



Miata Meanderings

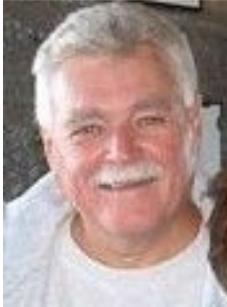
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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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President's Message



I read that Mazda is thinking of putting a 265 horsepower, 2.3 engine in the Miata, oops I mean MX-5. Probably the Mazda Speed 3 engine similar to what is used in the CX-7. That may be or not be a good move. Keep in mind that the insurance companies monitor horsepower to weight ratio. But I suppose if we can leisurely afford gas to cruise around with our tops down, an increase in insurance premiums could be tolerated.

My big concern is will Mazda lose sight of why people buy MX-5s? We want sport cars, not muscle cars. The Corvette is a good example. In my opinion it no longer is a sports car, but an overpriced muscle car. Mazda spent a long time studying what a true sports car should be. MGs, Austins, Triumphs, and the other European cars of the past were true sports cars. Underpowered, yes but fun to drive.

I just finished reading an excellent book (The Art of Raining In The Rain) which a dog does most of the narration, even in that fiction novel they mention under powered Miatas during a race.

I for one have added horsepower to my Tenth Annie but have yet to find a New York road where I can hit top speed. Perhaps the best sports cars are those that Mazda had in mind when they designed the first Miatas, the fun feeling of taking a turn with the top down and waving to the people in the mini vans.

Zoom Zoom,

Jim Parsnow

June Events

Everyone Loves a Parade



Chuck Paul

Once again our club has been invited to participate in the Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade. **This fun-filled event will take place on Saturday, June 7th with our group forming at 2:45 behind the Mobil Mini-Mart at the intersection of Route 175 (Lee – Mulroy road) and Pleasant Valley road.** Not that it's possible to be "lost" in Marcellus....but my cell phone number is 315 378-6018.

Miatas on Parade In Marcellus

The parade takes less than an hour (despite the throngs of parade watchers choking the

streets (town population 6500), following which we will take a 45 minute break at Marcellus Park where food is available. Then it's off on a 45 minute ride over hill and dale with several scenic vistas ending at the best homemade pie and ice cream in Central New York.

Marcellus Parade Update

Chuck Paul

Marcellus Parade: while not absolutely necessary to attend it would be great if anyone planning to attend could call or e-mail Chuck Paul (315 673-4432 or cpaul@twcnny.rr.com) so that I will know if we have enough to look "presentable". Also, I will try to purchase enough candy to toss to children (a strange local custom). Thanks.

Burdick Car Show

Jim Parsnow



On Saturday, June 14th Burdick Mazda will sponsor an event for the Midstate Miata Club at their facility in Cicero, NY. We will convene at 10:00 a.m. in front of the dealership. Just look for the colorful assembly of member's cars. Lunch will be provided by Burdick and the event will wind down about 3:00 p.m.

Club Picnic

Tom & Bev Cavanaugh, Bob & Ronnie Sabella

Let's get together on June 29th (Sunday) 11:00 am to 5:00 pm for a Club Picnic at Sampson State Park on the shore of beautiful Seneca Lake. We have rented a pavilion and there are grills and plenty of picnic tables. Charcoal, lighter fluid, paper products, plastic ware, condiments, and bottled water will be provided. Bring your own food and favorite beverage. If you would like to bring a dessert to share that would be great.



Sampson State Park was once a naval training station, then an Air Force base before becoming a state park. Military roads and buildings have been replaced with grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees on flat, rolling woodlands surrounding ravines. The focal point of the park is the 123-berth marina for seasonal and transient boaters. There are 245 electric campsites and 64 non-electric sites, picnic areas, playground and playing fields that include tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, a swimming beach, a recreation building, and organized activities including tours, hikes and wildlife watches. Seneca Lake is famous for its trout fishing.

Because this is an all day event, and members can come and go as their schedule allows, there is no formal caravan to the park. If members wish to group together for a drive they certainly can do so.

This is a Rain or Shine event

Sampson State Park is centrally located between Elmira/Corning, Syracuse, and Rochester on the east shore of Seneca Lake on RT 96A. Unfortunately, Binghamton Members have a bit longer to drive. This spot was chosen so that all our far flung club members can meet and get reacquainted again.

Suggested Routes:

Elmira/Corning, Drive to Watkins Glen. In town, turn right on RT 414 north. At Ovid, turn left on RT 96A, Sampson SP will be on your left on RT 96A

Binghamton, Depart Binghamton westbound on RT 17, exit at Owego and proceed north on RT 96, at Candor bear left and continue on RT 96, at Spencer go straight on RT 34, at Van Etna turn right on RT 224 and continue all the way to Montour Falls, turn right on RT 14, turn right on RT 414 in Watkins Glen, go north and turn left at Ovid on RT 96A, Sampson SP will be on your left on RT 96A.

Syracuse, Take Thruway to exit 41, take RT 414 south, turn left on RTs 5-20 proceed to Seneca Falls. In town, turn right on RT 414 south, turn right on Yellow Tavern Road, at Rose Hill turn left on RT 96A, Sampson SP will be on the right..

Rochester, Take Thruway to exit 42, take RT 14 south to Geneva, in town, take RTs 5-20 East. Just East of Geneva take RT 96A South, Sampson SP will be on your right.

In The Park, Head towards the lake and past the Navy Jets, follow signs to picnic grounds, we will be in one of the two open pavilions. Look for Club Banner and lots of Miatas.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a six-dollar entrance fee per car. Members may leave and re-enter the park by obtaining a pass at the gate.

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

Jay Cartini

Now I think I have it all figured out. The NEW ice cream nights will be the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month based on our discussion at the planning meeting.



So, for the month of June, we will visit the land of gelato (Ok so it's not really ice cream, but.....ohhh it's so good). Geddes Bakery on route 11 in North Syracuse.....

- **June 5, 7pm.**
- **June 19, 7pm.**

Please note that since the weather should be improving and the sun staying out later we will be going back to the 7pm meeting time.

July Event

Watkins Glen Wine Festival Addendum

Chuck Paul

Deadline for responding is being extended to Friday, June 6th. The price of \$20 for tasters and \$15 for non-tasters is a discounted price but must be paid in one check at that time in order to receive the discount and arrange the laps of the track. The price for laps will be no more than \$5 per car.

May Event Reports

May 10, Pancake Day, Show and Shine and Fun Run

Jim & Judy Williams

The Dewitt Rotarians raised over \$64,000 at this years Pancake Day. We enjoyed Dunkin Donut Coffee and CNY favorites Gianelli Sausage and New Hope Hills Pancakes. Great food and all we could eat. No one drove away hungry.

New Club members Don Radke and Nora Dimeis ('94 Black) and Bill and Beth Beveridge (97 Red) were at their first event. They both had the parking thing down pat... the first time out. It was good to see all the old and new friends.

17 colorful Miatas left Shoppingtown for a fun drive past Jamesville Reservoir, Cazenovia Lake, DeRuyter Reservoir, Hatch Lake, Eatonbrook Reservoir and Tuscarora Lake and arrived at Kimberly's and McDonalds at 2:00 sharp. We enjoyed good roads tight curves, nice views, lakes, pretty countryside and fields of golden dandelions.

After an impromptu tour of Cazenovia's back streets we all zoomed along beautiful Route 13 past Chittenango Falls, thru Chittenango and Manlius and ended the day with really good ice cream at Carvelle in Dewitt.

Judy would like to thank everyone who helped make the Pancake Day such a big success and helped kick off the '08 driving season. Zoom Zoom!

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Is This Your Last Newsletter?

It's that time again! Annual dues are to be paid for the coming year and driving season. Please make your checks out for \$30.00 and forward them to Lee Maddy at 40 Parkington Circle, E. Syracuse, NY 13057.

If you have already paid yours – thanks !! This will be the last newsletter for those members who do not renew in June and you will no longer be able to participate in Club events.

A Tip From Gerry Acquilano

Don't forget to spray a bit of silicone of the hinge pins after you take your car out for the spring/summer driving season. These can seize up and then the hood bends when opening/closing it. Just a small application on the hood hinge pins is all that is necessary. Should actually be done at each oil change.

Schedule of Events June, July, and August

Jay Cartini

June 7, Saturday Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade

Chuck Paul

June 14, Saturday Burdick Car Show

Jim Parsnow

June 29, Sunday	Club Picnic at Sampson State Park	Tom & Bev Cavanaugh, Bob & Ronnie Sabella
July 9, Wednesday	Log Cabin Car Show	Jim Reisdorf
July 13, Sunday	Cazenovia Garden Tour	Mike & Marylyn McCabe
July 13, Sunday	Opera, "Kiss Me Kate"	Rosemary DeHoog
July 26, Saturday	White Water Rafting on Black River	Denise & Andy Wargo
July 19/20, TBA	Watkins Glen Wine Tasting	Chuck Paul
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

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