



## The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY TRIP—GROUP AT GRAND TETON MOUNTAINS



### From The Top Down by: Michael Thompson

Labor day is upon us. My grandkids have returned to school. The youngest is as excited as heck to be starting kindergarten! The oldest is a freshman at Auburn University. In between there are seven others (2 families, 9 grandchildren) starting school again. I hope and pray for their safety, that they will learn to study hard, think clearly, and have fun to boot.



If you read the philosophers and scientists, you might conclude that time is not a fixed and objective reality. Albert Einstein said it this way: "People like us who believe in physics know that the distinction between past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion." Hmm... That doesn't sound right, does it? And yet, the way we experience time varies, it changes with circumstance. When we are having fun, driving through beautiful country with the top down, time seems to fly. When we are enduring a monotonous, boring task, time crawls. To a kindergartener, with little memory of the past, and no ability to extrapolate a future, time is so very slow. (Are we there yet?) I am a geezer, and time passes at rocket speed. If the aches and pains of aging "infrastructure" were not enough, children, grandchildren, young people in general, help us mark time.

The Beartooth Highway trip was memorable. The ruggedness of the Tetons always amazes me. I last visited Yellowstone when my own children were school age. With a little imagination—okay, with a lot of imagination—you can conjure images of how the parks looked before the crowds. And yet we must be patient. The area's beauty draws visitors from all over the planet, and why not? The August drive up Butterfield Canyon was a reminder that there is much nearby to do and to see, and to share with others. I look forward to Raspberry Shakes on the shores of Bear Lake, the Fall Leaf Tour, and the other coming events. Some things you can't have enough of.

I don't have direct experience, but I understand his metaphor. I sign off this month with a verse by Chris Smither, singer/songwriter extraordinaire:

*If I were young again, I'd pay attention  
To that little known dimension: the taste of endless time.  
Just like water, it runs right through our fingers,  
But the flavor of it lingers, like a rich, red wine.*

Leave the Light On, © 2006, Chris Smither

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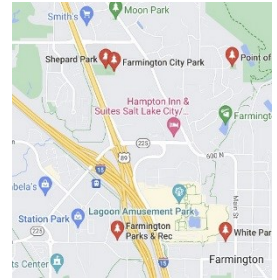
# September 9<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting and Bear Lake Drive

By: Valerie Francis & Doyle Sturm

**Date & Time:** Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

**Location:** Shepard Park (also called Farmington City Park)

**Address:** 760 Shepard Lane, Farmington UT (The park is located behind the elementary school and LDS church house)

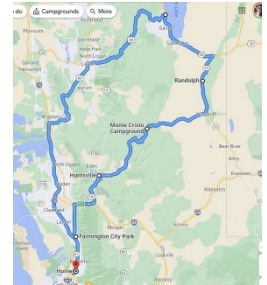


The annual favorite Bear Lake Raspberry Shake Drive is finally here.

**Details for meeting:** We will meet at 10:00 am at Shepard Park (Farmington City Park), address: 760 Shepard Lane, Farmington UT. The park is located behind the elementary school and LDS church house.

Bring your camp chairs in case the pavilion is occupied, and if you like, a breakfast or snack to eat in the park while we have the meeting. Hoping to be on the road by 11:00 am.

**Route:** It's a long 2-hour 40-minute drive from the park to Bear Lake - plus an additional 2 hours or more home, not including stops, so we need to get an early start. From the park we will travel north on Hwy 89 to Weber Canyon, then up over Trappers Loop past Huntsville and on to Monte Cristo Hwy. Then on to Woodruff and Randolph, ending in Garden City at Bear Lake. We will decide bathroom breaks as we go, which may be in Hunstville City Park, or Woodruff Country Store, or Randolph City Park... or a campground along the way.



**Different this year:** Due to sometimes feeling rushed in the past when we reach Bear Lake, the drive will officially end at Garden City. Everyone can stay however long they want to enjoy a raspberry shake, have lunch, spend some time on the beach, or even drive around the whole lake. Each can then make their own way back over Logan Canyon and home (see note below). Photos of members enjoying their Bear Lake Raspberry Shakes



**Note:** There have been some notices online that UDOT will be installing fiber optic cables in Logan Canyon throughout this fall, starting at both ends (for cell service towers and additional traffic cameras). "Construction will mostly be limited to the shoulder of the road, but that likely means lane closures depending on the area". Hopefully since we will be traveling on a Saturday there won't be any active construction going on. In any case, drive home safely.

**Total drive time from Farmington back to Bountiful is 4-hrs 44 minutes, plus stops, and 234 miles.**



### 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. If you're removed from Roster you will not receive the Newsletter or be on our club Facebook page or eligible for any of the club benefits. Please Renew your Memberships.

### Birthdays / Memberships



#### New Members



NAME	YEAR	COLOR
LORLENA & DAVID ORTIZ	2023	RED



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

NAME	EXPIRING
RICHARD & PATTY ADAMS	9/30/2023
HANS CLASSEN	9/30/2023
ROBERT & KATHY JO FACKRELL	9/30/2023
JOSEPH FOWLER	9/30/2023
SABRINA HANSEN	9/30/2023
MARK & SHAUNA MIDGLEY	9/30/2023
MARK & COLLEEN REILLY	9/30/2023

NAME	DATE
JAMES VREDEVELD	4 Sep
KAREN CHRISTIANSEN	23 Sep
RICHARD ADAMS	29 Sep
ANA PORTER	29 Sep
CHRIS LEWIS	30 Sep

#### Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
GEORGE AYALA	5/31/23 1 YR
RAYMOND BEA	5/31/23 1 YR
CLAUDE & ERLENE BROWN	5/31/23 3 YRS

#### Memberships Expired

NAME	EXPIRED
JOSH & TANYA ASHMENT	7/31/2023
KAREN & DALIN CHRISTIANSEN	8/31/2023
BRIAN & SUSAN CHRISTIANSEN	8/31/2023
LARRY & MACEY KNIGHT	6/30/2023
DOMINIC J. OLIVER	7/31/2023
TYLER STARK	8/31/2023
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	8/31/2023
KIRK WARNER	8/31/2023
JASON & RACHEL WOODS	7/31/2023



### Club Officers (July 2023-July 2024)

President: Michael Thompson Vice President: Ken Jaworski Secretary: Jim Newson Treasurer: Margie Newson  
 Directors: Robert Mechling, Susan Christiansen, Carol Lynn Vredeveld Newsletter Editor: Mike Bailey, Asst. Val



# Ghosts & Legends; Utah's Boxelder County Drive: Sept. 6-7, 2023

## Things to Remember by Robert & Sharon Mechling

**Day 1 (Sep 6<sup>th</sup>)** Get your reservations for overnigher in Wendover!

**No Lunch Stop! Pack a car lunch/snacks.**

Breakfast where you please or Black Bear Diner (BBD) 8:30 am. 2569 S 5600 W - West Valley City UT.

**10:00 am departure from the BBD parking lot.**

Four (4) Ghost & Legends Photo Stops between BBD and Wendover.

Eat your lunch or snacks (after Dell UT) on the way to Wendover.

1:00 pm arrival at the Wendover Airfield Museum \$ 8.00/person.

2:00 pm - NEW - Guided Bus "Base Tour" of the Wendover Airfield \$ 10.00/person.

3:00 pm Photo Op. Our Cars on the tarmac in front of the Enola Gay Hanger \$ DONATION PLEASE.

3:30 pm back to the museum or check into the hotel.

Dinner and overnight.

### Day 2 (Sep 7<sup>th</sup>)

Breakfast where you please.

**9:00 am departure from Montego Bay parking lot (with a full tank of gas).**

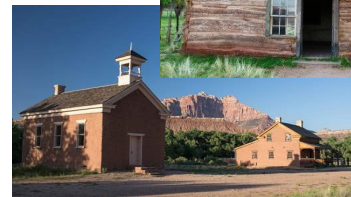
**No Lunch Stop! Pack a car Lunch/Snacks before Snowville.**

Eleven (11) Ghost & Legend Photo Ops in Box Elder County, along UT 30, on the way to Snowville UT.

Snowville UT, late afternoon - Lunch stop. Head Home. Some Photos from UMC Members on Ghosts & Legends Treks.



Back of T-Shirt Design



## 2023 Utah Miata Challenge; Ghosts & Legends Submission Requirements

This year's annual **Utah Miata Club Challenge** will officially end on Saturday, October 28th. All submissions must be submitted into Mike Bailey for voting on who will be this year's winners of the challenge. Please send in photos and information by this date to qualify. Required information is a photo, or photos of you (Individual or couple) in front of, or at a **Utah Ghost town or Utah 'Legend'**. We prefer to have you and your Miata in a few photos. This can be a landmark, sign, building or object for proof you were there. Submit by email or text to Mike Bailey at [mike@mikebaileyprinting.com](mailto:mike@mikebaileyprinting.com) or 801-597-1456. There will be three winners which will be awarded prizes!

**Note:** I am now distributing Ghosts & Legends T-Shirts, hats and event car magnets for those who ordered them. Front of T-shirt and Event Car Magnets (logo with green background, Back of shirt Graveyard design logo above).





## Fall Leaf Tour—Utah Miata Club by Roger Heath Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

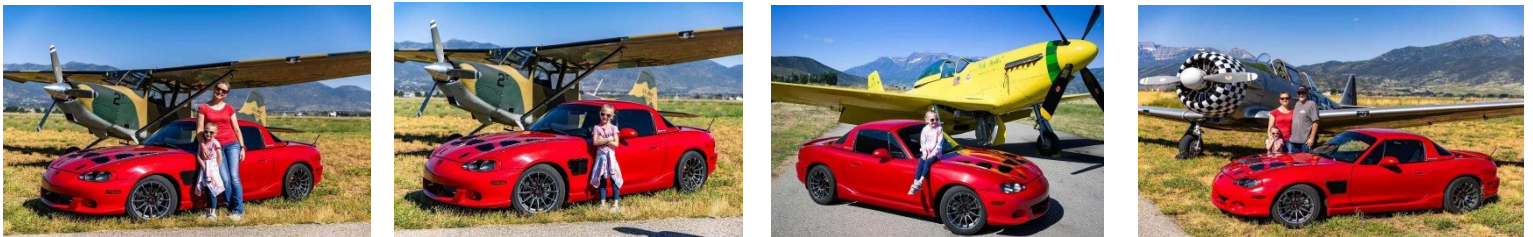
This month's Fall Leaf Drive Tour is in 3 weeks! We will be spending 2 nights in Tropic, UT. However the roadways we'll travel on will be the same as year's past, just in reverse. Saturday you will have the full day to explore the area as you wish. It can be as a group or solo. Some places to consider - **Kodachrome State Park** (13 miles), **Bryce Canyon NP** (11 miles), **Cedar Breaks National Monument** (59 miles) and/or **Panguitch Lake** (46 miles).

We will meet at the McDonald's, 950 Expressway Lane in Spanish Fork @ **8:30 AM**. Those in Salt Lake Valley that wish to travel I-15 as a group to the Spanish Fork meeting place, meet at 7:45 am at Draper Harmon's Store off I-15 & 13800 S. This drive led by Mike Bailey. Lodging in Tropic is full, I'm told. Most of us are staying at Bryce Country Cabins. I suggest using tripadvisor.com and searching for Tropic Hotels, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> for a list of available properties. Some properties may be in the surrounding area. You may want to check out Bryce Canyon City area on the main highway for reasonable lodging. Everyone loves this weekend trip! Bring your camera!



## Miata of the Month by Mike Bailey

Miata of the Month is of Todd & Amy Christopher's bright Red NB Mazda Speed. Beautiful photos taken in front of airplanes with their daughter. Todd will be competing on the HPDE Sonoma Racetrack with his Miata at the Miata Reunion in Sonoma, California next month. We are excited for him to compete in this event!



## Miata Reunion 2023: October 19- 22, 2023 Sonoma, California Racetrack

Three Utah Miata Club couples will be headed to California for the annual 2023 Miata Reunion. I wish we had more UMC members participating in this event as it is one of the "Premier National Miata Events" of the year. I know Todd is excited to race his beefed-up Mazda Speed on the race track, while others like me, Lynn and Doyle and Val, will only be doing parade laps. It will be good to see and socialize with many Miata friends from across the country at this event. I'll be reporting on this event when we return.







# Member Spotlight by Carol Lynn Vredeveld



Our Spotlight couple for September is **Alex and Sonya Johnson**. I met them for the first time at the crazy hat drive luncheon and realized there was still a few couples in the club that I hadn't done a spotlight article on yet! They recently went on the Beartooth HWY Drive lead by Roger. What a great way to find out how much fun it is to travel with a group of Miata lovers on such fun and scenic roads. Since finding each other 4 years ago, they have been enjoying their new life together with their blended families; and they both have a love for fast cars and adventures. They certainly found the right club for their interests. Thanks, Steve Nielsen, for introducing them to our great group of friends and travelers in the UMC.

Thanks Alex and Sonya for giving us a little insight as to who the "Johnson's" are and how you became Miata-ites!  
Enjoy reading their story:

Our Miata is a 2016 Mazda Miata White. We were introduced to the Utah Miata Club by Steve Nielsen.

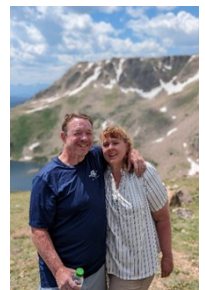
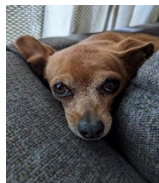
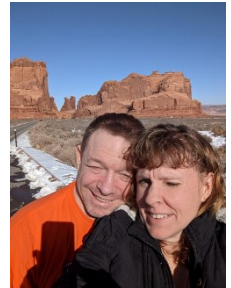
Sonya always wanted a convertible and when we went looking for a new/used car she knew right away that the Miata was the perfect car.



Sonya lived most of her life throughout Northern/ Central California.

Alex has lived in different states: Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Wyoming, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, California, and Idaho.

Sonya is a special education teacher. She has two bachelor's degrees and is currently finishing up her master's in special education, Utah teaching credentials and works teaching. (She is a busy lady) Alex worked as a salesman. His last job he sold Medicare. He has a degree in Business. He suffered a stroke; heart attack and lung work done about two years ago and hasn't returned to the workforce yet. He is looking into possibly being a diesel mechanic since he enjoys working on cars.



We found each other on an LDS dating website. Alex showed up an hour late, but Sonya married him anyways 😊. We have been married a little over 4 years. Sonya has three grown kids' daughter 35 years, son 24, and another son 19. Sonya has two grandsons, 4 and 1. Alex has one son, 28. We also have three dogs Penny, Millie, Callie, and cat named Pepper.

We both love camping, traveling, and movies. Sonya also likes to read. Alex enjoys working on cars and racing cars. We have been to most of the national parks in Utah and Idaho, rafted the Payette River, and visited Nevada's beautiful highways.

Alex has raced and won in drag strip, raced track time attack, and dirt racing oval track.



Sounds like Alex and Sonia really enjoy traveling....

I thought it would be fun to see if some of our newest members of the club would like to suggest any specific scenic drives, destinations, or events (1 day or multiple days) they would like to see the club include in our upcoming group adventures...these were their suggestions:

Glacier National Park, Mirror Lake Scenic Byway, Heber Valley, Zions National Park

Bryce Canyon National Park, Arches National Park, Salmon River/ Riggins Id., Sawtooth Park Hwy. Cruise





### Crazy Hat Day Luncheon & Drive by Mike Bailey

We had a great Crazy Hat Day this year, which we haven't had in several years. It was fun to see all the members who wore some fancy hats! My only regret is that we didn't get a good group photo of everyone, like we usually do. The winner of the contest was done this year by applause, and to me it was hard to decide who had the best hat. Winners were basically announced by a 'couple' and Amy Beckstead and Carol Lynn Vredevelde (who were sitting together) was announced the winners! Amy had a bright fancy hat and Carol Lynn's had lights on it. A Maverick gift card was given to Amy as the main winner. We had our monthly meeting and discussed some club business and upcoming events. The lunch at Jim's Restaurant in Riverton was great as we had the private banquet room and the service by our waitress was excellent!

After lunch we lined up our Miatas in the parking lot next door and headed out for a drive which was close by to Butterfield Canyon, which is located off Bacchus Highway in Herriman close to where the Kennecott Open Pit Copper Mine is. The drive was about 15 miles and then we turned around and came back home the same way as the road on top of the mountain can get quite bad in some places. We had a great day and thanks to the 18 Miatas who came on the drive. We welcomed a new member, Curt Weshphal and his girlfriend Sharon.



### October 13- 14, 2023 Annular Eclipse By Mike Bailey

Leaving Friday, October 13th. Staying at the Super 8 by Wyndham Hotel in Salina. 375 E. 1620 S. Phone: 435-529-7483. Alternate Salina Hotel is Quality Inn & Suites. Head out by 8:00 am to Richfield. Eclipse begins at 9:00 a.m. and last until about Noon. Then we head back home. Will probably have lunch somewhere in Richfield or Salina. Bring you safe solar viewing glasses (eclipse glasses). Looking for someone to lead this drive to Salina?



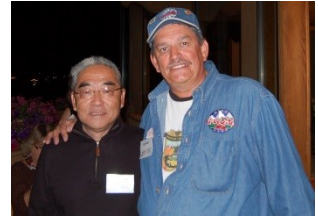


# Remember When by Mike Bailey

This month's Remember When article brings us back to some earlier days in the club in the early 2000's when we traveled to Leavenworth, Washington, located in the north central part of Washington state. It was sponsored by Miata Club Northwest whom I have some longtime Miata friends from that area that have come to our Miatas in Utah events, namely Miatas in Moab and Bryce. We always had a good time traveling to that part of the USA and have lots of fond memories. I recall about 3 Miata trips to this event! The first one was in October 2003 we went with Porters', Roses' and others. The most memorable one was in October 2008 with lots of current members, our core group members attending, namely Nicholls', Vredevelts', Dysons', Porters', Jaworskis', and Spence & Sherry Wood. Tom Matano once attended and I had the pleasure of spending some time with him and he signed his "Always Inspired" on my car.



Leavenworth is a German Bavarian town in Central Northern Washington. Octoberfest is their favorite time of the year! That year we made up baskets to raffle off at the event. Our baskets had "Utah's Own" brand products like Beehive Honey, etc. Our ladies had fun putting together the baskets. We went to the pumpkin patch and had car shows each time. My 2005 Lava Orange Mazda Speed took 1st Place in "Best Exterior" category and I won an award. We had great German food and at the restaurant one evening Steve Beckstead asked a guy if he could play a song on his accordian. He let him and Steve was the "hit" of the night playing a song. After, going back to the hotel, I saw a Nutcracker playing an accordian in the window of a shop and had to have it so purchased it and it was too large to fit in the Miata so I had it shipped home.

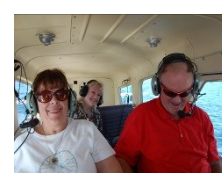


We displayed that nutcracker at all our annual Miata Christmas parties at our home for years!

The car shows were excellent at Backroads to Bavaria and also the photo shoots of all the Miatas is always awesome. We always have a great time traveling up there and have spent time on Lake Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. In 2008 several of us took a seaplane ride on the lake, which was tons of fun. I'd like to possibly plan a trip to this event if



they have it next year, or a future year, as this year was the 11th annual event and the Miata Club Northwest truly knows how to put on the best event!





## October 7, 2023 – Monthly Meeting & Drive: Lava Hot Springs, Idaho

By Michael and Kelly Thompson



During the July picnic and annual meeting, the club outlined dates and drives through the end of 2023. We volunteered to lead the October drive, and proposed that the club travel to Lava Hot Springs, ID. We enjoy our visits to Lava, and hope that everyone will like it as much as we do.



The drive and the day are on the long side of normal for a Saturday event, which means an earlier than customary start. But, the day will be broken into sections, so that there is enough relaxation to keep it thoroughly enjoyable. Here are the plans as they stand...

**Meetup time:** The monthly business meeting will come to order at 8:30AM (so we can be on the road by 9:30AM). Location: The covered picnic area, **George Wahlen Park**, 4200 S 2175 W, Roy, UT 84067. There is an east entrance to the park, off 1900 W, which does not go through. You want the west entrance off 2175 W. (41.187663 N, 112.032099 W). After September 30<sup>th</sup> there is no reserved seating, so bring camp chairs just in case. We have met in that park before, so you might recall that there are restrooms nearby. However, given the time of year, it's likely they will be locked.

To shorten the trip just a smidge, and avoid the challenges of keeping the group together through city traffic, we will make a short dash up I-15 to the Brigham City/Logan exit. We will transit Sardine Canyon, skirt Logan itself, and take US 91 to Preston. It's a short hop to where we will turn east on SR 36 to Montpelier. This section of the trip is over a beautiful, winding mountain road. Then it's US 30 the rest of the way to Lava.

We will enjoy lunch at the 78 Main Street Eatery, followed by a relaxing soak in the famous hot pools of Lava Hot Springs. Entrance is \$10 for seniors (60+), \$12 for adults. Bring a swimsuit, towel and flip flops or swim shoes. There are private changing stalls. Clothing and personal effects may be kept in coin-op lockers while you relax. Once fingers are well-pruned and you are fully recovered—ready to tackle the trip home—it would be a mistake to skip town without a stop at the Sweet Stuff Ice Cream Parlor on Main Street, for excellent Farr's ice cream.

The ice cream stop is the official end of the activity. Some might want to head west out of Lava and catch I-15 for the quickest return. Finding a motel nearby might be your cuppa joe. We plan to drive east, then south on SR 34 back through Preston, Logan, Sardine Canyon and home. This section of the drive will be recognizable to those who went on the Beartooth trip.

Roy to Lava via Montpelier is 175 miles and 3:15. En route, Logan, Preston or Montpelier are possible rest stops. The return to Roy (to choose a theoretical end point) by way of SR 34 to Preston, Logan, etc. is 136 miles and 2:15. Total drive time is 5:30, with a relaxing break in the middle. You will need to add your distance from the Wahlen Park in Roy to calculate your miles and time. There is no shortage of gas stations along the journey. But, what do you think? Can you make the 311 mile circuit without refueling?

Editor Note: A few photos of our previous groups at Lava! 🌀

Geek moment: The coordinates for the entrance to Wahlen Park came from Google Earth, which, as you see, provided degrees of latitude and longitude to six decimal places: i.e., one millionth of a degree. That's amazing precision. From the entire 196.9M square miles of the earth's surface, those coordinates mark a spot about the size of a deck of playing cards.





# SWAG Page by Mike Bailey

“Miataude” shirts and hats are now here! Get yours **NOW** and display your *Miataude!*

You can get them in any color and even put the Miataude type in color if you wish. Shirt are \$20.00 each. You can also get a long sleeve shirt with just “Miataude” on the sleeve. These are \$25.00. I also have Ball Caps with Miataude embroidered on them. \$20.00 for hats. \$22.00 with Flag Bill.



## Miataude Miataude Miataude

This is the image of the logotype ‘Sew Out’ for the hat:

*Miataude*



I have lots of Miata Club hats in stock. The ladies of the club can get the “Miata Girl” or “Miata Hair—Don’t Care” hat. I also have the hats with the Red ND Miata on them as well as the “American Flag” hat which is in the *Miata Script* font or type. Of course I also have the **Official Utah Miata Club** logo on different colored hats for ladies or men. Back of Neck Shade Hat or Wide brim Safari hats too! For Winter, a very warm Knit Hat.



### Announcing a Replication of the First Utah Miata Club T-Shirt!

The art work to the right is the recreation of the art work for the original and first Tee Shirt for the Utah Miata Club in 1991. It features the Miata Club of America, which was the first Miata Club created in the country for Miatas. This club was based out of Southern California and featured the Miata **Club of America Logo** on it. The Miata Club of America was run by Barbara Beach and others individuals tied closely to Mazda North American Corporation (MNAO). They also had a monthly magazine of which Bob Retzer was the main photographer, whom I bought my 2002 Blazing Yellow from. Various Miata clubs that cropped up at the time used this logo as part of their own club logo, including ours!



The **Utah Miata Club** was the “**UTAH CHAPTER**” of the Miata Club of America! I used to have a shirt like this when I first joined the club, and wanted to put it on the Quilt that Lynn made for me out of some of my collection of Miata shirts, but I couldn’t find the shirt when she was doing that. These shirts can be ordered now for \$20.00 each. They should be printed on an Ash Grey or any light colored shirts.

For those who are new to the club or did not get in on the Summer orders for the **UMC Hawaiian Style Miata Shirt** which features club members Miatas on them, you can order them NOW! Price has gone up \$7.00 to \$42.00. + \$5.00 shipping and if you want a pocket on left chest, it is \$5.00 additional. 3 Styles to choose from: 1) Lakes / Mountains. 2) Route 66. 3) Utah Deserts / Motifs. Still a great bargain!



**Note:** A merchandise/apparel sign-up sheet is passed around at the monthly meetings/luncheons. You can sign up for any Miata club merchandise items. Or contact Mike Bailey by text or phone: 801-597-1456 or email: [mike@mikebaileyprinting.com](mailto:mike@mikebaileyprinting.com).







# 2023-2024 Calendar of Events



## 2023 Year:

- September 6-7th:** Wendover Overnighter; Ghosts & Legends, Box Elder County, Gordy & Jackie Nicholl
- September 9th:** Monthly Meeting & Bear Lake Drive; Shepard Park, Farmington; 10 AM. Valerie and Doyle
- September 22-24:** Fall Leaf Tour (See Newsletter Article & Facebook) Meet Spanish Fork UT, Roger & Perly
- October 7th:** Lava Hot Springs Drive, Luncheon. Details Pg. 7 Newsletter: Michael & Kelly Thompson
- October 13-14th:** Annular Eclipse, Richfield, Ut. Salina Hotel on 13th. See NL Pg. 7; Mike Bailey or someone?
- October 19-22nd:** Miata Reunion; Sonoma, CA. Pg. 5 NL. Mike & Lynn Bailey, Valerie Francis & Doyle Sturm
- October 28th:** Optional Halloween Party (TBA) Need planner. Dependent if we want to get together.
- October 28th:** Complete Ghosts and Legends 2023 Miata Club Challenge (details on sending in photos and information, on Pg. 4 of Newsletter. Mike Bailey
- November 4th:** Monthly Meeting Place TBA: Landcruiser Museum: Susan & Mark Vaughn. Awards for Utah Miata Challenge. at meeting. Mike Bailey
- December 2nd:** Christmas Holiday Party; Approx. 5:30 pm. White Elephant Gift Exchange. More details to follow. Lone Peak Park Clubhouse Pavillion, Sandy, Robert & Sharon Mechling.

## 2024 Year:

- January 6th:** Luncheon Meeting TBA (Need Leader to Plan)
- February 3rd:** Luncheon Meeting TBA (Need Leader to Plan)
- March 2nd:** Luncheon & Drive TBA (weather permitting on drive) (Need Leader to Plan)
- April 6th:** Luncheon & Drive TBA (Need Leader to Plan)
- April 13th:** Car Show at "Old Sinclair" Elberta, Ut. Mike & Lynn Bailey
- May 4th:** Luncheon & Drive TBA (Need Leader to Plan)
- Mid-May:** Grand Prix Cycle Karts; Huntsville. Date and time to TBA Val & Doyle
- June 1st:** Rat Fink Reunion in Manti. TBA and discussed (Need Leader to Plan)
- June: 2nd Week Approx:** Exact date TBA; Flyin' Miata Summer Camp; Doyle & Val
- July 6 or 13th:** Date and time TBA. Summer BBQ Picnic and Elections



### Editor's Message:

We'd like to have UMC members come up with some ideas for possible places for monthly lunches and drives for our 2024 Calendar. You can just plan it and/or lead it. On lunch places we need somewhere with a private room or area in a restaurant, or at a park during nice weather, so we can conduct our monthly meeting. We also need to be able to pay for lunch by couples instead of a group. Also please let us know of some local drives or places you'd like to see or visit. We like to do a few 'overnighters' or weekend trips. Please send your ideas to either the President or another Officer, or Director or to me, Newsletter Editor. We hope that all members will be active in club activities and offer suggestions to make the club better!



Enjoy these photos of some September birthdays and candid shots from Backroads to Bavaria Events and other club events such as 2013 GWA, Helper' Art Festival, Crater Lake, GSWA, Explore Oregon.

