout the year.

September Events

Saturday, September 8, Outhouse Racing on Redneck Day Nancy & Rick Marsden

The 2012 Ossian Hey Days will be held September 8th at the Ossian Community Center Grounds. 4760 Ossian Hill Road, Dansville NY.



10:00 Outhouse Parade

10:30 - Outhouse race begins

Noon: 4-H Goat milking demonstration

-- 1:15 Ugliest Redneck Contest

-- 2:00 One Hour Reptile Show

-- 2:30 Mild Roy's Horse Demo

And more...

There's also lots of food, crafts, hayrides, Chain Saw Race & Wood splitting Competition, Archery Long Shot Competition, Hillbilly Paintball, Redneck Sumo Wrestling and more throughout the day. We will be using this year to observe the parade and race to determine if we want to enter the race next year.

We will be leaving the Cracker Barrel Restaurant on Hylan Dr. in Henrietta at 8:00AM and take Rte 390 south to Dansville/Ossian to arrive in time to park and get a spot for the parade. We'll leave Ossian about 1:30 giving everyone time for some lunch and a walk around the event to be followed by a scenic ride back to the Thruway in Henrietta. Anyone wanting to stay longer can easily find their way back to Rt. 390 to pick up the Thruway or

to get home. Please respond to your area Reps no later than Sept. 5th so we can get a count of participants. Thank you.

Remember, this is for the "true hillbilly in all of us". There is nothing glamorous about this trip--especially with the "ugliest redneck" and "hairy woman" contests. Here's the website for your viewing pleasure. <http://www.ossianheydays.com/See-Whats-New-.html>

Saturday September 29, Midstate Miata Club Drive

Lon & Carol Trelease



We are planning a Miata Club drive on Saturday, Sept 29 and will be driving scenic country roads to Honesdale, PA for lunch at the historic and picturesque Hotel Wayne shown at the left.

We have scouted a new route down; different from the one we did a couple of years ago, over very nice Miata roads! We think you'll like it! This will be a rain or shine trip.

Please call us to sign up by Wed, Sept 26 so we can give you meeting place & time and get a head count for lunch. Hope you can make it. Please give us a call at (607) 655-3061

Sunday, September 30, Who Knows Where or When

Chuck Paul



Well, where anyway.....you see it's another "Mystery Brunch".....this one even larger and higher quality.

The when is definite – we will meet at the Tully Burger King and leave promptly!!! At 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 30th for a short drive to brunch. Following the brunch we'll take a scenic ride to let that entire great food settle.

How good is the food? Hand carved meats, omelets made to order, house made pastries, unique salads and fantastic desserts. You won't find higher quality at any other brunch and the selection is second only to one other and it's not close.

We will have a private dining room for up to 40 so...the first 40 signed up will dine with us. The cost including coffee, tax and gratuity is \$29 per person. Simply e-mail cpaul@twcny.rr.com with questions or to reserve a seat. Questions can also be answered by calling (315) 673-4432.



August Events

Batavia and Beyond

Chuck Rischenole

It was a perfect Miata day as 6 cars left the Log Cabin Restaurant to begin our journey for the day. Well, actually it was about 20 degrees above perfect.



We added two more cars at one of the pit stops for a total of 8 cars and 13 people. The roads were great with the exception of one recently resurfaced road using tar and stones. Taking it slow and with no cars coming in the opposite direction we survived.

The meal at Alex's Place in Batavia was excellent with an extensive menu to choose from, reasonable prices, and great service. If you are ever in the Batavia area put this place on your list for either lunch or dinner you will not be disappointed. After lunch we continued on to an Amish bulk food store. This is almost one of those "If we don't have it you don't need it" places.

From there on to the traditional ice cream stop in Kuckville. See if you can find it on a map. (*Kuckville is in Orleans County, in the Rochester metro area. The community was named after Rev. George Kuck, Canadian militiaman – Ed.*)



One of the highlights of the ride was introducing some of the new members who recently joined the club and Kevin Smith to our 23 curves road. That's right Syracuse, 23 curves. All together it was a great day with good weather, Miata roads, and being with good friends.

Polo

Ed & Layne Keller



On Sunday August 19th, 11 Miatas set out from the Burger king in Tully for a short run down Rte, 281 to "Bob's Barbecue" to pick up lunch and continue on to Rt.41 for a drive along Skaneateles Lake and end up at Polo Field.

When we arrived at the Polo Field Chuck and MaryJo Paul had already set up in a shady spot and were waiting with cocktails complete with cheese & crackers. Again this year thank you for a wonderful welcome drink and reserved spot in the shade from all of us! On another great day for Polo we mixed in with 14 other Miatas already there for a good turnout, and a chance to spend time with

friends before the Match.

We shared the bounty of several members who passed around wine, cheeses, and fruit. Cookies, and other goodies, and settled down to watch three Matches that day. The action was exciting and all had a good time.

And The Results Are In

Jay Cartini

So it was a picture perfect day for an autocross.....the sun was out, there was a slight breeze, the track was dry, and the drivers were hungry!

This was a special autocross put on by the CNYR-SCCA. It was actually a double event.

The daytime portion that most of us participated in, and an evening portion, in which only Rob Sgarlata and his evolution orange Miata participated in with a modified, custom fabricated, front light bar and 2, large, bright, obnoxious, driving lights that made his car look like something right out of the Dakar Rally.



Since only Rob, Halie and I are regular autocrosser's, we were in specific classes, and everyone else fell into the novice class.

Now I'm not trying to provoke anyone, but team Cartini did take 1st and 3rd. The best time for each driver was:

Jay Cartini 67.370
Rob Sgarlata 68.450
Halie Cartini 70.034
Tom Cavanaugh 70.962
Ray Mosher 75.671
Kevin Smith 79.764
Joanne Heckman 79.764

We even had a few Miata spectators. Seeing that everyone had a good time, we will continue to promote the sport. What a perfect way to learn how your car handles in a controlled environment.

(Note: Halie is 15, and this was her first time out in her new kart. I was not driving my Miata, but rather my kart.....In my own defense, the kart is blue, and my car is blue, and, fortunate for me, I get to make up the rules.....So that being said, I'm still the winner.)

July Event

Log Cabin Car Show

Jim Reisdorf

The Midstate Miata Log Cabin Car show had 14 club members attend. It was a nice warm evening with 60's music playing on the bandstand and great food served inside and outside. Many attendees stopped to check out the cars and club membership. There were about 475 cars present.

Etc.

Magnetic Club Logos

Chuck Rischenole

The club has available additional sets of the logos that are available at \$25.00 per set. Contact Jay Cartini to purchase a set.

To those of you who currently have them and those who are interested in getting them here is a suggestion. If you use that self-adhesive return address labels on your outgoing mail put one on the back side of your logos.

If you should happen to lose one the person who finds it may be kind enough to send it back to you.

Next Edition Mazda MX-5 Miata

Gerry Acquilano

According to the folks at CAR magazine in UK, here is the final design of the forthcoming new MX5/Alfa based car. Engines have not yet been determined; however this is the final design draft. The car (MX5 version) should look exactly like this.



Upcoming Events

October 6, Burdick Car Show

Jay Cartini

This just added..... **Burdick is back!!! There will be a car show at Burdick Mazda, on Saturday, October 6 from 11am-4pm.** The show will be inside, so weather is not an issue.

Matt Bell, the Burdick Mazda service manager, is putting this together. They want to rekindle the relationship between club members and the service department.

They will have refreshments on hand and will try to have at least one of every Mazda model on hand for us to test drive while we're there. They will be promoting this in their advertising campaign in the weeks leading up to the event, and are taking it very seriously.

It would be nice for us, on a go forward basis, to show our support. Remember, they supplement the cost of our planning meeting every year and ask for very little in return. This is the least we can do for them. I told him at least 20 cars would most likely be there.....Let's try to make it happen.

October 14, Sharon Springs/American Hotel

Jerry Willis



Notice: Jerry will be away on vacation until September 15. He asks all who plan to attend the Sharon Springs & American Hotel event to please call him **after September 15th** to enable him to make reservations at the American Hotel for dining.

Holiday Party

Lee Maddy

It's not too early to start thinking about the end of the year Holiday Party. The event will be held this year at the “**Cobblestone Restaurant**” on Saturday December 1st.

This wonderful Italian Restaurant is housed inside a restored 1825 farm house, originally built as a tavern and stage coach stop in the 1700's. It lies between Rochester and Syracuse in the Fingerlakes Region in Geneva NY. To find out more about the restaurant go to www.cobblestonegeneva.com



Save the date, and mark your calendars. More information regarding times, cost and menu options will be relayed as the date approaches.

Schedule of Events For The Rest Of The 2012 Driving Season

Saturday, September 15	Outhouse Racing on Redneck Day	Nancy & Rich Marsden
Sunday, September 30	Hemmings Concours in Saratoga Springs	Chuck Paul
Sunday, October 7	Road Rally	Tom Cavanaugh
October 11 – October 14	Mass Miata Fall for New England	Info Only
Sunday, October 14	Sharon Springs/American Hotel	Jerry Willis
Saturday, December 1	Holiday Party	Lee Maddy

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