

# MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY

## *“MIATA MEANDERINGS”* NEWSLETTER

Volume 5, Issue 3, May 2021

President's Letter from Karen McKissock, May 2021



Ready, set, GO!!! The season has begun, and we've had a few successful events under our belts already. I'm sooo glad!!! There should be some event reports later in the newsletter that you can read for additional details, but I want to thank the Event Coordinators for getting things off the ground and cars out of the garages. You folks are the best – THANK YOU! There's more on the calendar and some additional ones in the wings getting final touches. More will follow as these 'spring' ahead (LOL). But don't forget it's ice cream season. Check your local listing for when and where.

I'd also like a special thanks to go out to Lee Maddy, Webmaster, for his hard work on converting our old website to a new one. It was a LOT of work and I think it looks great and is much more user friendly. Feedback is always welcome to help us encourage members to use the resource and to continue to make improvements. Feel free to contact Lee at will.



Visit the Midstate Miata  
Club on the Internet at:  
[www.midstatemiata.net](http://www.midstatemiata.net)

Also, John is making a few changes in the newsletter format and contents to do a little streamlining. Please let him know if we dropped anything that you feel attached to and he'll put it back. (My fault). He is also implementing a new way to register for events. In the write ups below he will have a link to a document that you just have to fill in and then the Event Coordinators and Area Reps will have a complete listing of attendees, their phone numbers in case we need to reach you, and the number of people per car. This will take the place of contacting the Event Coordinator and Area Rep so please use this method as we go forward. I think it's a 'change' we'll all like a lot.

So, I think that's it for now. Sign up for events, wash your hands, wear your masks and get your vaccinations. I hope you see you all this summer.

**Karen McKissock**  
**MMC President**

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### ***IMPORTANT CLUB WORLD WIDE WEB SITES***

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Did you know that Lee Maddy has completed update our Club website? Now, for the first time, the website will look great on both your computer and your PHONE. I think he has done an outstanding job. You really should take a look and let him know how impressed you are! 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/> and <http://www.midstatemiata.com/> (same site)

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/>

If you would like to print the Club flyer, it is on the membership page and called the application form. It includes the trifold with Club information and an application form.

[https://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/MMC\\_Brochure\\_2017v2.22353905.pdf](https://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/MMC_Brochure_2017v2.22353905.pdf)

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## REMINDER, HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

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To help streamline communications and gather a list of attendees, we require members to use the Google Form. The form has the full event description. The Event Coordinator and Area Representative can always see who is signed up for their events. You do not need to have a Google account. You only need to respond if you plan to attend. If you need to cancel, you need to notify both parties using their mobile phone number. Please pay attention to the contact information and deadlines.

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## CLUB APPAREL

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We are about to start the driving season, and it is a perfect time to update your wardrobe. Are you jealous of other Club members' clothes with the club logo? You do not need to be. You can order our Club apparel through Land's End. You go through the club website and follow the Club Apparel link, <https://www.midstatemiata.net/club-apparel.html>. Then select the Our e-store web link that will direct you to Lands End. Once you choose your item(s), make sure you adjust the thread colors to contrast. (Not much point in black thread on a black fleece.) You do not be shy about calling them for help and making sure they know what you want. If you want to save some money and are not in a hurry, get on their email list. They will notify you of sales. They periodically offer free logos and free shipping.

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

Checks only. Make them payable to Midstate Miata Club of NY Inc.  
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](mailto:jpcartini@aol.com). The cost is \$25.00 per pair.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Membership renewals are due before May 1st, 2021, and are \$30 per household. If there are no changes to your membership, you may just mail a check. If there are any updates, you should use the form on the Club membership website page, or you may enter the address shown below to get that form, page 2, and mail the form and your check. Please make out your check to Midstate Miata Club of NY Inc. and send it to the following address.

Ronnie Sabella (Treasurer)  
401 Swansea Ave.  
Syracuse, NY 13206

[https://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo\\_site\\_admin/assets/docs/MMC\\_Brochure\\_2017v2.22353905.pdf](https://www.midstatemiata.net/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/MMC_Brochure_2017v2.22353905.pdf)

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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### ***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 follow the health guidelines: wearing a face mask, practicing social distancing, and spending limited time close to one another. It will be a little strange. People may not come up to you, welcome you to the Club, and talk about your car as much as they might do in other years. Please know that this has nothing to do with you and everything to do with the pandemic.

We ask all the 2020 and 2021 new members to keep your round red sticker on their ID badge for 2021. This will help the old hands 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
No new members this month					

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## **NEWSLETTER DUE DATES**

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Newsletter Issue	Due Date (about 1 week before the Newsletter is published)
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

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## APRIL REPORTS

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### Saturday or Sunday, April 10th or 11th, Annual Race Track Opening Day Laps

Report by Tim Wells, Ithaca Chapter

It was a wonderful sunny day on Saturday April 10 and Sunday did not look so good, so I decided to take the Miata up to the opening day at the track. It's always a great spring event—top down and lots of great cars to see.

I live just 4 miles from the track in Watkins Glen and left at 2 pm. When I arrived at the main entrance, I paid my money and joined a line of cars 2 wide! It was a long slow trek to the paddock and the staging area, with some overheating cars pulled over on the way!

Once we had entered the paddock, I switched lanes to get behind a sharp VW GTI, so I wouldn't have to look at the backside of the SUV I had been behind on the way up. Once in the staging area, things got a little quicker, and it was not long before the pace cars came in from the previous group and we were out on the track for our 10 minutes of fun! What a blast—totally made up for the slow start....spring is here.



Tim Wells, for larger images, <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nzZpTiZrkRrsUys5823QzPIUWsbXL0x?usp=sharing>

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## Saturday, April 10th, Pine Ridge Grocery Run

Report by Dal Austin, Southern Tier Chapter

THE WEATHER MAN SAID SUNNY AND 72 DEGREES, AND THE MIATAS WERE READY!

Well, that was the plan, but as I looked out the window, clouds, nothing but clouds. We had seven-member cars going today and one guest car. It was set for an 11:30 start time, maybe it would clear up by then. The Miata had been prepped the night before and she was looking good. We rolled out of the garage at 10:50 as our friends pulled in, Skip & MaryAnn Jorgenson (our guest car). It felt good to see old friends and to be behind the wheel of our 2008 Miata. We set off to meet up with the rest of our Miata friends for a ride to Bainbridge NY and the Pine Ridge Grocery store. It was once an Amish store and is still known for many of the Amish foods and bakery goods. They are well known for their great meats also. Most of the Miata trunks would have a cooler bag in them.

As we pulled into the Price Chopper parking lot, the sun broke out of the clouds, and the spirits lifted. Within a short time, six shiny Miata's rolled up. We were privileged to have the Ithaca area rep Gail Wagner and her red car, Scarlet, join us. It was great to see so many old friends, even if they did wear a mask. After a run into the P&C and a short drivers meeting, we were off up RT12. This group ran very well together, and taking backcountry roads brought a smile to long pent-up drivers.

We arrived at the Pine Ridge parking lot, it was a busy place on Saturday. But all the goodies were there for the picking, and Virginia along with some of the other ladies filled their bags. Some of the group put in an order for their GREAT SUBS. I tried my luck with a very thick Italian sub, and it was all I thought it would be. Several people ate some of theirs and had a lot left over to take home for supper.

After about a 45 minute stop, it was off to find some ice cream. What would a Miata run be without having ice cream, and we found a great one in Bainbridge. We all need a cooling off, the temperature was a balmy 72 degrees. The group had some good quality time catching up on 14 months of TV shows and books. It was GREAT to be on the road again with friends and these great Miata cars. Let's hope it was a sign of good Miata rides to come this Spring and Summer. That ride home with the top down, and the warm wind, well all I can say is "IT WAS GREAT, AND A LONG TIME COMING!" Thanks to all for sharing a great Miata day!



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## **MAY EVENTS**

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### **Saturday, May 15th, Waterfalls**

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter  
Rain date is May 22

#### **REGISTER NO LATER THAN May 12th**

This is another in a continuing series of waterfall drives. I hope you like this iteration. Hopefully it will not be like the washout rain of the previous one!

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/zvLH4ta4sbHKMbvg9>

Watch for more information as we get closer to the event date.

[mosherrsli@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrsli@yahoo.com) (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281

### **Saturday & Sunday, May 22nd & 23th, KPower Miata Meetup 2021**

Event Coordinator – KPower, Non Official

**Non-Club Sponsored Event, For Information Only**

Track, Meet, Camp, Food, Friends -Miata Meetup 2021 presented by KPower Industries is the premier Miata gathering in the Midwest. Join us!

Details and registration are at <https://kpowerindustries/pages/miata-meetup>

KPower Industries- Home of KMiata Inc., 274 Jamie Lane, Wauconda, IL 60084, 847-865-5739

[miatameetup@gmail.com](mailto:miatameetup@gmail.com)

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## JUNE EVENT

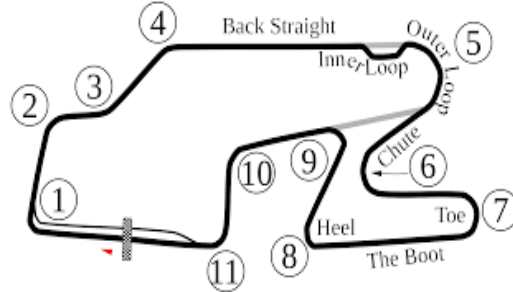
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### Sunday, June 6th, Watkins Glen Private Laps

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter

Rain Date is June 13

#### Sunshine ONLY Event



**Watkins Glen International Race Track**  
**2790 County Road 16, Watkins Glen, NY.**

**Sunday, June 6th, Gate #2** (main gate)

**Meet NO LATER THAN 11:00 a.m.**

for car staging and individual signing of track liability waivers (2 per person)

**BRING YOUR OWN PEN AND FACE MASKS.**

**\*\*\*\*\* MUST BE PREPAID TO THIS EVENT**  
**BY MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021\*\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*READ: VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\***

- All individual liability forms signed off and everyone staged by 12:00 a.m. READY TO GO. No waiting for latecomers. NO FASTER CARS UP FRONT. (See below.)
- **Miata Club on-the-track reserved time is 12:00 p.m.** and will take approximately 15-20 minutes behind 3 WGI pace cars placed front, middle and rear of our group. Warning: Laps MAY be slow!
- Restrooms available at Gate 2, thoroughly cleaned following strict NYS Covid-19 regulations.
- **WARNING: There is NO FAST DRIVERS UP FRONT/SLOW DRIVERS IN THE REAR GROUPING as a pace car will lead, a pace car in the middle of our**



group and a pace car at the end of our group so speeds may be slow for everyone. No lagging behind/speeding up allowed or consequences for drivers by WGI.

- **NO STOPPING** on the track after laps for photo ops due to Covid-19 restrictions. Take photos on staging lineup.
- **MASKS must be worn at all times!** (Except when driving cars.)
- Guests welcome **IN YOUR CAR** (masked). Please bring a signed Miata Club Guest Disclaimer (attached) for Club event insurance purposes.
- Area Groups may want to arrive together. Arrange with your Area Rep.
- **Lunch on your own** after laps. **Leave on your own.**
- **NEW: If you do not prepay, you may attend but will pay full price \$30.00 for a ticket at Gate #2 rather than our prepaid discounted rate of \$20.00.**

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**RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK:**

**TRACK LAPS PREPAYMENT REQUIRED AND RECEIVED BY**

**Monday, MAY 24, 2021** (OR PAY \$30.00 AT GATE #2).

(Ticket good for rain date 6/13/2021, if announced)

**\$20.00 discount ticket price per car:**

**Check made out to:**

**MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB OF NY**

**Mail this sheet with check to:**

**Gail Wagner, 105 Iroquois Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.**

**NAMES ATTENDING:**

**AREA GROUP (Roc, Syr, Bing, Ithaca)**

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## Midstate Miata Club of New York

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am participating in a Midstate  
Miata Club of New York event as a guest.

All guests/non-members of the MidState Miata Club of NY agree the MidState Miata Club of New York is not responsible/liable for loss/damage to vehicles and or not responsible for personal/physical injury to guests/non-members while attending club meetings/events/functions, and agree to abide by all rules/policies/procedures established by the club officers/members of the MidState Miata Club. (for the safety, protection and enjoyment of its members and vehicles).

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Date of event \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event \_\_\_\_\_



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Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Date of event \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event \_\_\_\_\_

[gwtr3red@gmail.com](mailto:gwtr3red@gmail.com) or 607-257-7445 or (607) 227-8877

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## ***JULY EVENT***

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### **Sunday, July 18th, Western NY MG Car Show**

Event Coordinator – David King, Rochester Chapter

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/C8TYLevYzuydGzvg7>  
[doeskygato@aol.com](mailto:doeskygato@aol.com) or 585-377-6461 or (585) 662-7635

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## ***AUGUST EVENTS***

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### **Friday & Saturday, August 13th - 14th, Miata Only Track Day at Pineview**

Non-Club Sponsored Event, For Information Only

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/miatasonly>

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/HudxwGM6Fo6pnuc9>

### **Sunday, August 15th Willowdale Bend Farm**

Event Coordinator – Dale Nagel, Syracuse Chapter

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/CcRmoCAYFs1XE4cm9>  
[dalen262@aol.com](mailto:dalen262@aol.com) or (315) 677-9342 or (315) 256-1138

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## ***SEPTEMBER EVENTS***

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### **Sunday, September 19th Apple Fritter Crawl**

Event Coordinator – Lee Maddy, Syracuse Chapter

Rain date is September 26

And may include laps at Pineview

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/xd1oXAxUoGxvMkG87>  
[buckshotfarm@aol.com](mailto:buckshotfarm@aol.com) or (315) 637-0472 or (315) 952-7148 or (315) 383-2454

### **Saturday, September 25th Watkins Glen Private Laps**

Event Coordinator – Gail Wagner, Ithaca Chapter

Rain date is October 3

[gwtr3red@gmail.com](mailto:gwtr3red@gmail.com) or 607-257-7445 or (607) 227-8877

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## ***OCTOBER EVENTS***

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None at this time

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## ***NOVEMBER EVENTS***

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None at this time

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## ***DECEMBER EVENT***

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### **Sunday, December 5th, Holiday Party**

Event Coordinator – Mary Lou Reisdorf, Rochester Chapter

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/eENWtUiy6kWsejJg9>  
[reisdorfml@yahoo.com](mailto:reisdorfml@yahoo.com) or 585-455-7044

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## ***JANUARY 2022 EVENT***

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### **January 20th - 31st, Caribbean Cruise**

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

Watch for more information as we get closer to the event date.

Feel free to ask questions of Ray or Sue Mosher.

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/KUG2FZCxJnumqVaG8>  
[mosherrskl@yahoo.com](mailto:mosherrskl@yahoo.com) (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281

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## **OTHER PLANNED EVENTS**

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### **TBD, Northeast Classic Car Museum**

Event Coordinator – Del Austin, Southern Tier

<https://www.classiccarmuseum.org/>

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/fFC78YASLuUTgYph8virdel2347@aol.com> or (607) 217-5794 or (607) 242-6178 or (607) 242-4092

### **TBD, Lackawanna Start Park Picnic**

Event Coordinator – Del Austin, Southern Tier

It maybe scheduled from mid June till mid July

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/v6ZMikecVEkJnPKw7virdel2347@aol.com> or (607) 217-5794 or (607) 242-6178 or (607) 242-4092

### **TBD, Hard Cider Crawl**

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/9T5KH8KnL7i7EzRS8mosherrski@yahoo.com> (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281

### **TBD, Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally**

Event Coordinator – Jay Cartini, Syracuse Chapter

It maybe schedule from early to mid October

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/o32DVvzNER5MxNRv7JPCartini@aol.com> or 315-676-4776

### **TBD, Midway Drive-In Movie**

Event Coordinator – Ray Mosher, Syracuse Chapter

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/4fNedwR4ut7RkezW9mosherrski@yahoo.com> (the last character is a L, not i) or 315-635-2584 or 315-935-6281

### **TBD, Club Picnic**

Event Coordinator – Looking for a Volunteer

Details and registration are at <https://forms.gle/Zwkar2XYQRrXkQWD9>



## 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.

Syracuse Chapter - 2021 Dale Nagle <a href="mailto:dalen262@aol.com">dalen262@aol.com</a> , 315-677-9342			
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

Southern Tier Chapter - 2021 Barb Hunsinger <a href="mailto:bhunsin928@aol.com">bhunsin928@aol.com</a> , 607-785-5459			
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.
Tuesday	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.

Rochester Chapter - 2021 Nancy Lowe <a href="mailto:nanlowe53@gmail.com">nanlowe53@gmail.com</a> , 585-305-4410			
Day	Date	Time	Location
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.	Dipper Dan, 136 W. Main St. Honeoye Falls. Ice Cream only.
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.	Sweet Bradley's, 1101 English Rd., Greece, Ice Cream only.
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.
<b>*NOTE: Food available only if restrictions are lifted or if outdoor seating is offered at all restaurants.</b>			

Ithaca (Proudly Isolated) Chapter - 2021 Gail Wagner <a href="mailto:gwtr3red@gmail.com">gwtr3red@gmail.com</a> , 607-257-7445			
Day	Date	Time	Location
<b>Purity Ice Cream</b> , 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. The same great place for all evenings.			
Wednesday	May 5	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	May 26	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	June 2	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	June 23	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	July 6	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	July 28	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	August 3	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	August 25	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	September 7	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	September 22	6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	October 6	6:30 p.m.	



**By Gail Wagner – Midstate Miata Club of NY**

### **LET’S BEAT AROUND THE (door) BUSH(ings)**

Happy spring driving season 2021, Miata Folks!

#### **Replacement Door Bushings**

How about a simple Miata modification with form, function and maybe even a little color that doesn’t cost much and is an easy DIY?

In Miata soft-top convertibles, the doors are a crucial part of the chassis’ structural integrity. Doors are a structural connecting brace between the front of the chassis and the rear because of the lack of a fixed roof structure (i.e., lack of B & D pillars; an A pillar being your windshield frame edge). This tends to make convertibles more flexible than a fixed roof vehicle and can translate into squeaks and rattles through the chassis, especially the doors.



Doors are held closed by a latch, locked in place with a cupped metal bracket that slides over a rubber bushing bolted to the door jamb when closed. Go take a look. This combo is designed to align the door and hold it tight vertically and to some extent, horizontally.

The soft rubber Mazda OEM factory door bushings makes it easy to align everything at the factory during mass production but it means the connection isn't as strong as it could be.

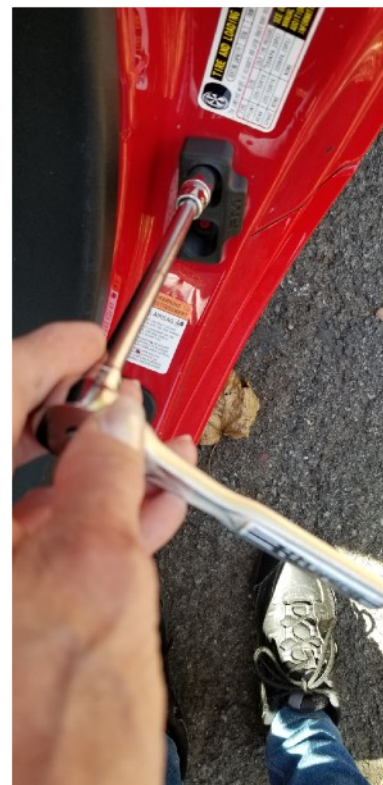
Bushings can very easily be replaced with a stiffer non-rubber (Delrin, polyurethane or nylon) replacement that locks the door more solidly in place allowing it to reinforce the chassis and eliminate chassis flex. Case in point: drive over some railroad tracks, joints on the Thruway or rough road (slowly!) with the original bushings and you'll probably hear and feel squeaks and rattles and you'll see what I mean.

With replacement composite door bushings, the door is more solidly locked into place and creates a solid link on the latch side, reinforcing the chassis and creating a more rigid car overall. Replacement is said to be measured by *Flyin Miata*, an on-line parts dealer, at a 3% stiffer car (measured in a 1990 Miata) with fewer squeaks and a more "solid" feel in torsional rigidity.

Replacement door bushings are an easy install and fit right out of the box. It does require some careful installation but I did it in 15 minutes with a 10mm socket wrench with extension. If I can do it, you can do it!

Installation is quick and easy, believe me. Simply remove the two bolts that hold the factory rubber door bushing in place (lefty-loosey) and replace with the new bushings (they come in pairs). Some bushings are sold with new bolts or you can buy bolts separately if you want new shiny ones but my originals looked just fine so I reused them on my new bushings.

The trick to perfect installation is not to tighten the bolts on the new bushings completely, just snug and ensure the bushing can move just a little with your hand. Center the bushing on the door and close the door. This process will auto-align the bushing to the metal cup on the door. Then open the door and final tighten (righty-tighty) the bolts to a sensible torque.



Then take you Miata for a ride and see if there is any squeaking or rattling. It should be perfect. The doors themselves do need to be aligned properly, so if your Miata has an “exciting history”, a bit of tweaking may be required: loosening, realigning, and retightening. Otherwise, you should be good to go!

Go drive over some train tracks and you should immediately feel reduced noise, vibration and harshness – a more solid chassis feel.

There are many on-line suppliers of Miata door bushings and the going average appears to be about \$40.00 includes shipping for a pair. One site even offers them in clear or colors! I personally obtained mine from *Flying Miata*, my trusted Miata parts dealer. They make their own on a 3-D printer, come in pairs, bolts are extra. So, simple idea. Easy install. Good benefit.

Take care of your Miata and it will take care of you!

*Zoom Zoom Safely!*

**Gail** (Happily fully vaccinated)

p.s. Remember to check out my previous archived tech and tip columns on our Club website.

<https://www.midstatemiata.net/tech.html>

**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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## MEMBER STORY

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Would you like to tell a story to the other Club members or tell a story?

If you are interested, please email, text, or call me.

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Greetings from the Southern Tier! Bonnie Surowitz and myself just spent the three past weekends sharing the Easter Bunny with family and friends! The 1991 Miata is the perfect vehicle to share some happiness! We even visited “Mom’s House” in Johnson City NY, a childcare agency that offers free childcare while the parent is in school.

Stay safe and **Zoom-Zoom!**



Bev Ochiai

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## MIATAS & MIATA ITEMS WANTED & FOR SALE

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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](mailto: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](mailto:mrmiataman@yahoo.com). Include a heading, description, your name and contact information (phone, email, address maybe), maybe the price, and a photo or two.

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### 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](mailto:cb400f@frontiernet.net)  
                  585-545-8079

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### FOR SALE

**ND Mazda Factory car cover.** Never used and still in original storage bag. Selling for \$95. Retail \$230.



Contact:      Steve Stewart  
                  [sastew1943@gmail.com](mailto:sastew1943@gmail.com)  
                  585-586-9152

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## FOR SALE

- 1993 MX-5 Miata, NA
- Exterior Red and Interior Black
- Black Soft Top
- 1.6L DOHC
- Standard transmission
- Air Conditioning
- 127,000 miles
- Las Vegas car, most of the time
- Driven little to never in winter
- Top, rear window, and boot top; great shape
- New in last 5000 miles; Timing belt, water pump and Idler pulleys; struts all the way around, 4 wheel alignment, bluetooth stereo, and speakers including new headrest speakers
- Goodyear Eagles tires in great shape
- Price \$5,800

Overall the car is in very good condition. Everything works. Driven week of March 11, 2021 and she ran great. Selling because bought another summer car and has no garage space.



More images here.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rm4Yx\\_p88PEbc9ZEEMmPgph1dPGLCUCw](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rm4Yx_p88PEbc9ZEEMmPgph1dPGLCUCw)

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## Opinion of John Amon

### COVID-19

Always, **ALWAYS**, fact-check what you read about this pandemic. This rule applies to what I am writing and everything else. It may be best to contact your primary health care provider. I encourage you to read reputable websites, such as the Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins, Harvard Medical School, and so many others. Try to stay away from social media and random posts as a source of advice.

I just learned something recently. The virus is known as the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 or SARS-CoV-2. The disease it causes is called COronaVirus Disease 2019 or COVID-19.

The CDC is reporting the risk of developing blood clots from the single-dose Johnson & Johnson Janssen vaccine. The risk of blood clots is highest from the time of vaccination to three weeks. Then the risk reduces to almost nothing.

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine:	0.000 01 % from 0 to three weeks
Birth control pills:	0.050 00 % ongoing as long as the pills are taken
COVID-19 itself:	0.160 00 % one of the long term effects of the disease

As of 3/29/2021, everyone 30 years old and older may receive a COVID-19 vaccination, and everyone age 16-years-old and up became eligible on April 6, in addition to all the people previously approved. 16 and 17-year-olds require parent or guardian approval, link provided below. If you are 16-years old or older you can walk into any STATE run facility and some county facility and receive a vaccination.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/02/vaccine-consent-form-2.12.21-0917.pdf>

Below is from the New York State Reimagine, Rebuild, Renew email of May 26, 2021.

*"As we continue to move vaccination forward we also need to revitalize New York's economy and make sure we reopen safely. To that end, today we launched Excelsior Pass, <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/excelsior-pass>, a free and voluntary platform for businesses & individuals that can be used to easily access secure proof of a recent negative COVID test or vaccination. The question of "public health or the economy" has always been a false choice—the answer must always be both. As more New Yorkers get vaccinated each day and as key public health metrics continue to regularly reach their lowest rates in months, the first-in-the-nation Excelsior Pass will assist as the next step in our fact-driven, science-based reopening. Learn more, from the above link, and have your testing and vaccination information in an easy-to-carry and share digital form."*

We expect the Federal government to have a website set up to find places for you to get a COVID-19 vaccination. You put your information in, and it will tell you the sites you can go to for your vaccination. There will also be an 800-number.

NYS offers free mental health support for anyone. This program is named Project Hope. The website is <https://nyprojecthope.org/>, and the phone number is 1-844-863-9314. The service is confidential, anonymous, and provided at no cost to you. The phones are answered 8:00 am through 10:00 pm, seven days a week. Additionally, they are on social media including, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Pinterest.

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## REFRIGERATOR SCHEDULE 2021

Date	Event	Coordinators
May 15	Waterfalls, rain date is May 22	Ray Mosher
May 22 & 23	KPower Miata Meetup 2021	KPower, <b>Non-Club Sponsored Event</b>
June 6	Watkins Glen Private Laps, rain date is June 13	Gail Wagner
July 18	Western NY MG Car Show	David King
August 13-14	Miata Only Track Day at Pineview	<b>Non-Club Sponsored Event</b>
August 15	Willowdale Bend Farm	Dale Nagel
September 19	Apple Fritter Crawl	Lee Maddy
September 25	Watkins Glen Private Laps, rain date is October 3	Gail Wagner
December 5	Holiday Party	Mary Lou Reisdorf
January 20-31	2022, Caribbean Cruise	Ray Mosher
TBD	Northeast Classic Car Museum	Del Austin
TBD	Lackawanna Start Park Picnic	Del Austin
TBD	Hard Cider Crawl	Ray Mosher
TBD	Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally	Jay Cartini
TBD	Midway Drive-In Movie	Ray Mosher
TBD	Club Picnic	<b>Looking for a Volunteer</b>

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.