



Miata Meanderings

October & November, 2008

Official Newsletter of the Midstate Miata Club of New York

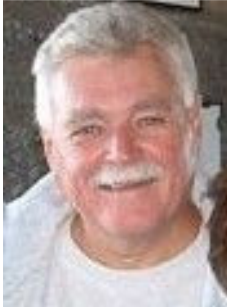
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President's



Message



Attention: As the year is coming to an end our annual holiday party will be here soon. Please send me any photos you have for the Miata events in 2008, so I can put together a PowerPoint presentation for Lee.

Send them via E mail to jparsnow@twcny.rr.com or mail me a disk or photos to Jim Parsnow, 8629 Nazareth Drive, Cicero, NY, 13039. If you have photos, I can scan them and return your originals. This year I will have a special "credits" section to honor those that submitted photos. Thanks.

Zoom Zoom,

Jim Parsnow



October Events

Sunday, October 5, Hyde Hall Mansion & Covered Bridge

Karen & Norm Abbott

Join us for a ride to Glimmerglass State Park for a tour of Hyde Hall Mansion and the Covered Bridge.

Hyde Hall, constructed in four visible distinct stages between 1817-1834, offers visitors a stunning experience of architectural and social grandeur in the countryside. Built and decorated in the style of an English neo-Classical "Great House" by the land-rich descendent of New York's colonial aristocracy, Hyde Hall's Clarke family lived regally in this limestone manse for five generations. In 1825, George Clark had local carpenters build a covered bridge with a Burr arch truss above Shadow Brook, to carry traffic into the estate. The 53-foot bridge has recently been confirmed as the oldest unchanged covered bridge in the United States, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.



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| 1. Full House Tour (75 min.) | \$8.00 Adults |
| 2. 1 st Floor Tour (45 min) | \$7.00 Adults |



We are planning to do the Full House Tour as a group. If you are unable to climb the stairs to the second floor you may choose the 1st floor tour, and wait for the rest of us to finish. Special parking has been arranged in front of the Mansion for a great photo opportunity. A large turnout would make a great picture for our Holiday Party slide show. Hope you all can make this event. We will need a final head count by Sunday, September 28th, so please respond to your area reps., when contacted.

Lunch will be served family style at the restaurant consisting of homemade lasagna, baked chicken, roasted potato, salad, bread, soda, diet soda, and iced tea. Vegetarian option will be Pasta Primavera. Total price including tax and tip is \$16.00 per person. Please request the vegetarian option (if desired) when you confirm your attendance with your area rep.



We will meet at the Doubletree Hotel at Carrier Circle 9:45am.

Departure: 10:15
 Lunch: 11:30 Spaghetti Kettle
 Depart: 1:00
 Arrive: 2:15 Hyde House & Photo in front of Mansion
 Tour: 2:30 – 3:45
 Depart: 4:00 View Covered Bridge, head home



PLEASE bring CASH for lunch and tour payments.

Bill Hodge Memorial Road Rally

Tom and Bev Cavanaugh

When: 12:00 pm, October 19' (Sunday) Where: Burdick Mazda Parking Lot



It's time once again to reset the odometers and practice a little Zen as we travel throughout the countryside looking for that mythical last check point.

This year we will start at noon and plan to eat at our last stop at the end of the rally which will be Plainville's Nature's Fare Restaurant in Cicero. Hopefully, fresh air and the fun of the hunt will provide for a hearty appetite.

Think of this year's rally as a "slowed rally". Attention to detail will be the key to winning. The route will be simple enough that even a chrome Miata has a good chance of not getting lost.

I highly recommend that each car have a driver AND a navigator/observer to help keep a sharp eye out as well as record the answers on the rally sheet. So that's the scoop everyone. The first car should rollout at 12:25 pm.

This is a rain or shine event

Any questions? Please call Tom or Bev Cavanaugh at (315) 303-4866



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

Jay Cartini



For the month of October, we will mix it up a bit, and due to the weather and the fact that it gets darker sooner, we will change the meeting time to 6PM.....

- October 9, 6pm, Carvel DeWitt, 4322 East Genesee Street, park in the P&C parking lot

- October 23, 6pm, Pete's Polar Parlor, Milton Ave in Solvay (where it all began).

September Event Reports

Something Old, Something New...

Tyler Wainwright



Despite the cloudy start to the day, the track was dry and fast... wait a minute. Which track was that, the old or the new?!!

Twenty-two Miatas and 46 members and guests drove to the Watkins Glen International Race Track for Laps 'N Lunch. That would be the new track used by organizations such as NASCAR and IRL. Now it was the Midstate Miata Club's turn. Sunny skies greeted our top-down caravan as we lined up behind the pace truck. That's right - TRUCK! But this was no ordinary truck. The driver explained that it has a lot of "classified" equipment on it. It certainly showed on the track. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

First we had to wait for the track to clear. There was already a line of vehicles on the track, including SUV's, mini-vans and a tour bus. That's right – a TOUR BUS! It was quite entertaining watching the driver of the bus flailing at the 30-inch diameter steering wheel, trying to negotiate the turns. Once the track was cleared, our pace truck driver led our group onto the track, mashed the gas pedal and headed for the horizon. Jackie's grip on the passenger door tightened as I tried to chase down the pace truck and not get run over by the Willis' Mazdaspeed, tight to my rear bumper. Glancing at the speedo I saw 80mph+ as we tore down the back stretch. I began trying to follow our pace truck's line and was able to close on him. Eventually I noticed the traffic cones placed strategically on the side of the track showing where the best line was. I was just finding my groove when the pace truck slowed and stopped on the front stretch for a photo-op. It was at that point I noticed that our three vehicles had out-run the rest of the group by about 20 seconds. Our pace truck driver lined up the cars in four rows for photos and soon we were back on our way to complete our third lap. I think it is safe to say that everyone left the track grinning from ear to ear.

Our deli lunch at the Glen Club was excellent as we ate, chatted and watched the Skip Barber Racing School drive the track in their open-wheel race cars. At around 2:00 pm we left WGI and headed to a section of public roadways that were part of the "old course", driven during the first Watkins Glen races from 1948 to 1952. From there we headed to the Fulkerson Winery overlooking Seneca Lake to sample several of their fine wines. The friendly folks at Fulkerson's were quite generous with their samples and more than a few bottles found their way into our trunks.

Thanks to all who participated and made my job easier by paying in advance. Special thanks to our pace truck and WGI event organizer, Joe Green. I think we will all agree that he gave us a super experience. And, finally, wasn't it great to see so many new members at this event? What a fine opportunity to meet some great people and watch our club grow. It's days like this that remind us of what a wonderful club we've all built over the past fifteen years!

Etc.

From the Binghamton Newspaper, August 28, 2008

Joe & Joyce Lamphere

Couple's cars provide passport to the world

Miata Club leads pair to adventures aboard roadsters

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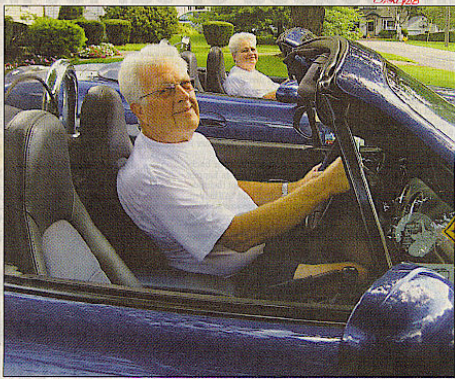
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