



## The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club

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### From the Top Down: Shylo Bazzaz 7/16/71—2/13/22 Rest In Peace

It is with a heavy heart that we are announcing the passing of our dear friend Shylo. As many of you know, she has been fighting a courageous battle with cancer for the past 1 ½ years.

She and Ali have been members of the UMC since July 2013 and both really enjoyed the club drives throughout our beautiful countryside and our holiday parties. We always enjoyed their company whenever they joined in our adventures. Shylo lived her life to the fullest and was beautiful inside and out. She always had a smile and a warm hug for everyone, and she and her wonderful husband Ali both felt like family from the moment you met them. We will dearly miss her loving heart and sweet spirit.

**A Celebration of Life to honor Shylo will be held on Saturday March 12, 2022, from 12-3:00pm at the Real Salt Lake Stadium in Sandy.** As season ticket holders, loyal fans and members of the Riot Brigade for many years, this will be a wonderful tribute to Shylo from her friends at Real who love her like family. Below is the link from the obituary with more detailed information about the *Celebration of Life* at: <https://memorialutah.com/obituaries/shylo-bazzaz>



Several club members are driving their Miata's and will be meeting at the stadium's west parking lot at noon to attend the Celebration of Life. All are welcome to join us there.

Our members of the Utah Miata Club would like to extend our heartfelt condolences and support to Ali and his family...may your precious memories of Shylo always keep her close.



### March Lunch Meeting & Drive

**Date & Time:** Saturday, March 5th, 11:30 AM

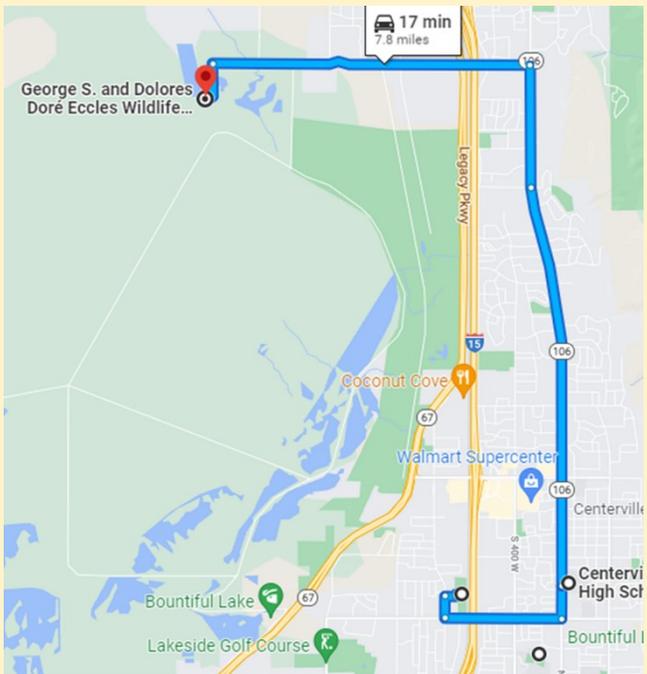
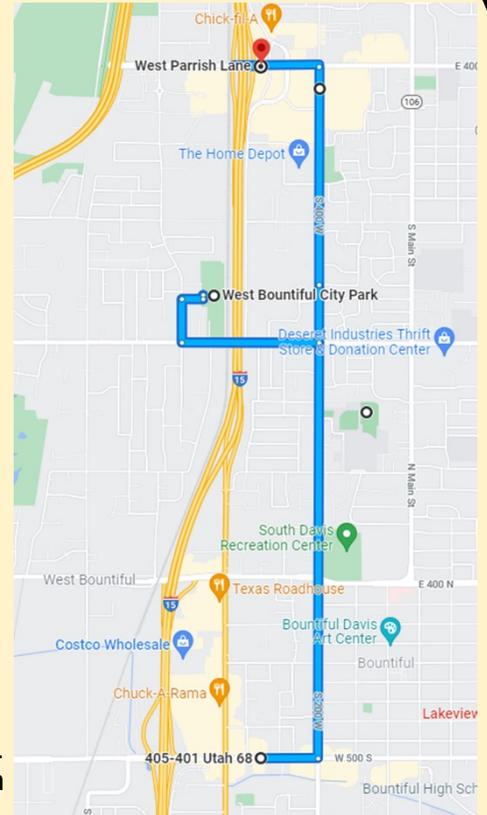
**Location:** West Bountiful City Park

**Address:** 550 South 1600 West (Pages Lane) West Bountiful, Utah 84087

Access the park by driving south from Centerville on 400 West or driving north from Bountiful on 200 West (which is the same road) then go west under the freeway on 1600 North (Pages Lane).

**Information:** The park bowery cannot be reserved until March 7<sup>th</sup> so use is on a first come, first serve basis. Please bring your lunch, camp chairs or a blanket in case the bowery is in use.

**Bring your own lunch:** There are many fast food places along Bountiful 5th South. If you are coming from Salt Lake, exit on 5th south and head east including Café Rio, McDonalds, Subway and Taco Bell. Farther east there is a Wendy's and Del Taco, Carls Jr.. There are many of the same fast food places on the Centerville exit plus Chick-Fil-A, In & Out Burger, and others. There are no fast food places on 400 North in Bountiful. Please bring your masks as we will continue to social distance. The rest rooms at the park may be closed if the weather is too cold, as an alternate there is a Chevron gas station on Pages Lane and Main Street.



**Drive Information:** Weather permitting we will line up in the parking lot and take a left turn onto Pages Lane (1600 N) heading east to Main Street (2nd light). Turn left onto Main Street heading north. We continue on Main Street to Glovers Lane (925 South, Farmington). We will turn left heading west to the George S. and Dolores Eccles Wildlife Education Center. The Center has been recently remodeled and there is also a scenic 1.6-mile nature trail loop. Meander the wheelchair- and stroller-friendly trail to experience the unique sights and sounds of the Farmington Bay wetlands. There are rest rooms at the Center.



## 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. You can also pay your dues online with PayPal on our website; [www.utahmiataclub.org](http://www.utahmiataclub.org). This method is \$35 / \$25 (plus PayPal fees).** 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](mailto:sec.treasumc@icloud.com).

## Birthdays / Memberships

### New Members

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
TOM & CAROLINE BRACKEN	2005	RAZOR BLUE
ZAKE SNOUNOU	2022	PLATINUM BRONZE

### Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
RACHEL CARTER	11/30/2021
GERALD & REBECCA JEPPSON	11/30/2021



NAME	BIRTHDAY
TONYA ASHMENT	1 Mar
PATTY CHASE	3 Mar
ROGER NEWTON	3 Mar
DAVE PORTER	3 Mar
TYLER CALL	4 Mar
CAROLINE BRACKEN	15 Mar
ROBERT KLINSHAW	22 Mar

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

NAME	EXPIRED
MITCHELL & HANNAH CRANE	2/28/2022
JERRY & LINDA GROSS	12/31/2021
GAGE & ALYSSA LAMBERT	1/31/2022
CALEB MASON	12/31/2021
SCOTTY MEDINE	1/31/2022
TYLER & TIFFANY SHAW	12/31/2021

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

NAME	EXPIRING
BILL & JANET ANDERSON	3/31/2022
JIM & MARILYN BICKLEY	3/31/2022
SHAUNA EDSON	3/31/2022
PAUL HOUSE	3/31/2022
DOUG KLUENDER	3/31/2022
ROBERT & SHARON MECHLING	3/31/2022
BOB & KIM RICHARDS	3/31/2022

## Club Officers

President: Roger Heath

Vice President: Valerie Francis

Secretary: Jim Newson

Treasurer: Margie Newson

Directors: Hank Pond, Steve Beckstead, Robert Mechling

# February Lunch Meeting and Drive Report By: Valerie Francis

A big thanks to Gordy and Jackie Nicholl for letting us gather in their large heated garage for the February lunch and meeting. Thanks too for providing hot chocolate to sip on as we ate our “bring your own” lunch, and caught up after not having a meeting in January. Lots of varied topics were discussed including a few that you will find follow-up articles about in this newsletter including: making sure you have proper equipment if you get a flat, a different option for those going to the Grand Canyon South Rim, and the Mazda drive cycle for emissions testing, along with other topics.

After the meeting, about 15 Miatas headed out on a short jaunt down Wasatch Blvd, up over Traverse Ridge Road and Suncrest Drive down into Highland. A few split off at Timpanogos Highway to head home and the rest stopped in the Smiths parking lot to say goodbye. The weather cooperated by being sunny and just warm enough that a few Miatas went top down.

Thanks to Bob and Kim Richards for leading this drive route that was decided on last minute. It was really nice to get out and do a little Zoom Zooming after a long winter with no group drives.



# Member Spotlight

By: Carol Lynn Vredeveld

*Our spotlight couple for March is Robert and Victoria Hanshew.*

*The Hanshew's have been members for the last two years. They had joined the UMC once before, when they bought their '91, but were unaware of all the activities offered through the club. It has changed a bit since then and our communication is so much better with the internet and a dedicated group of fun-loving people that like to travel together and keep us all informed. They are both really enjoying the events and drives that we currently do. Enjoy reading Robert's story below about the great life that he and Vicki have shared together:*



I bought our first Miata back in 1997. I remember I was out shopping and was on my way home. I just happened to drive by a car lot and saw something that caught my eye. I didn't stop then but when I got home, I told Vicki about it and went down to take a closer look. We found out it was 1991 Mazda Miata Soft Top. We took it for a drive and fell in love immediately. It was fun little car, especially being a convertible.... just love convertibles! This would take the place of the last convertible we had awhile back, a 1965 GTO. It was so fun to drive in the open air and I knew this would be great also.



I was a previous member of the Utah Miata Club when I had my first Miata. I had been shopping and when I came out to my car, someone had left a card on the windshield. I joined the club but really didn't participate in outings at that time. There wasn't much communication back then, and I wasn't aware of what the functions of the club were.



Our current Miata is a 2008, Grand Touring Hard Top, Stormy Blue Mica. We have currently been members for approximately 2 years and enjoy all the meetings and the many drive opportunities that are organized.



I am not originally from Utah. I was born in Anderson Indiana and Vicki was born in Frankfurt, Germany. Both of us are from military families so we have grown up and lived in many different locations. We moved to Utah in December 1971 in the middle of a snowstorm from Indiana and have lived here since.

I have been retired from my career at JBP Concrete for almost 3 years. Vicki is still currently working for UDOT. She calls them her 2nd family as she's been there for 46+ years.



Vicky and I first met in Aberdeen, Maryland at the USO Club while I was DJing off post in 1970. We've been together since 1970 and married in September of 1971, and recently celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We have 2 daughters (Trina & Felicia), 1 grandson (Gage) 1 great grandson (Kingston) and 2 sons-in-law (John & Robert) and finally our current pet pom (Lucy). Oh yeah, 1 goldfish that has been around forever.



At the age of 55 I decided I wanted to try scuba diving. I became certified through the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver program and have been to quite a few countries on dive trips. We both love cruising. Once we started it seems as though we can't get enough. It's wonderful to travel and we have been fortunate to see some very interesting parts of the world. When not cruising, boating and fishing take its place. Of course, scuba diving whenever that's possible.



*Thanks for sharing some of your experiences with us Robert and Victoria. Besides your love for convertibles, it's fun to know that you enjoy cruising! In the past, we have had some fantastic trips organized during the Utah Winter months to where the sun is shining somewhere near the Ocean. We have several members that just might be interested in scuba diving as well! Oh, and congrats on celebrating 50 years together...we wish you many more to come!*



## Miata Tales By: Ken Jaworski

The following **“Miata drive cycle”** was sent to me by Valerie and Doyle.

*“Pre-requisites: MIL off and no DTCs present (this is where clearing your codes comes in); fuel level between 15 and 85%; all accessories OFF; cold start (preferred 8 hour cold soak w/ engine between 68 and 86 deg F at start-up)*

- 1) Start vehicle and idle 5 min.
- 2) Rev engine in neutral or park to 2300-2700 rpm for 15 seconds
- 3) Rev engine in neutral or park to 3800-4200 rpm for 15 seconds
- 4) Idle engine for 20 seconds with cooling fan stopped.
- 5) Accelerate to 52-55 mph, maintain speed (in high gear) for 1 1/2 minutes. You'll need to find a flat highway to do this, and use cruise control.
- 6) Decelerate to 15 mph, and then drive for 13 minutes at speeds ranging from 15 to 35 mph
- 7) maintain steady 25 mph for 50 seconds.

*Each step of the drive cycle indicates a test for a different monitor on the vehicle (catalyst, o2 sensor, evap, etc) so each step is important. Some vehicles are a pain and may require a few drive cycles.”*

Valerie VP acting as the Master of Ceremonies at the February monthly club meeting in Gordy and Jackie’s dance hall/garage brought up this procedure to help anyone that might be in the situation where your Miata won’t pass the emissions test. They had just purchased Mike Bailey’s Mazdaspeed Miata whose ECU had gone into sleep mode: (i.e. it flushed all its essential operating data). Now being good citizens they attempted to register their new Miata and were required to pass an emission’s test. Guess What?? It **“FAILED”**!!



One of our members stood up (I apologize for no name), and said you should have contacted me and I would have reset your codes. BUT in the meantime..... Doyle had taken this to Bountiful Mazda and they surely would have recommended that. Instead the mechanic suggested driving the Miata for 100 miles. Hummm something going on here so, I started researching (G00gling)! Yah I know I typo’ed it wrong, but we all know the internet is factual and absolutely correct all the time.



As it turns out, I found many many answers to this situation. The best was just disconnect the battery for 30 seconds and pump the brakes and ALL will be well. YAH SURE!! What I found was that those data points for emissions required more than that. They require the **“MIATA DRIVE CYCLE”**!!! You obviously noticed my transposed Miata. Hey, this is the UTAH MIATA CLUB, isn’t it!

For those of us that store our Miata’s over the winter without the battery connected, this procedure might just be the cat’s meow for passing your emission’s test.

So Valerie and Doyle spend a nice afternoon on Antelope Island (no traffic, no stop signs or lights) going through the above drive cycle. Valerie reported that it took the full length of the causeway to run through items 5, 6 & 7 and almost all the way to the end of the road towards Garr Ranch to run through steps 5—7 again. And it worked, all codes reset and emissions passed!

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



## Impromptu Antelope Island Drive By: Valerie Francis

It appears that Doyle and Val's adventure to Antelope Island for resetting the computer piqued the interest of a couple of members. Roger posted an impromptu drive to the island for Saturday, February 19th, and four Miatas made the trip. The weather was especially nice for February, and they could drive the speed limit instead of running through the "Drive Cycle" (LOL).



## Update: New Option for Grand Canyon Tour June 24th – 29th, 2022

For several months, we have been posting about the fun trip to the Grand Canyon. This adventure has been split into two options. You can go to the north rim only, or both north and south rim.

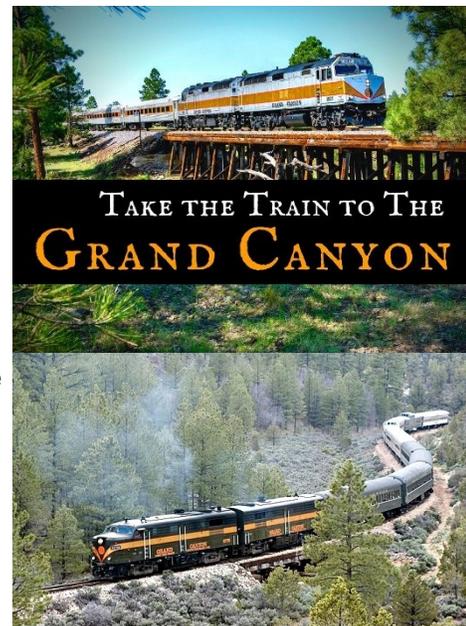
Now there is a third option presented by Robert Mechling at our February meeting. Here are the details from Robert for anyone interested in changing or adding this option:

For the 2nd half of our Grand Canyon road trip, there are four couples (Nicholl, Klinshaw, Porter, and Mechling) who will be going to Williams, Az. for two nights (Jun 26th & 27th) and the train ride to and from the Grand Canyon.

The name of the package we have signed up for is the "Two Night Railway Getaway Package". This package gets us two nights, two dinners, two breakfasts, and a coach train ride to and from the Grand Canyon. Other packages are also available. **The website is [www.thetrain.com](http://www.thetrain.com). We booked our reservations on the phone at 1-800-843-8724 (1-800-THE-TRAIN).** Please ask any of us if you have any questions.

Here is the original information we have been posting in case this new option has persuaded anyone else to join this trip:

Plan is to leave Friday, June 24th and spend 2 nights in Kanab. Recommended hotels are the Best Western Red Hills or Comfort Suites. However you're free to stay wherever you want. The first part of the trip will be to the North Rim, spending part of the day in the park and for those that want head east along the Vermilion Cliffs to the Navajo Bridge spanning Marble Canyon. If time allows we can stop by Lees Ferry before heading back to Kanab.



For those that want to spend a couple of extra nights we'll head to the South Rim on Sunday, June 26th, spending 2 nights inside the park. If you intend to do this part lodging is filling up quickly so I suggest you reserve your rooms as soon as possible.

**Please see the Events tab in the Utah Miata Club Facebook group for more details on hotels and routes. Info also on our club website, or ask me, Roger Heath:**

This will be a two part trip split into three days each. You can do only one part or combine them into a single longer tour. Part 1 visits the north rim of the Grand Canyon while part 2 spends time on the south rim.

**Part 1 (June 24th – 26th)** Stay 2 nights at Best Western Red Hills or Comfort Suites Kanab National Park Area. Drive home on the 26th or continue to Part 2.

**Part 2 (June 26th – 29th)** Stay two nights, June 26th and 27th, in Grand Canyon Village. Drive home on the 28th or spend another night somewhere in between.



# Junk in Your Trunk, Hopefully a Spare

By: Valerie Francis

I sure do appreciate how the Miata club members look out for each other and offer helpful tips and ideas. At the February meeting, Susan Vaughn told us about a recent incident she and Mark had with their OTM (other than Miata) vehicle. On just leaving to go somewhere, they noticed their car had a flat tire. However, upon inspection of the spare, they found out that it was not the correct spare tire for their car. They had to call service to come and help. In the end, all turned out okay and they got the tire fixed, but not without lots of extra hassles.

Susan made a great point that we should all proactively check our Miatas, and other vehicles, to make sure we are prepared in case of a flat. There were then additional ideas brought up by other members. For example, Gordy showed us his very small portable air compressor he keeps in his trunk. See the photos of the "Airmoto" compressor.



Doyle and I checked my 2012 Miata and confirmed the kit we thought was there was still there. The kit contains a mini-compressor, tire sealant, etc. We also carry an additional tire repair kit. Both pictured here.



Susan gave us some excellent advise, so I suggest everyone check the junk in your trunk.



# Anniversary Pins, Membership Decal

By: Mike Bailey

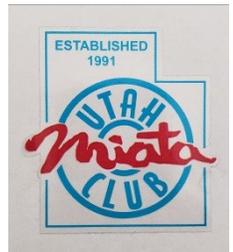
**Anniversary Pins:** We will be distributing our new Utah Miata Club Anniversary Pins during March and April. I hope to have them all ready by this month's luncheon. If not, they will be ready in April. These pins have been mentioned previously in the club's newsletters. Due to me having my issues with Covid and being very ill last year, it has taken me this long to get it all figured out on who is eligible to receive their anniversary pins and then get them bagged for distribution.

For new members and those who don't know, the club has made up the Anniversary Pins for those people who have been continuous members of the club for 3, 5, 10, and 15 years. We discontinued the 20 and 25 year pin about two years ago and decided to make a "Lifetime" Pin instead.



All pins feature the Official Utah Miata Club logo on them etched in red and black ink. The Lifetime pin is on Gold Metal and indicates you are a Lifetime Member. This pin is awarded to all members who have been a member for 20 years or more. In addition one of the new club benefits is that the Lifetime members have their annual membership dues paid for by the club. This is a way for the club to honor and thank those faithful members of the club! These are our current Lifetime members: Mike & Lynn Bailey, Jim & Dorothy Bowers, Joye Carlson, Paul & Annie Kloer, Lenn & Shauna Millgate (this year), Jeff & Deb Moon, Annette Nielsen, David & Ana Porter, Ron Steckler & Steve Tobjasson, and Spence Wood.

**Membership Decal:** For those who need a membership decal for their Miata please let Mike Bailey know at one of the club luncheons or meetings. A new member can receive a decal for each Miata they own. The decals are in the shape of the state of Utah and have the Official Utah Miata Club logo on them. The Club was established in 1991. Normally you can put the decal on your windshield or on the side wing window and it is placed on the inside of the window and it is reverse printing. The adhesive is permanent and once it touches your windshield it is stuck on there so please be sure to get it exactly where you want it before sticking it to your window.



Please know that the club really appreciates your annual membership. Also a reminder, the newsletter mentions those members who's memberships are about to expire or have expired on the 'Birthdays / Memberships' page, usually page 3 of the newsletter. This is a courtesy to you, so please renew your membership on time. Thanks to all our club members! Zoom - Zoom



## Reminder: Willamette Valley Miata Club Explore Oregon

By: Valerie Francis

As of this month, there are five cars from the Utah Miata Club registered to go to this event. **If you want to join us, you will need to register as soon as possible. There is a maximum of 110 people that can attend and according to the Willamette Valley Miata Club website 100 people have already registered. There is possibly only 10 spots still available.**

The current plan is to leave on Wednesday, July 6th, heading north through Boise and across Oregon to Hines, OR where we will spend the night. July 7th, we drive into Grants Pass where the event is being held. The event runs through Saturday night so we head back out on Sunday, July 10, staying that night in Ontario, OR. Then home on Monday, July 11th. Total trip is 6 days.

If interested, and we hope others are, the event information including hotels in Grants Pass can be found at [www.oregonmx5.com](http://www.oregonmx5.com), or the link on the UMC website. Hotel prices for the two event hotels in Grants Pass run about \$250 per night. You have to call to reserve rooms as the hotels have them blocked out on-line.



**July 6th:** Hines OR, Best Western Rory & Ryan Inn (541-573-5050)

**July 10th:** Ontario OR, Best Western Inns & Suites (541-889-2600)

Tom Matano (one of the principle designers of the Miata) is supposed to be at this event to help the Willamette Valley Miata Club celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Please let Roger Heath or Valerie Francis know if you have questions or plan to go. Again, decide soon since the event has a maximum of 110 people. We hope more UMC members can join us.



## 2022 Calendar of Events



**March 5th:** Monthly lunch and meeting, refer to page 2 (West Bountiful Park) Sue and Brian Christiansen

**April 2nd:** Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD) Mark and Susan Vaughn

**April 18—22nd:** *Cancelled for this year*, Canyon de Chelly / New Mexico Adventure, Mark and Susan Vaughn

**May 7th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD) Jan and Ken Jaworski

**May 30th:** Memorial Day drive to Golden Spike National Historical Park & Tremonton Murals, Roger Heath

**June 4th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (Bear Lake), Steve and Ronda Beckstead

**June 12—18:** FYI only, Leroy Engineering Event, <https://leroyengineering.com/blogs/news/2022-miata-cruise>

**June 24– 26:** Kanab / North Rim of the Grand Canyon / Optional South Rim, refer to Page 7, Roger Heath

**July 7-10th:** Explore Oregon Adventure, refer to page 9 and link on UMC webpage, Roger and Perly Heath

**July 16th:** Summer picnic, Elections & Planning Meeting

**July 30 –31st:** Flaming Gorge / Vernal Overnighter, Ken and Jan Jaworski

**August 20-21st:** Helper Arts Festival & Nine Mile Canyon, Roger and Perly Heath

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



Photos taken in 2018, 2019 and 2020 events; namely Lakeside Storage Drive, Crazy Hat Luncheon & Drive in March 2019, Powder Mountain Drive July 2019, and Canada II Trip in 2018.

