



Miata Meanderings

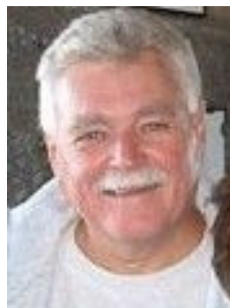
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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



Looking for Miata Enhancements. At the Burdick MMC show we had a demonstration of detailing products and tips. Contribution to the discussion was great and we realized that we should document our ETs. For example: before you secure your top boot, stretch a bungee cord between the frame of the top in the position that when the boot is on the ridge where the boot dips to the front is supported by the cord. This support will keep the boot from flapping in the wind. Another one: Signal lights plastic has imbedded wax? Coat a tooth brush with WD40 (Water Displacement Formula #40) and scrub the lens. The WD40 will dissolve the wax and the lens will look like new.

Go any good ETs? Send me an E-mail or note and I'll put them into an ET Sheet and on our Web site.

Thanks,

Zoom Zoom,

Jim Parsnow

July Events

July 9, Log Cabin Car Show

Jim Reisdorf

We will meet at the motel across the street from Thruway exit 43 (Palmyra/Manchester) and convoy to the Log Cabin at **4:00**. There is plenty of food and beverages available. This is a NO-RAIN event. Check in with Jay Cartini to make sure there will be a show.

There will be an ICE CREAM social at the Log Cabin on the second Tuesday of the month. If you wish to have supper, we meet at 6:00. Ice Cream is at 7:00.

July 13, The Green Thumb Tour

Marilyn and Michael McCabe

I've got a green thumb. I got it painting a box I was building. Having a green thumb because one is a good/great gardener doesn't seem to be within my capabilities, but it may be something some of you have. On July 13th, we have the opportunity to visit four of what I will call "high end" gardens in the Cazenovia area from 10AM to 4PM. I have been to one of them recently, and there's a lot more to it than stick-it-in-the-ground-and-see-what-happens going on here. Lots and lots of thought, design and loving care have gone into just this one, so we can expect some real visual delights, and possibly ideas for our own gardens from this and the other three.

While it is local gardeners that have created these masterpieces, the Open Day program is actually a nationwide program put on by The Garden Conservancy. Their web site



THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY

(www.gardenconservancy.org) lists all the dates and locations, plus other interesting information. From this site, I downloaded the following information on each local garden.

Since each garden has a fee, my thinking is we meet at McDonald's in Fayetteville around 11:30 for those that are in the need of inexpensive "fuel" or use of a bathroom. From here, we'll take a cruise here and there on some roads we've all been on before (for less than two gallons of petrol) until we get to the first garden. How much time each of us spends at a particular garden is open, so I'll provide maps and directions in case someone wants to jump ahead. The plan would be to follow the list of gardens above, then drive back into Cazenovia and out Route 20 East until the shopping plaza on the left. Just as you get there, there's a place called Kimberly Ice Cream Factory where you can get....duh...ice cream...and chocolate too. The ice cream at Kimberly's Ice Cream Factory is one of if not the best I've ever had. It's even better than B&J's, HD, or Friendly's. I had some dark chocolate mix yesterday that just oozed with flavor. Available in cone or dish. It's worth the ride. They also sell it in quarts, so bring a freezer bag or cooler to take some home. Ice cream cakes and pies available too, 24 hour notice required. WWW.kimberlyicecream.com No, they don't deliver.

Hidden Ponds Gardens, 3699 Rippleton Road (Route 13); "Located between two babbling brooks, nine acres encompass two large ponds and many different habitats. Ranging from cultivated prairie mixes highlighted by dozen of daylilies, rockeries, cutting beds to English borders, and more."

Cleaveland Garden, 3906 Rippleton Road; "From the old cedar fence that anchors the perennial border in front of the 1830's house down to the trout stream stocked with fish, this interesting and challenging change in elevation is what defines these gardens."

R & N DeMuth Garden, 59 Chenango Street; "The twenty year old gardens surrounding the house are a work in progress. They have evolved to include topiary, espaliered trees, a shade garden, a sun garden, trimmed hedges, a small orchard, and more."

J & E Green Garden, 5043 East Lake Road; "Right on Cazenovia Lake, this garden is filled with multi-colored annual and perennials, lilacs, and "a formal vegetable garden. Herbs and vines will also be featured in this garden. What doesn't change is the beautiful view of Cazenovia Lake."

OK, now you know where the gardens are, but here are some rules we need to abide by while at these private residences. Parking is limited to the shoulders. There are no bathrooms available. The owners may be there, but it will be a self-guided tour. Each garden will have someone there to take the \$5/person fee that goes to support this and other gardening programs. Cash or checks are acceptable.

The gardens are open rain or shine, so watch the Weather Channel to see what kind of outer wear to have along...just in case. If it's pouring, we might just go to one of the coffee houses in Fayetteville for some conversation and java. If it's really coming down, stay home and read a book.

Let your area reps know if you are interested in the "Green Thumb Tour" so I'll have some idea of people/cars. You may info me by phone at 315-687-3676 at home, 315-263-9495 cell, or by e-mail at juneway209@juno.com.

Zoom, Zoom everyone
Marilyn and Michael McCabe

July 13, Sunday Kiss Me, Kate

Rosemary DeHoog

We will depart from the Burger King in Tully at 9 a.m. on July 13th and drive Route 80 to Cooperstown. One stop will be in New Berlin. If you wish to have something to eat first plan to arrive around 8:30 a.m. The

brunch at the Otesaga is scheduled for 11:30. The opera is at 2 p.m. We will look forward to a great day and a beautiful drive.

Music and lyrics by Cole Porter; Book by Bella and Samuel Spewack

Cole Porter serves up a sexy, sophisticated musical version of *The Taming of the Shrew* intercut with behind-the-scenes drama. The Glimmerglass production places Fred, Kate and their companion actors in an Elizabethan theater, the perfect backdrop for a whirl of romance, jealousy and reconciliation.

New production. Sung in English with English titles. Running Time: Two hours, 55 minutes, including one 25 minute intermission.



Conductor David Charles Abell
Director Diane Paulus
Sets John Conklin
Costumes Anka Lupes
Lighting Jane Cox
Choreography Darren Lee
Hair & Makeup Anne Ford-Coates
Projected Titles Kelley Rourke

Lilli Vanessi/Kate Lisa Vroman*
Fred Graham/Petruchio Brad Little*
Lois Lane/Bianca Courtney Romano
Bill Calhoun/Lucentio David Larsen*
Paul Damian Norfleet
Gangster 1 Michael Mott
Gangster 2 Brad Nacht
Harry Trevor/Baptista Martin C. Hurt
Harrison Howell T.K. Durham

Cast

**Ms. Vroman, Mr. Little and Mr. Larsen appear through the courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.*

July 20, Lots of Wine – No Whining

Chuck Paul

Sunday, July 20th those attending the Finger Lakes Wine Festival will depart from the Burger King on Grant Ave. (Route 5) in Auburn at 7:30 a.m.. Participants may wish to arrive earlier to admire each others cars or eat, but **WE WILL LEAVE THE PARKING LOT AT 7:30.** This early hour (ridiculously early if you ask my wife) is necessary to allow us to arrive and complete our lap(s) prior to the opening of the event. We will make a pit stop at about 8:15 meeting any western cars at the Gas station / McDonalds in Ovid. Any southern members may choose to join us just about 9 as we proceed south on Main Street in Watkins Glen past the State Park entrance. From there it's a short drive to the track where we will meet a representative for our track time. A driver's meeting will be held prior to disbursing onto the festival grounds from our designated parking area.

Anyone needing additional information or directions should call me at (315) 673-4432 or e-mail cpaul@twcnny.rr.com. Thanks – Chuck Paul.

July 26, Saturday White Water Rafting on Black River

Denise & Andy Wargo



This event has been preplanned. If you have any final questions, please contact Denise Wargo at wargoweed@aol.com or 315-253-6757 as soon as possible.

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

Jay Cartini

You will be notified by e-mail as to the monthly ice cream schedule for July.

May and June Event Reports

Some Brew and Dinner With Sunset at Rudy's

John Piston



On Saturday, May 31st, a lucky 13 Miatas met at the Hofmann Hot Haus in Northern Lights on a day when everyone thought we'd most likely see nothing but rain. There were sprinkles just before we met at 2:00, but by the time we left at 2:30 tops were down, and although we saw threatening skies more than once throughout the day, we never saw another drop of rain. Tops stayed down for the duration.

We had a leisurely drive up route 11 turning west at Adams Center. One wrong turn (my fault...durned tadpole) resulted in one more stretch of curvy road.

Unplanned, but worked out for the best. We arrived at the Sackets Harbor Brewing Company a bit after 4:00. Again, later than planned, but also worked out for the best...IT WAS HAPPY HOUR!! We sampled the brews and had a wonderful time chatting with friends not seen for a while.

Around 5:30 it was time for Tim and Sue to take over the lead and we headed out on their leg of the trip. It was a lovely drive down route 3 to 104 and into Oswego. One small detour because the route 104 bridge is out, but we arrived, on schedule, at Rudy's on the lake at 7:00. It was crowded, but in Rudy's usual efficient manner, dinners were ordered and folks once again got a chance to talk and visit with one another while watching the beautiful sunset over the lake.



Most people opted out of the trip to Sweet Inspirations to cap off the evening with ice cream, but last I heard before I left for home, a handful of the folks were going to make the stop. I'm sure they had a sweet end to the evening.

A Parade, Pie, and Picturesque Path

Chuck Paul

ONCE AGAIN, THE MIDSTATE MIATA CLUB PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCELLUS OLDE HOME DAYS PARADE. THIS YEAR 18 CARS WITH 36 PEOPLE BRAVED HIGH HEAT AND HUMIDITY TO ADD VISUAL EXCITEMENT TO A SURPRISINGLY LENGTHY PARADE.

OVER 40 POUNDS OF CANDY WAS THROWN (SOME AT EACH OTHER IT SEEMS) TO THRONGS OF CHILDREN AS THE CARS PASSED BY TWO BY TWO. THE ONLY CASUALTY WAS BOILING CLUTCH FLUID WHICH DISABLED ONE CAR BUT, EVEN THEN, THE MIATA MADE IT TO THE FINISH LINE.

A BRIEF "TIMEOUT" UNDER A SHADE TREE ALONG WITH AN ICE PACK TO THE FLUID RESERVOIR AND IT WAS GOOD AS NEW. AFTER A BRIEF BREAK FOR FOOD AT THE FIELD DAYS, IT WAS OFF FOR A SCENIC DRIVE WHICH INCLUDED THE FABLED "26 CURVES" (BOTTOM TO TOP THEN TOP TO BOTTOM) ACCORDING TO TYLER THE 15 CAR PROCESSION WAS THE LONGEST IN CLUB HISTORY WITHOUT RADIOS (YES, THERE WAS LIFE BEFORE RADIOS). AS THIS WAS AN EARLY EVENT, AND THERE WERE SOME NEW DRIVERS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE RULES OF CARAVANNING, WE BRIEFLY "LOST" THREE CARS WHEN A PIECE OF TRIM BLEW OFF A CAR.

THANKS TO TYLER THE STRAYS WERE HERDED BACK TO THE FLOCK (YET ANOTHER TYLER / ANIMAL REFERENCE) AND 30 PEOPLE ENJOYED SWEETIE'S PIE AND ICE CREAM BEFORE HEADING HOME. THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.

The Great Burdick Mid State Miata Club Car Show

Jim Parsnow

Despite my concern over the weather and announcement communications (Thanks Deane for your patience) The Burdick/Mid State Miata Club Car Show was a hit. Twenty eight cars participated. Trophies were awarded for the first second and third of the three editions of Miatas in the show. Best of show went to Mr. Chrome, Bob Sabella.

Along with free handouts and lunch several great gifts were raffled off. June Goodreau won the top prize of a Magna exhaust system (she plans to have Burdick Expressions install it)

Thanks to Burdick Mazda for supplying tents, even though it just sprinkled once. If you have your car in for service, thank Jerome Wicker, Sales Manager, and crew for their sponsorship.

August Events

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 Mansion, Keuka Lake Boat Tour, Lunch	Mike & Kathy Neuner
August 24, Sunday	Polo	Ed Keller