



Miata Meanderings

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Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

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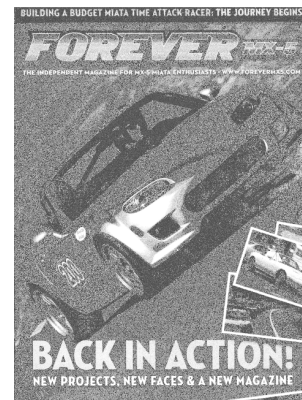
President's Message



By now you should have your Miata out of hibernation. April has been kind to us and has allowed early detailing. Hope you had your battery in storage or at least hooked to a "battery tender" so you can enjoy the sunshine. Consider yourself lucky, the MG, Triumph, and Austin people probably have jumper cables in hand wondering what has rotted, rusted or been gnawed by rodents over the winter. Some of them thinking maybe I should move up to a Miata. (I used to on two MGs) So finish the wax job and get on the road. We have a full agenda ahead for the year.

Our club liability insurance is in place (officers have a copy) and May starts out with a Pancake Breakfast along with a drive through the scenic countryside. A chance to show off those new winter options and to make sure they work on the open road.

Speaking of options, the Forever MX-5 magazine has finally been issued and they have done a good job of advertising Miata options. This magazine is dedicated to just the Miata MX-5 and, in my opinion, is well balanced containing tech information, travel reviews and profiles of Miata drivers. It even has a centerfold poster. If you are interested in an issue go to forevermx5.com or call 1-800-927-4344. I'll have my issue with me if you care to take a look.



Life is short so get out and drive that's what the summer is for and let the options wait till winter.

Zoom Zoom,

Jim Parsnow

May Events

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

Jim & Judy Williams

The 2008 driving season will begin at the Dewitt Rotary Clubs famous Pancake Breakfast at the Shoppingtown Mall in Dewitt. We will meet at 10:00 and show off our beautiful and colorful Miatas to the always big crowd that attends this great event. Judy Williams, a proud Dewitt Rotarian, will have discounted tickets for all club members. Tickets are downright cheap at \$3.50 per person and the food is very good. Be sure to get your tickets from Jim or Judy at the Show and Shine – The cost otherwise is \$10.00 at the gate.

The Dewitt exit off of Route 481 will quickly lead to a right turn on to Erie Boulevard; turn right at Kinne road (the first T intersection). You won't miss the big event tent on your right. The Club will gather to the southeast of big tent. Look for the Club Banner.

Drivers meeting at 12:00. At 12:30 we will depart on a tour of some fun roads in southern Onondaga and Madison County. Our route will include several pretty lakes, scenic views and lots of twists and curves. We will make a rest stop at Cazenovia (McDonalds and Kimberle's Ice Cream) between 2:00 and 2:30. At 2:30 we head out to enjoy the scenic and winding Rt.13 past Chittenango Falls to Chittenango and over Rt 173 to Manlius where we will finish the day at Snow Top at about 3:00PM.

The Chittenango Falls State Park is not a planned stop – but we are passing right by it. It's free, fun and beautiful. If you have never been to this park, consider a stop.

Lets kick out Old Man Winter and kick off the 2008 driving season with a big turnout. Remember to buckle up tight because it's all about driving.

Last year there were over 30 Miatas at this event. With as many or more Miatas this year, we will likely divide into two groups. Lets hope for a sunny day! Zoom Zoom.

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

John Piston, Tim & Sue Hodson

We will meet at Northern Lights, Mattydale (near the Hofmann Hot Haus) at 2:00 PM for a 2:30 departure. Our trip north will follow route 81 just far enough to avoid lots of traffic and lights, then on to route 11. At Adams Center we will turn west to Sackets Harbor. We should arrive at the brewery between 3:30 and 4:00. The bar will be open but they don't open for dinner until 5:00 so we should not be facing a crowd. (SEE IMPORTANT NOTE BELOW). They'll explain their brewing process to us and we will do some beer drinking (cost is on your own). In addition to glasses at ~\$3.75 they have "sample" sized portions (~3 oz.) for \$1 each. That will allow you to try any or all of the six to eight beers available without having to be carried out to the car by your designated driver. We'll leave the brewery around 5:30 and take the pleasant drive down route 3 along the lake to route 104 towards Oswego. The route 104 bridge is out in Oswego so we will divert south at Scriba, cross the river at the Minetto bridge and head up county route 24. A couple more turns and back roads should have us arriving at Rudy's near 7:00 for dinner and sunset. Depending on time and interest, we may add an ice cream stop on the way home at Sweet Inspirations in Fulton for those who will. IMPORTANT NOTE: Because of their relatively small size, the brewery will need a head count several days prior to our trip.

NOTE: Therefore, I will need to know how many people will be going on this trip not later than Monday, May 26th.

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

Jay Cartini



Per our discussion at the planning meeting, we will be changing our ice cream night to the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.

For the month of May we will be starting where it all started. The one, the only, the first, Pete's Polar Parlor in Solvay.....

- May 8, 6 pm.

Please note that due to the fact that it isn't summer just quite yet, we have moved the meeting time up to 6 pm for the month.

Upcoming 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.

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.

Racetrack and Wine

Chuck Paul



In that order.....on Sunday, July 20th, we will travel to Watkins Glen International Raceway for laps of the track followed by the Finger Lakes Wine Festival on the grounds. Over 75 wineries showcasing 500 wines with gourmet food for purchase, demonstrations and entertainment (as if watching some fools try to sample 500 wines isn't entertainment enough).

We will leave the Burger King in Auburn (Grant Ave. Plaza (Route 5)) at 7:30 a.m. traveling scenic routes and meeting the Western folks at 8:15 in Ovid. From there we'll proceed to the track where we will be escorted around the track by a pace car to control the speed and then provided a "corral" for our cars separate from the rest of the crowd (did I mention 500 wines).

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We will depart the track at 2:30 by means of a three lane exit staffed by Schuyler County Deputy Sheriffs who will screen drivers. Those who don't make the cut will be directed to some large shade trees for a "timeout". The rest of the group will head back to Syracuse via a scenic route through Ithaca.

Our reduced price for the Wine Festival is \$20 for tasters and \$15 for those who promise to abstain. This must be paid by check made payable to Chuck Paul and mailed to Chuck Paul, 34 First St., Marcellus, NY 13108 no later than June 1st. The charge for the laps will be no more than \$5 per car and may be less depending on our numbers paid that day.

Additional information: cpaul@twcny.rr.com or www.flwinefest.com.

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Annual Dues

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.

Schedule of Events for May, June, and July

Jay Cartini

May 10, Saturday	Pancake Breakfast & Drive	Jim & Judy Williams
May 31, Saturday	Brewery Tour, Dinner & Sunset at Rudy's	John Piston, Tim & Sue Hodson
June 7, Saturday	Marcellus Olde Home Days Parade	Chuck Paul
June 14, Saturday	Burdick Car Show	Jim Parsnow
June 29, Sunday	Club Picnic at Lodi Point	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

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