



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Hello everyone,

Hopefully everyone has had a good Winter Break and are taking the covers off their cars and getting ready for another great year of driving and camaraderie.

Our club has once again elected its officers with Jay Cartini and Lee Maddy re-elected as Vice President and Treasurer respectively. Jay and Lee are the ones who work behind the scene to keep our club running smoothly. Lee is also our club Webmaster. Our Area Representatives have agreed to continue with their duties which are a real plus. They are: Denise Wargo, Norm & Karen Abbott,

Rosemary Dehoog, and Ed Keller in the Northern Tier. Joe Lamphere is the Southern Tier Rep and Jim Reisdorf is our Western Area Rep. coordinating the events would just about be impossible without our Area Rep's help. Two more members have continued to step up. Bob Sabella takes charge of Membership and is also the club Historian. Deane Bergstrom is our club Newsletter Editor who never fails to get our newsletter out to the membership. Thanks to everyone for making our club such a success.

We also have a new President which would be me. I'm a charter Miata owner who picked up the keys to my first Miata on July 2, 1989. I originally joined MMC in '98-'99 before moving out of state. I renewed my membership in 2007 when I returned to CNY. I currently own a Red '92 B. I have a few new ideas for the club I'd like to share with you.

I'm also working to start a Members Only internet forum within the club website so that members can communicate, swap parts, share maintenance tips, ask for help, arrange ad hoc road trips, etc. Look for this forum in the near future.

During my term please feel free to contact me with questions or comments. It's an honor to be the club's President on the 20th anniversary of the Miata.

I hope I'm able to help keep our club the best car club in New York State.

Tom Cavanaugh

Attention all Miataphiles

Jay Cartini

Well the 2009 planning meeting is behind us and I am pleased to announce that we, yet again, have topped ourselves and will have a fun filled and diversified year full of all sorts of activities.

We'll be doing a couple of old standbys along with a few new events that should keep things interesting and fresh. Of the 20 planned events we have 11 Sundays, 3 Saturdays, 2 Wednesdays, 2 overnights and 2 Friday evenings. This will be in addition to the various ice cream nights in Syracuse, Rochester and Binghamton; as well as local autocrossing and any "non" official events that might pop up from time to time. What that translates into is 70+ events that you and your Miata can go out and become one with each other. What this also means is that we are the most active car club in the State.

I would like to thank everyone that participated for their efforts. It's because of you that the club is successful and the envy of all other car clubs in the area. In addition, special thanks goes out to Jerome at Burdick Mazda who helped with the booking of the facility and convincing Burdick Mazda to continue to financially support our club in these trying economic times.

Finally, for those that were not in attendance, there is in fact, documented, published, outside sources that have proven, what I have been saying for years, that yes indeed.....**BLUE IS BETTER!!!**

Important !!!

Newsletter Policy Update

Effective with the June edition of the newsletter, the monthly newsletter will be published using electronic mail. The exception to this new policy will be those members that do not have an ISP or other e-mail capability will continue to receive a hard copy edition by surface mail.

While the electronic version will be in full color, the hard copy newsletter will be in black and white to save my pocketbook from having to replace color cartridges which are expensive.

Included in this newsletter is a complete listing of all the Midstate Miata Club members. Please take this opportunity to update your e-mail address or any other information on the listing that is incorrect or missing. The e-mail addresses contained in the roster will be used to build mailing lists for the electronic version of the newsletter which will commence with the June edition.

Etc.

Annual Dues

Deane Bergstrom

Annual dues for the 2009 driving season are due in April. The fee is a check for \$30.00 made out to Midstate Miata Club. Mail your checks to Lee Maddy, 40 Parkington Circle, E. Syracuse, NY. If you have any questions, please call Lee at 315-637-0472 or by e-mail at mrmiataman@yahoo.com

New Club Apparel Site

Tom Cavanaugh

First I want to establish a way for members to order Club Apparel easily and at a relatively low cost. I'm currently working to establish an account with LANDS' END which will allow members to order what they want, when they want, through our club "E-store"

The club hopes to have a new provider of club apparel soon. We are arranging to have LANDS' END add our club logo to their clothing line. The benefits of doing this are: Club Members will be able to click a link on our club website which will take them to our club "E-store". You will be able to order what you want, when you

want. We anticipate the cost to members to be \$5.98 for the embroidered logo plus the cost of the clothing selected. LANDS' END is a reputable company with very high quality apparel at a relatively low price.

We hope be up and running by mid-April.

Schedule of Events for the 2009 Driving Season

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Sunday, April 26	SCCA Autocross/Dinner @ Steak & Lube	Jay Cartini
Saturday, May 9	DeWitt Pancake Breakfast/Drive	Jim & Judy Williams
Saturday, May 30	Winery & Waterfalls	Ray Mosher
Saturday, June 6	Marcellus Olde Home Parade	Chuck Paul
Sunday, June 7	Victor Car Show	Gerry Acquilano
Sunday, June 14	Oneida Community Mansion	Karen Abbott
Friday, July 10	Go kart racing @ Cherry Valley	Jay Cartini
Sunday, July 19	Old Forge Boat Tour	Gerry Willis
Wednesday, July 22	Log Cabin car show	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, August 2	Club Picnic	R. Sabella/T. Cavanaugh
Wednesday, August 12	Log Cabin car show	Jim Reisdorf
Sunday, August 16	Polo	Chuck Paul
Sunday, August 23	Tubing @ Marathon	Janet Calp
Sunday, August 30	Cortland Reparatory Theatre	Mike & Cathy Neuner
Thu-Sat, September 10-12	Watkins Glen historic race	Tom Cavanaugh
Sunday, September 20	Train ride	Herb & Sherry Skogland
Sunday, September 27	Working farm tour/apple orchard	Andy Wargo
Sat-Sun, October 3-4	Letchworth overnight	J. Williams/J. Reisdorf

Sunday, October 18

Road Rallye

Tom Cavanaugh

Friday, December 4

Holiday Party

Lee Maddy

Midstate Miata Club Officers for 2009

President: Tom Cavanaugh

Vice President and Activities Chairperson: Jay Cartini

Communications Manager and Newsletter Editor: Deane Bergstrom

Treasurer: Lee Maddy

Membership & History: Bob Sabella