

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

"MIATA MEANDERINGS" NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter from Karen McKissock, February 2021



Welcome back to another year of hoping we'll get some great driving events on our calendars. I'm much more optimistic that we will be successful in putting together a schedule that will allow us to get back to the roads and seeing our friends again. I expect we will need to change some of our expectations to enable us to be safe and comfortable. Perhaps we'll need to do more 'local' events to stay within an hour or hour and a half time to accommodate bathroom needs and/or eating venues. Or to plan to do more of our events in outdoor locations or who knows yet???

To that end I have scheduled a VIRTUAL Zoom meeting for March 6th which you will find below noted in Blue. This tool is quite simple to use and once you have Zoom set up on your computer you only need to have click on the link in the invitation. I am including the Zoom meeting cheat sheet with this newsletter so you can follow the instructions to get set up. I hope you will join us and I encourage you to submit an idea or 2 for consideration. They can be new ideas or 'pearls from the past'.

Prior to the Planning meeting there will be a Board meeting on March 1st which is also below noted in Red. (See the Zoom meeting cheat sheet at the end after the refrigerator schedule 2021.)



Visit the Midstate Miata Club on the Internet at:
www.midstatemiata.net

Karen McKissock is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

There will be a **MMC Board meeting** to follow up on outstanding questions/issues from our Nov. meeting. This will be a VIRTUAL ONLY meeting. General membership is welcome but not entitled to vote per by laws.

Topic: **MMC Board meeting**

Time: **Mar 1, 2021 07:00 PM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87943666442?pwd=aDY2cE5zemxEcE9oTkUySjMydVlpZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 4366 6442

Passcode: 478993

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This is the invitation to the **Midstate Miata Club's Annual Planning Meeting** to be held VIRTUALLY ONLY on March 6th from 10:00AM-12:00PM. Please click on the link provided below.

We will be using the template for events that will be attached in an email. Please fill it out and mail to Karen by March 1st.

Topic: **MMC Planning meeting**

Time: **Mar 6, 2021 10:00 AM** Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85039208514?pwd=UnliR3VRYW9ZRzZ3aTVobXNkWWpRUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 3920 8514

Passcode: 914806

Elections:

Please be sure to use our new polling tool to vote for the club officers by March 1st. Just click the link below to cast your vote (2 votes if there is a pilot and co-pilot membership):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMD7haLQ0oIpp5CPrIvTmlrW-6ODjSQZYpfV23F85bsl0L3g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Zoom Zoom until next time

Karen

Minutes from the Nov. Board meeting:

Midstate Miata Club of Central New York Board Meeting December 2020

Attendees: Karen McKissock, Jay Cartini, Gail Wagner, Ronnie Sabella, Bob Sabella, Christine O'Neil, Barbara Hunsinger, David King, Nancy Lowe, John Amon, John Pfleiderer, Ray Mosher, John B, Miriam White, Lee Maddy

Board Meeting took place via Zoom meeting.

Old Business

1. Treasurer's Report - Ronnie & Bob Sabella
 - a. Bob advised that total income is \$8,764. 2019 expenses included \$356 insurance, \$243.76 membership postage. Jay paid the \$35 car club membership fee personally.
 - b. Ronnie advised that the end balance after expenses is \$7559. We are required to maintain a balance of \$2000 to \$2500, so approximately \$5,059 available currently.

Discussion: Karen estimated \$1200 for 2021 holiday party and gifts. Ray asked if our club insurance premiums were reduced due to a lack of club activity. Ronnie had checked with our insurance carrier and was advised no reduction.

2. Membership Report - Bob Sabella
 - a. Membership is 139 paid members. 45 chose not to renew.

3. Dues - 2021

Discussion: question was raised if dues should be deferred for 2021 for members who have paid, since dues for 2021 will be due in May 2021. No consensus was established. Instead this item was tabled until closer to the planning meeting and the status of the pandemic may influence any decision regarding dues.

New Business:

1. Area Representative for Rochester - Election - David King

A motion was forwarded to elect David King as the new Rochester area representative. Motion passed unanimous.

2. 2020 Season recap

Board members recapped that the pandemic curtailed many events this season but in the few events and small pop ups, the members enjoyed seeing each other, speaking with each other and getting out. Ice creams were well attended as was Jerry Willis ride in October.

3. Annual Gifts - Jay Cartini

Discussion: Jay asked if gifts should still be purchased for the event leaders who ran events in 2020. There were 7 official events, per the newsletters, 5 led by members of the board. 14 gifts would go to 12 board members, 1 to Jerry Willis and to Del Austin (2 events). A consensus was reached that the board members themselves do not need gifts. A poll of the members present determined that no presents will be purchased for any board member but Jay is authorized to purchase gifts for Jerry and Del with a spending limit of \$20 per leader. Jay will mail the gifts but send out an e-mail to all members thanking these two leaders. Jay will also review events to verify if anyone else not on the board should be recognized.

4. 2021 Planning season planning

Discussion: Feedback in general was positive with no complaints. Christine commented that some members want different events. Seems like events are the same with leaders and attendees. Jay noted that with cancellations this year it was easy to see some of the same events happen. Miriam stated that if a member says the same events are happening, then those members need to step up with suggestions, or ask for a mentor to help lead a successful event. Overall, members seemed happy to just see everyone at events that did happen.

Jay advised to wait to see what the pandemic situation and gathering limits closer to March when the meeting typically takes place. The decision will be made at the next board meeting to determine if the planning meeting will be in person or virtual.

5. Holiday Party Toast - Karen McKissock

Karen suggested having a holiday toast via zoom. Members encouraged. It's scheduled for 12-06-2020 at 1pm.

Other Business:

1. Next board meeting will take place in February. We will evaluate the COVID restrictions at that time. We will be having elections which will be done via mail and e-mail as was the process in previous years.
2. Christine asked about the quantity of radios and if we could continue to increase the number available. Jay said that it's always okay to have more radios. Karen suggested adding this topic to the agenda for the next board meeting to purchase more radios. Miriam and Ray suggested an inventory take place of the number of radios that work owned by the club and also canvas members to see how many radios they personally own. John Amon will collect the information and provide it to Mary Lou who is the radio coordinator. We will then discuss the information at the February board meeting.

Bob Sabella advised that the club spent \$270 in 2018 on radios. Jay explained that sometime the club buys refurbished radio to replace older radios. \$270 may have been spent to re-program to a new FCC frequency. The club has bought new ones since then.

Discussion: Christine asked about timing of pit stops. Jay explained that driving for 1 hour and then a pit stop is recommended. However, the time it takes to complete a pit stop depends on the number of cars and the size of the rest area. Sometimes a leader may need to schedule more time at the pit stops or shorten the drive in between to accommodate the larger group. Splitting the group with radios to multiple pit stops if necessary.

3. Bob advised he needs to purchase lanyards, pins, window stickers, etc. Karen & Ronnie will verify availability and prices.

4. Bob asked how to handle the annual new member raffle (existing member refers a new member for possible free membership)

Discussion: Jay recommends deferring this decision to the next board meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Miriam E. White
Secretary

Karen McKissock
MMC President

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REMINDER FOR HOW TO RESPOND TO EVENT ATTENDANCE

To help streamline communications for gathering a list of who is attending our events we require members to contact **the Event Coordinator AND your Area Representative directly** to help them plan for caravans from your Chapter. You will only need to respond if you are planning to attend, but if you need to cancel last minute you still need to let both parties know so they don't hold up the ride waiting for you. **Please pay close attention to the contact information and deadlines.**

Event Etiquette

If you have RSVP'd for an event, the event coordinator is expecting you to attend and will wonder where you are if you fail to show up at the appointed time and place. If you end up not being able to attend, please let the event coordinator and your area representative know. Otherwise, the whole group may be unnecessarily delayed waiting for you and it adds undue stress on the poor soul who is running the event. Also, if you contact the event organizer on the day of the event, please don't use an email, use a direct phone call, maybe best to use their mobile phone number.

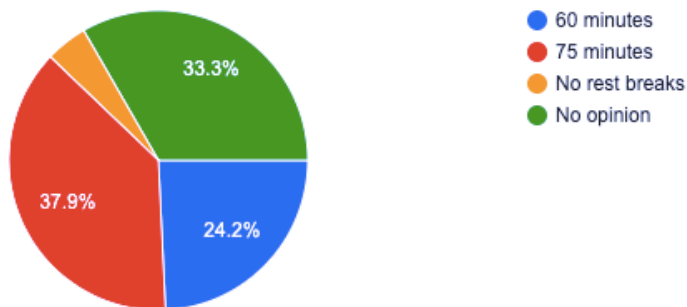
Event Planning

Before you put the finishing touches on your 2021 event consider reviewing the results of the spring 2020 poll. Thanks to Lee Maddy, the poll is on our website.

http://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Poll_Report_2020_Spring_Numbered.70160006.pdf

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

66 responses



You may be able to adjust the way you normally plan your events to better serve the membership. For example, here is the answer to the question regarding how often there should be rest breaks, i.e., potty stops. There is not necessarily a need to change how you plan the event but rather maybe just let people know. And people will be happier if they know more about how the event will be run.

CLUB APPAREL

We are about to start the driving season and it is a perfect time to update your wardrobe. If you are jealous of other members you see wearing clothes with the club logo, there is no need. Club apparel can be ordered through Land's End. You go through the club website and follow the "Club Apparel" link, http://www.midstatemiata.net/club_apparel. Then select the "Our e-store web link" that will direct you to Lands End. Once you select your item(s), make sure you adjust the thread colors to contrast the item. (Not much point in black thread on a black fleece.) Don't be shy about calling them for help and make sure they know what you want. If you want to save some money and aren't in a hurry, get on their email list to be notified of sales. They periodically offer free logos and/or free shipping.

New members receive one complimentary pin from the club. Current Club members can purchase additional pins for themselves or to trade with other clubs at regional / national events. Cost is \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00 (Includes postage).

Checks only payable to Midstate Miata Club of NY. Send to:

Bob Sabella
401 Swansea Ave
Syracuse NY 13206



The pin is about 1.25" tall and 1.50" long.

Also, for MMC Magnets contact Jay Cartini, 315-430-3014, or jpcartini@aol.com. The cost is \$25.00 per pair.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

If you have found this newsletter on our Club website or been forwarded it by someone and you are a member, please contact your area representative as your email in the membership database is likely incorrect. You should also check your junk email folder as it may have been filed there by mistake. We have four Chapters in the Midstate Miata Club of New York and four hardworking Area Representatives. You can contact them anytime with any questions that you have about the Club. Their contact information is always on the next to last page of the Newsletter. The geographic Chapters, names, phone numbers, and email addresses are listed here also.

Syracuse Area Representative	Dale Nagel	315-677-9342	dalen262@aol.com
Rochester Area Representative	David King	585-377-6461	doeskygato@aol.com
Southern Area Tier Representative	Barb Hunsinger	607-785-5459	bhunsin928@aol.com
Ithaca Area Representative	Gail Wagner	607-257-7445	gwtr3red@gmail.com

IMPORTANT CLUB WORLD WIDE WEB SITES

Here are a couple websites that you should know about.

Our Club has a website that most of you know about.

<http://www.midstatemiata.net/>

Our Club also has a Facebook page that most of you do not know about.

<https://www.facebook.com/MidState-Miata-Club-of-New-YorkInc-264163837256529/>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the MidState Miata Club of New York!

Ordinarily, we would be beginning our season in our Miatas with friends. We would be planning dozens of drives, enjoying meals, and even getting ice cream. We do not know how this will play out concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions in 2021, but we are following the situation closely.

I encourage you to try to get out to an event in 2021. We will be following the guidelines: wearing a face mask, practicing social distancing, and spending limited time close to one another. This will be a little strange. People may not come up to you and welcome you to the Club and talk about your car as much as normal. Please know that this has nothing to do with you and everything to do with the pandemic.

We are asking all the 2020 and 2021 new members to keep your round red sticker on your ID badge for 2021 so we can say "Hi" and "Welcome to the Club" when things get back to normal.

First Name	Last Name	City	Chapter	Car Year	Color of Car
Lowell & Ann	Dewey	Geneva	Rochester	2006	Copper Red Mica
Jeanne Jo & Mark	Vinette	N. Syracuse	Syracuse	1995	Black
Brian & Carol	Dewey	Syracuse	Syracuse	1992	Red
Rod & Peggy	Sayles	Phoenix NY	Syracuse	1999	Green

NEWSLETTER DUE DATES

Newsletter Issue	Due Date (about 1 week before the Newsletter is published)
March	Monday, February 22, 2021
April	Thursday, March 25, 2021
May	Saturday, April 24, 2021
June	Tuesday, May 25, 2021
July	Thursday, June 24, 2021
August	Sunday, July 25, 2021
September	Wednesday, August 25, 2021
October	Friday, September 24, 2021
November	Monday, October 25, 2021
December	Wednesday, November 24, 2021

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam

Robert Brenner M.D.

On January 12, 2021, the Midstate Miata Club of NY, Ithaca-area group, lost one of its members, Dr. Robert (Bob) Brenner. He was 91.

Dr. Bob was a retired Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, practiced at Auburn Memorial Hospital and Syracuse VA Medical Center plus he volunteered in Thailand, India, Indonesia and the Westminster Manor in Auburn, NY.

Dr. Bob was 89 years old in summer 2019, his last season joining us for driving events and ice cream nights in his beloved 2014 silver retractable hardtop Miata.

Although an octogenarian, you would never guess! Dr. Bob was spry, full of life and full of outgoing personality, humor and love of life.

He will be very sadly missed by the Ithaca-area group.

Gail Wagner
Midstate Miata Club of NY
Ithaca-area representative

MARCH EVENTS

Saturday, March 6th, Midstate Miata Club of New York Annual & Planning Meeting

Event Coordinator – Karen McKissock & Jay Cartini

The Annual & Planning Meeting will be virtual this year.

Time: 10:00 am until 12:00 pm

It's that time of year again.....

By Jay Cartini

That's right, believe it or not, it's time for the annual planning meeting. Due to the circumstances that surround us it will be a little different this year. We are planning on a zoom meeting, Saturday, March 6, from 10am-2pm-ish.

Elsewhere in the newsletter and on our website you will find the event planning template to print or download. (midstatemiata.net then go "club business" tab, then go to the "event planning" section, and click on "template" to download)

What I need for everyone interested in hosting an event this year to do is fill out the form for the event(s) you are planning. Make sure to fill out ALL the information and if there's flexibility in the dates you are proposing. Email or snail-mail the forms back to Karen, kmckiss1948@gmail.com, and me, jpcartini@aol.com, before Wednesday, March 3. I anticipate just as many, if not more than the 2020 season as things start to open up and people become more comfortable (and vaccinated).

I am confident that we will have a season this year. It may involve more driving and site seeing (woo woo) rather than the close-together chumminess that we are accustomed to, but we will move on. We proved last year that it can be done, and even though attendance was down we made it work.

Any questions, just let us know.

Jay Cartini
5351 Carrick Circle
Brewerton, NY 13029

Karen McKissock
121 Cranbrook Terrace
Webster, NY 14580

Midstate Miata Club Event Planning Template

Please come prepared to share this information and leave a copy

Name of Submitter	Name of Event
Target Date(s) for Event	Destination Location
Alternate Date(s)	
	Start/meet time
Volunteer Hosts/Event Coordinator(s)	Start location
	Rain or shine or Shine only event (Y/N)

Describe the day with enough detail to distribute as our initial "teaser" to help members decide if they want to participate:

Additional questions	Yes/No	Estimated cost
Will there be a planned drive included?		
How long will the entire drive be?		
Is this an overnight event?		
Will there be food (purchased or brought-circle one)?		
Will there be hotels/motels needed? (This should be considered if it's a long day for those travelling from extremes of the region even though it may be a 1 day event e.g. the Holiday Party)		
Do you need any help planning (i.e. mentor)?		

THANK YOU FOR HOSTING 2020 EVENTS

A huge thank you from the Club members to Del Austin and Jerry Willis, Area Representatives, and Board Members who hosted events in 2020. It was a very challenging year, and yet you were able to lead the group to some Zoom-Zoom fun! Thank you so much!

VOTING FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Voting is in progress thru March 1, 2021 for all Club officers.

HERE IS THE LINK TO THE POLL TO VOTE FOR THIS YEAR'S BOARD MEMBERS

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMD7haLQ0olpp5CPrIvTmlrW-6ODjSQZYpfV23F85bsl0L3g/viewform?usp=sf_link

ICE CREAM NIGHTS 2021



Please be aware that our ice cream season will be affected by the COVID-19 virus again in 2021.

Be sure to watch for updates from your Area Representative as each event gets closer.

Stay home. Stay safe. Save lives.

Syracuse Chapter - 2021 Dale Nagle			
Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	May 13	6:30 p.m.	Heid's of Liverpool. 305 Oswego St, Liverpool.
Thursday	May 27	6:30 p.m.	Gannons Isle Ice Cream. 1525 Valley Dr, Syracuse.
Thursday	June 10	6:30 p.m.	Byrne Dairy, LaFayette. 5829 US-20, Lafayette.
Thursday	June 24	6:30 p.m.	Peter's Polar Parlor. 3345 Milton Ave, Syracuse.
Thursday	July 8	6:30 p.m.	Plank Road Ice Cream. 449 S Main St, Syracuse
Thursday	July 22	6:30 p.m.	Sno Top. 315 Fayette St, Manlius.
Thursday	August 5	6:30 p.m.	Hickory Hill Golf Course. 3451 NY-31, Baldwinsville.
Thursday	August 19	6:30 p.m.	Vicky's Tasty Treats. 680 Old Liverpool Rd, Liverpool.
Thursday	September 2	6:30 p.m.	Big Dip, N. Syracuse. 216 N Main St, North Syracuse.
Thursday	September 16	6:30 p.m.	The North Pole Ice Cream. 620 Genesee Turnpike, Chittenango.
Thursday	September 30	6:30 p.m.	Carvel. 4322 E Genesee St, Dewitt.
Thursday	October 14	6:30 p.m.	Sweet Frog. 532 Towne Dr, Fayetteville

Rochester Chapter - 2021 Nancy Lowe			
Day	Date	Time	Location
Tuesday	April 27	6:30 p.m.	Colby's Ice Cream & Bakery & Restaurant. 7272 W. Henrietta Rd., Rush. Food* and Ice Cream
Tuesday	May 11	6:30 p.m.	Papa Jack's Ice Cream. 265 W Main St, Victor. Ice Cream only.
Tuesday	May 25	6:30 p.m.	Orbakers Drive In Restaurant. 4793 NY-104, Williamson. Food* and Ice Cream
Tuesday	June 8	6:30 p.m.	TBD
Tuesday	June 22	6:30 p.m.	Five Guys. 927 Holt Rd Suite 200, Webster then Bruster's Real Ice Cream. 1041 Ridge Rd Sr404, Webster. Food* and Ice Cream
Tuesday	July 13	6:30 p.m.	Lugia's Ice Cream. 4719 Lyell Rd, Spencerport. Ice Cream only.
Tuesday	July 20	6:30 p.m.	The Irish Mafia Brewing Company. 2971 Whalen Rd, Bloomfield. Food* and Ice Cream
Tuesday	August 10	6:30 p.m.	TBD
Tuesday	August 24	6:30 p.m.	Charlie Riedel's. 3140 Co Rd 10, Canandaigua then Cheshire Farms Creamery. 10 Parrish St, Canandaigua. Food* and Ice Cream.
Tuesday	September 13	6:30 p.m.	Bruster's Real Ice Cream. 1041 Ridge Rd Sr404, Webster. Ice Cream only.
Tuesday	September 21	6:30 p.m.	Colby's Ice Cream & Bakery & Restaurant. 7272 W. Henrietta Rd., Rush. Food* and Ice Cream
*NOTE: Food available only if restrictions are lifted or if outdoor seating is offered at all restaurants.			

Southern Tier Chapter - 2021 Barb Hunsinger			
Day	Date	Time	Location
Monday	May 3	6:30 p.m.	Schoolhouse Creamery. 17 Fox Farm Rd, Windsor. Ice Cream.
Wednesday	May 19	6:30 p.m.	Double Scoops. 8784 NY-17C, Endicott. Ice Cream.
Monday	June 7	6:30 p.m.	Frosty Joes. 1 Track Dr, Binghamton. Ice Cream.
Wednesday	June 23	4:30 p.m.	Bob's Barbecue. 5290 NY-281, Homer. then Super Cream Dairy Bar. 75 N West St, Homer. Food and Ice Cream.
Monday	Jul 5	6:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Works! 14 George St, Owego. Ice Cream.
Wednesday	July 21	4:30 p.m.	PeNGUIN Ice Cream & Snack Bar. 11181 NY-8, Masonville. Food and Ice Cream.
Monday	August 2	4:30 p.m.	Big Dipper BBQ. 6937 NY-434, Apalachin. Food and Ice Cream.
Wednesday	August 18	6:30 p.m.	Dad's Ice Cream. 14 N Main St, Nichols. Ice Cream.
Monday	September 7	6:30 p.m.	Country Classics. 2447 NY-7, Bainbridge. Ice Cream.
Wednesday	September 22	6:30 p.m.	Suzy-Q's. 1110 Chenango St # 1, Binghamton. Ice Cream.

Ithaca (Proudly Isolated) Chapter - 2021 Gail Wagner			
Day	Date	Time	Location
Wednesday	May 5	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	May 26	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	June 2	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	June 23	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	July 6	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	July 28	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	August 3	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	August 25	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	September 7	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	September 22	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.
Wednesday	October 6	6:30 p.m.	Purity Ice Cream , corner of 700 Cascadilla St./Meadow Street (Route 13) in Ithaca. Please park next door behind the I.D. Booth Plumbing & Heating building on Cascadilla Street.

TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH’



“Where is the heck is the oil filter?”

TECHNICAL TIPS – ‘WENCH WITH A WRENCH’

By Gail Wagner – Midstate Miata Club of NY

Hello, Miata Club Members.

You may remember that I wrote several articles in the past about tires. This is a topic I’m very passionate about and feel it is of utmost importance from a safety and comfort standpoint....*heavy on the safety part!*

I hope that you will go take a look at your Miata tires either now or this spring and determine if they need replacement. Just because they may have low mileage and visually good tread doesn’t mean they aren’t ready for replacement. For my own amusement, I occasionally ask folks if they know how old their tires are. Many have no clue. This is not a good answer.

Please read the good information below and decide if it’s time to fork over some of that stimulus check like I did to replace ALL FOUR of your Miata tires or for your daily winter driver, for that matter, if need be.

Not all the information below pertains to our Miatas but I thought it would be good info for any type of vehicle we may be driving, summer or winter.

Stay safe, well, and happy!,

Gail

Yes, It's Tires Again!

Tire Replacement: Why & When You Should Replace Your Tires

Do you know when to replace your tires? The good news is gauging the health of your tires isn't as complicated as you might think. In most cases, figuring out when it's time for a tire replacement only requires a quick look with a keen eye and maybe the help of a copper penny. You need to know what portions of the tires to look at and what the key tire replacement indicators are. This guide will provide you with all the knowledge you need to accurately assess your tires, determine if they need to be replaced and when, as well as some tips for picking new ones!

Here are the three key concerns related to tire replacement:

1. When should you replace your tires?
2. Why you should replace your tires?
3. What factors should you consider while choosing new tires for replacement?

When Should You Replace Your Tires?

The most common question people ask is *"How often should you replace your tires?"* Generally, there are two different factors that impact when to replace tires: wear and age.

Tire Wear: All tires eventually begin to experience wear. How the tire wears can be an indication of an issue with your alignment or tire pressure. Tire tread should wear evenly across the whole tire rather than on the inside or outside of the tire. The wear on your tires will happen regardless of how good of a driver you are although it can be accelerated if you don't take proper care of the tires.

Tire Age: Tire aging occurs when components of the tire, including the rubber, begin to change over time. This can happen due to environmental impacts and storage conditions, as well as the amount of usage the tire sees when being driven, or the tire sitting with no use.



Of course, unless you're a tire expert, it can be difficult to know exactly when tire wear and age indicate that a tire is no longer safe to drive and needs to be replaced. If you're wondering, *"How do I know when my tires expire?"* **A better question is "How old are my tires and when should I change them?"** To answer that question, it's time to learn how to read your tires!

Every tire has an indication that states when it was made, down to the week and year. This can help you answer the question: how often you should change your tires – even if you're not an expert on the subject. **The tire in the image above was made in the 33 week of 2016.**

Industry standards say you should replace passenger and truck/SUV tires on average at 6 years and before 10 years of age. AAA says in their Safe Driver Course replacement should be every five years.

The timing depends greatly on how the tires have been used and the weather extremes it has been subjected to. How a vehicle has been stored can also impact when a tire needs to be replaced. If your tire passes the penny test, and a visual inspection does not show any cracks or damage, but the tire is 6-10 years old, the wisest course of action is to have them replaced. Why take chances with your safety?

Why You Should Replace Your Tires

Knowing how often to replace tires isn't just about taking good care of your vehicle and preventing expensive mistakes. Tires are an extremely important part of your vehicle's safety.

Worn or old tires can lead to a variety of problems, including:

- Compromised road grip due to a worn-down tread.
- Blowouts that leave you stranded or even cause you to crash.
- Difficulty stopping and braking effectively.

Additionally, uneven wheel alignments and balance problems will not only cause irregular and premature tire wear, they can cause expensive problems for your vehicle, leaving you dealing with a hefty car repair bill in the future.

Don't blow off tire maintenance as something only "car people" do. Every driver on the road should be aware about the health and safety of their passengers and vehicles.

What Factors Can Cause Damage to the Tires?

How long do tires last on average?

The problem is, there's not a set answer to that question – due to the variety of factors that can lead to a necessary tire replacement. These factors include:

- Tire design from the manufacture (some tires are built to last 70,000 miles and other are 40,000 miles or less such as sticky high performance summer tires, so they will have very different time in use)
- A lack of attention to basic tire maintenance (checking the air pressure, tire rotations, alignment, visible wear, etc.).
- Not using the right tires for different seasons and terrains.
- Potholes, obstacles, curbs, sharp objects, and speed bumps.
- Climate conditions (extreme hot or extreme cold can accelerate wear and tear).
- Excessive braking or acceleration.
- Driving for long periods at high speeds.

Every driver faces different conditions and cares for their cars differently. The bottom line is that you need to be aware of your own driving habits, environment, and tires to ensure you're replacing your tires when necessary.

Signs That Your Tires Need to Be Replaced

The following tips will show you how to tell if tires are worn and need to be replaced soon. Although it is always best to seek professional help with tires, these signs will indicate that you should begin researching new tires for your car.

- **Tread Wear.** A tire's tread depth is measured in 32nds of an inch. New tires have from 9/32" to 11/32" of tread material. Manufacturers, NYS and AAA recommend replacement at 4/32" of tread left. You can identify the tread depth to replace tires by using **the penny test method** or a tread depth gauge. For the most part, the penny test is very reliable. At least it's a starting point.
- **Bubbles and Bulges.** A bulge on your tire usually indicates that the rigid internal frame of the tires has been damaged, allowing air pressure to reach the flexible outer layers of the tire. Any tires with sidewall bulges or bubbles should be replaced immediately, even if the tread status is acceptable.
- **Vibration.** If your tires have been worn down unevenly, you may feel a vibration in the steering wheel when driving. Vibration can also be caused by poor alignment so it is important to have a tire professional determine the cause of the vibration.
- **Sidewall Cuts or Cracks.** Tire age is a common cause of tire sidewall cracking. All tires are subjected to different harsh conditions, and as a result, **the rubber in the tires naturally degrades over time.** Imagine an old rubber band that's brittle and easily broken. The same effect happens to tires, even if the tires aren't in use and are being stored in a place where cracking can occur. Typically, cracking is caused by sunlight, excessive heat, road surfactants and ozone exposure. Cuts, on the other hand, are typically caused by force – like hitting a rock or something sharp.
- **Embedded nails or stones.** Obviously, if something is lodged in the tire, the issue needs to be addressed immediately. Even if the hole isn't causing excessive leaking, ignoring a hole from something like a nail can lead to problems for the driver later on. Moisture can leak into the tire, causing the steel parts to rust. Lodged items can weaken the area of the tire and possibly lead to dangerous blowouts if not dealt with in a timely manner.
- **Visible damage.** Abnormal wear patterns could indicate wheel misalignment, improper inflation pressure, a need for a tire rotation, or perhaps all of the above.
- **Damaged valve caps.** If the cap can't be tightened enough, it will continuously loosen. If it's too tight, the thread on the stem may become stripped. A damaged valve cap can leak air and also allow dirt, moisture and debris to enter the tire.

How to Select New Tires for Replacement

After you have figured out when to change tires, you'll find that selecting **replacement tires** a bit of a process. You'll need to start by assessing your driving habits, the types of terrain and seasons you will be driving in, to determine what you need in a tire. You should also evaluate how well you feel your current tires performed in longevity, handling, ride, noise and any other category you have noticed. An on-line tire store, The Tire Rack, (www.tirerack.com) is an excellent source for tire information and assistance. (Good prices too!)

After that, you'll be able to match your driving style to the perfect tire type. To help your research, here are a handful of the most popular tire categories, seasonal applications, and features for a particular drivers' needs. These categories aren't all for Miatas but it's interesting information just the same.

Categories:

- **Highway/Touring Tires:** Highway and touring tires are built for trucks and passenger cars to travel primarily on paved roads. These tires are designed to provide great mileage, a smooth ride, and last a long time.

- **Sport Tires:** These tires are built to provide cars with a balance of style and performance. Designed for excellent handling and quiet rides, sport tires generally are wider and have low profiles for on-pavement driving.
- **All-Terrain Tires:** These are the most versatile kinds of tires on the market. They provide excellent traction on any kind of road, from main city streets and highways to back roads. These tires can only be used by trucks and SUVs.
- **Mud Terrain Tires:** These are tires specifically built for maximum traction in off road conditions. They can be driven on daily but often have a rougher, noisier ride, and typically reduce gas mileage.
- **Run Flat Tires:** They are built to allow for driving a short distance after a tire pressure loss event. They are typically found on luxury cars, CUVs and SUVs.
- **Snow/Winter Tires:** Tires designed specifically for winter only use. They stay flexible in freezing temperatures and have specially designed tread designs and compounds for maximum traction and safety on winter roads.

Seasons:

- **All-Season Tires:** These offer versatile performance in a variety of conditions, including wet roads or even in snow. They can be driven in both the summertime and the wintertime.
- **All-Weather Tires:** This is a new category of tires that manufacturers are building and are distinguished by more advanced winter performance than most All Season tires. They can be used all year round and offer excellent traction and performance in all weather.
- **Snow/Winter Tires:** Tires designed specifically for winter only use. They stay flexible in freezing temperatures and have specially designed tread designs and compounds for maximum traction and safety on winter roads.
- **Summer Tires:** These tires have zero cold weather traction but they do have good wet and dry traction and top handling and performance capabilities. Tread life is not as robust as all-season tires due to the soft, sticky rubber compound.

Before you decide which tire you need, think about what kind of driving you do. If you drive primarily on the highway and city streets, you may need a highway or touring tire. On the other hand, if you typically drive on back roads AND need on-pavement capability, an all-terrain might be your best bet.

How Tires Are Rated: The Uniform Tire Quality Grading Standards (UTQG)

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) has rated more than 2,400 tire lines. You can use the official NHTSA website to check out the details on specific tires.

Tread Wear

The tread wear grade rates how well a tire compares to others in a specific test. A tire with a grade of 3,000 wears three times as long as a tire that only has a grade of 1,000. However, you should keep in mind that different driving styles, road conditions, and levels of maintenance can also impact tread wear.

Traction

This refers to the tire's ability to stop on different kinds of surfaces, including asphalt and concrete. AA is the best rating a tire can receive, followed by A, B, and then C.

Temperature

The temperature rating indicates the tire's resistance to heat. A is the highest rating, followed by B and then C.

New vs Second-Hand Tires

Some people, in an effort to save money upfront on the tire replacement cost, turn to old (used) tires as replacements. However, this can be a risky strategy, even if it does save money initially.

Here are some of the issues you can face when buying second-hand tires as replacements.

- There's no guarantee that the tires have been deemed safe for resale.
- Not all damage to old tires is visible, so you can't inspect them by eye.
- The tire's stopping abilities might be compromised, leading to dangerous skidding.
- Blowouts might be more likely with a used tire.

Replacing Spare Tires

Last but not least, people generally don't pay attention to their spares as they decide when to get tires replaced. Because the spare isn't used much, people assume that it doesn't experience wear or tear and that it doesn't need to be replaced.

However, even spare tires need to be replaced after a certain amount of time. Be sure to check the date of production on the spare before deciding not to replace it. If you're not sure how to check the date of your tire, have a professional help you.

Don't forget to pay attention to visible kinds of age as well. **Just because a tire hasn't really been used doesn't necessarily mean it stays protected from cracks or cuts, as well as other problems that come with age including:**

- Degraded rubber – cracks and cuts in the sidewalls.
- Loss of flexibility and road grip.
- Compromised structural integrity.

Whether a tire has been driven or not, its lifespan can be affected by its storage condition and treatment. **If you know you will be parking your vehicle for a period of time, it is a good idea to protect the tires from sun and freezing temperatures.** If you are storing winter or summer tires, it is best to store them in a cool, dry location away from sun and other weather elements.

How often should you change your tires?

Although this answer does depend on a number of factors including the type of car, your driving style, etc., there is an average estimate for how often you should change your tire. In general, most vehicles travel about 15,000 miles per year, which equates to around 45,000 miles every three years. If you take into account the tire mileage warranty and amount you drive over the course of a year (over 15k miles), this will give you a good indication of how often you will need to replace your tires.

Which tires wear out first?

This is a topic of much debate. However you will find most vehicles, regardless of if they are front wheel drive or all-wheel drive, will wear the tires on the front more rapidly than the rear. The front tires are responsible for

the steering, acceleration and braking, while the rear wheels typically just follow. Most vehicles also have most of their weight on the front of the vehicle, causing the front tires to handle more load than the back tires. Since the wear and tear on the front and back wheels can be different, the answer to which tires wear faster, is typically the front tires.

If you are replacing your tires, all 4 tires must be replaced together. Do not mix different tires on your vehicle. This includes all-wheel drive vehicles as well as front and rear wheel drive vehicles.

Why do tires need to be rotated?

Because tires wear unevenly front to back, regular rotations will allow you to get longer use out of your set of tires by wearing the tread more evenly. Front tires will wear the outside edges down more quickly, so rotation allows you to always have the most tread on the outside of the tire. Not rotating will result in one set of tires wearing and likely needing to be replaced sooner than the other set. Be aware that some tires are “directional” and can only be placed on a wheel in a certain set way. The tire will be marked as non-rotational.

How often should tires be rotated?

First things first: check your vehicle’s owner’s manual to see if it has a recommended rotation scheme. Tires should be rotated roughly every six months or every 6,000 to 8,000 miles. A good rule of thumb is to rotate the tires every other time you get an oil change.

Is the penny test for tires accurate?

Placing a penny head into the grooves of your tire can help you determine if the tire needs to be replaced soon. If you can see the top of Lincoln’s head, your tires are likely shallow and worn. Use this as an indication of when you should have a tire professional examine the situation.

Is it OK to have different brand tires? Do they need to be replaced in pairs?

If you are replacing only one pair of the tires on your vehicle, these new tires will have a deeper tread depth. Be sure to install the new tires onto the rear axle for better control when driving on wet and winter roads.

Generally, it’s smart to replace all four tires. Although replacing all four at once is the easiest, if you need to save money, you can do one pair at a time. If you’re wondering “can I replace just one tire?” the answer is no. The difference in tread depth and stance can throw off your vehicle’s performance. That’s why it’s best to replace ALL four tires at once.

Do all four tires have to be of the same brand?

Generally, it is recommended that you do not mix different tire brands or categories.

Do you have to replace the tires with the same brand that the vehicle originally had?

Nope! Just make sure that all of the tires are evenly matched and appropriate size for your vehicle and your driving habits.

What can you do to make your tires last longer?

The best things to do to make your tires last as long as possible are:

- Check the tire pressure monthly and adjust according to the pressure recommended by your vehicle.
- Have the tires rotated every 6,000 to 8,000 miles.
- Check your vehicle's alignment twice a year.

What do you do after getting new tires?

Once you get your new tires installed, take it easy on the road for a while to break the tires in. New tires may feel different than the tires you replaced since they are likely performing better than a worn tire and have the latest technology.

Also, if you changed categories of tires, you might experience a big change in the feel of your drive. For example, switching from a highway to an all-terrain tire might change the roughness and noise of your drive, as well as your fuel consumption.

In Conclusion

Deciding when to replace your tires is an important decision both for the safety of your vehicle and that of others. Use the above guide to steer you in the right direction and help determine exactly when you should make the switch to brand new tires.

Additionally, deciding what to replace is important. You can increase (as well as decrease) the comfort, fuel efficiency, noise, tread wear, or other aspects based on the decisions you make with new tires.

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MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Would you like to introduce yourself to the other Club members? Are you a new member to the Club or a seasoned member? Both groups are encouraged to submit. You will write a short essay describing some of the things that you like to do, and those things may or may not include your Miata. Maybe a great drive or trip you have taken, maybe your favorite hobby. Really anything that interests you! The article would be approximately a page in length including a photo or two, maybe with you in your Miata.

If you are interested, please email, text, or call me. Or I may just call you to ask if you could write something.

Anyone interested in telling a story?

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MEMBER INTRODUCTION, ROCHESTER CHAPTER

Why so many cars?

Maybe it's because I couldn't afford one until I started working. Maybe it's because my parents gave me a choice: Play that barbaric football or buy a motorcycle. I got a 1965 Suzuki X-6 Hustler for \$250 and played basketball. Maybe it's because my hobby has been to find the best deal and drive something different, then sell it for a profit or a small loss. I've registered 60+ cars.

Just the interesting ones: A 1947 Dodge (drove this to work for a year, hand-signals only, spun it 360 degrees at a four-way intersection, did not crash). 1970 right-hand drive jeep-engined mail truck flood car (I could rebuild the carburetor in 15 minutes). 1988 Celica All-Trac Turbo, unique all-wheel-drive 190 HP rally type car-never saw another one. Avenger GT kit car-so low to the ground I had to crawl into it. The seat would not stay upright so drove it in the horizontal position. 45 hp kept me from challenging anyone. Convertibles: 1979 MGB, Honda S2000, Camaro Z28, Mustang GT, and finally, Miatas.

I found the '91 blue car in Pennsylvania via a very early internet shopping site. The seller didn't tell me she was a smoker but said she always held the cigarette outside the window so I would never smell it. I bought it anyway and drove it home to East Aurora, south of Buffalo. We had a great time with it and seldom put the top-up. On a 5-day trip through NY State in April, the challenge was to leave the top down and we did it by layering up. Hard to shift with snow pants and mittens on. The rear window cracked and I was able to fix it. I cut it out and used the template to cut a new one out of a scrap found at a convertible repair shop. I used boondoggle to sew it to the top and lived with that for a few years. Sold it for what I paid for it.

The 1992 red car I found in the swap sheet. The seller told me it had an embarrassing scrape on one side. The scrape was right along the character line indentation on the driver's side. He took a wrong turn down an alley after a party and had trouble backing out. It was a fresh scrape, no rust, an easy fix. Another great car. I learned that you can rebuild a clutch slave cylinder. The kit cost \$9. I used a gutter guard and velcro strapping to attach it to the headrests for a very effective wind blocker. Sold it for a nice profit after 4 trouble-free years.

I had fun searching for my current one on Craigslist, Cargurus, etc. I tried a white NB for sale in Rochester. Kind of rough and worn out but with low miles; just driven hard and kept dirty. Really small! I had trouble bending to get inside. My size twelves had to be turned a weird way to get under the dash. Did not test drive. Decided to look for the larger NC.

You can skip around Craigslist, heading to different cities by jumping state to state, keeping the search between a Miata and a Nissan 350Z. Found a nice almost maroon (Mica-red?) 2006 with 59K miles on it in NJ, south and east of Philadelphia. After texting with the owner, I decided the best and safest way to get there was to rent a car one-way. He picked me up in his truck and drove me to his modest house. I wanted to start the car cold. It's a pretty color with saddle leather and a newer brown top (a classy mix). This was December 3 before real winter and the chance was I'd run into snow on the way north. I had the bank check and insurance card with me but was ready to split if the car wasn't good. It was good but with notchy shifting, I didn't remember in my NA's though lots quicker. He let me keep his plates until I got home, a risk I knew so I drove carefully through driving rain, sleet, and some snow. When I made it to my lot after 11 hours (total) of driving I did the dumbest thing of the day. I connected my little puck sprinkler to my hose so I could push it under the car to wash away the salt. Great idea but it soaked me much more thoroughly than the car.

Registering a car now is almost impossible if you haven't had the 60-car experience I had with the DMV. It's almost like doing your taxes. The required registration package is placed in a dropbox in Canandaigua because our little office within a block of my house is closed. I waited for 2 weeks for the plates to be mailed.

I joined a Miata forum, watched a few YouTube videos, and decided I could lift the car flat and on my 4 jack stands. I did this same job with my S2000 but I was 15 years younger then. I wanted to fix that notchy shifting ASAP and could not wait for spring. Bought the \$24/qt Ford transmission oil and managed to break free the 24mm fill bolt with my ratchet and a pipe extender for leverage, ditto the drain bolt, and found pretty dark fluid and metal filings on the magnetic drain bolt. Pumped 2.2 quarts into the transmission and then moved to the differential for similar treatment but with Mobil 1 gear oil. Dropped the car down and went for a short drive. Some improvement but I understand it takes some miles before it improves measurably.

The turret oil was tougher. I had never removed interior panels before and winced as I used some force to pop them off. After removing a dozen screws and finally getting to the shifter, it came out as the video showed. The reservoir was empty and I pumped the remaining Ford fluid into where I thought I should stop, then greased the upper ball. After much fiddling, the whole unit luckily dropped into place.

The car rides rough. It was not a comfortable 5-hour drive home. I know, I know it's a sports car you wimp. I bought 4 new Koni STR.T shocks to be installed using my existing springs by a good local shop that works on Asian cars only (like ours). That work is scheduled for Jan 8. I am looking forward to showing the car to all you fine Miata owners this spring.

Thanks for reading this far. Lowell Dewey



Here is a link to a walk around movie.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/q4pMhNjfRCymkfmH7>

MIATAS & MIATA ITEMS WANTED & FOR SALE

If you have a Miata item for sale or wanted a Miata item and would like it to be included in our newsletter please send me the information. John.N.Amon@gmail.com. If you would like the item to be posted on the website please send Lee Maddy the information. mrmiataman@yahoo.com. Include a heading, description, your name and contact information (phone, email, address maybe), maybe the price, and a photo or two.

WANTED

Wish List for Miata Purchase:

- 2007 to 2015 with retractable hardtop
- Automatic Transmission
- Cruise Control
- Exterior Color: any color
- Interior Color: any color

Do you have a car that meets these requirements or do you know someone who does? Doug has recently joined our Club and is searching for his Miata!

Contact Doug Tabit
cb400f@frontiernet.net
585-545-8079

FOR SALE

New members receive one complimentary pin from the club. Current Club members can purchase additional pins for themselves or to trade with other clubs at regional / national events. Cost is \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00 (Includes postage).

Checks only payable to Midstate Miata Club of NY. Send to:
Bob Sabella
401 Swansea Ave
Syracuse NY 13206

The pin is about 1.25" tall and 1.50" long.



FOR SALE

Also, for MMC Magnets contact Jay Cartini, 315-430-3014, or jpcartini@aol.com. The cost is \$25.00 per pair.

COVID-19

VACCINATIONS

Helen, pictured here, became the 10,000th person to be vaccinated at the Rochester Dome Arena vaccination site in Henrietta, NY, the morning of 2/8/2021.

As of Sunday, February 14, 2021, the following groups may sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine at NYS run sites; prioritize New Yorkers with qualifying comorbidity and pre-existing conditions. Local Health Departments may choose to delay vaccinating the last group for a time.

So far, the following groups of people are being vaccinated.

- Phase 1a and 1b, hospital workers, EMS, front line staff in direct contact, and nursing home staff.
- Individuals age 65 and older, fire fighters, police, public safety communications, correction officers, in-person college instructors, Preschool-12 school staff, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and workers in homeless shelters.
- Adults with qualifying comorbidity and pre-existing conditions

For the full list in detail please follow this link. <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine>

Be aware that there is not enough vaccine to vaccinate everyone in these groups today. In New York the vaccine is being distributed to the counties based on the county population and further divided based on the people in each group in that county.

If you haven't already done so, please download the COVID Alert NY app today and help NY stop the spread. <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-alert-ny>. The app will tell you if you have been close to someone with COVID-19.

I encourage you to sign up for the vaccination as soon as you are eligible. Sign up in as many places as you can. By all creditable reports, the vaccines are safe, and the possible side effects are minimal. Currently, the number of vaccines available will equal the number of people contacted. This, I believe, is to eliminate the need to call people if the vaccine is not delivered and to keep the number of people on the list manageable. If you received an appointment for July 24, 2021, might you forget between now and then?

Short-term side effects are listed here by the CDC. This posting is dated January 11, 2021. Be very cautious about reading social media posts and believing them. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>.



The CDC also discuss long-term effects dated November 13, 2020. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/long-term-effects.html>. Again, be careful reading social media posts and believing them.

Here is a discussion of the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine on the New York State website. <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/frequently-asked-questions-0>

You will have to balance the decision about the vaccine and its side effects and hospitalization and death.

Here is the link to the New York State COVID-19 site, specifically the vaccine. Vaccines are available at pharmacies, hospitals, doctors offices, pop-up sites, and through local health departments statewide. You can try calling 1-833-697-4829 or going to the website <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>. By answering a very few questions, one of which is your zip code, you will get a list of local and not so local providers. I see State-run sites listed from 21 to 500 miles distance from me. **THE VACCINE IS FREE!!!** Possible sites to be non-State run vaccinate sites include, in no particular order, CVS, Walgreens, TOPS, Wegmans, local hospital, your doctor, Walmart & Sams, and others. Some of these sites may not have the vaccine yet. They may have all their appointments filled for the amount of vaccine that they have.

Nationwide, participating pharmacies include:

- Walgreens (including Duane Reade)
- CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (including Long's)
- Walmart, Inc. (including Sam's Club)
- Rite Aid Corp.
- The Kroger Co. (including Kroger, Harris Teeter, Fred Meyer, Fry's, Ralphs, King Soopers, Smiths, City Market, Dillons, Mariano's, Pick-n-Save, Copps, Metro Market)
- Publix Super Markets, Inc.
- Costco Wholesale Corp.
- Albertsons Companies, Inc. (including Osco, Jewel-Osco, Albertsons, Albertsons Market, Safeway, Tom Thumb, Star Market, Shaw's, Haggen, Acme, Randalls, Carrs, Market Street, United, Vons, Pavilions, Amigos, Lucky's, Pak n Save, Sav-On)
- Hy-Vee, Inc.
- Meijer Inc.
- H-E-B, LP
- Retail Business Services, LLC (including Food Lion, Giant Food, The Giant Company, Hannaford Bros Co, Stop & Shop)
- Winn-Dixie Stores Inc. (including Winn-Dixie, Harveys, Fresco Y Mas)

Here is a list of the NYS county health departments. They may be able to provide you with a list of local vaccine providers or they may be providing the vaccine directly to you. https://health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/

Please keep being safe! We each would like to be first to receive the vaccine. There are well over 10,000,000 people eligible in New York State alone. Currently, our State is getting about 250,000 doses per week, and everyone needs two doses at this time. That means about 125,000 people can be vaccinated with both doses per week. As other vaccines become available there will be more doses and maybe a single dose vaccination. At the current rate of vaccination it will take one year to vaccinate everyone in New York.

The vaccines help prevent you from getting sick with COVID-19. However, it is unknown if it will prevent you from transmitting the virus to other people. For now, it is best to continue wearing a mask, staying 6-feet apart or more, washing your hands often with soap, and being in the smallest group of people that you can.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Mental health resources are available to any New Yorker who needs them. The ongoing effects of this pandemic are impacting many peoples' mental health. New Yorkers can call the state's hotline at 1-844-863-9314 to get free emotional support, consultations, and referrals to a provider or visit [headspace.com/ny](https://www.headspace.com/ny) for free meditation and mindfulness resources.

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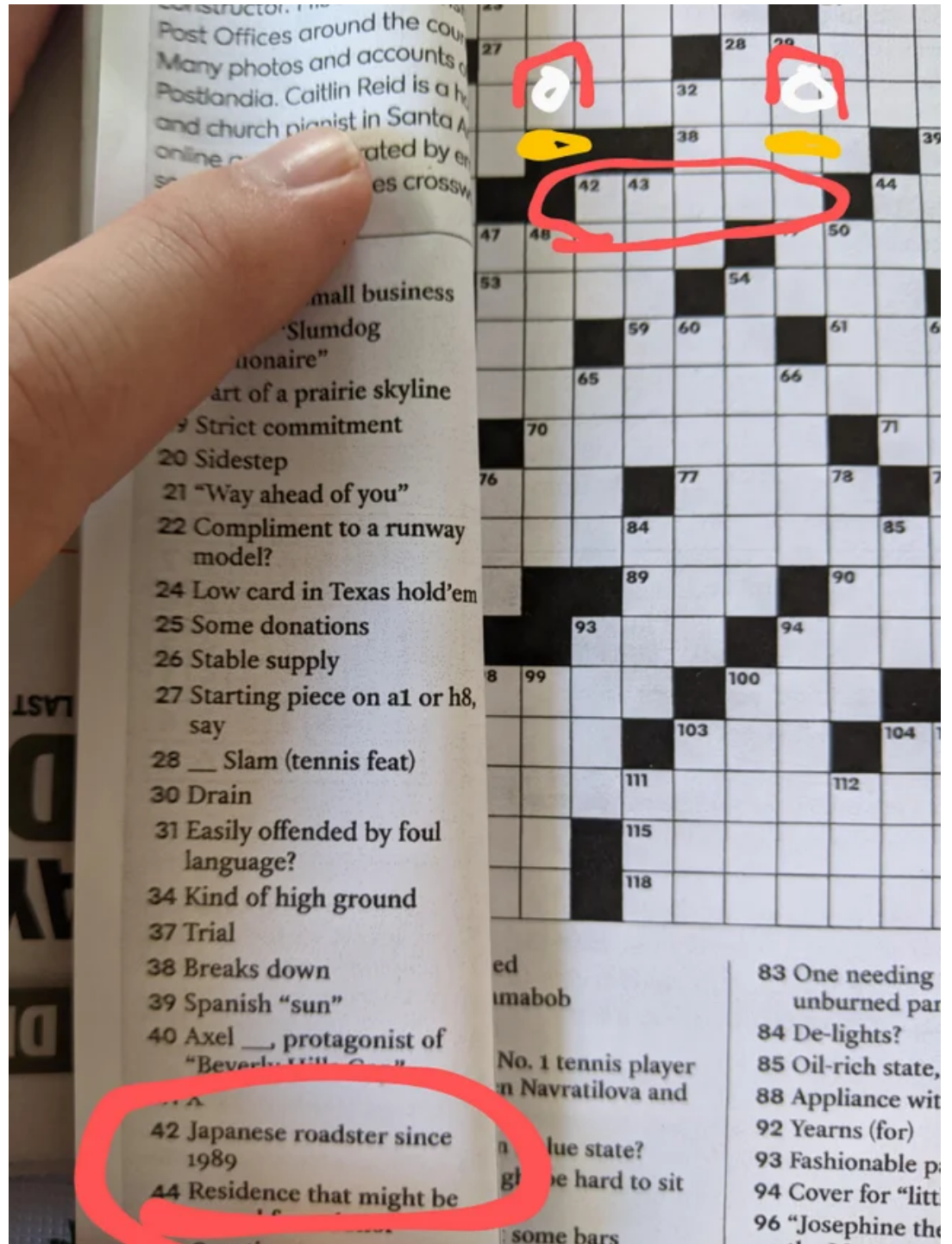
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For those crossword junkies out there, have you seen this one yet?

EVERYONE should get this answer!



REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2021

Date	Event	Coordinators
Monday, March 1st	MMC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom Meeting	Karen McKissock
Saturday, March 6th	Midstate Miata Club on New York Annual & Planning Meeting, 10:00 am, Zoom Meeting	Karen McKissock & Jay Cartini

Please be aware that our driving season will be affected by the COVID-19 virus in 2021.
Be sure to watch for updates from your Area Representative as each event gets closer.

ZOOM MEETING CHEAT SHEET TO HELP YOU GET STARTED

You will need a computer, tablet, or smart phone. You should have a camera if you want others to be able to see your smiling face. 😊 Required is just a computer, tablet, or smart phone with speakers and microphone. If you have a laptop it likely has a built in camera, look for the small circle at the top of your monitor, about 0.25-inches in diameter. If you have a desktop / tower computer look for that same small circle. Most tablets have a camera, but the circle may be smaller. All smart phones have a camera. You can use the ear buds that came with your smart phone if there is a port on your computer or tablet to plug into. Likely the ear buds have a built in microphone as well. If needed, you can buy a webcam that combines all the features in one unit; camera, microphone, and speakers. Be sure to have your power cable plugged in for the Annual and Planning Meeting, you will need it.

Additionally you will need to download the Zoom app. It is free. The versions for computer, laptop, and phone are slightly different. The instructions below are for the computer but similar for all.

These instructions will help you, who have not used Zoom, get started. Some of you may have had more experience than I and I welcome your input!

There is no cost or obligation to you. You will have a better experience if you download the Zoom program to your computer, laptop, tablet, or smart phone. You can download a version for Windows or Mac computers as well as tablets and phones (check your app store from your device). <https://zoom.us/download>

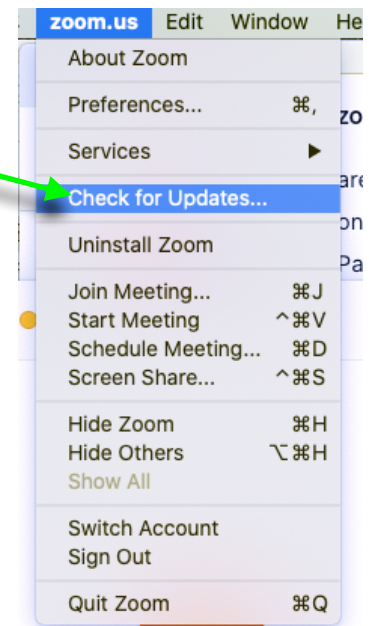
Be sure to check for updates.

You can read Zoom's 'Getting Started' to help you do just that. It covers almost everything!

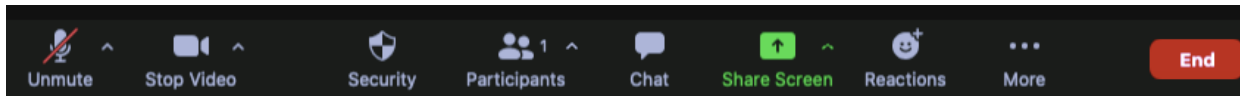
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-PC-and-Mac>

You will receive an email invitation before each meeting announcing that meeting that will include link to the meeting, the meeting ID number, and the Passcode.

All you need to do is click on the link to begin. If you have downloaded the Zoom application, you should see that automatically start. Or you will see Zoom in your web browser.



Across the bottom, shown below, and working from left to right, you will see the following options.



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1. The **Microphone button** can be unmuted and muted. This button will enable everyone you hear you. Please set it to mute at the beginning of the meeting to allow everyone to listen to the presenter without too much background noise. A red line through the microphone indicates you are muted.

2. Choosing the **Video button** allows you to turn on and off your video. Doing this will stop the video of you from being displayed to everyone in the meeting.

3. The **Security button** does not typically need any changes.

4. The **Participants button** displays everyone who is participating in the meeting. Also, there is the option to 'raise your hand' to get the attention of the person hosting the meeting. Using this option achieves the same result as it did in second grade. See image to right.

5. The **Chat button** brings up a chat window so that you may type questions, answers, or suggestions. This is much like a text window.

6. If you are presenting, you can share a document. Click on **Share Screen button**, and a pop-up window appears showing all the programs you have open on your computer. Click the document button that you wish to share (recommended), or you can share everything by picking Desktop.

7. You can use **Reactions button** to show your support to the presenter.

8. When you are done, you can choose the button **End button**.

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