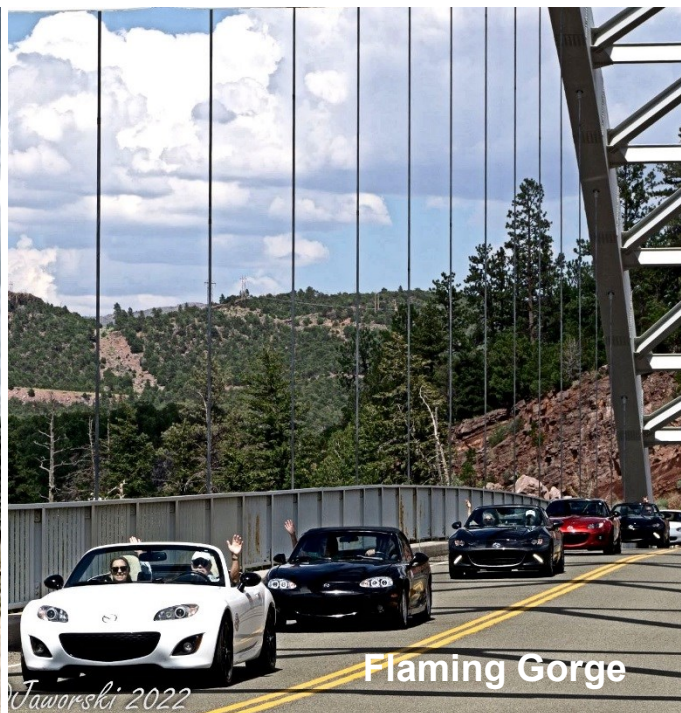




## The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



Mirror Lake



Flaming Gorge

### From the Top Down By: Robert Mechling

Yes, it's September. But it's not over yet. We have three more trips planned this month. 1) Rogers Great Basin/Ely Trip, 2) Our 1st ever evening monthly meeting/moonlight lift ride at Sundance, 3) and Bryce Canyon /Capitol Reef trips, all this month. See the details in this newsletter and the Club web site.

For those who had lunch at Mom's Cafe in Salina, on our Grand Canyon Trip, you may remember a table "reserved for Glen". Some of us met 98 year old Glen enjoying a cheeseburger and fries with family and friends. I remember saying, "I'd be so lucky, but I may want to reconsider". Well Sharon found Glen Barney's Obituary. He died in his sleep, Aug 20, 2022. I'll never be able to eat at Mom's Cafe without thinking of Glen and his smile.

Travel - Yes, to get out and go that's what we want to do. Looking back at our Miata trips we've been lucky. But I've been reminded again that our best laid travel plans can change i.e. Our Fall in New England Trip where all connecting flights out of Chicago Midway International Airport were cancelled. Well It happened again: The Nicholl's and us recently got stuck overnight at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. So when we travel, even on our short trips, we need to be prepared to be on our own at times, to find the hotel, or even a tow truck (as I know). But we are always grateful for any help. This time thanks to the Nicholl/Durrrant team for getting us home.

Hope to see you all soon, Robert

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## September Monthly Meeting and Drive Sundance under the Stars and Full Moon

By: Steve & Ronda Beckstead

**Date & Time: THURSDAY, Sept 8th, 6:00 PM**

**Location: Heritage Park in Alpine (where we've met before)**

**Address: 10400 South Alpine Highway and corner of 5300 West in Highland**

### Information:

Since I mentioned this drive at the last monthly meeting, I've had to change my original plan for September's monthly meeting for a number of reasons. **First**, there is an issue with traffic on the Alpine loop on any Saturday, and with fall leaf changes traffic will be even worse. This can make the drive actually dangerous and hair raising, especially the last half. **Second**, finding a restaurant than can seat about 45 has proven too difficult. **Third**, The Sundance full moon lift event will be most crowded on Saturday night.

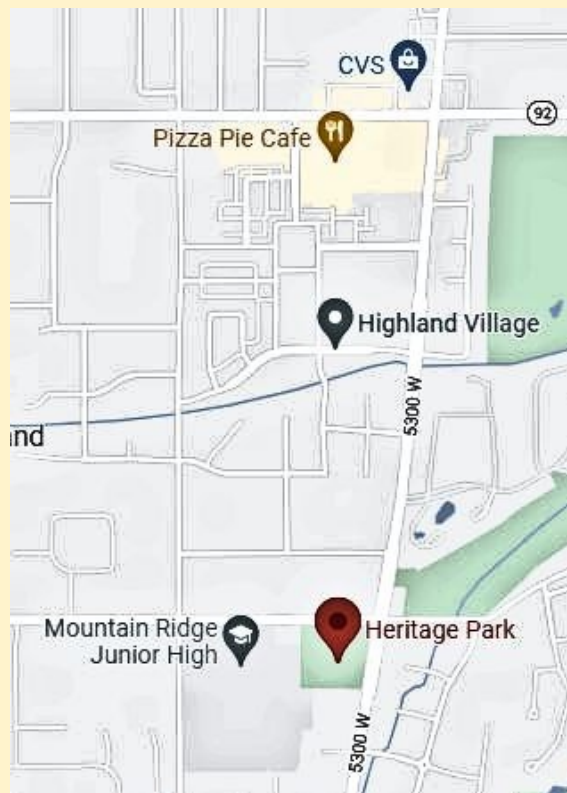
For these reasons our meeting and drive will be on Thursday night, September 8th at 6pm. I know this is an unusual idea, but that might increase the appeal as something new can be a shot in the arm.

The plan is to meet at the park in Alpine for our meeting. As the event does not open until 8:30 the 6pm time should work. Bring your own food and maybe chairs as always, and then we'll have our meeting and visit. After the meeting (7pm or so) I will lead the drive east to Alpine then through a much less crowded Alpine loop to Sundance. After the lift ride, we'll continue down and out the Provo canyon side and each heads home.

Tickets can be purchased in advance and price is \$30 or \$25 for seniors for the Sundance lift. I know this is a work night, but I don't think it will run that late. If people want they could just attend the park and meeting, or do a partial drive, or do the whole drive to Sundance but skip the lift event. Here is the ticket link to the event, hope it works:

<https://www.sundanceresort.com/summer-activities/full-moon-lift-rides-ziptour/?ContactID=41954946000>

**Wear long pants and bring a jacket it will be very cool on the lift (but very fun)!**





## Membership Dues Reminder

If you wish to renew your membership, and we hope you will, please give or send a check to Club Treasurer, Margie Newson, for the appropriate amount. **A Dual Membership (for yourself and a spouse, sibling or significant other) is \$35, and \$25 for Single, and includes the newsletter e-mailed to you, or \$45 if you would like a hard copy sent by standard mail.** If mailing a check, please send to: 233 West 1550 North, Bountiful, Utah 84010. Make your check payable to the Utah Miata Club. Margie can also be contacted by phone at 801-295-4563 or by e-mail at sec.treasumc@icloud.com.

## Birthdays / Memberships

### New Members

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
SCOTT & CHERYL ATKINSON	2010	COPPER RED
TYLER STARK	2022	RED
KIRK & LUZ WARNER	2002	YELLOW

### Expiring Soon: \$35 Dual / \$25 Single

NAME	EXPIRING
RICHARD & PATTY ADAMS	9/30/2022
ROBERT & KATHI JO FACKRELL	9/30/2022
JOSEPH FOWLER	9/30/2022
DARIN & ELAINE GRABER	9/30/2022
SABRINA HANSEN	9/30/2022
MARK & SHAUNA MIDGLEY	9/30/2022
TOM & PAMELA WHARRAM	9/30/2022



NAME	BIRTHDAY
JAMES VREDEVELD	4 Sep
TOM BRACKEN	21 Sep
KAREN CHRISTIANSEN	23 Sep
RICHARD ADAMS	29 Sep
ANA PORTER	29 Sep
CHRIS LEWIS	30 Sep

### Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
ELYS BANK	5/31/2022
ANTHONY BROWNING	5/31/2022
ANDRES & SANDIE GLASMACHER	5/31/2022
PAUL SMIRCICH	5/31/2022
TRACY WOODWORTH	5/31/2022

### Membership Expired: \$35 Dual / \$25 Single Membership

NAME	EXPIRED
DEREK & KANDIS ANDERSON	6/30/2022
JOSH & TANYA ASHMENT	7/31/2022
BRET & ROXANNE BAGLEY	7/31/2022
TYLER & SHAREE BECKSTEAD	7/31/2022
NICHOLAS BELKER	6/30/2022
BENJAMIN BROWNLEE	7/31/2022
TYLER CALL	6/30/2022
KAREN CHRISTIANSEN	8/31/2022
DICK & JUDY DYSON	8/31/2022
MARK & CHARISSE FERGUSON	7/31/2022
ROBERT & GALE KLINSHAW	6/30/2022
KRIST SMITH	8/31/2022
LARRY THOMAS	6/30/2022
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	8/31/2022
TYSON & TRACY YOUNG	8/31/2022
JASON & RACHEL WOODS	7/31/2022
PAUL ZUPON	7/31/2022

## Club Officers (July 2022-July 2023)

President: Robert Mechling  
Treasurer: Margie Newson

Vice President: *Joey Fowler*

Secretary: Jim Newson

Directors: Roger Heath, Ronda Beckstead, Susan Christiansen



## August Lunch Meeting & Drive Report By: Valerie Francis



The August lunch meeting was held at a small park in Kamas, where our newly elected President, Robert, conducted the meeting, including door prizes, birthday acknowledgements, and a great idea for the September get-together (see page 2), etc. After the meeting, about 19 cars headed up Mirror Lake Highway.



Even though it was an overcast day, this helped make the temperature just right for our top down drive. And traffic was surprisingly light so our group was able to cruise at the posted speed. Unfortunately, as expected, the Mirror Lake parking lot was full, so we parked along the road where we could have a short break before heading back down the road. A few of us stopped at the Provo River Falls, while most of the others scattered - albeit still enjoying the beautiful scenery.

Thanks to both Ken J. and Mike B. for taking and posting some great photos on our Facebook page. I hope you looked through all of them. Here are just a few that cover the activities of the day for you to enjoy!



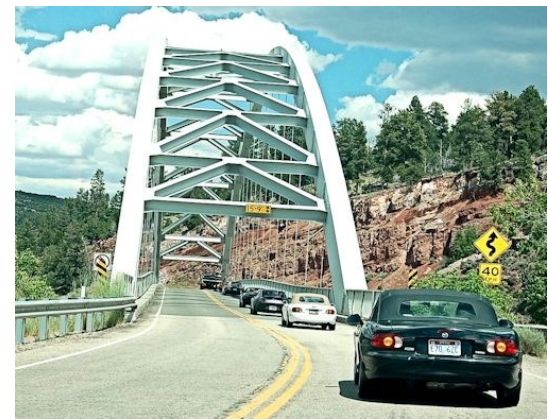
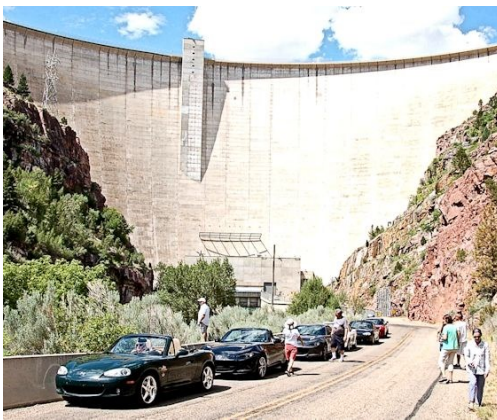


## Flaming Gorge / Dinosaur NP Report By: Valerie Francis



Seven Miatas packed a ton of fun into two days exploring the Flaming Gorge and Vernal area. For me, as a one time visitor to Flaming Gorge, this adventure included some beautiful areas of Flaming Gorge that I had not been to, let alone know they even existed.

Our first stop after leaving the meet-up point in Coalville, was a quick photo op at Fort Bridger WY. Then on to have lunch at the Lucerne Valley Marina and Campground just southeast of Manilla. After lunch, we headed down Sheep Creek Scenic Byway stopping at the Sheep Creek overlook before heading to Red Canyon. What a surprise Red Canyon was with the gorgeous views from the Visitors Center and the cute lodge/restaurant and cabins.



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After our break at Red Canyon we made it over the bridge and dam towards Dutch John. Again, we had great views from the bottom of the dam and at another overlook. The road from Flaming Gorge to Vernal was beautiful as we passed through forested areas, and the switchbacks going into Vernal were pretty exciting.



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We had a nice dinner in Vernal, then the next morning headed over to Dinosaur National Monument. It was fun visiting the quarry with the amazing wall of bones. After our tour we headed on down the road turning off Hwy 40 at Duchesne to go over Wolf Creek Pass – where we encountered an exciting rainstorm.

My extra special thanks to Ken and Jan Jaworski for planning and executing this amazing two day road trip! I have chosen only a few of the great photos taken but hopefully you saw many more posted on our Facebook page.



## Helper and Nine Mile Canyon Trip Report By: Valerie Francis

Just like the Flaming Gorge trip, a group of seven Miatas met up to have a fun driving adventure. The theme for this trip however was “can we outrun the rain clouds”? See below to read how we did.

We headed out of Kamas and up over Wolf Creek Pass where the temperatures dropped as well as a few raindrops going over the top of Wolf Creek. We did pull over to put up our tops but mostly because the clouds looked so ominous. Only a short while later the sporadic rain stopped and the sun intermittently popped out. After a quick stop in Duchesne, we headed down Hwy 191. The traffic was light and we only caught up with a slower vehicle just a few miles from the turn onto Hwy 6.



At Helper, we walked through the Arts Festival and mini car show, and enjoyed a food truck lunch. The festival is small and quaint with a variety of arts and crafts to look at and purchase, and a really good variety of cars to peruse. One couple left from the Festival to go home, and the rest of us headed on down the road to our next adventure... Nine Mile Canyon National Backcountry Byway.



The weather nicely cooperated at the Festival especially since rain was forecasted, but by the time we reached Wellington and the start of Nine Mile Canyon Byway some very dark clouds were starting to build up. So we decided to drive to the end first and then stop at the various petroglyph stops on the way back out.



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Here is a little background for those who have not been to Nine Mile Canyon: Starting at the turn off in Wellington the road is actually 46 miles long so a 92 mile round trip. Part of this road is signed at 55 mph but once you reach the designated "Nine Mile Canyon" the signage is posted at 35 mph. Additionally, there are about 15 to 20 each 10 mph posted dips where potential flash flooding runs across the road.

So we were faced with dark rainclouds building while traversing these flash flood dips, some with mud in them already from previous storms, just hoping we would make it in and out okay. We reached the last petroglyph site without any rain, enjoyed the amazing petroglyphs, then headed back to stop at a few more on the way out. But it was not to be as the clouds opened up and it started pouring rain! Luckily, as the lead car, Doyle and I saw the rain ahead so we all stopped to put our tops up before it hit us. At that point, we wisely choose not to make any other stops but to save them for a future trip into the canyon when it is sunny.



Because of the heavy rain now and the thought of getting stranded by flash floods pouring through those dips, we bee-lined it out of the canyon as quickly as we could (Doyle scaring some of the following cars because of how fast he was driving). And of course, by the time we made it out of the canyon area, it had turned sunny again. We were all grateful to make it safely out of the canyon, and to the hotel to relax a bit, then have a nice dinner together.

The next morning, several Miatas headed straight home via Hwy 6, while a couple of Miatas headed south to Huntington, up over Huntington Canyon and then down Fairview Canyon (a recon for the upcoming Bryce Capitol Reef adventure later in September).



In the end, we were not able to outrun the rain but we did outrun any flash flooding, especially in reading how this same storm flooded downtown Moab and Canyonlands!





## Miata Tales By: Ken Jaworski

OK! Here's a question for the club members. Would you like to see your license plate listed on a page of our Facebook page or website? No bio and no pix's of the complete Miata.....just the license plate.

Jan was wanting a vanity license plate, but we just could not image what she wanted. I then turned around and was looking at some east coaster's websites and found the perfect one for us. "YGROWUP" became her plate.

I checked with a lawyer friend and he said there was nothing against publishing license plates because they basically are public info. BUT, he said you might want permission so as not to gain the wrath of any club members.

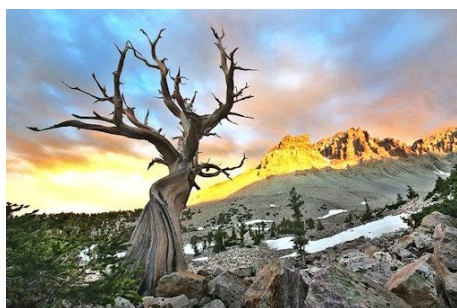
**Who's for it or worse who's against it? Please let me know.**



*Remember to check your tire pressure because AIR is what you are really driving on.*



## Final Reminder Great Basin NP /Ely Meet-up Info: By Roger Heath



For those going on this adventure we will meet-up on Saturday, Sept 3rd, 9:30 AM - meet at Smith's Marketplace in Saratoga Springs, 689 North Redwood Road, Saratoga Springs, UT 84045. We will travel through the hot desert to Ely, Nevada.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Those wishing to do one of the three Lehman Cave tours for September 4th, tickets must be bought on Recreation.gov beginning August 5th. I would suggest the Grand Palace tour however the other 2 appear less strenuous.





## Bryce / Capitol Reef Trip Meet-up Details and Info

**September 23 - 25th** By: Valerie Francis

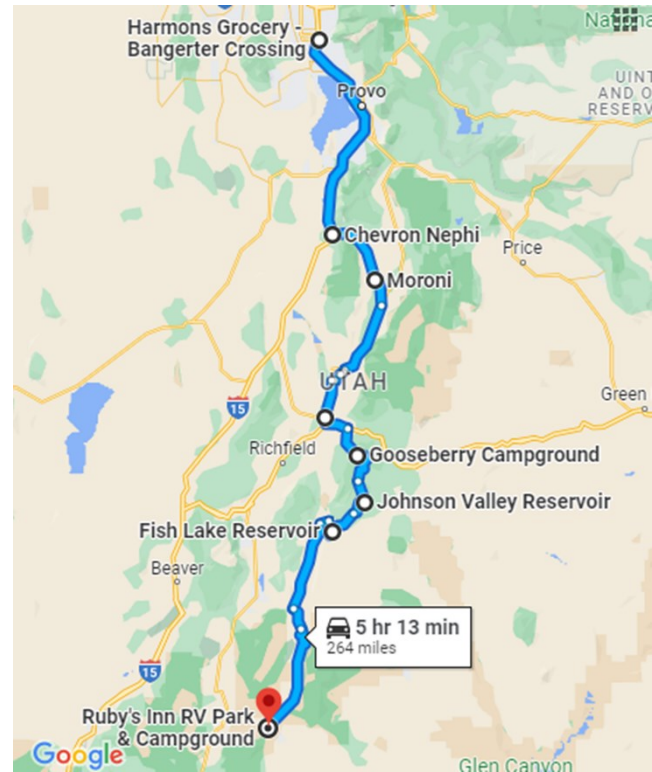
Wow, this fun adventure is coming up quick, so below are the details on the first day's itinerary, including our initial meet-up time and place.

Since we know who has reserved a room at Ruby's Inn (as of August 12th) I will be sending a separate email in the near future to those members going, with all the details for this three day drive. Please contact me if you are going but possibly staying elsewhere or reserved a room at Ruby's Inn after August 12th.

### Friday Sept 23: SLC to Bryce via Nephi, Salina, Gooseberry Road and Fish Lake

- 1. 9:00 AM** Meet at Harmons Bangerter 125 E 13800 S, Draper.
- 2. 9:15 AM** Head out to Nephi. Bio-break at Nephi Phillips 66 or Chevron (815 E 100 N, Nephi).
3. From Nephi to Salina via Hwy 132, merging with Hwy 89 south of Moroni. Your choice: Lunch at Mom's Café (10 E Main Street) or Salina City Park (go south on 300 East until you reach the park).
4. After lunch regroup at Maverick Gas station next to I-70 interchange (260 E Industrial Park Drive)
5. After topping off gas at Maverick, we head east on I-70 to exit 63, then follow Gooseberry Road to Fish Lake on Hwy 25. Bio-break at Fish Lake.
6. Fish Lake to Bryce NP via short jog north on Hwy 24 turning at Hwy 62 south through Koosharem, then continue south till we reach Hwy 22 through Antimony to Bryce.
7. After checking into Ruby's Inn, dinner at (Time TBD) at Ruby's Cowboy Buffet and Steak Room, or dinner on your own. Explore the park that evening at your leisure.

**This is a 5 hr 13 min drive day before stops and breaks.** Again, the following days' itineraries will be emailed to those going.



### Bryce Canyon Drive Box Lunch Info, Event Car Magnets By: Mike Bailey



For those going on the Bryce/Capitol Reef Drive Sept. 23 and you want a Box Lunch from Ruby's Inn for Saturday after we tour Bryce Canyon, you need to order it at least 5 days in advance. I will have Box Lunch Forms at Sept. meeting and we will email them out to everyone who has signed up and participating in this weekend drive. Each couple can fill out one form and email it to Ruby's Inn. Email to:

[Roominglists@rubysinn.com](mailto:Roominglists@rubysinn.com), attention Krishna or Sue. You can also mail or fax this form. Will put that information in the email sent to those who have signed up. If you sign up after Aug. 12, you will have to let Val or me know as we do not have you on current list. You can pick up your lunch at the Canyon Diner inside Ruby's main building after the drive back from Bryce Canyon before we head out onto Hwy 12.

**Event Car Magnets:** I will be making up Bryce/Capitol Reef/Torrey Event Car Magnets for this trip. See included photo of the magnet. It will be our normal 5.5" Oval shape magnet. Cost for a set of two is \$12.00 or one for \$8.00. I know many of you collect these! They can also be used each year after this on this trip. **Please let me know if you want them by Sept. 14th** by email or text; [mike@mikebaileyprinting.com](mailto:mike@mikebaileyprinting.com) or 801-597-1456. Thank you.





## Hawaiian Miata Shirts By: Mike Bailey

I have ordered about 8 of the new *Utah Miata Club Hawaiian Style Miata Shirts* for those members who have selected their style option, size, and paid for their order. I should have those shirts in time for the Bryce-Capitol Reef drive. I also have samples of shirts with available sizes from Kids XL to adult 2XL so that you may try them on for checking the correct size that you want. The sizing does run pretty true to size. I will confirm with you at September meeting on size you have selected, to make sure it fits and is what you want. Shirts will be available to look at during other club meetings. Again Selections are: Option 1: Route 66 desert scene background. Option 2: Lake, Mountains with palm tree background. Option 3: Utah Motif Desert background. You can select whichever you prefer or multiple designs.



Cost is \$35.00 each. Option of a pocket on left front chest; add \$4.00. Shipping is \$5.00 for each shirt. Payment in advance as I have to pay for them when ordering. I do accept cash, checks or credit cards. Shirts will feature both our Official Utah Miata Club logo and also the UMC Mountains logo as well as some of our main Miatas in Utah Events logos. Please get on the list if you'd like one: email or text me with [mike@mikebaileypainting.com](mailto:mike@mikebaileypainting.com). 801-597-1456.

Thanks to those who have signed up on the list. You will like these shirts as they are of high quality and very comfortable.



## 2022 Calendar of Events

**September 3—5th:** Great Basin / Ely, Refer to page 8, Roger and Perly Heath

**September 8th:** Alpine Loop & Sundance ski lift, refer to page 2, Steve & Ronda Beckstead

**September 23—25th:** Bryce Canyon / Capitol Reef National Parks, Refer to page 10, Val Francis & Doyle Sturm

**October 1st:** Nebo Loop (Time and location TBD) - need volunteer drive leader

**October 6-9:** San Diego Club Surf 'N' Safari, <http://sandiegomiataclub.org/sns22/>

**November 5th:** (Drive, time, location TBD) - need volunteer drive leader

**December 3rd:** Holiday Party (Sandy Lone Peak Park Pavilion, Time TBD) Executive Board

**January 7th:** Hill Air Museum (Time and location TBD) - need volunteer drive leader

## 2023 Calendar of Events

**February 4th:** Farmington Wildlife Center, (Time and location TBD), Brian & Sue Christiansen

**March 4th:** This is the Place State Park (Time and location TBD) - need volunteer drive leader

**April 1st:** Kennecott mine tour (Time and location TBD), Mike & Lynn Bailey

**May 6th:** Preston / Bear Lake Loop (Time and location TBD), Roger & Perly Heath

**June 3rd:** (Drive, time location TBD) - need volunteer drive leader

**July 8th:** Picnic / Elections & Planning (Time and location TBD), Executive Board

**July 13—16th:** Willamette Valley Miata Club Explore Oregon, details on <http://www.oregonmx5.com/>

**July 21-23:** Panguitch / Cedar Breaks, (Time and location TBD), Roger & Perly Heath





Photos this month are some September birthdays, and from Flaming Gorge and Helper Arts Festival adventures.

