



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



I was taken aback by an article I read in Forever Miata magazine (Summer 2008), "The Story of the Miata in Israel". As we cruise in our Miatas, with the top down, we have no idea of how easy we have it. In a country where cars are taxed at 145% and any mechanical modification is illegal (I guess chroming is alright) owning a Miata is rare (only 450 cars).



The owners rely on web sites for support and receive very little support from their local dealers. I wonder how much they give for a Miata Moss Motors catalog?

Israel Roadster Club

And if you happen to be lucky to find a dealer chances are the Miata will be an automatic (95% of the cars imported are autos). Despite this environment the Israeli Roadster Club survives.

So the next time you hop in your Miata remember Zoom-Zoom is a different experience throughout the world.

Zoom Zoom,

Jim Parsnow

August Events

August 2nd Ride Along the Lake to Webster Reisdorf

Ron & Karen McKissock, Jim & Marylou

This will be a nice quiet ride North from Clyde to Sodus where we'll begin heading west and drive along the Lake Road past our some of famous fruit farms and end up at Castaways Restaurant in Webster for a leisurely lunch. We'll have a relaxing lunch on the deck overlooking Lake Ontario. After lunch directions will be provided to the Eastman House for those wishing to take advantage of their trip here. We won't have a formal caravan due the difficulty navigating the traffic to get there. Otherwise, a more direct route home will be provided for those that want to make it an early afternoon home.

We'll meet at the McDonald's on Rts. 31 and 14 in Lyons at 9:00 AM. Please call 585-265-2418 with questions.

August 3rd, Sunday, Tappet Twirlers in Rome

Deane Bergstrom



This is an annual event held by the Tappet Twirlers Auto Club of Rome, New York. It features both old cars that have been restored or rebuilt as well as street rods, trucks, and other 4 wheeled vehicles.

If you wish to compete in the event you may go to their website at <http://www.tappettwirlers.org/> and download a form to enter. If you simply wish to attend there will be no charge as admission is free. If you don't have access to a computer, call me and I'll mail an entry form to you.

Log Cabin Car Show Jim Residorf

This is a NO-RAIN event. I will meet all the Miatas who wish to caravan at the motel across from the Thruway exit #43 (Palmyra-Manchester). We will leave for the Log Cabin at 4:15. Let Jay Cartini know if you are attending. I will need to know how many parking places to reserve.

August 10th, 2008, "Land & Water Cruise of Keuka Lake – The Esperanza Rose Experience"

Cathy & Mike Neuner



Come and join us for a land & water cruise of Keuka Lake. This is a rain or shine event.

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the McDonalds @462/466 Hamilton Street (Route 5 & 20) just West of Geneva for the land portion of the cruise.

We'll leave McDonalds at 9:45 a.m. and begin our cruising of the straight & narrow roads of southern Ontario County and through Yates County until we see the northwestern vista of Keuka Lake. Arriving at Branchport, where the Esperanza Rose is docked and where the water portion of our cruise will begin. The Esperanza Rose is a 65-foot wooden vintage cruising vessel, which is outfitted with all of the amenities to provide an elegant cruising experience.

We will board the Esperanza Rose at 11:00 a.m. for a leisurely luncheon cruise of Keuka Lake and should be back at the dock around 1:30 p.m.

At that time you will have the choice of following the caravan to a local Finger Lakes' Winery or you are free to go off on your own to head back home or whatever.

The cost for the cruise and luncheon is \$40.00/person including tax & gratuity to be paid in advanced with no cancellations or refunds once reservations are made.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at mneuner1@twcny.rr.com or 315-488-5311.

August 24, Sunday, Polo for Miatas or Miatas for Polo

Ed Keller



On Sunday, August 24, we will once again visit Skaneateles to enjoy a picnic and the polo game.

We will meet at the Burger King in Tully (rt.81 exit 14, & rt.80) at 12:00 and have a brief drivers Meeting and head to Bob's Barbeque in Homer at 12:30 where we will make a stop to pick up good BBQ. (please feel free to bring your own food and beverages if you would rather.) We will be departing Bob's at 1:15 for the polo field, where we will arrive about 2:00 for those who wish to Meet us en route or at the polo field. The game starts at 3:00 and is over

about 5:00. The cost for polo is \$2.00 per car. The Event will be canceled if it rains. Ed & Layne Keller 689-3909

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream

Jay Cartini



For the month of August, we will mix it up a bit.....

- August 14, 7pm, Carvel DeWitt (park in the P&C lot)
- August 28, 7pm. Snow Top in Manlius (by the swan pond)

July Event Reports

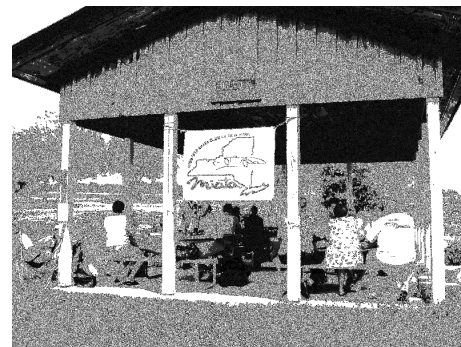
Club Picnic at Sampson State Park on the Shores of Seneca Lake

Bob Sabella

Twenty eight Miata Club members arrived at various times in twelve Miata's and two alternate modes of transportation for a leisurely day of eating and good conversation. Picnic hosts Tom and Bev (aka Sue) Cavanaugh, Bob and Ronnie Sabella prepared the shelter with the picnic essentials – dinnerware, charcoal fire, water, and condiments.

The weather cooperated with a slight breeze, sun, some clouds, a sprinkle, but no rain until the trip home.

A few members took the tour of the Naval Veterans Museum and were very impressed. (This would be a nice day trip for club members to do on their own).



Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, sandwiches, salads and a HUGE variety of brownies were the food of the day.

One nameless couple (A&DW) arrived later than planned, as they did a tour of the local state parks before heading to Sampson. It was good to see a mix of veteran and new club members. A very enjoyable day!

Log Cabin Car Show

Jim Reisdorf

We decided to brave it and went ahead with the show, arriving at the Log Cabin with 10 cars at 4:30 PM. However, at 6:00 Mother Nature decided to play a cruel trick and showered us for about 10 minutes. The show was a smaller than usual show with about 50 cars total. We still had a great time

The Green Thumb Tour

Marilyn and Michael McCabe

Since the date for the Open Days garden program is set by the parent organization, we were in conflict with the opera and brunch at Otesaga, July 13th. The day was a bit overcast with rain listed as a possibility. All this may have had an effect as we were scheduled to start with only five Miata's...ten people. When we were ready to



leave Fayetteville for a countryside ride, there were only four cars, and everyone had the top up (although Barry Grabow waited until it was really raining). Because of the rain, we decided to curtail the ride through the twist's, and head for the closest garden where we would make a decision on continuing. This was actually the last garden we were scheduled to visit, but rain can change your plans.

It was raining like crazy as we made our way into Cazenovia the back way, and one Miata decided to head back home to the garage. Now down to three, we stopped and had a quick huddle in the now drizzling rain. Consensus was to drive directly to Kimberly's Ice Cream Factory and further discuss things.

After downing our allotment, we noticed the rain had stopped. A quick decision was made to hit at least two of the gardens. We did follow this plan where we walked through them marveling at the varieties of plants and how each gardener placed them for best visual effects. It was like walking through the Better Homes and Gardens book. It was very evident that much time and physical effort had been spent by the gardeners.

Just as we finished the second garden, the sky began to get pretty dark again, and drops began to once again fall. Everyone was of the same opinion, so the other gardens would have to wait until next year. As the rain came down, Cathy and Michael Neuner, Janette Clark and her friend Joan Stell, and Marilyn and I headed out for our own garages. It was short, but sweet.

Kiss Me, Kate

Rosemary DeHoog

Opera Day 2008 (July 13th) was an "iffy" weather day from the start. Eleven opera goers, Miriam and Lee, Ellen and Bob Golden, Tina and David Feldman, June Goodreau and Margaret, Karen McKissock and MaryLou Reisdorf from Rochester in Karen's lovely new Red MX-5 and RLD met at the Tully Burger King to drive Route 80 to Cooperstown.

Although the day was threatening, we were able to keep the tops down. The scenery was absolutely beautiful, lush and verdant. And as seems to be true on a Sunday morning, we had our share of "Sunday drivers", heavy farm machinery, and for the first time, we saw Amish carriages, the first one in Sheds. As we drove toward Georgetown, we saw five more. Something special must have been going on.

We often drove over very wet patches of road so it was obvious that rain was indeed about. One of the drivers later commented about the charm and beauty of the small towns as we drove , one of the disappearing faces of this country.

The caravan met Joyce and Joe Lamphere in New Berlin and then opera goers Carol and Tony Alduino at the Otesaga. Carol Alduino had just completed a Buffalo to Albany bicycle run along the Erie Canal so they drove from Albany to the Otesaga. For the first time, we were seated on the porch overlooking Otsego Lake to enjoy the sun and the wonderful food. The sun appeared sporadically but it could not have been a more beautiful setting in which to enjoy a brunch.

The opera “Kiss Me Kate” used the Cole Porter songs to amplify the Shakespeare story of the “Taming of the Shrew”. The production was terrific with Broadway stars Lisa Vroman and Brad Little singing the roles of Kate and Petruchio.

The weather held for us until we made the right turn back onto Route 80 and the skies opened. We had rain most of the way home. Thank you to all who made the day such fun.

Wine, no Whining or When it Pours....They Pour

Chuck Paul

Sunday, July 20, 10 Miatas were awakened early to, of all things, go out in the rain for a ride to Watkins Glen. Actually, it didn't start raining until we opened the trunk to serve warm muffins and scones and it stopped when we started driving. Seven Miatas with 13 members and a guest from Spain began the journey in Auburn and were joined by along the way by three more. After a short logistical delay, which of course was without rain, we entered the track with moderate showers. The site of 10 Miatas chasing a Toyota Forerunner was almost more than many of the campers could bear...they thought it was some sort of organized racing event. Following the laps we entered the festival grounds and visited 75 wineries and 50 other booths in three structures. One can only sample so many wines when a break for music and food is in order. Due to the early rain, the crowd was light (less than 1/3 of Saturdays) and as it cleared almost as we arrived on the grounds, it turned out to be a spectacular day with sunshine, a breeze, and lots of wine. A sunny drive home as showers hit and it seemed we were back where we started. (Note to editor...probably not wise to set an event report deadline on the same day where there is lots of wine tasting. Cannot be responsible for content.)

Schedule of Events for the Remainder of the 2008 Driving Season

Jay Cartini

August 2, Saturday	Webster Drive	Ron & Karen McKissock, Jim & Marylou Reisdorf
August 3, Sunday	Tappet Twirlers in Rome (Individuals Must Register)	Deane Bergstrom
August 6, Wednesday	Log Cabin Car Show	Jim Reisdorf
August 10, Sunday	Esperanza Rose, Keuka Lake Boat Tour, Lunch	Mike & Kathy Neuner
August 24, Sunday	Polo	Ed Keller
September 12/14	Big Apple Miata Club at Like George (Overnight)	Jim & Judy Williams

September 21, Sunday	Watkins Glen Lap & Lunch	Bill Root
September 28, Sunday	Scenic Railroad from Remsen to Old Forge	Herb and Sherry Skogland
October 5, Sunday	Hyde Hall and Covered Bridges	Norm & Karen Abbott
October 19, Sunday	Road Rallye	Tom & Bev Cavanaugh
December	Holiday Party	Lee Maddy

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