



Miata Meanderings

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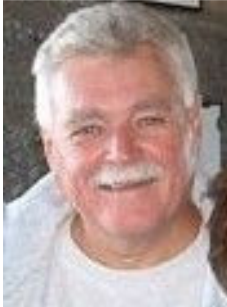
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President's Message



This will be my last Presidents message as I am resigning as President of the club, effective as of this newsletter. After four years as President I hope I've brought the club to a better organization, but it's time for a change.

I leave you in the capable leadership of the club officers. Jay and Lee I'm sure will plan and conduct the planning meeting and I will send Jay the club insurance papers.

Zoom Zoom,



Jim Parsnow



Annual Holiday Party

The annual holiday party is coming soon. The flyer was included in your last newsletter, so get out your copy and send your reservations in to Lee Maddy along with a check for \$30.00 per person payable to Lee. This year's event promises to be an outstanding one with entertainment provided by Lou Nocilly on the accordion, photos of the past driving season's trips, and a great dinner menu.

Your reservations and payment must be sent to Lee no later than November 14, 2008 at 40 Parkington Circle, East Syracuse, NY 13057. His e-mail address is mrmiataman@yahoo.com and his phone number is 315-952-7148 if you have any questions.

October Events

Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Tom & Bev Cavanaugh

Eighteen cars arrived for the start of this year's road rally. The rally sheets were passed out and a few navigators were heard to exclaim, "Sixty five questions!?" Everyone soon came to accept that this year a couple with too much time on their hands was running the rally. At about 12:30 the first car rolled away with the rest of the

group following at three minute intervals. The Rally Master saw just one car make a wrong turn at the start. The couple driving a green car shall remain nameless.



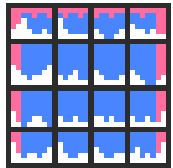
Everyone seemed to navigate the course with few problems. Kudos to the navigators. There were a few complaints of vertigo because of the way the clues were written which made it hard to observe outside the car and read at the same time. Pretty much like the previous run-on sentence. This will be addressed next year if Bev and I are allowed to run the rally again.

All the cars made it to the final checkpoint at Plainville's Natures Faire Restaurant in good time. The Drivers and Navigators ate a late lunch while the scores were tallied. After the scores were tallied the winning team was announced. Congratulations to Karen and Norm Abbott who won with a score of 96. It should be noted there was one protest. However, the Rally Masters ruled against the protester. Because of this decision I expect that Bev and I will be paying full price for Carvel on ice cream night for years to come.



There were good suggestions for next year's rally. Most would like to see a longer distance with fewer questions as well as eliminating the whatzit questions. So that will be the plan for next year. Bev and I had fun running this year's event. See you at next year's Road Rally .

Etc.



Below is a listing of club events for the past three years (including 2008). The annual planning meeting to be held next Spring will provide all members with an opportunity to suggest potential events and get ready for the 2009 driving season. Take a look at the list and think about something that is not on it !!



2006

April 30, Canastota Go Cart Track - John Mills & Jim Parsnow

May 7, Autocross/Show & Shine/Dinner - Jay & Lisa Cartini

May 20-21, Alex Bay Castle Tour - Norm & Karen Abbott

June 3, Marcellus Parade - Chuck Paul

June 4, Sports Car & Vintage Car Festival - Gerry Acquilano

June 14, Log Cabin Car Show - Jim Reisdorf

June 25, Sodus Bay Lighthouse - Jim & Marylou Reisdorf

July, 9 Northeast Car Museum – Lee Maddy

July 22, Picnic Merry-Go-Round Musical - David Feldman & Richard Lauricella

July 26, Log Cabin Car Show - Jim Reisdorf

August 6, Polo – Ed & Layne Keller

August 13, Windy Hill Candle Company/Black Bear Winery - John Piston & Eileen

August 27, Cooperstown/Opera - Rosemary DeHoog

September 15-17, Lake Placid Weekend - Lee Maddy & Miriam White

September 24, Fall Foliage Tour - Tyler Wainwright & Jackie Mac Davitt

October 1, Road Rallye -

October 15, Keuka Lake Wine Tour - Don Lerario & Jennifer Barton

December 9, Holiday Party at Springside Inn, Auburn, NY - Norm & Karen Abbott

2007

April 29 Show and Shine, dinner at Scotch and Sirloin – Jay Cartini

May 12 Pancake Day, Roads of Madison County – Jim Williams

May 20, Wine Tour - John Piston and Eileen

June 2, Marcellus Old Home Days Parade - Chuck Paul

June 9, ESM Car Show and Shine - Karl Reiser and Deb Royle

June 24, Carousel in Elmira - Don Lerario

July 7, Evening Dinner at Rudy's and sunset on Lake Ontario – Tim Hodson

July 18, Log Cabin – Jim Reisdorf

July 22, Great Geneva Event - Gerry Aquilano

July 28, White Water Rafting - Denise Wargo

August 5, Polo - Ed Keller

August 11, DeRuyter Field Days Parade - Lee Maddy

August 15, Log Cabin – Jim Reisdorf

August 26, Cooperstown Opera and Hyde Hall – Rosemary DeHoog, Karen Abbott

September 9, Yogurt Farm - Jim Parsnow

September 16, Road Rally- Andy Wargo, Chuck Paul

September 29, 30, Hudson Valley Garlic Festival - Lee Maddy and Miriam White

October 14, Wine Tour - TBD

October 20, Corning Museum of Glass – John and Tracy Mills

December 1, Holiday Party at Saratoga Steak – Denise Wargo

June 7, Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade

June 14, Burdick Car Show

June 29, Club Picnic at Lodi Point

July 9, Log Cabin Car Show

July 13, Cazenovia Garden Tour

July 13, Opera, “Kiss Me Kate”

July 26, White Water Rafting on Black River

July 19/20, Watkins Glen Wine Tasting

August 2, Webster Drive

August 3, Tappet Twirlers in Rome (Individuals Must Register)

August 6, Log Cabin Car Show

August 10, Sunday, Esperanza Rose, Keuka Lake Boat Tour, Lunch

August 24, Polo

September 12/14, Big Apple Miata Club at Like George (Overnight)

September 21, Watkins Glen Lap & Lunch

September 28, Scenic Railroad from Remsen to Old Forge

October 5, Hyde Hall and Covered Bridges

October 19, Road Rallye

December, Holiday Party

2008

April 27, Autocross at State Fairgrounds/Show & Shine/Dinner

May 10, Pancake Breakfast & Drive

May 31, Brewery Tour, Dinner & Sunset at Rudy's