

MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

“MIATA MEANDERINGS” NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter from Karen McKissock



As we close up the 2021 season I'd like to thank all the members for hanging in there for another less than optimal season with the Club. It was surely better than 2020 but definitely not as good as 2022 will be. I'm personally very grateful to each and every one of you!

I would be remiss if I didn't get specific with certain folks. I'll start with the Board of Directors that have 'met' several times to discuss Club business. It might not seem like hard work but it certainly takes time to consider and decide on the path forward on issues as they arise. Last week we finalized the decision making process on 2 things:

Radios - The Club will buy new batteries for radios in the Binghamton area. (**Complete** - Del has

purchased them). We also decided to purchase a Mag 1 radio to replace a broken one in the Rochester area. I will purchase one before the next season.

Dues – We will, once again, collected membership dues for 2022 as usual. In the spring we will draft options for how to use our treasury monies. Ideas will be solicited from the entire club membership.

Area Reps are the link between each other to communicate information and to be there for coordinating caravans for rides as needed. This is no small task either...

keeping track of distribution lists as members join and leave, listening to members feedback (good and bad) and being there whenever they are needed. They all do a great job of exceeding expectations!!!

Officers such as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer help us maintain the organization's business features. One and all give a lot of their time and treasure/knowledge to help us navigate each season with the best intentions for providing exciting events for our membership.

Thanks to Bob Sabella for maintaining our membership list, Christine Kuhn for being our Sunshine Coordinator, Lee Maddy for our new and awesome website, Elisha Kasinskis for our Facebook development, and Ray Mosher as past

President. And a special thanks to John Amon for our really awesome newsletter and being our resident 'tech' guru. These folks are our most valuable assets! It's been another great year working with all of them.

And where would we be without our Event Coordinators submitting ideas, flushing out routes, looking for bathrooms and places to eat, submitting information for the newsletter and making sure everyone that attends has a good time? We are all grateful for your gift to the Club. Keep up the good work!

I'd also like to thank the members that attended our Holiday gathering. It was wonderful to see your

faces and hear your laughter. A special thanks to Kevin Smith who dialed in from Arizona...we miss you Kevin!!!

I would also like to remind everyone to submit nominations for candidates for officers for the 2022-2024 seasons. I'm sure John will have more to say about this later in the newsletter. Nominations are closed as of January 30th, 2022.

To close, I'd like to ask you all to stay in touch with each other over the winter and keep me in the loop as well. I miss you all and look forward to seeing you in the spring. Please stay safe and warm, Enjoy all the holidays, wear your masks, get vaccinated and boosted.

Karen McKissock, MMC President



ELECTIONS, 2022 - 2024

Officer elections for the Midstate Miata Club of New York

Officers will hold office from spring 2022 until spring 2024

Nominations for elected Club officers are now open from all members who are in good standing and have joined our Club on or before August 1, 2021. The pilots and the co-pilots may each submit nominations. You may read the complete description in the bylaws, Article VII, on the Club website or click on [this link](#).

Nominations are open from now until January 30, 2022. Send your nominations for officers to Karen McKissock or you may submit our nominations electronically. Click on [this link](#) to obtain your nomination form to list your candidates. [This link](#) will take you to the online nomination form. She will confirm that your nominee is interested in holding the office before bringing their name forward.

Midstate Miata Club of New York Nominations

% Karen McKissock, Club President, 121 Cranbrook Terrace, Webster, New York, 14580

kmckiss1948@gmail.com

Voting will also open on February 1, 2022, and continue until the Annual and Planning meeting in early spring, maybe in March. Both the pilot and copilot may submit their own ballot. The date of that meeting is open at this time. The Club Secretary will accept your vote by the U.S. Mail, email, or electronically. However, the mailed ballots must be received before the Annual and Planning meeting to be valid. You may bring your completed ballot to the Annual and Planning meeting and hand-deliver it to the Club Secretary instead of mailing it if you choose. You may also submit our ballot electronically. Click on [this link](#) to obtain your ballot. [This link](#) will take you to the online ballot form after February 1, 2022. The ballot will NOT accept votes until after February 1, 2022. The ballot currently does not have any names. It will have names after the nominations close.

Midstate Miata Club of New York Ballot

% Miriam White, Club Secretary, 40 Parkington Circle, East Syracuse, New York, 13057

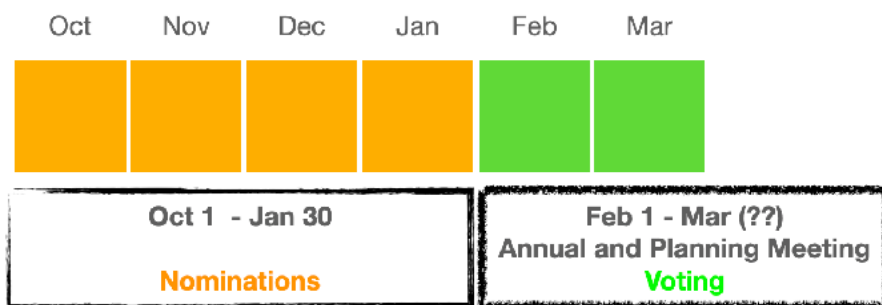
white.miriam@yahoo.com

The Club Secretary shall count the ballots at the meeting. The nominee for each office who has the majority of the votes cast shall win the election. If there is a tie, then there shall be an immediate run-off. Eligible members present, the pilots and co-pilots, at the meeting shall revote for any tied candidates. Installation of the newly elected officers shall happen after the election and at the Annual and Planning meeting.

The term for elected officers is two years, elections taking place in even years, and there is no term limits.

Elected Officers

1. *President*
2. *Vice President*
3. *Secretary*
4. *Treasurer*



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to the MidState Miata Club of New York!



We have dozens of drives planned, some with meals and ice cream. We ask all the new 2020 and 2021 members to keep your orange sticker on their ID badge for 2022 so the old hands can say *Hi* and *Welcome to the Club*.

Name	City	Chapter	Car Year	Color of Car
Brian & Phyllis Schirano	Webster	Rochester	1999	Sapphire Blue Mica
Sandy & Maria Babcock	Manlius	Syracuse	1999	Red
John Forester & Anne Kilgore	Ithaca	Ithaca	1992	Black

IMPORTANT CLUB WORLD WIDE WEB SITES

- Our Club has a [website](#) that most of you know about. **Now it works well on your phone too!**
- Our Club also is on [Facebook](#), with 539 followers. Members' posts are [here](#) on Facebook.
- You can print the [Club Flyer](#), the trifold with Club information, and an application form.
- Here is the [guest waiver form](#). If you are going to bring a guest then you must print and complete the form. Give the completed form to the Area Representative or Event Coordinator.
- Every wonder where Club members live? Check out this [map](#). [Syracuse](#) [Rochester](#) [Binghamton](#) [Ithaca](#)

CLUB APPAREL

The Club apparel is [here](#) on the Club Website.

ICE CREAM NIGHTS

The schedule for all four Chapters' Ice Cream nights is on [this shared spreadsheet](#).

NEWSLETTER DUE DATES

Submissions for the newsletter are due to the newsletter editor on the **twenty-fourth, 24th, of each month**. If you would like to share more than a couple photos, there are ways to do this. If you would like to share from Windows, Apple, or any other place you can simply send me a link. If you would like, you can send me the photos and I'll save them to a location and share them from there. In your event report I'll add *There are more photos on the event* [here](#).

REMINDER, HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

To help streamline communications for gathering who is attending our events we will require members to contact **the Event Coordinator directly AND copy your Area Representative** to help them plan for caravans from your area. 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 info and deadlines. When an accurate or advanced headcount is required, **please do not just show up for an event**. **Register ahead of time with the event coordinator and your Area Representative**. Guests must bring this completed [form](#).

POST EVENT REPORTS

Saturday, October 2, Fall Miata Picnic

Event Coordinator – Dave & Anita Van Winkle,
Binghamton Chapter.

Correction; The event coordinators for this event were Dave & Anita Van Winkle. I am sorry for the error in identifying the great work Dave and Anita have done through the past years and continue to do.



There are more photos [here](#).

Contact Dave & Anita at dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com or (607) 338-7770 or (607) 304-0707.

Monday, October 19, Not often do you get to take a prospective Miata Club member for a ride?

Event Coordinator – Del Austin, Binghamton Chapter

I received an e-mail from Elisha Kasinskas about a new Miata owner, Larry Davis, from the Binghamton area. She asked if I would contact him and tell him about the Miata club. I told her that I was not the Area Representative for Binghamton, just the Vice President, and she should contact Barbara Hunsinger. I did tell her I would call Larry and introduce myself.

Larry took my call and told me he had just bought up-state a brand new 2021 Black Miata, and he wanted to get some driving in on his new car. What better way to tell Larry about the Club than to take him for a nice Miata ride? A few phone calls later, Larry was on his way to join a group of five local Miata owners for an afternoon ride and lunch into PA. As fate would have it, one of the local Miata Club members, Randy Wike, went to school years ago with Larry. Randy called Larry and brought him to the run.

The group of six Miata's left Hallstead PA. for a one-hour run into PA. We had lunch at the Green Gables in New Milford, PA. They are known for their great Italian food! Driving Rt 171 into Susquehanna, PA., we picked up Rt 92 south, toward Lenox, PA., where we traveled through the hills of PA, Rt 106 to Rt 11 north. The lunch stop was in New Milford was planned, and the group got to spend some time telling Larry about the Miata Club and our travels with the Club. It was a pleasure to get to know Larry, and we are looking forward to him filling out an application and hoping he joins the Club.

Fast forward seven days, we did it all again, almost the same members. We met at the Colonial Brick Motel in Hallstead, PA. We followed some of the routes from the first day. The Miata group with Larry and his co-pilot Cindy Sullivan traveled to PA., following Rt 92 south. But this time, we drove to Nicholson, PA., where we had lunch at the [Junction 21 Restaurant and Bar](#). It is right across from the [Tunkhannock Viaduct \(Nicholson Bridge\)](#), the largest concrete bridge in the United States; 2375 long, 34 feet wide, and 300 feet from bedrock at the bottom of the creek. It was constructed starting in 1912 and finished in 1915. The workforce was only about 500 workers that lived in the village, with their families, for three years. We had an enjoyable lunch, and Larry and Cindy enjoyed the group's conversation.

After lunch, we crossed the creek on Rt 11 bridge to a parking space, where we read about the construction of this wonder and took pictures. Trains do not pass over this viaduct much anymore, but when they do, they are long. Not like it was when I traveled on it as a child many times between Binghamton and Scranton, PA., to see my grandparents on the Phoebe Snow. Years ago, my two younger brothers and I saw William Boyd, Hopalong Cassidy in the dining car. And we were the only ones in the car with him and his wife. As we were taking pictures, a very long train started across the viaduct, much to the delight of our group, and especially Randy Wike, who is a number one train fan! After the trains passed, we headed south on Rt 11 toward Lackawanna State Park.

After a short rest stop and drive through the park, it was time to drive up the hill to [Manny's Dairy Farm / Cross Stone Farm](#) to have some of their ice creams. We said our good bys, and the group headed north, some on I-81 other country roads toward home. I think Larry enjoyed his rides, and he joined the Club the following week!

Welcome, Larry & Cindy, and looking forward to more Miata runs with you two in 2022.

There are more photos [here](#).

Contact Del at viridel2347@aol.com or (607) 217-5794 or (607) 242-6178 or (607) 242-4092.

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Monday, November 1, November is Here at Last

Event Coordinator – Del Austin, Binghamton Chapter

November is here at last,
the leaves fall, and fall oh so fast.
But even so, the memories will last,
the wind is cold, a chill in the air,
but November's last run had its scare!
And now the orange, red, and gold are fading fast;
but the memories of a great Miata year will always last.
Curvy roads and warm summer days, good places,
and good Miata runs are a thing of the past;
but not without a final Miata run
which turned out to be a lot of fun.
Tomb stones and a pyramid were a sight to see.
Oh well, perhaps next year will be another memory,
that will bring memories that last,
and maybe the high price of gas
will be another thing of the past.
This Miata year was a blast!
Thank you all for taking our journey!



There are more photos [here](#).

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Sunday, December 5, Holiday Party Drinks via Zoom
Event Coordinator – Karen McKissock, Rochester Chapter

(Not the same as Zoom Zoom, but close!)



The Automotive 12 Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	some parts to a Mustang GT
On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	2 bucket seats
On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	3 quarts of oil
On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	4 mag wheels
On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	a 5 speed tremec
On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	6 cans of paint
On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	7 coats of lacquer
On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	8 pistons pumping
On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	9 psi
On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	10 dyno tunes
On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	11 second quarter miles
On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...	a 0.001 sec response on the light tree



FUTURE EVENTS

January 20 - 31, Caribbean Cruise

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

UPDATE: We have 2 couples signed up so far. November 20 will mark 60 days to the sailing. Typically at 90 days, whatever cabins are left typically go on sale, so check the Royal Caribbean web site (or with your travel agent) to check on prices. Cabins often go quickly at that point. If you book after that time, you will need to make full payment. Join us on the cruise to St Somewhere!

This is something new. Tired of winter here in CNY? Go south. When I retired a few years ago, I vowed to never spend an entire winter here. With 2020 being the horrible exception, it has worked. For 2022 it will be the “Cruise to St Somewhere” and you are all invited.

The cruise departs from Cape Liberty (Bayonne), NJ on Jan 20. It is the 11 night [Southern Caribbean Cruise](#) with [Royal Caribbean](#) on [Anthem of the Seas](#). Ports of call are San Juan, St Martin, St Johns, St Lucia and St Kitts (hence the St Somewhere moniker).

We have sailed on this ship and have been to each of these ports before and can confirm a good time. Sailing from New Jersey means no having to fly to the port; you can just drive there the day of the cruise, no worries about schlepping luggage and a couple of sail days each way to lounge on board. The Anthem is amazing – with bumper cars, indoor skydiving, a surfing wave, climbing wall, great shows and food.

Fares vary by room type. Recently the fare was \$895 per person for an interior cabin (with a virtual balcony), \$1,113 for an outside cabin and \$1,419 for a balcony. With \$392 in taxes and port fees and discounts, that is \$1,937 for two people in an inside cabin. Fares change daily and there are often sales. We paid a total of \$2,632 for our balcony cabin. Add in about \$300 in tips plus whatever else you choose to spend on optional drinks, casino chips, upgraded meals, port excursions etc.

Watch for more information as we get closer to the event date.
Feel free to ask questions of Ray or Sue Mosher.

Register with Ray and Sue at mosherrskL@yahoo.com (the last character is an L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281 and your Area Representative.



Pineview Run, Auto & Country Club Memberships

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter

Non-Miata Club Sponsored, For Informational Only

Pineview Run Auto & Country Club 2022 Track Pass Offering for 2022

Miata Folks,

Last June I sponsored a Club event at Pineview Run Auto & Country Club in Lafayette, NY. Driving the track was so much fun!

I received an offering from Pineview for a yearly April-November 2022 track pass (1 day/week limit). The offer is only good until December 31st so if you are interested in a track pass, there is a time limit for the offering. I believe you can also purchase professional coaching and even rent a car to assist your driving experience.

Be sure to read everything on their website about first-timers including car inspection and required short driving class before your first driving session.

[Pineview Run, Auto & Country Club 2022 Track Pass](#)

This is NOT a full access membership, which is detailed [here](#).

2022 Track Pass

LIMITED ACCESS PASS

- \$100 - Initiation fee
waived for returning pass holders.

OPTION 1 - "All In" plan

- Dues – \$1,799
- limited time promotion - Payable in 12 installments of \$149.90/month or \$1,599 lump sum before 12/31/21.

OPTION 2 - "Pay as you Play" plan

- Dues – \$999
- limited time promotion- \$799 by 12/31/21.
- Pay \$35 for each track day

BENEFITS

- Includes **1 track day/week limit**.
 - Access to track, limited clubhouse access.
 - Family access - Yes (spectating only)
 - Guest Driver privileges – Yes
 - Plan good - April - Nov. 1st 2022
 - Challenge Cup Access
 - Formula Sport Series Access
 - Two Wheel Wednesdays
- * \$200 Lump Sum Discount & Payment Plan options, available up to 12/31/2021

* Financing option available through PayPal.



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outdoor and auto enthusiast***



ACCESS DESCRIPTION

Limited Access Pass: Limited Access Pass holder has access to track driving activities and limited clubhouse access. Immediate family members may attend with the pass holder for **spectating only**. The pass is **not** a full access membership, nor provides membership privileges.

Track Reservations must be made a minimum of 24 hours in advance: 1 day/week access -additional day/week available for additional fee.

(315) 960-2566 | 2250 Case Hill Road | Lafayette, New York 13084 | www.pineviewrun.com

Contact [Pineview](#) or 315-960-2566, or Gail at gwtr3red@gmail.com or 607-257-7445 or (607) 227-8877.

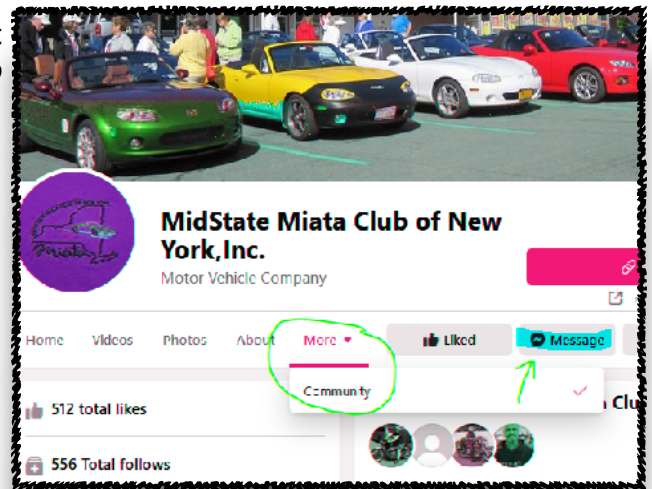
Safely Social and Staying in Touch This Winter

If you are missing your fellow members this winter and want to stay safely in touch, the club has a great way to do that and help the Club in the process. You can post anytime on the club's Facebook page, [MidState Miata Club of New York, Inc.](#) Posts from Club members and fans of our page appear on the Community tab. When a page administrator (that's me) posts on the page, it appears on the main feed page that visitors see when they come to the page (unless they are coming to the page from a specific post) these main feed page posts generally get more views.

Former Club member and administrator Tim Wells did a great job growing the number of page followers. I need your help to continue that momentum by posting regularly!

There are three ways that you can post:

1. Post photos, videos, favorite Miata moments, technical info, etc.
2. I can post on the club's main page for you. Please send a photo or an image or two (not a lot of photos) and the couple of sentences you want to be posted (text only is ok, too) to me at ekasinskas@hotmail.com. I'll note that these are a Club member's photos (First name and last initial).
3. Post yourself and then email me or message the page (see the arrow in the screenshot) that you would like your post shared to the main page.



I know not everyone is a Facebook user, but it's a fun and easy way to feed your Miata hunger over the winter months and stay in touch!

I hope to share my ideas for the Club's Facebook presence at a meeting soon. We could have some great fun with it. So far, I am thinking about some themed posts for various holidays like Thanksgiving.

Contact me if you have any questions; I am happy to help. Join the fun and stay safely in touch!

Elisha

Contact Elisha at ekasinskas@hotmail.com or 585-737-5425.



**By Gail Wagner – Midstate Miata Club of NY
Hiding out for winter**

Gail is spending the winter hiding out and thinking up new articles for the coming driving season!

Gail took this photo a few years ago at [Taughannock Falls](#). Gail's image is from the same vantage point as is used by New York State on the Taughannock Falls State Park website, link above. It is not photoshopped.

Zoom Zoom Safely!

Gail

p.s.s. Remember to check out my previous [archived tech and tip columns](#) on our Club website.

DISCLAIMER

Please note these tips are not reviewed or approved by the Mazda Motor Corporation or any other corporation or entity other than the originator. The Midstate Miata Club of NY does not accept any liability for damage or injury as a result of utilizing these tips and pointers. Please use common sense and always remember safety first.

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FAVORITE CAR SHOPS, PART STORES, AND SERVICE CENTERS

Alloy Wheel Repair	Will come to you in some areas
Berg Racing	General auto service on most makes and models
Carl's Auto Seat Covers & Upholstery	Serving the Rochester area for over 50 years now
Flyin' Miata	Making your Miata as fun to drive as possible
J&R Upholstery	Auto upholstery and convertible top installation and repair
Moss Miata	Provides you with the best parts and service at competitive prices
MX5things	Unique accessories for your Mazda Miata MX-5 (ND)
Panorama Collision	Where quality is not an accident
Rev Limiter	Gauge Faces and other electronics
Vision Hyundai Webster Body Shop	For Body Repair That Excels
Webster Auto Clinic	General Mazda Miata (and other) repairs

Do you have a favorite place? Let me know. John.N.Amon@gmail.com or call or text (585) 617-4334

MEMBER STORY

Would you like to tell a story to the other Club members? If you are interested, please email, text, or call me at John.N.Amon@gmail.com or (585) 617-4334

Reflections on a Great Miata Year Past!

It is the time of year when our cars are being put away in the northeast. Thoughts of curvy roads, new friends, good food, and new and exciting places have become a reflection in our rear-view mirrors. The past two years have been a challenge to all types of clubs, and we were no exception. This Coronavirus has taken its toll on all of us. We are very fortunate to have dedicated officers, a supportive Board, and hard-working area representatives. Working together they have made it possible for our Club to give the members some great runs. And where would we be if it were not for the members that step forward to put on the runs throughout the spring and summer? If we take the time to sit and look in the rear-view mirror, then we will see old friends and new members that have traveled these twisty roads with us.

The Mid-State Miata Club of New York is one of the largest Miata clubs in the country! It takes a lot of time and planning to make it a success. Just look at our GREAT Newsletter. It is first-class, well-edited, and composed! It is a reflection of who we are as a Club.

We are heading into the holiday season, Thanksgiving is here, and Native American Heritage Day, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa are just around the corner. Before we know it, it will be 2022. We have so much to be thankful for from the past two years, and hopefully, the New Year will bring us another successful year. March and April will be upon us fast, the Annual and Planning Meeting will start to put together our Miata year. Perhaps the membership can take this time to look forward out the front car window. Think about the place you have always wanted to take your Miata to. Think about attending the Annual and Planning Meeting (perhaps ZOOM) or in person. Now it is the time to tell the Club Officers what you like and do not like. Tell your Area Representatives about the place you always wish the Club would go to, what restaurant you enjoy, or even that extra special ice cream place you keep hidden. There is more to being a member of any club. Jump in, plan a run, even if you don't want to lead it, the Area Representative will find someone who will.

If you are asked as a co-pilot to work a radio, remember, it is all about safety and the safety of everyone. If the group leader did not have confidence in your ability to do the job, they would not have asked.

2022 will be here soon! We have so much to be thankful for coming through 2020 and 2021! Besides, a Club is only as good as the membership makes it. Enjoy your reflective time and have a safe holiday. The New Year is a blank slate. Think about adding something special to our Miata slate.

Del Austin, VP Mid-State Miata Club of New York

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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 in our newsletter, please send me the information. John.N.Amon@gmail.com. If you would like the item to be on the website, please also 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.

FOR SALE

New in-the-box Progressive anti-sway bar for NC Miata (2006-2015 models) with hardware from Good-Win Racing. Paid \$205 sell for \$175. Local pick up best Ithaca area.

Text call Phil Cornell at pcornell@twcny.rr.com or (607) 793-4191 or leave message (607) 273-3054.



FOR SALE

COBALT SRP ALUMINUM BILLET PEDAL SET FOR 1990-2021 MIATA

Still in box unused. Made specifically for the Miata and machined from aircraft quality aluminum. More experienced drivers will appreciate the ability to "Heel & Toe". Set includes Accelerator, Brake, Clutch and Footrest pedals. Comes complete with instructions and easily installed using simple hand tools, may require drilling. \$52.99 at Moss Miata. Will sell for \$25.00.



Gail Wagner, GWTR3RED@gmail.com or 607-227-8877

FOR SALE

Miata NA Parts.

Two (2) tail light plus four (4) parking lights. \$50 for all 6 lights.

Valve cover. It may be for a 1.8 liter engine. \$35.

Here is a [link to larger images](#). You can zoom in to see the part numbers on the lights.

Shirley or Richard Dittman, spd188@gmail.com or 585-943-2358



Help Solve a Mystery

To all the Power Retractable Hard Top, PRHT, owners in the club, I am looking for an easier way to clean the inside of the rear window. I have tried every way using anything I can think of to clean it and it comes out looking like I used a dirty rag. If you have any suggestions please email them to [Chuck Rischenole at candgr@gmail.com](mailto:Chuck.Rischenole@candgr@gmail.com).



A peacekeeping soldier stationed overseas wrote this poem. They make the following request.

Christmas will be coming soon. We owe credit to those who serve in the military for us being able to celebrate these festivities. Let us try to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this thought. This wish applies to Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Confucianism, Christianity, Taoism, Judaism, and all others, including the non-religious, and applies to their religious holidays.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE,
MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY,
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO,
IN THIS HOME, DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES,
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT,
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,
SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR,
IN THIS ONE-BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,
THE ROOM IN DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED,
A TRUE MODERN SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO,
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?

CURLED UP ON A PONCHO,
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES,
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS,
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,

AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE,
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM,
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER,
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE,
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT,
A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES,
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED,
AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY,
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;
I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS.."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,
SO SILENT AND STILL,
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED,
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.
I DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE,
ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR,
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA,
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,
AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND,
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

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Date	Event	Coordinators
January 20-31	2022, Caribbean Cruise	Ray Mosher

