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November 2026

The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



From the Top Down

By Mike Bailey





This is my first attempt at a new layout for the UMC monthly newsletter. We have had to change the newsletter look because the program I was using is not available anymore. I'm not a graphic designer or typesetter so this is new to me. I'd like to make a plea to any club member who may have experience with any graphic design programs to help me who has experience in writing or publishing a newsletter. If so, please contact me.

The club would like to wish everyone a *"Happy Thanksgiving" as* this is the month to show thanks in our lives to family and friends. I know that I am personally thankful for having and being able to drive my Miata. I have been a member of the Utah Miata Club for going on 30 years now! I have made many friends, some whom I consider family, with this club. Our club has been around since the first year that the Miata was produced. Early club members also got together at least once a month to participate in drives, lunches, and outings in their Miatas.. During the early 1990's many Miata clubs were organized and they even had a National Miata Club organization which featured a monthly magazine concerning Miata events

I know most everyone in our club enjoys getting out and driving around the valley and in the mountains. Owning a Miata has become a way of life for lots of people, and more than just a *"fun toy"* to have and drive around in. I want to thank the members for coming out to our monthly luncheons and drives and activities. Your friendship is very valuable. Thanks to members who donate their time and energy to making the Utah Miata Club successful.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! Mike

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November Luncheon & Drive by Mike Bailey

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2026. Time: 10:30 AM. Lunch at the Star Café: 1540 State Street, Clearfield, Utah 84015 We will have brunch and our monthly club business meeting here. If restaurant parking lot is full you can park on the street on 1525 South or find other parking nearby.

Drive & Activity: Antelope Island State Park's New Visitor's Center. After brunch we will head west on Antelope Drive to the all-new Antelope Island Visitor's Center. The state park day-use pass is $15. per car. Senior's 62+ fee is $10.00 per car. The fee is collected at the toll-booth and includes the Causeway toll. Holders of an Annual Utah State Parks Pass will still need to pay a $2.00 road toll. Once inside the park there are no additional fees for the Visitor Center, parking, or watching films. We will see a new movie on a Big Screen and it will be like a mini-IMAX, so I'm told. After the Visitor's Center, we will take further advantage of being on the island to drive out to the Fielding-Garr Ranch where they have many exhibits and a museum. This will be a fun day and activity.

































December Christmas Holiday Party by Mike Bailey



Date: Decenber 12, 2026 Time: 600 PM The Utah Miata Club's annual Christmas Holiday party and dinner will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Edison Events Center (formally The Organ Loft) same place as last year. Address: 3331 S. Edison Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84115. Dinner will be Prime Rib with 2nd entre' Chicken Cordon Bleu to include multiple salads and dessert options and a Social Hour Bar. Cost is $40.00 per person ($80.00 / couple). A sign-up sheet is available until November 30th. You must get on the sign-up sheet. You can also reserve by email to: utahmiataclub@yahoo.com by this date.
Payment can be made by cash, check,or Venmo: username@UMCTreas.
If mail see top of Pg. 5 in this NL for address for Mike and Kelly.



We will also have our fabulous **"White Elephant" gift exchange** and a description for rules that go with this mentioned at the party. Please bring a nice wrapped gift or edible gift (no junk or any discarded item). This is one of the best parties and events of the year!







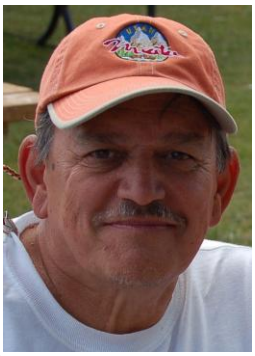








October Drive & Photos by Mike Bailey



We met with the Ogden Miata Club on Saturday, October 10th at the Morgan Rest Stop off I-84. We had many new Miata people show up that we hadn't met before. We headed out with 30 Miatas, the most cars that I've seen together on a drive in Utah in my 30 years with the club! We picked up an additional two Miatas along the way. We stopped in Huntsville next to the cemetery to take a look at the drained Pine-view Reservoir. I'll have to admit that it was a strange site to see with no water in the reservoir as I've spent many years boating and camping on that reservoir. We took many photos of our group and the Miatas before heading out on the road again to Monte Cristo and on to Woodland where we headed to Evanston, Wyoming and to the El Paso Mexican Restaurant for our monthly meeting and luncheon. Then we headed home via several different ways depending how everyone wanted to go home.
Several of us went down the Mirror Lake Highway top down and got caught in the rain about half way home right by Mirror Lake. We stopped to put our tops up and headed home. We did see a small forest fire by Oakley which took us by surprise as we drove by.

Thanks to everyone who showed up and came out.



























Attention: New & Renewal Membership Dues Reminder:

The Utah Miata Club is a group of friends who promote our common interest in the Mazda MX-5 Miata by joining in safe, recreational, and social activities. Your dues permit you to participate in club activities, and to receive the Newsletter by email and participate on the club's Faceook Page. Please note that 'Expiring Soon' column shows your date "Paid Thru." **A single membership is $30.00 for the year, and a dual membership is $40.00.** If your name is among the personalized reminders below, at our next activity please pay your dues by check—payable to the Utah Miata Club—to Mike or Kelly Thompson. If you prefer you may mail a check to 2468 E. 1950 N. Layton, UT 84040. Or you can make payment by: cash, check, money order or Venmo: username@UMCTreas. For questions call Mike at 530-521-6675 or by email at utahmiataclub@yahoo.com. **Please Renew your Membership on the Month it is Due!**

Membership Information for November 2026 Newsletter

New Members - After the October 2026 Newsletter

NAME(S)	JOINED	MODEL YEAR	COLOR
Everett Beazer & Boston Reed	10 Oct 2026	1992	Sunburst Yellow
Shelby Beazer & Crystal Clark	10 Oct 2026	1995	Brilliant Black
Benjamin & Kelly Clegg	06 Oct 2026	2023	Platinum Quartz Metallic
Ian Cox & Megan Wheeler	10 Oct 2026	2020 | 1990	Arctic White | Classic Red
Joska McGovern	13 Oct 2026	2026	Snowflake White Pearl Mica

Joska came to us via Bountiful Mazda. Ian and Megan found us on the internet. The others joined us because of the October drive with the Ogden Miata Club.

Membership Expires Soon | Renew Now Definition: NL Month (Nov 26) and NL Mo +1 (Dec 26)		Membership Lapsed | Renew Now Definition: NL Month -1 (Oct 26) & NL Mo -2 (Sep 26)	
NAME	PAID THROUGH	NAME	PAID THROUGH
Scott Hadley	30 Nov 2026	Mark & Charisse Ferguson	30 Sep 2026
Cristy & Ainsley Headey	30 Nov 2026	Andrea Lopez	30 Sep 2026
James & Hillary Vredeveld	30 Nov 2026	Mark Midgley	30 Sep 2026
Mark Remington	31 Dec 2026	Scott & Lisa Cederlof	31 Oct 2026
Spence Wood	31 Dec 2026	Joseph Fowler & Sabrina Hansen	31 Oct 2026

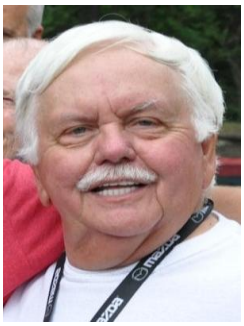
Remove From Roster Definition: Membership lapsed NL Mo -3 (Aug 2026)	
NAME	PAID THROUGH
Brian & Susan Christensen	31 Aug 2026
Rick & DaNette Davis	31 Aug 2026
Bud Goff & DeNise Williams	31 Aug 2026
Jarom Pegram & Sariah Paskett	31 Aug 2026
Spencer Owen	31 Aug 2026
Greg & Lannette Wilson	31 Aug 2026

Current Month (Nov) Birthdays			
NAME	BIRTHDAY	NAME	BIRTHDAY
Steve Beckstead	02 Nov	Mitchell Simpson	18 Nov
Lance Topham	09 Nov	Bob Richards	20 Nov
Larry Knight	10 Nov	Jim Newson	25 Nov
Doyle Sturm	15 Nov	Joye Carlson	30 Nov
George Chase	17 Nov		

Photos of November Birthday Members



JAN JAWORSKI



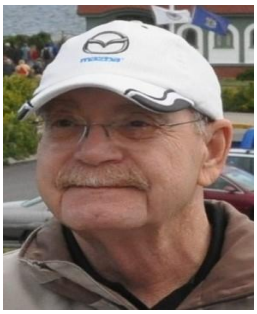
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LARRY KNIGHT



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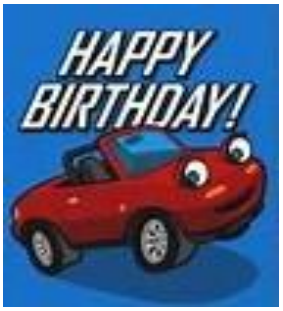
DOYLE STURM



GEORGE CHASE



BOB RICHARDS





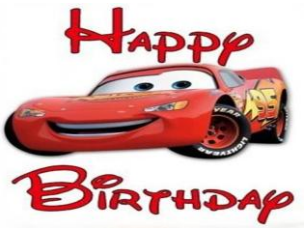
JIM NEWSON



JOYE CARLSON







Photos not available for: Lance Topham, Mitchell Simpson Birthday Members Below:
Note: Monthly Birthday Gifts given out at the UMC Luncheons. Monthly Door Prize Give-Aways!





















Calendar of Events: 2026 - 2027



November 14: Lunch; Star Café Drive; Antelope Island Visitor's Center. See Pg. 2 NL. Robert & Sharon Mechling.

December 12: Holiday Christmas Party; 6:00 PM; Edison Events Center. See Pg. 3 NL. UMC Board of Directors.

January 9: Movie: Title TBD; Lunch & Food TBD: Mike & Lynn Bailey.

February 14: Play: 2 Options: Hale Center Theater, Desert Star Theater

See Page 9 NL. Robert Olsen, Mike Bailey.

March 13: Polar Bear Drive: Luncheon: Pat's BBQ; Utah Museum of Natural History or ? TBD: Hank & Rexanne Pond.

April 10: Luncheon: 11:30 Place TBD; Drive: Johnson's Pass Tooele County; Ty Kiisel.

May 8: Luncheon & Drive: Need Member to Plan and / or Lead.

May ?: Cycle Karts: Date and Time TBD; Ken Jaworski.

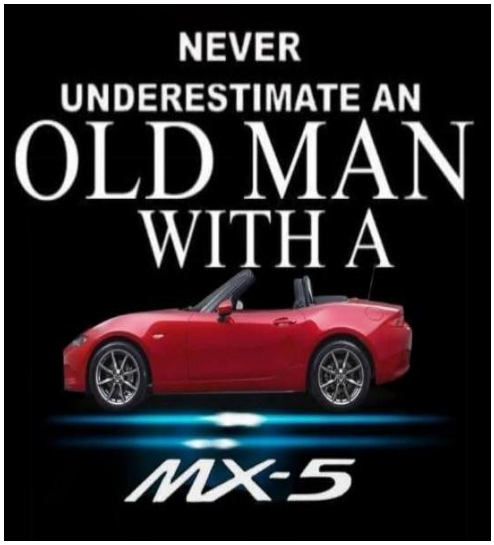
June 12: Bear Lake Drive: Luncheon / Raspberry Shakes: TBD; Need Member to Plan / or Lead.

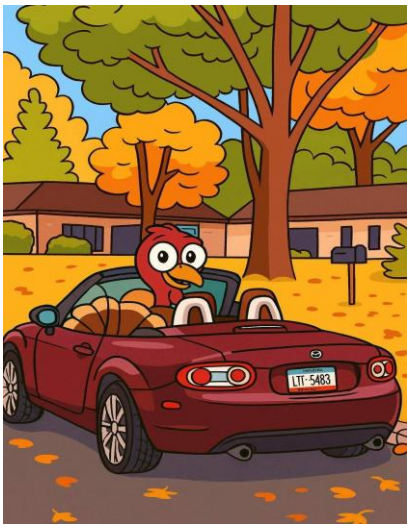
July 17: Annual Summer Picnic Morgan City Park; Elections & Planning Meeting. Board of Directors.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO PLAN OR LEAD A DRIVE OR ACTIVITY









Candid Camera photos of the Utah Miata Club Members. Send me your favorite photos of any members for this page. Thank you for letting us take you photo! Try and guess when and where these photos were taken if not mentioned!















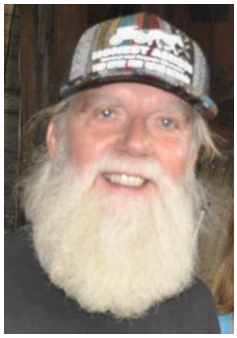






Winter Months Activities for the Utah Miata Club

by Robert Olsen & Mike Bailey





Our Winter Season is right around the corner. Not sure right now if we will have a mild or blistery Winter here in Utah. The Ski resorts are getting some snow so skiing and snow-boarding will be starting soon. We usually do a movie in the month of January of which I will be in charge of putting together. The theaters have not yet published what they will be showing so will have to let you know in next month's newsletter. **The date for the Movie will be Saturday, January 10, 2027**. I will also post this on our club's Facebook page.

February Play Options for this Month: Date: Saturday, February 14, 2027 Option 1: Hale Centre Theatre: Play: Arsenic & Old Lace Location is in Sandy, Utah. You can use this for your Valentine's Day sweetheart if you wish! Contact Robert Olsen for details. Tickets are $81.00 per person. Purchase at Hale Center Theater Box Office.







Option 2: Desert Star Theater: Location is 4861 South State Street, Murray, Utah 84107. Tickets will be Available on November 12, 2026. Call: 801-266-2600. Cost: $40.00 - $45.00 per person. **Play will be "Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Spoof."** Please get your tickets soon as they sell out quickly!









Utah Miata Club Swag / Apparel

Utah Miata Club Logo Apparel & Merchandise

by Mike Bailey

















Miata Swag and any other Apparel and clothing items you'd like can be specially ordered through me with Utah Miata Club logos or graphics on them. Windbreaker Jackets and Official Club Jackets can be ordered with your Name on them. Specify Size and Color of item! Ball Caps or any other hats like wide-brim Sun Hats. **Items include: T-Shirts, Sweat-Shirts: Pull-Over, Crew Neck, Full Zip Hoodies (or without hoods). Polo Shirts. Windbreaker Jackets** are $35-$40.00 depending on jacket with club logo, Miata image, and name on them. Long Live the Roadster Logo can be put on them as well. See Mike Bailey at a luncheon or meeting or email me with description of what you would like to my business email: mike@mikebaileyprinting.com. **Phone: 801-597-1456**













