



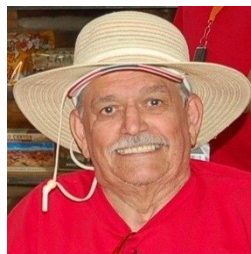
The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club

From the Top Down by Mike Bailey

Why September is Utah's best month to drive a Miata! The Miata 'Season' isn't over yet and September is peak roadster weather in our state. This month gives Miata drivers the best mix of cool air, warm pavement, empty roads, and golden-hour magic. The air cools down a bit from the hot summer and the crowds on highways thin out. The Wasatch turns gold, and our long,



winding, high-altitude roads feel like they were specifically engineered for lightweight roadsters like ours! Whether you are cruising the Mirror Lake Highway with the top down,



or carving Logan Canyon at sunrise it's the season to enjoy our Miatas at their absolute best. We have alpine passes, desert basins, red-rock canyons and sweeping straight roads and tight curves. Our Miatas truly come alive on these roads of ours.

This month we'll be doing the Alpine Loop and hopefully we will see some fall foliage as the leaves are starting to turn to bright yellow, orange, gold and red. Some of our roads like ones we've traveled this summer; Mt. Nebo Loop, Guardsman's Pass, and Mirror Lake Highway define Utah's Miata roads. These roads make September a picture postcard! The steep climbs and deserts on these roads gives us as drivers and passengers a thrill as we carve through the turns. Some roads are narrow, shaded, and lined with aspen tree groves. September brings early color changes and cooler temps making it an ideal time for spirited driving.



Utah Specific Miata Driving Tips. September Maintenance Checklist: Battery Health — Temperature swings can reveal weak batteries. Brake Management --

Long descents in canyons can heat pads quickly. **Cooling awareness** — Extended climbs in mountains mean sustained RPMs; so watch temps. **Tire pressure** — Expect 1–2 PSI swings between afternoons and mornings. **Soft top UV care** — Utah sun is intense even in fall; treat the top before winter. **Alignment refresh** — Canyon roads expose sloppy toe settings quickly. **Fluid check** — High altitude climbs stress differential and brake fluid. **Top & seals** — Prep for cold nights and early frost in Utah.

We have had some good drives and activities this year. Thanks go to the members who have planned these events! We are looking for an activity to do for October so if there is anything that you can suggest, please let me know as soon as possible. We were planning to visit the new Visitor's Center at Antelope Island State Park, however it is not open yet for visitors. New ideas are always welcome. We could visit a local pumpkin patch and purchase some fun Fall items to support the local economy. Also visiting a place like the Natural History Museum is a fun event as they always have fun things to see. Let me or any club officer know of any activity you think would be fun for the club. Mike

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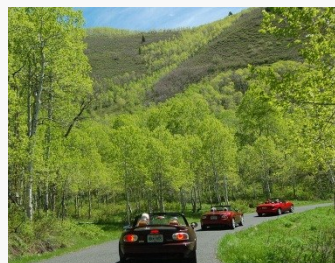
September Luncheon & Alpine Loop Drive by Mike Bailey

When: Saturday, September 12, 2026 **Time:** 10:00 AM **Where to Meet:** Draper Harmon's Grocery Store: 13800 S. Bangerter Hwy. and East of I-15 Parking lot. **Picnic in the Park:** Creekside Park, 100 S. 600 East, Alpine

We will have a short driver's meeting at the Harmon's grocery store in Draper. You can bring a picnic lunch basket or buy something at Harmons before the drive or you can purchase fast food at Subway or another place in Alpine. They have a couple of pavilions at the park but they may be used by others. **You should bring a camp chair or blanket.** We'll drive south and east and over Suncrest and to Alpine and go to the park for lunch and a club meeting. The name and address to the park is above.



After lunch we'll head up American Fork Canyon via Mt. Timpanogos Highway and take the **Alpine Loop Scenic Drive Road**. We'll drive thru to Sundance and take a break there and can use rest rooms. The drive will officially end there. Some may wish to go to Bridal Veil Falls on Provo Canyon Road. I'll be driving down Provo Canyon Road south to 800 N. Orem and home via I-15 or those who live north can go home north on Provo Canyon Road to Heber



Attention: New 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 Facebook Page. Please note that Expiring Soon column now 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 hand a 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. If you have questions Mike may be contacted at 530-521-6675, or by email at utahmiataclub@yahoo.com. Payment types accepted for your dues are cash, check, money order or Venmo: username @UMCTreas. **Please Renew your Membership on the Month its Due!**

Birthdays / Memberships

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
ELIZA ERICKSON	2019	MACHINE GREY
CHRIS QUICK	2013	DOLPHIN GRAY MICA
LANDIN VALLEJOS	2023	SOUL RED CRYSTAL

Expiring Soon: \$40. Dual- \$30 Single / Renew

NAME	PAID THRU
RICHARD & PATTY ADAMS	30 SEP 2026
MARK & CHARRISE FERGUSON	30 SEPT 2026
ANDREA LOPEZ	30 SEPT 2026
MARK MIDGLEY	30 SEPT 2026
LEON & STEPHANIE VISNAW	30 SEPT 2026
SCOTT & LISA CEDERLOF	31 OCT 2026
JOSEPH FOWLER & SABRINA HANSEN	31 OCT 2026
ROGER NEWTON	31 OCT 2026
DAVE & KAY SCHEURER	31 OCT 2026

JAMES VREDEVELD	04 SEPT
KAREN CHRISTIANSEN	23 SEPT
TY KIISEL	26 SEPT
MARK REMINGTON	27 SEPT
DAVE SCHEURER	27 SEPT
RICHARD ADAMS	29 SEPT
ANA PORTER	29 SEPT

**Memberships Expired / Lapset / Renew Now**

NAME	EXPIRED
LETHO & DANA BASSETT	31 JUL 2026
ALI BAZZAZ	31 JUL 2026
TIMOTHY & LISA KING	31 JUL 2026
BRIAN & SUSAN CHRISTIANSEN	30 AUG 2026
RICK & DANETTE DAVIS	31 AUG 2026
BUD GOFF & DENISE WILLIAMS	31 AUG 2026
SCOTT & CALLIE HARRINGTON	31 AUG 2026
JAROM PEGRAM & SARIAH PASKET	31 AUG 2026
RANDALL SMITH	31 AUG 2026
OWEN SPENCER	31 AUG 2026
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	31 AUG 2026
GREG & LANETTE WILSON	31 AUG 2026

Removed From Roster

REMOVED FROM ROSTER	EXP.
SARAH BURRINGHAM	JUN 2026

Club Officers July 2025—2026

President: Michael Bailey - Vice President: Dave Scheurer - Secretary: Kelly Thompson - Treasurer: Michael Thompson - Directors: Robert Olsen, Jackie Nicholl, Ron Steckler. Web Master: Doyle Sturm Newsletter Editor: Mike Bailey, Membership Director: Jackie Nicholl—Scribe: Kelly Thompson Club Historian—Mike Bailey

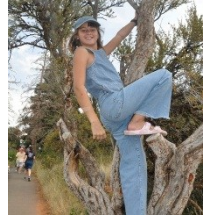


Mt. Nebo Loop Drive Report by Mike Bailey

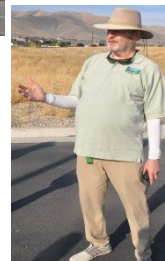
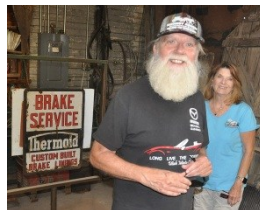
We have driven the Mt. Nebo Loop many times through the almost 30 years that I have been a member of the Utah Miata Club. This year's drive planned and led by Mike and Kelly Thompson was a great one. We had 16 Miatas meet at the Maverik Station in Saratoga Springs and met another two



Miatas there at the Payson City Park for our luncheon. My favorite way to drive the loop is the south end at Nephi traveling north to Payson. Not sure why, but I seem to enjoy going from south to north! We made our usual stop at the 'Devil's Kitchen' to take the short trail to the end for a photo opportunity, as we usually do. Randall Smith brought his beautiful granddaughter along and I got a cute photo of her in a tree at the end of the Devil's Garden trail.



The weather was very nice with small wispy clouds over us most of the day. There was quite a lot of smoke from all the central Utah fires in the air which was not pleasant! There also were remnants of burned trees along the route from previous fires in that area, which is always so sad to see. We had the picnic pavilion all to ourselves in Payson which was nice so we didn't have to get out our camp chairs or blankets this year, however the blankets were nice to put on the hard benches. I hope you enjoy the photos of this year's drive!



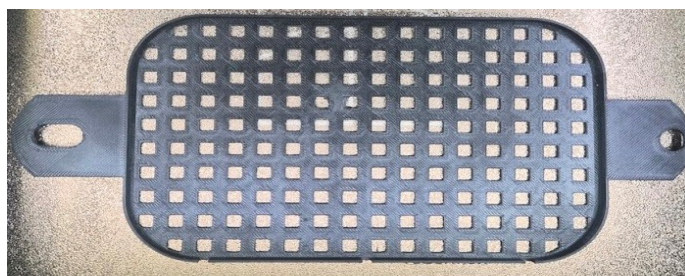
Grill Badges & Other Miata Items for Your Miata by Dave Scheurer



All items are 3D printed by Ron Roberts at: <https://sites.google.com/view/ronrob61mx5goodies>. Prices include \$10 club discount. Let Dave Scheurer dscheurer@comcast.net know if you're interested in any of these items as he has some available immediately. Ron does give a club discount when buying 2 or more items.

Grille Badge for NA, NB, NC, ND \$15. These are special order.

(Advertises your membership in the club. Available in 1) white, black, red. 2) gray, black, red, and 3) silver, black, red, provided a 4 piece minimum per color scheme is met – regardless of mounting style. If not enough ordered, We'd like to order them in one color, probably Silver per Mike Bailey's order. These are available in several different mounting styles (slightly curved to fit ND bumper, flat, Spyder grille, and with 3M adhesive tape or magnetic mount). The magnetic mount badge could also be used as a fridge magnet or tool box magnet. If none of these styles will work for you, Ron will custom design one for your vehicle if you provide the dimensions). Photo on left below:



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Cabin Air Filter Screen for ND \$25. I have one in stock for \$20. Keeps rodents out! See above photo.

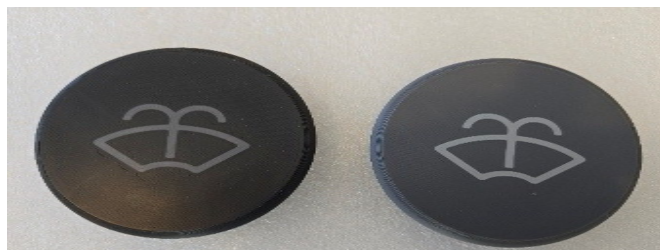
Glove Box Shelf for ND \$25. I have one in stock for \$20 (Adds extra storage) See Below.



Phone Mount for ND \$45.00. I have one in stock for \$35.00. Suction mount sold separately.

PhonePhoggne Mount for ND \$45. I

Wind Blocker Hole Plugs for ND \$20 / set. I have 3 sets in stock for \$15 / set. (Keeps garbage out) See below.



Windshield Washer Fluid Cap for ND \$35. See above right. I have one black and one gray in stock for \$25 / each. (Prevents leaks and eliminates unsightly blue cap. Also available in custom colors)

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Grill Badges & Other Miata Items for Your Miata (continued)

by Dave Scheurer



Foilers for ND \$65

(Reduces wind noise on RF & soft top) Below Left Photo.



Storage Box for ND \$50. I have one in stock for \$40 Top Right Photo. (Fits in passenger cup holder slot)

Transformer Storage Box for ND \$75

(Fits in cup holder slots and can be "transformed" into slots for storage) Below Left Photo.



Eazy Breezy for ND \$55. I have one in stock with a cracked (not broken) fin – make me an offer (Cabin air scoop) Above Middle Photo.

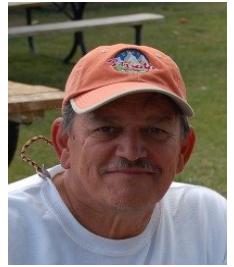
OEM Cupholder Insert for ND \$35/pair. I have one in stock for \$15 (Keeps standard plastic water bottles secure) Above Right Photo.



Seat side storage cubby for ND \$50/pair. I have one pair in stock for \$40/pair (Great for cell phones, garage door openers, etc.)

Welcome New Members by Mike Bailey

We'd like to welcome some **New Members** to the Utah Miata Club. Below are new members who have joined the Utah Miata Club since June 2026. Also included are existing members who have purchased a new Miata from our dealer sponsor, Bountiful Mazda. In that case, if a member purchases or trades in their current Miata for a new one, Bountiful Mazda will pay for and extend their membership for a year!



I have some photos of these new members or renewed members since June 2026, most of which I have taken at our luncheons or drives. Any new members whom I do not have photos of, please send a photo to me, Mike Bailey, that I can use in the newsletter so that our members can get to know who you are. Please send me an email at my business email mike@mikebaileyprinting.com. I do not regularly monitor my gmail email that I send the newsletter out on. We do have an article that we occasionally run in the newsletter called **"Member Spotlight"** and we'd like to include some information about any new member in this article in a future newsletter. If so, please contact me by same email and we can send you a form or questionnaire you can fill out so we can get to know you better and why you purchased your Miata.

I'd like to name the new members who have joined the club recently as well as mention those who have renewed their memberships since June or purchased a brand new Miata from Bountiful Mazda. Joe and JoAnn Jacobsen Wells Leverich (renewal) new 2026 Soul Red Crystal Miata. Steve Tobiason & Ron Steckler, also a new one-year renewal membership from BM for purchase of a new 2026 Aero Grey Miata, Sport Edition. Joey Fowler & Sabrina Hansen, 2026 Snowflake White.

Congratulations New Members on joining the club:

September: Landin Vallejos, SLC, 2023 Soul Red Crystal Metallic Club Edition. Chris Quick, NSL, 2013 Dolphin Gray Mica. Eliza Erickson, 2019 Machine Gray Metallic. **August:** Perry & Melissa Brulotte, 2023 Soul Red Crystal. Rachel Taylor, 2026 Aero Gray. Lance Topham, 2026 Snowflake White. Larry Knight, 2016 Red. **July:** Kurt Groesbeck, 2026 Snowflake White. Dillon Kiser, 2024 Machine Gray Metallic. **June:** Andrew Vantiem, 2025, Machine Grey Metallic. Stephen & Megan Vander Hoeven, 1995 Chase White. Christopher Wong, 2024 Machine Grey. Chris & Michelle Markarian, 2014 Zeal Red Mica. **May:** Eddie Egan, 2016 Soul Red. Danny & Christena Gates, 1991 British Racing Green. Heewon Hwang, 2022 Soul Red. Tyler Starm, 2026 Soul Red. **April:** Dylan Jenson, 2019 Ceramic RF. Obrist Leijten, 2010 Liquid Silver. March: Sina Saravani & Fateme Chalestori, 2013 True Red. **February:** David Tribe, 2022 Soul Red GT RF. **January:** Mark Remington, 1991 British Racing Green (now sold) New car is a 2015 Corvette Stingray. **Welcome to all the New Members!**



Anniversary Pin Awards for 2025

Carol Lynn Vredevelde has achieved Lifetime Status as a member who has reached 20 consecutive years as a member of the Utah Miata Club as of August 2026. Congratulations to



Carol Lynn and her husband Lou, who passed away 6 years ago. Other lifetime members are Baileys, Bowers, Cichockis, Fergusons, Millgates, Moons, Nicholls, Porters, Steve Tobiasson & Ron Steckler, and Spence Wood. Other long time members reaching milestones 10-15 years are Collings, Val Francis & Doyle Sturm, Headys, Housleys, Jaworskis, Kloers, Mechlings, Millgates, Newsons, Nicholls, Ponds, and Vaughns. Thank you for being dedicated members over the years!



Annual Christmas Holiday Party & Dinner by Mike Bailey

Date / Location: 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. A dinner menu will be available by October but similar to last years' as well as the cost of the meal.

We will also have our "White Elephant" gift exchange and a description for rules that go with this. This is one of the *best* events of the year so please plan to attend!



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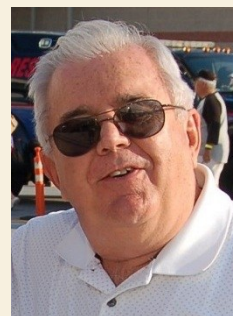


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UTAH MIATA CLUB: A MEMOIR OF a BLUE-RIBBON GROUP OF ENTHUSIASTS

Having retired in 2012 from our jobs in Indiana, we looked forward to a longer Miata journey than our typical weekend or vacation outings. We had lived in Greeley for a year while in graduate school and always wanted to more fully explore the Rocky Mountains. During a computer search of Miata clubs across the country, we happened upon the UMC website and its plans for a Great Western Adventure in 2013. The GWA instructions were to call Lou Vredevel:



"Hello Lou, I'm Gary Collings and we want to join UMC. OK, he said.

I replied that one issue is that we live in Indiana. No problem, he said.

Do you have \$20 for membership? Yes; OK, send it to Margie and Jim.

I will forward you a list of Best Western motels to make your overnight reservations along the route. Tell the clerk you're UMC members."



And our journey of a lifetime began with a 3-day Miata drive from Indy to Salt Lake City for a meeting with strangers who soon became our long-time friends!

The Great Western Adventure launched from Salt Lake City on June 15, 2013, traveling north and west through the 8 states of Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and ending in Salt Lake City on September 13, 2013. What a trip and there were more on the horizon!!

In September 2014 we were delighted to also attend the Great Southwestern Adventure starting at Kabob, UT, Holbrook and Safford, AZ (yes, we did stand on the corner in Winslow, AZ), Alamogordo and Santa Fe, NM, Cortez and Grand Junction, CO. The 9-day trip ended in Utah.

P.S. After 31 years as a member of the Indy Miata Club, we sold our 7th and final Miata this year in July. Over the years we traveled in one of our seven Miatas across 47 states attending national conventions, events, gatherings, and mingles sponsored by various local and regional clubs. Without hesitation, we recommend that all Miata lovers experience the scenic drives beyond description of Utah and enjoy the hospitality of welcoming members in the premier Utah Miata Club. The annual club membership includes excellent monthly newsletter postings of various local and national events.

Happy Trails ... Gary and Kathy

Editor's Note: I have included several photos of our many year's adventures with Gary and Kathy. They are very dear friends and members of our club and have been for many years. We have had so many special times together with them.





MIATA TIDBITS

by Mike Bailey

Newsorthy Items from UMC Members



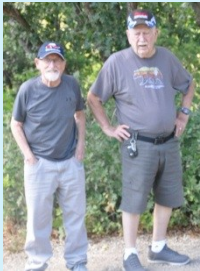
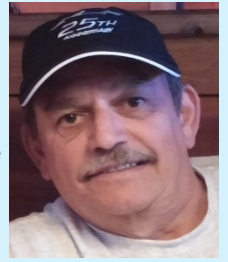
Personalized Plates of the Utah Miata Club and Other Miata Clubs

Personalized Vanity Plates are very popular, especially with Miata Clubs. I've been to many events across the country and seen and taken many photos of Miata members vanity plates. You may find a name on one that you like and will want to personalize your Miata with a plate you like! The new "America 250" plate is available through most of 2027. See my article on them in last month's newsletter! Some new plates from Utah members below.



Woody's, Guardsman's Pass Drive Report by Mike Bailey

We had a great turnout of Miata club members and Miatas at Woody's Drive Inn in Murray last month. We filled the restaurant both inside and outside on their patio with our group. The food was excellent and I'm sure we will be going there again. They have an assortment of delicious ice cream treats and chocolate and cherry dipped cones! About 17 Miatas from the club took to the road and headed up Big Cottonwood Canyon to Guardsman's Pass. We had trouble keeping together in the traffic from Woody's up to the canyon so we stopped at the park and ride lot at the mouth of the canyon to wait for the group. As we traveled up the canyon we picked up a couple non-member Miatas along the way that wondered where we were going. They ended up turning off at various points along the way to other destinations! I still counted 16 at the turnoff to Wasatch Mountain State Park not counting the Jaworski's who continued on to Park City and home from there. We had a pleasant day as it was cloudy which kept the hot sun off us for awhile. We drove through the small town of Midway which was crowded with people as they had some sort of festival going on. Some of the group left and went towards Heber and I assume home that way. We took the Cascade Springs cutoff and it was a beautiful drive up the canyon to the rest stop there. From there we headed up American Fork Canyon and the Alpine Loop to go home. Thanks to everyone who came on this drive. Enjoy some photos I took during the day.



Enjoy these photos of Utah Miata Club's September Birthdays



JAMES VREDEVELD



KAREN CHRISTIANSEN



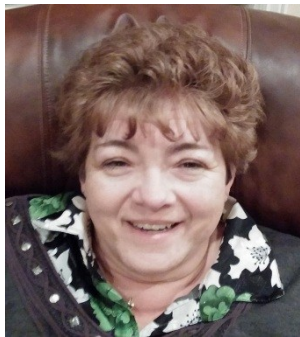
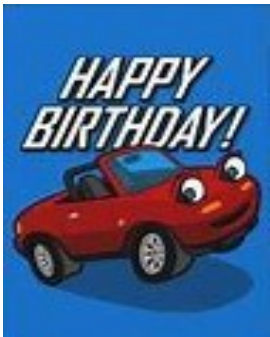
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DAVE SCHEURER



MARK REMINGTON



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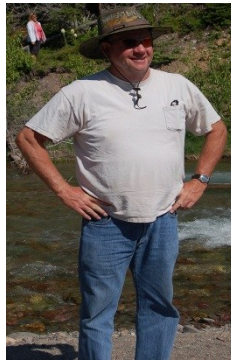


RICHARD ADAMS

Monthly Birthday Gifts at the UMC Luncheons on Birthday Month

Monthly Door Prize Give-Aways

Photos of Birthday Members at UMC Events:



New Utah Miata Club Logo Apparel & Merchandise by Mike Bailey

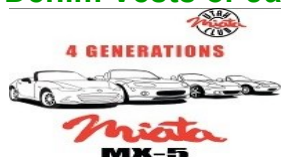


MIATA SWAG AND ANY OTHER CLOTHING ITEMS YOU'D LIKE CAN BE ORDERED

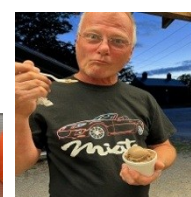
Windbreaker Jackets or the Official Utah Miata Club Jackets that you've seen some members wear. Official logo or the Mountains Logo with the color of your Miata on it. Or the Utah Miata Club Un-Official logo the red Miata with star in background. We used to use this logo in early days of the club especially on apparel. Windbreakers are \$25.-\$30. Club official jackets are \$70.00 to include most logos & name.



First Original UMC Logo: Star with the Miata Club Logo (created in 1997). Miata Flag Script type font. "Miataitude" font Hats. \$20.00-\$30.00 depending on logo. Official Logo & Mountains Logo. Denim Vests or Jackets-supplied by you or I can get them from my apparel provider!



Club Logo Miata Car Magnets: Official or Mountains Logo with color of your Miata! \$25./set of 2. Miata Support Vehicle Magnets. T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Yours or Mine! Any logos you want. "Miata" script type on sleeves! Ball Caps all club logos and other designs. \$20- \$25. & \$30. depending on logo. Also 2-tone hats and mesh hats. Any Logos!





2026 Calendar of Events



September 12th: Lunch-Park in Alpine; 10 AM; Alpine Loop Dr. Pg. 6 NL: Mike Bailey

October 10th: Drive options: 1) Huntsville to Monte Cristo to Woodruff to Evanston for Lunch. 2) Sardine Canyon- Logan & Logan Canyon -Bear Lake, Lunch

October 30th: Possible Halloween Party: Need someone to suggest and / or plan.

November 14th: Need Location & Member to Suggest and / or Plan.

December 12th: Annual Christmas Party: Edison Events; 6:00 PM: UMC Board

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



2027 Calendar of Events

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

February 13th: Play: TBD; Luncheon: TBD; Robert Olsen

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

April 10th: Need Location & Member to Suggest and / or Plan.

May 8th: Luncheon: 11:30 Place TBD; Drive: Johnson's Pass Tooele Co. Ty Kissel

May ?: Cycle Karts: Date and Time: TBD; Ken Jarworski

June 12th: Bear Lake Drive: Luncheon / Raspberry Shakes: TBD; Need Drive Leader to Plan

July 10th: Annual Summer Picnic: Morgan City Park -Elections & Planning Mtg. Board of Directors



Editor's Message; We'd like to have UMC members come up with some ideas for possible places for monthly luncheons and drives for our 2027 Calendar. **Refer to open spots on above calendar.** You can just suggest, plan it and/or lead it. On lunch places we prefer somewhere with a private room or area so we can conduct our monthly meeting. Also we 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 also 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, the Newsletter Editor. We hope that all members will be active in club activities. **This is YOUR CLUB so please help us with plan.**



CANDID CAMERA PHOTOS OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB MEMBERS. SEND ME YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS OF ANY MEMBERS TO INCLUDE HERE. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US TAKE YOUR PHOTO! TRY TO GUESS WHEN AND WHERE THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN, IF NOT MENTIONED.



HAWAIIAN MIATA CRUISE—DEC. 2023



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GROUP ON CANADA II TRIP— 2018



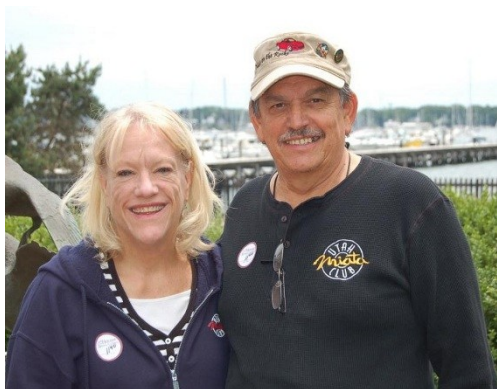
GROUP ON SILVERTON, CO. TRAIN 2019



NICHOLL'S IN GOBLIN VALLEY-2024



LADIES—SUMMER PICNIC—2015



LYNN & MIKE BAILEY— 2012



JIM, MARGIE NEWSON ; BEARTOOTH HWY-2023



SHARON, JACKIE, LYNN, KRISTI—BRYCE 2026



STEVE, RON—SUMMER PICNIC = 2015



LYNN—COLORADO TRIP-2019