

ROOFTOPS TO RIDGES



FEBRUARY 2017

"THE CONVERTIBLE CHRONICLES OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB"



Elected Officers for 2017

From the Top Down

Presidents Message

Submitted by: Lou Vredevel

Here we go Zooming into 2017, our 26th year as a Miata Club!

The Election and Planning Meeting was a great success, even after the major snow storm that passed through the valley earlier that day. We had over 30 club members in attendance at the meeting. The Club furnished pizza and Bountiful Mazda, one of our super sponsors, allowed us to use their conference room again this year. Our outgoing president, Mike Bailey, knowing he also owns Harleys, was awarded a gift card to the Harley store from the club in appreciation for his hard work. Like Steve Beckstead said, "What do you give someone that has every Miata related thing possible?"

Mike handed out several club longevity pins including one to Ann and Paul Kloer commemorating 25 years in the club. It is always nice to see them at our meetings and we are glad they were able to attend. Our treasurer, Margie Newson, gave us an overview of our club finances and Jim Newson, our secretary, was able to give us the membership count of 152 members. They both do a tremendous job for the club and deserve a great deal of thanks.

I, for one, would like to thank the 2016 elected and appointed staff for all the hard work that was put in to make this club a fun and enjoyable experience. A special thanks to Mike Bailey the "Glue" that holds this club together. I would also like to send my best wishes to Gordy Nicholl and hope for a complete and speedy recovery. We need his help to keep this club going strong.



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From the Top Down, Continued

The new staff as voted in:

President: Lou Vredevel, Vice President: Steve Beckstead,
 Director: Mike Bailey, Director: Doyle Sturm, Director: Spence Wood,
 Secretary: Jim Newson, Treasurer: Margie Newson

Appointed Positions:

Spotlight Reporter: Carol Lynn Vredevel, Birthday
 Coordinator: Susan Vaughn, Webmaster/ Historian: Doyle Sturm,
 Scribe: Sharon Mechling, Facebook Administrator: Lori Steed,
 Email Coordinator: Steve Beckstead, Media Coordinator: Mike Bailey,
 Parliamentarian Director: Gordy Nicholl



Last year was a busy year for the club with all the events that were offered: from the Disneyland trip to our very successful Miata's in Deer Valley, the Pikes Peak and Back Adventure as well as the Colorado Run. We enjoyed the many concerts, plays and festivals, the overnight stay in Lava Hot Springs, the Summer Picnic, along with the Halloween and Christmas Party. This does not even include the monthly luncheon and drives. As you can see we had quite the year.

This coming year will bring many more opportunities, outings and just plain fun things to do. Just a few of the major upcoming events in 2017 will be: the Grand European River Cruise in July and the Miata's at the Total Solar Eclipse in August. Monthly luncheons and drives, summer picnics and holiday parties, and spur of the moment events will be included.

Many drive and outing ideas were suggested by club members at the meeting and it looks like this should be a busy year. If you don't participate, you are definitely missing out on some very exciting and memorable events.

Thanks to all for the vote of confidence and I hope with all the fantastic club members help, we will make this a year to enjoy driving our Miata's and have a lot of fun doing it!

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON & CLUB MEETING:

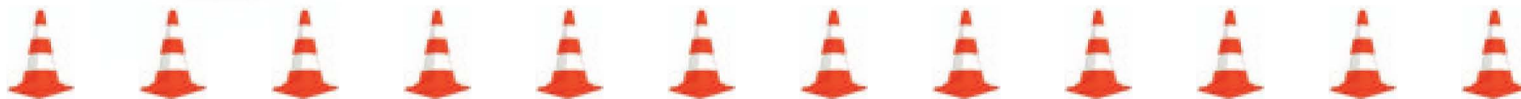
When: Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Red Robin Gourmet Burgers

Address: 316 East Winchester Street (6400 So.) • Murray, Utah Phone: 801-266-9410



We will meet at our regular time of 11:30 a.m. at the Red Robin Restaurant in Murray just southeast from Fashion Place Mall on 6400 South. We will have the private room reserved for our group to the left as you enter front entrance. Order off the menu. We will also have our Monthly Meeting at this time. Come prepared to welcome our new Club President, Lou Vredevel. We will have our monthly prize giveaway drawings and also honor those members who have birthdays this month, which will be presented by our club Birthday Coordinator, Susan Vaughn. We will discuss some of our upcoming events such as setting a new date for the Midway Ice Castle drive which was postponed last month due to several days of warm weather and melting ice. We will also mention information about a play we have arranged to go to on February 17th called "See How They Run" at the Mount Jordan Middle School Theater in Sandy. We will also talk about some upcoming 2017 events that are planned. We don't think the weather will be warm enough for a club drive this month but if it is a nice day we may go somewhere. We hope to see you all there. Zoom -- Zoom Mike



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President:
Lou Vredevel

Vice President:
Steve Beckstead

Secretary:
Jim Newson

Treasurer:
Margie Newson

Directors:
Mike Bailey, Spence Wood, Doyle Sturm

Newsletter Editor:
Crystal Miller

Webmaster:
Doyle Sturm





NAME	DATE
KAY BARRELL	4 Feb
JUDITH HATCH	4 Feb
GARY WILCOX	5 Feb
JOSEPH EAMES	9 Feb
JOANN JACOBSEN-WELLS	13 Feb
LINDA GERLACH	17 Feb
ANN KLOER	23 Feb
LYNN BAILEY	25 Feb
AINSLEY HEADEY	26 Feb
MICHAEL RIDING	26 Feb
MARK VAUGHN	28 Feb

EXPIRING SOON

NAME	DATE
TODD & AMY CHRISTOPHER	2/28/2017
RICK & DANETTE DAVIS	2/28/2017
CHRIS & MICHELLE MAYFIELD	2/28/2017
STEVE & KATHY NIELSEN	2/28/2017
DAVE & CAROLYN SHARETTE	2/28/2017
AARON & JALAE THOMPSON	2/28/2017

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED

NAME	EXPIRED
CHIP & JANICE BERLIK	10/31/2016
KEN DODGE	12/31/2016
DAVE & BRENDA ENCHEFF	12/31/2016
DUANE HARRIS	10/31/2016
GREG & LISA JEROME	10/31/2016
ERIC & KATHY KANKAINEN	1/31/2017
JAMES & SARAH KERR	11/31/16
RYAN SPRINGER	10/31/2016
JIM & PAT VAUGHN	1/31/2017

TO BE REMOVED FROM ROSTER

NAME	EXPIRED
JAMES & SARAH KERR	11/16
JACK BUSHAW	9/16



NEW MEMBERS

DAVID & LISA ARELLANO
 YEAR: 2017 RF
 COLOR: MACHINE GREY
WELCOME TO THE CLUB

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. It is \$25 if you have the newsletter emailed to you or \$45 if you would like a hard copy sent by standard mail. You can also pay your dues online on our website: utahmiataclub.org with PayPal online. This method is \$27 (the extra covers PayPal fees.) If mailing a check, please send it to: 233 West 1550 North, Bountiful, Utah 84010 (Phone 801-295-4563) and make it out to Utah Miata Club. Margie can also be contacted at the following email address: sec.treasumc@icloud.com





2017 Calendar of Events

(Submitted and updated by Steve Beckstead)

~~January 7th: Bohemian Grill 11:30 - Monthly Meeting (Mike)~~

~~January 21st: Bountiful Mazda 5pm - Election and Planning Meet (Mike B.)~~

February 4th: 11:30 Meeting and Lunch (Red Robin) – Lou Vredeveld

February 17th: 7:30 - See How they Run Play - Lou (Dinner Also?)

March 4th: 11:30 Meeting and Lunch (KFC) - Mike Bailey

April 1st: 11:30 Meeting and Lunch (Location TBD) – Lou Vredeveld

May 6th: 11:30 Meeting and Lunch (TBD) – Steve and Kathy Nielsen - Johnson Canyon Drive?

May 20th: Pioneer Theater Will Rogers Play and Porcupine Dinner - Susan Vaughn

June 3rd: 9:00 Breakfast and Meeting – Susan Vaughn

July 1st: 11:30 Meeting and Lunch (TBD) – Steve Beckstead – Drive TBD

July 8th to 26th: (Dates Vary) Viking Grand European river cruise (Mike and Donn)

August 12th: Summer Picnic (Date tentative) Monthly Meeting (Lou Vredeveld)

August 20th to 26th: Miatas at the Total Solar Eclipse (Lou Vredeveld)

September 9th: 11:30 Meeting and BBQ (Mark and Susan's Patio). Monthly Meeting (Lou)

October 7th: 11:30 Meeting and Lunch (TBD-Mike Bailey) - Monthly Meeting (Lou)

October 28th: Halloween Party (Details TBA)

November 4th: 11:30 Meeting and Lunch (TBD-Mechlings) – Monthly Meeting (Lou)

December 9th: Merry Christmas Party (Catered) - Mike and Lynn Bailey

Club Election Results

by Mike Bailey

The Election and Planning Meeting went really well and smoothly this year as we discussed everything and headed home after just over two hours time. We started the meeting with a presentation of our Anniversary Pins to all members who had a 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25 years of membership in the club. Be sure to read about this in another article in this newsletter. We asked for nominations a couple months in advance of this meeting for the main club officer's positions and received several nominations in advance so this made the election process go very smoothly to elect new officers and directors. We also had a couple people that could not attend, namely Spence Wood and Teri Black who wrote up and submitted their nominations and votes for tentative officers as well as ratifying those nominated. No others wanted to volunteer or were nominated at the meeting so Mark Vaughn made a motion to proceed with the voting of those nominated and ratifying of nominees. The elections was a very smooth process this year as a result of that. I think this was the quickest election process in all the years that I remember.

Elected as officers were the following:

President: Lou Vredeveld
Vice President: Steve Beckstead
Secretary: Jim Newson
Treasurer: Margie Newson
Directors: Mike Bailey, Spence Wood,
 and Doyle Sturm
Parliamentary Director: Gordon Nicholl

Appointed positions were chosen as follows:

Spotlight Editor: Carol Lynn Vredeveld
Birthday Coordinator: Susan Vaughn
Newsletter Editor: Crystal Miller
Webmaster & Historian
(Club Photographer): Doyle Sturm
E-Mail: Steve Beckstead
Facebook Administrator: Lori Steed
Club Scribe: Sharon Mechling



Just a note that Kim Candilora has resigned his position of Newsletter Editor and Webmaster as he is taking another job. We wish to thank Kim for the wonderful job he has done with these positions. We appreciate all his hard work that he has devoted to the club. Our new Newsletter Editor is Crystal Bailey Miller and is a previous member of the UMC and was owner of a 1991 Turbo Charged Miata, so she is familiar with the club and the Miata environment. We want to welcome her as our new newsletter editor. Also we want to thank Doyle Sturm in advance for volunteering to be Webmaster. Doyle was a previous newsletter editor for the club.

As outgoing President, I want to thank all the officers, directors and members of the club for being there to support me this past year. I was presented a gift as a thank you for my service to the club by Steve Beckstead on behalf of the club. It was a gift certificate to the Harley Davidson store. This was a very nice gift and sweet card signed by everyone at the meeting that touched my heart. I want to thank everyone for being so kind to me and putting up with me this past year. It was indeed a great year to serve the club as President.

We welcomed a couple new members, David and Lisa Arellano from Heriman to the club who just purchased a new 4th generation RF Miata. We are excited to have them in our club. Lou jumped right in on the planning portion of the meeting and we planned out all our luncheons and a couple major events got put on the calendar. The meeting was a real success and we had pizza delivered to us and ate fruit and cookies for dessert. Thanks goes to my wife Lynn for making the arrangements for all the food and we forgive her for forgetting to bring the salad. Thanks to everyone who participated in the meeting.

Member Anniversary Pin Report

by Mike Bailey

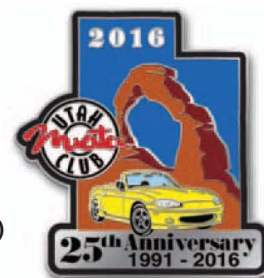
I am happy to report of the distribution of the Member Anniversary Pins that were passed out at our January 21st Election & Planning Meeting. These pins were created back in the Fall of 2015 in anticipation of the club's 25th anniversary, and were made to honor the continuous membership of Miata club members in the club. Six different Pins were made for 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of membership in the club. It was decided to give them out to members on their anniversary date of these years. Last January we gave the pins out to commemorate our club's 25th Anniversary since the club was started and formed. A pin was given to each member for each milestone they reached. If it was 5 years, they received both the 3 and 5 year pin. Last month we decided to pass out the pins to everyone who had an anniversary date fall in any month for 2017, instead of waiting until the actual month that was their anniversary. This makes it much easier for me to keep track of the anniversaries, and to give them all out at once. We will continue this same process of distributing them next January to all those who reach their particular anniversary date in 2018.

In addition to the Member Anniversary Pin we made up a very special 25th Anniversary Pin for the Club. It features the delicate Arch, a Utah Landmark, and representative of the five different Miatas in Moab that we have held our regional event at since 2003, fourteen years ago. We made this pin up featuring seven different Miata colors and distributed them to all club members, new and old alike, throughout 2016. We will continue to give these out to new members until they are gone. Any new member can ask for one at any of the club luncheons during this year.

Membership Anniversaries: At the Elections/Planning meeting we were happy to have Paul and Annie Kloer to our meeting, who are the longest continuous members of the club who live in Salt Lake Valley. We presented them with their 25th Anniversary Pins and honored them at the meeting. We also honored and made mention at our meeting of Jim and Dorothy Bowers who live in Hawaii, but are the longest continuous members of the club, also with 26 years in the club. Jim and Dorothy received a framed set of pins at our Miatas in Deer Valley event last June during which time we had our club's 25th anniversary celebration. Here is a list of those mentioned for member anniversaries at the meeting:

- Jim & Dorothy Bowers: 25 Years (June 1991)
- Paul & Annie Kloer: 25 Years (June 1992)
- Spence Wood (Sherry): 22 Years (May 1995)
- Steve Tobiasson & Ron Steckler: 22 Years (May 1995)
- Joy Carlson (Kent): 20 Years (Jan.1997)
- Mike & Lynn Bailey: 20 Years (April 1997)
- David & Ana Porter: 20 Years (April 1997)
- Mark & Charisse Ferguson: (19 Years (June 1998)
- Annette Nielsen: 17 Years (March 2000)

- Jeff & Deb Moon:17 Years (April 2000)
- Richard & Judy Dyson: 14 Years (May 2003)
- Scotty Medine: 13 Years (Jan. 2004)
- Gordy & Jackie Nicholl: 13 Years (Aug. 2004)
- Rick & Danette Davis: 12 Years (Aug. 2005)
- Leonard & Shauna Millgate: 17 Years (Oct 2000)
- Lou & Carol Lynn Vredevelde: 11 Years (Aug. 2006)
- Steve & Ronda Beckstead: 10 Years (Aug. 2007)





Miataland in Italy

by Mike Bailey

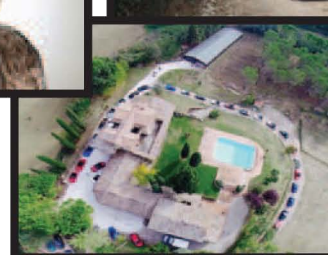
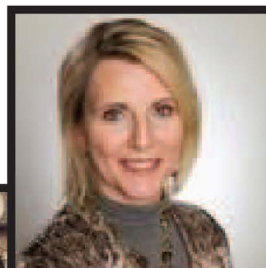
Karen and Dalin Christiansen just returned from a trip to Miataland in Italy. Miataland is a tourist destination for Miata aficionados or 'nuts' like many of us are. Donn Cichocki and I have spent hours doing 'all nighters' looking at videos and photos of this place which seems to be fabulous. I'm sure many people will want to put this place on their 'bucket list' of things and places to go before you die. As Karen and Dalin can attest to after visiting this place in person, it is indeed a wonderful place to plan to go visit. As you know, Karen is now a full-fledged travel agent with Morris Murdock Travel, our travel agency who has chartered the Viking River Cruise Ship for our trip in July. Karen will be planning future travel plans for anyone interested in going to Miataland. I certainly have it on my bucket list. Karen visited with the owner, Andrea who owns 32 Miatas and has built this wonderful resort. I have some information from Karen on her visit there and in her own words:

"Miataland is owned by a gentleman named Andrea, a very passionate Miata fan who owns 32 Miatas. As a perk for staying at his place we were able to drive one of his Miatas around Umbria. I've been working on designing tour groups to Italy, where guests will stay at Miataland and take in the surrounding areas which are quaint, ancient hilltop towns like Assisi, Orvieto and Todi, some amazing hilltop villages. Assisi, as you may know, is famous for Francis of Assisi. Miataland is a magical place situated in the quaint countryside where you hear church bells ringing in the distance. The resort is set up for small groups, in order to have the best experience. Andrea says that they will have 7 double rooms/suites (2 of them with 2+2 people as maximum). The area where Miataland is located in is the nicest, most therapeutic and relaxing area. The focus of the tours I'm customizing is to help visitors get acquainted with some areas of Italy that are not heavily visited by tourists. Of course there will be time spent in more famous sites, like in Rome and Florence, depending on the level of interest. I could say a lot more about our experiences in Italy and Miataland. Italy is saturated with incredibly unique history that I want to capture for my tour groups. I'm hoping to have tour dates available this summer. Please call me if you are interested."

Enjoy these photos of Miataland. You can also find information on Miataland on the Miata.Net Forum at this link: <https://forum.miata.net/vb/showthread.php?t=621007>

Feel free to contact Karen for information or if you want to plan a trip to Miataland or anywhere else.

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Member Spotlight by: Carol Lynn Vredeveld

Our spotlight article this month welcomes back a past member and friend, Cheryl Schaefer.

Cheryl originally joined the club in 2003. She moved out of state a few years ago with her son for a new job opportunity, but kept her Miata for travels in the north eastern United States. We are glad that she is back in Utah and once again an active member of the Utah Miata Club.

Since many of you may not know Cheryl, this will be a great opportunity to get to know her a little better as she tells the story of her busy life and adventures with her Miata that she loves so much!

I currently own a 2003, Miata MX-5, Garnet Mica "MY-ROAM" is on my personalized license plates. My restaurant in New Hampshire was named Roam Cafe. The premise was "tastes of my travels" and "wherever you roam you always come home." I've done my best roaming in my Miata!

I bought a 2000 Midnight Blue "Lil Blue" when I was still married. It was the "Mommy & Me" car that I drove my son to pre-school in. We knew we weren't having more than one child and my husband at the time drove the family car. During the divorce, we couldn't get the transfer of title settled amicably, so I went out and bought my 2003 Garnet Mica "Lil Red". The next day, he agreed to transfer me the title on Lil Blue, so for a month, I owned 2 Miatas!

I first heard about the club when I owned Lil Blue, I would occasionally get cards stuck in my door saying "Hey, Nice Car!" (Thanks Guys!) Then when I bought Lil Red, Bountiful Mazda signed me up for my first year. I've been a member since June, 2003 when I live in Utah, I've moved so many times since then, I only keep up my membership when I live in Utah. I have to say, I've lived in New Jersey, New Hampshire and Florida since then and none of them have active clubs. We've really got something special here!

I was born in Massachusetts but spent most of my childhood in New Hampshire. I come from a long line of Brits and Scots dating back to Colonial days, 1500's New England roots.

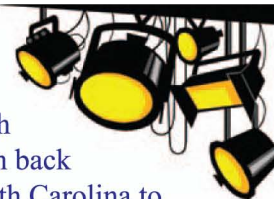
I'm a late bloomer. I decided what I wanted to do when I grow up when I was 42. I attended culinary school at The Art Institute of Salt Lake City and got my Bachelor's of Science in Culinary Management in 2012.

I am a Chef Instructor at Harmons Neighborhood Grocer at Bangerter Crossing in Draper. I teach people how to cook; from the ordinary to the extravagant. I love the interaction with people and love sharing my passion for food.

I have lived in many other places besides Utah. I've moved 32 times in my lifetime, in 7 states... Massachusetts, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Florida, Utah, and New Jersey. I keep moving back to Utah though, this is my 4th time. My family is in the east and my heart is in the west.

I have a son that has grown now and lives in Berkeley California. I am the crazy cat lady with 3 cats. In my spare time I love to garden, explore new restaurants, go antiquing and drive my Miata.





Member Spotlight by: Carol Lynn Vredevel, Continued

I love a good road trip. If I have the time, I just get in my car and go. This summer, I added my 48th and 49th states during a road trip that started in Florida, drove west to Texas, North to Oklahoma (#48) then back East through Arkansas (#49) and up to Kentucky to see friends, down through Tennessee and across to North Carolina to do the same, then back down to Florida. I'm only missing Alaska and who knows, you may see my taillights heading that way come summertime.

Carol Lynn asked if I have a favorite Miata Story or event. That's a hard one to choose, it seems every time I get in my car, I have a fun story. I guess what stands out most is either the time I bought an apple tree for my yard and drove home with the top down and a tree sticking out the top or when we bought a plastic kiddie pool for our ducks and drove home holding it over our heads. Also, Lil Red has crossed the Mississippi 6 times since I bought her. She's been to almost as many states as I have.

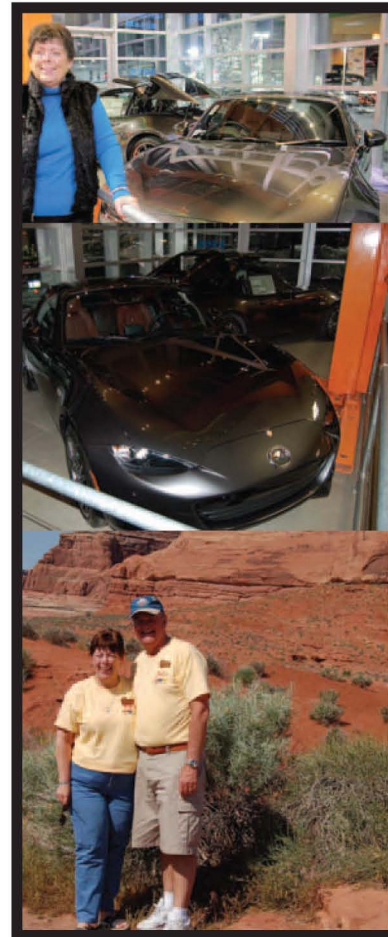
I would like the club members to know that I'm truly grateful to know all of you. I have never been so welcomed in a group of people, without prejudice, in my life. We really have something special here and I look forward to many more years of driving Ragtops to Ridges with all of you!

We've missed you Cheryl and we're really glad to have you back in Utah. This will be a fun year with lots of great drives and adventures. We're excited to make new memories with you and the rest of our awesome UMC members. We're hoping maybe we'll all get a chance to taste some more of your delicious cuisine in the near future!



Miata of the Month
by Mike Bailey

Miata of the Month features Jackie and Gordy Nicholl's new 2017 MX-5 Miata RF (Retractable Fast-back). It is currently on the showroom floor at Bountiful Mazda. Jackie was able to view the 'unveiling' ceremony (so to speak) at the Election & Planning Meeting on January 21st. This Miata is a real beauty. Gordy will be very excited to see it. Gordy will be getting out of the hospital tentatively scheduled for February 3rd and will finally be able to see his new Miata. The Miata is in the brand new Machine Grey Metallic color with a hand-painted Black top. The Launch Edition RF features an Auburn Nappa Leather Interior. It will also have an automatic transmission so Jackie can drive it. Only 1,000 of the Limited Edition Launch Editions were made available for sale. Congratulations to Jackie and Gordy on their new Miata.





Midway Ice Castles

by Mike Bailey

When: Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Time: 6:00 - 6:30 PM arrival time slot

Where: Homestead Resort, Midway, Utah

Address: 700 Homestead Drive, Midway, UT. 84049

Due to the ice melting and warmer temperatures this event was canceled last month as they needed to rebuild some ice structures. We have rescheduled this for date and time above. The Midway Ice Castles is a fabulous design of amazing ice features which include archways, tunnels, slot canyons, caverns, glacial waterfalls, a frozen throne and an ice slide. It is a stunning "Narnia" like display created completely of natural frozen ice. We plan to see this in the early evening after the sun goes down as there will be colorful LED lights which are set to music at night, which will be much more dramatic in the evening than daytime. The display was built by hand and made from more than 20,000,000 lbs. of ice. There are only 4 of these displays in the USA and Canada, so we are very lucky to have this in 'our back yard'. It was created by the same group of people who did the Holiday Light show that we drove our Miatas through during the holidays last year at the Olympic Oval in Kearns. Last year our planned event was cancelled first week of March due to the ice melting, so thought we would go early this year.

It is located at the Homestead Resort in Midway, Utah. We are planning to go on Wednesday early evening, February 8th at 6:00-6:30 time slot. Cost is \$9.95 + tax per person. Children 4-11 are \$6.95. Standby lines at door is \$15.00 or \$10.00 for children. This is \$2.00 less than last year's pricing. I have mentioned in an email to them about our group coming. Each couple or person would have to purchase their own tickets. We will discuss this at our February luncheon. There is also discounts available through Groupon and KSL.com. For On-Line orders you have to select a "time frame of one-half hour" to purchase your ticket and be there within this time frame. Our time slot will be 6:00-6:30 PM for our group. We can stay at the Ice Castles as long as we want. They close at 9:00 pm.

Each member is requested to purchase their own tickets. Meeting for dinner after either in Midway or Heber City is optional after our Ice Castle visit. We can discuss this at the luncheon to see if people are interested, but we would like to invite everyone to do that. Parking for the event will be at the Homestead Resort. For a video of the ice castles see www.icecastles.com. Also you can find info on their Facebook page. Questions; make a comment on the FB page. Phone: 888-407-4054



Viking River Cruise February 2017 Update

by Mike Bailey

5 Months to go!

Our Sailing Departure Date is July 10, 2017

Attention Cruiser Group:

We will be setting sail in 5 short months. Make sure your Passports are in order and begin deciding what you will bring on the cruise with you so you can pack accordingly.

For all Cruise Details on our cruise go to: Morris Murdock Web Site Page:
<https://mmi.cvent.com/GrandEuropeanTour2017>

Check out Photos of the NEW Viking Longboat Ship:

VIKING SKIRNIR.

The amenities are fabulous!



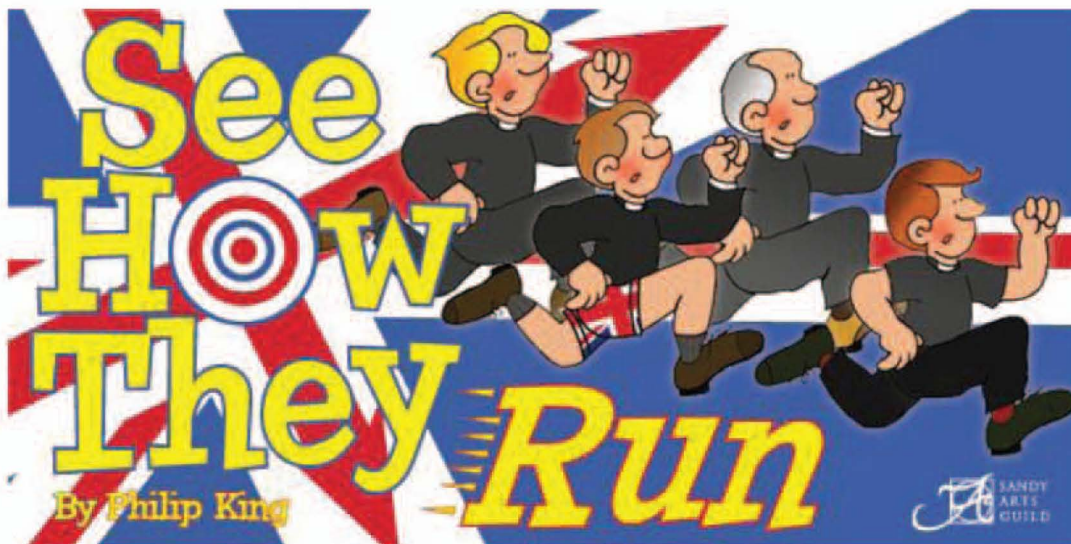
Details on the cruise on our UMC Website: www.utahmiataclub.org Click Viking Logo Ship for Details. Put the word out to family, friends, and other Miata people for "the Trip of a Lifetime!" Only about 10 Cabins are left. Explorer Suites and Veranda AA Suites with FREE Non-Stop Airfare included. Also a few Standard Cabins available. Call NOW to Book!

Also keep tuned in on our [Viking River Cruise Facebook Page](#) about our cruise.



Join the club at the play **FEBRUARY 17TH 7:30 PM**

Lou and Carol Lynn Vredeveld



February 17, 2017

All shows start at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

Note: We will plan on having dinner somewhere in Sandy before the performance. Look for a blanket email blast on this.

Tickets: See link below or order by Phone:

\$10 Adults.

\$8 Seniors 65+ and Students 13+.

\$5 Children 3-12. Children 2 and younger, Free.

To purchase tickets without any additional fees, please call 801-568-2787

[Tickets can also be purchased online via Smithtix.](#)

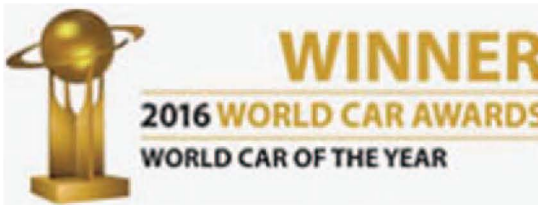
The performances are held at:

Mount Jordan Middle School Theater
300 East 9400 South
Sandy, UT

Description: So swift is the action, so involved the situations, so rib tickling the plot in this London hit that at its finish, audiences are left as exhausted from laughter as though they had run a foot race. Galloping in and out of the four doors of an English vicarage are an American actor and actress (he is now stationed with the air force in England), a cockney maid who has seen too many American movies, an old maid who "touches alcohol for the first time in her life," four men in clergyman suits presenting the problem of which is which, for disguised as one is an escaped prisoner, and a sedate Bishop aghast at all these goings on and the trumped up stories they tell him.

4th Generation Miata Honors

by Mike Bailey



The 2016 Miata was voted as the World's Best Automobile at the New York International Auto Show. It was chosen the best car in the world out of a list of 23 vehicles. It beat out such cars as the Mercedes-Benz GLC Class and the Audi A4 as well as the Jaguar XE. This is an amazing honor for Mazda. Mike and Fran Hutton showed us the little Gold plated trophy they received in the mail just this month they received from Mazda for the purchase of their 2016 Soul Red Miata. It came in a black box with gold foil type of the World's Logo along with a letter from Mazda. Also purchasers received a real nice collector's wrist watch with their Miata purchase.



The new 2017 RF Miata is also on it's way to the rewards podium for its style and engineering. Photo with this article is of Nakayama San, Mazda's Chief Designer of the MX-5 RF Miata.



Gordy Picks Up New RF

by Mike Bailey

Gordy was allowed a couple hour "home visit pass" to leave the hospital on Saturday, January 28th. He and Jackie went up to Bountiful Mazda and picked up their New 2017 MX-5 Miata RF from the dealership and drove it home. Son-in-law Jeff Durrant called me and asked me to meet him at their home to get the big garage ready for receiving the new Miata so I dropped what I was doing and headed over. It was quite a surprise to me as they drove up and Gordy was in the passenger seat with Jackie driving. They both had big Miata "grins" on their faces as they drove in the driveway. I was quite shocked to see Gordy in the car and that they let him out of the hospital to do



this. To me it was like I saw a miracle happen to see him there with that big familiar smile on his face. I was so excited to see him. We visited for a few minutes and then I left so he and Jackie could spend some time together before he had to go back to the hospital. As far as new news goes, I understand that he will be leaving the hospital on February 3rd to come home. We are really excited that he has progressed this much so far and that he will be coming home. We wish him all the best on the rest of his recovery from this terrible accident.



Candid Camera

by Mike Bailey



Hope you enjoy this month's Candid Camera shots. Since we have had lots of snow this year, enjoy the photo of the "Snowy Miata". We have Jim playing with his new RF. The Nicholl's and Baileys at MiataFest in California in 2010, Mike Foster and the Millgates goofing off on our Blackhills trip back in 2004. Also have a couple photos of the Disneyland Group in their fancy shirts.

Below we have some photos of some of the rest of the Anniversary members who have been in the club awhile who were not on the Anniversary Pin article page; namely: Kent & Joye Carlson with us at MiataFest in 2010, Dick & Judy Dyson, Jeff & Deb Moon, and Steve Tobiasson & Ron Steckler.



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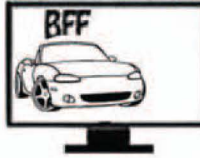
You give it a name and you tell it your deepest thoughts.



You're emotionally damaged when it gets scratched and scarred.



Its picture is your computer wallpaper



You remember its birthday. When you forget everyone else's.



You introduce it to your friends and family like a girlfriend.

Your will says: "Bury me with it."



A perfect date is dinner at a place that has a window facing the parking lot.

You wipe your hands off on your clean clothes so you don't dirty it.

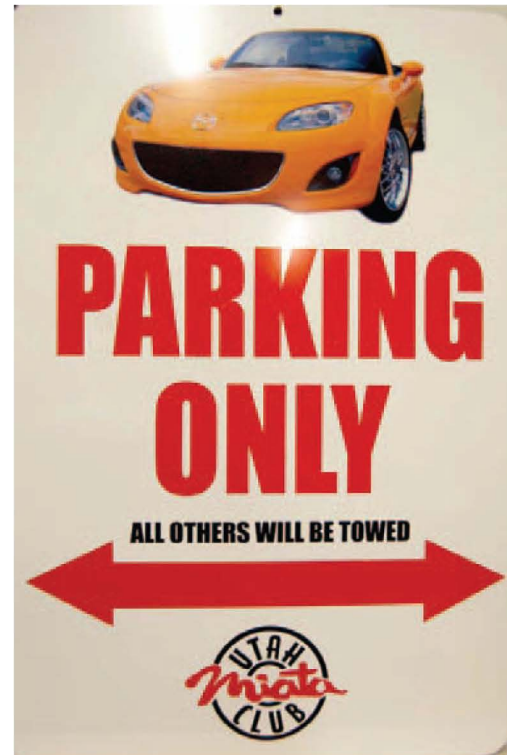


It hurts you when someone slams the door.



You make excuses to go out for a drive and have nowhere to go.

You protect it with all your might



Zooming in the Kitchen

MIATA RECIPES
by Ana Porter

Date Nut Bread

Ingredients:

1 cup dates
1 cup shortening
1 tsp soda
1/4 tsp salt
3 cups flour
1 cup boiling water
1 egg unbeaten
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Instructions:

Cut dates fine and sprinkle soda over them
Add boiling water and let cool.
Cream, shortening, sugar, salt and egg.
Add nuts, dates and flour.
Bake in greased pan.
60 minutes at 375 oven.



Corn Bread

Ingredients:

1 cup corn meal
4 tbs sugar
1 cup milk
1 cup flour
1 tbs baking powder
1/3 cup soft shortening

Instructions:

Blend all ingredients.
Pour into square cake pan.
Bake at 400 for 25 minutes.
Double recipe for 2 loaves.
For a more fluffly bread, add
1 large pkg. instant vanilla pudding.
Incredibly good.

