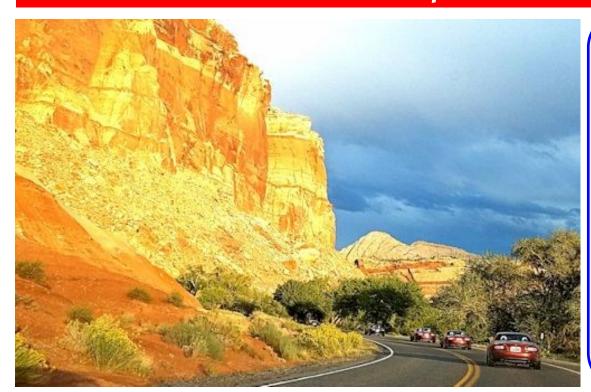




Ragtops to Ridges



The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



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From the Top Down By: Roger Heath

It's the middle of April and I'm looking out my window at the intermittent snow. Blah!! But we need the water so I guess I shouldn't complain too much as it will soon be hot, very hot.

The club email is now active. In case you have forgotten the email address it's utahmiataclub@yahoo.com. Mass emails will now be coming to you from this account. If it seems you are not getting emails please contact someone on the board so they can ensure your email address is correctly loaded. Also, if you change your address please let the board know as well.

As we get nearer the picnic in July I'm making another plea for you all to nominate who you want your club officers to be going forward next year. Rather than wait until the picnic to ask for nominations I'm putting the call out now. You can submit nominations through the club email or if you prefer to stay anonymous a box with paper slips will be provided at the May and June monthly meetings. Remember, this is your opportunity to influence changes you would like to see in your club. The positions being voted in are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and 2 directors. You can self-nominate or nominate another member. However if you nominate someone other than yourself that person does have the right to refuse.

The summer just got busier with the addition of the Bryce Canyon/Torrey trip in late September. That makes six overnight trips this year. Some just for one night, others multiple nights. If you're interested in any of the trips but just aren't sure most of the recommended hotels come with free cancellation. You can always book your room and cancel should you not be able to go. If you have any questions on any of the trips talk to the trip organizer.

Just a heads up, I am postponing the drive to Golden Spike on Memorial Day weekend. I will try to squeeze it into a future monthly meeting.

May Lunch Meeting & Drive By: Ken and Jan Jaworski

Date & Time: Saturday, May 7th 10:45 AM

Location: Great Harvest parking lot at Kimball Junction

(next to Walmart Supercenter)

Address: 6541 N Landmark Dr., Park City 84098

Information:

We will meet in the Great Harvest parking lot and leave promptly at 11:00 am to drive through Park City ending at Midway City Park for our lunch and meeting. Bring your camp chairs in case the bowery is not available. Bring your own lunch or you can grab something from the Ridley's grocery store next to the park. Don't forget a jacket since the temps are cooler in Summit County. The route from Park City to Midway is dependent on Empire Pass road being opened or not (Jaworski's will be checking a day or two before).

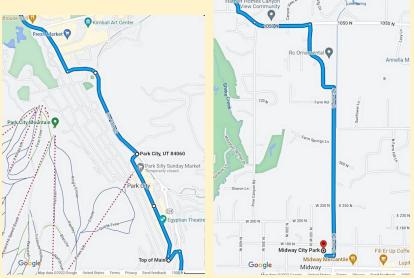
Midway City Park address is 45 N. Center Street, Midway 84049 (right behind Ridley's Family Market.) Anticipated arrival at the park is about 12:00 (12:30 at the latest) if

you just want to meet up there.



After the lunch meeting, we will go on a "Wasatch Back" drive. The route will be discussed at the meeting and will include driving past the south side of Jordanelle Reservoir (Hwy 32), past buffalo grazing, through Francis and Kamas. Then on past Rockport Reservoir and Wanship, to Coalville.

At the meeting additional routes will be discussed that can be taken from Coalville, and will depend on whether East Canyon is open yet or not.



Vanity Plate of the Month By: Valerie Francis



This vanity plate of the month belongs to Sue and Brian Christiansen. They have been members for four years and finally decided it was time to get a personalized plate for their 2018 machine gray RF.

We have really enjoyed them being part of the UMC family and joining us on the club's awesome adventures. Just wondering if "ZOOMERS" is a fun take on

"Boomers" but of course way faster than a baby boomer! ;-)





Membership Dues Reminder

If you wish to renew your membership, and we hope you will, please give or send a check to Club Treasurer, Margie Newson, for the appropriate amount. A Dual Membership (for yourself and a spouse, sibling or significant other) is \$35, and \$25 for Single and includes the newsletter e-mailed to you, or \$45 if you would like a hard copy sent by standard mail. You can also pay your dues online with PayPal on our website; www.utahmiataclub.org. This method is \$35 / \$25 (plus PayPal fees). If mailing a check, please send to: 233 West 1550 North, Bountiful, Utah 84010. Make your check payable to the Utah Miata Club. Margie can also be contacted by phone at 801-295-4563 or by e-mail at sec.treasumc@icloud.com.

Birthdays / Memberships

New Members

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
SABRINA HANSEN	1999	BLUE
STEVEN & TERI OLSEN	2000	BLACK

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

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NAME	EXPIRING
ELYS BANK	5/31/2022
CLAUDE & ERLENE BROWN	5/31/2022
ANTHONY BROWNING	5/31/2022
ANDREW & SANDIE GLASMACHER	5/31/2022
RICK & DAYNA KISER	5/31/2022
PAUL SMIRCICH	5/31/2022
MICHAEL & KELLY THOMPSON	5/31/2022
TRACY WOODWORTH	5/31/2022

Membership Expired: \$35 Dual / \$25

NAME	EXPIRED	
BILL & JANET ANDERSON	3/31/2022	
JIM & MARILYN BICKLEY	3/31/2022	
TODD & AMY CHRISTOPHER	2/28/2022	
RON D. SHAW	4/30/2022	
SHAUNA EDSON	3/31/2022	
PAUL HOUSE	3/31/2022	
LARRY & CHARLENE PETERSEN	4/31/22	
ANDREW WADE	4/31/22	

Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
GAGE & ALYSSA LAMBERT	1/31/2022



NAME	BIRTHDAY
KRISTI SMITH	3 May
CHASE CHARLESWORTH	5 May
TODD CHRISTOPHER	5 May
RONDA BECKSTEAD	6 May
SCOTT HADLEY	6 May
LARRY THOMAS	7 May
JIM BOWERS	9 May
ROXANNE BAGLEY	10 May
JUDY DYSON	10 May
BRITTNEY CHARLESWORTH	14 May
STEVE TOBIASSON	17 May
MARILYN BICKLEY	20 May
SCOTTY MEDINE	22 May
COLLEEN REILLY	22 May
BRET BAGLEY	23 May
REXANNE POND	28 May

Club Officers

President: Roger Heath Vice President: Valerie Francis Secretary: Jim Newson

Treasurer: Margie Newson Directors: Hank Pond, Steve Beckstead, Robert Mechling

April Lunch Meeting and Drive Report By: Valerie Francis



What better way to welcome April than to get together for our monthly lunch meeting and drive. About 25 cars showed up for the meeting at the pavilion reserved just for our group. Thanks to Hank Pond for helping Susan and Mark Vaughn with this. (PS: we will be at the same location for our summer picnic in July). At the meeting we covered normal topics but two new ones included; elections are coming up in a couple of months so we need

those members so inclined to throw your name in the hat to be nominated for a position, and that the plan is coming together for a fall leaf drive to Bryce and Capitol Reef (see details in the article in this news letter and on our website).



After lunch, Mark led 18 cars south to Saratoga Springs, and after a quick bathroom stop, we headed west to Rush Valley and up over "Johnson Pass".

Interesting side notes on the name of the pass: "Johnson's Pass finally took its name sometime after 1858 after one of Clover's first settlers. Luke S. Johnson came to the area in 1856 and eventually founded the town of Clover."

"Later, Lincoln Highway promoter Carl G. Fisher funded the project to build the road over Johnson's Pass, which was greatly unimproved at that time. In return for financing the project, the state promised to rename the pass in honor of Carl Fisher, which would have changed the name to "Fisher's Pass." At present there is a monument to Fisher on the summit of the pass along with an example of a Lincoln Highway road marker. Most people, however, still refer to the road over the mountains as "Johnson's Pass."

"One last note about the Lincoln Highway and the pass: In 1919, a young lieutenant crossed it with his military truck convoy — the first to ever

prove the concept of a coast to coast highway. That lieutenant's name was Dwight David Eisenhower. He stayed

overnight at Orr's Ranch after passing through Johnson's Pass and having a horrible time in the sand dunes west of Willow Springs."





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"Beware of the time of day you choose to visit Johnson's Pass. The "Dugway 500" takes place every weekday morning and night (Monday-Thursday) as hundreds of cars speed over the pass toward Dugway. Some of these folks could probably be seasoned, professional NASCAR drivers. Sharing the road with them can be a trying experience."

If interested here's the link to the full article:

http://tooeleonline.com/an-age-old-conflict-continues-over-the-real-name-of-johnsonspass/

Now back to our drive - After swerving through all the fun canyon twisties we stopped at the large pull out at the summit to catch our breath. While there, we were entertained by a bullet bike practicing "knee-down riding" on the turns by going back and forth and back and forth over the pass. It was scary exciting to see his knee almost touch the road on









We had to time our exit back onto the road as to not interfere with the racing motorcycle, then headed down the twisties on the other side of the canyon. Once out of the canyon it was a straight road to the pullout at Dugway, where we stopped to say goodbye. From here several Miatas headed home north on Hwy 196 then east on I-80, and the rest went back over Johnson Pass, then home.

Even though the canyon is short, the twisties are so worth the drive there, especially because on weekends there is hardly any traffic and we can go as fast as we want.

Thanks again to Mark and Susan for planning such a great drive, and for Mark in leading us through the west desert and over the twisty pass! Thanks to Ken Jaworski and Joey Fowler for providing some of the photos for this article.





Member Spotlight: Jerry & Linda Gross

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By: Carol Lynn Vredeveld

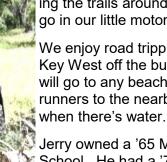
Our spotlight couple this month is **Jerry** and **Linda Gross.** They have been UMC members only a year or so, but they have been Miata fans for quite a while now. I'm sure many of you know them already from previous club events.... but I remember Linda from the Christmas Party when she kept getting her white elephant gift stolen and had to keep picking new ones...like 5 times! She either had a really great gift every time she picked one or some of our members just enjoyed taking Linda's gift to tease her a little, (imagine that). It was quite funny by the 3rd or 4th time....and she was a very good sport with a great sense of humor and made it fun for all of us. Enjoy reading about their fun adventures with their family and how they fell in love with Miata's in Linda's own words in the following article.

Jerry and I are both Utah natives. I was raised in the avenues. Jerry grew up in Murray. We met at First Security Bank where we both worked. We have been married for 45 ½ years. We planted our roots in Murray and have lived in Murray for 44 years. We have 4 great kids, 3 girls and 1 boy. We have 6 adorable, amazing, talented grandkids. Our oldest are twin boys that are 12, two girls that are 8 (and 3 months apart), and 2 boys that are 6 (and 3 months apart).

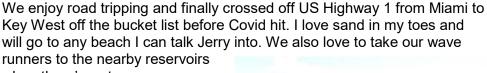
Jerry and I are both retired. I retired earlier than planned from Questar at the time of the merger. Jerry is a Dominion retiree, retiring a year after Dominion and Questar merged. Jerry had been with Mountain Fuel/Questar/Dominion for 40 years.

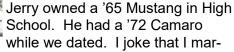


As poor newlyweds, we did a lot of car camping, sleeping in a tent. We upgraded to a tent trailer when I was pregnant with our 4th. We invested in a fleet of motorcycles when the youngest was 6 and taught all of our kids how to ride dirt bikes, including all three girls. We spent a lot of time on the west desert and in the mountains. When it was hard to find "services' for our girls, it became a necessity to have a trailer with a bathroom. We sold the dirt bikes and bought 4-wheelers and loved explor-



ing the trails around Moab. We still love to go camping and riding but now go in our little motorhome and have a RZR we love to go exploring in.





ried him for his car. In December of 2002, I bought a '72 Jetset Blue metallic Jeep Wagoneer from the original owner with 31,000 original miles. It was in amazing shape. The bumpers were straight, original windshield; interior was in mint condition. My son and I loved driving it but it just wasn't the family car we needed. We sold it on eBay to a Jeep dealership in Japan.

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In 2004, a neighbor was selling his Miata. I fell in love and had to have it. It was a silver, 1991 Mazda Miata that was in great shape and low miles but needed a lot of love. We replaced the top, new wheels and tires, the right battery and floor mats, and with a good bath and she shined. I couldn't have been happier but Jerry didn't think she had enough power. Jerry bought a 2005 Rio Yellow Pearl Honda S2000 convertible and we sold the Miata.

When we retired, Jerry bought a 2017 Mustang GT but I still was missing my Miata. We bought our 2nd, a 2017 Soul Red Mazda MX5 RF in December 2020. The dealership bought our membership to the Utah Miata Club and glad they did.





We have been members for just over a year. We have not been able to attend as many drives as we'd like but go as often as we can. We have really enjoyed getting to know the members. We just bought our 3rd MX5 Miata, the 30th Anniversary, 2019 in Racing Orange. Thanks Roger. We just love her. She has become the favorite.

It's obvious you two love cars and the outdoors and have taken some great road trips. I particularly loved hearing about the HWY 1 drive from Florida to Key West. That must have been amazing! I might have to put that one on my bucket list... So glad to have you as a part of our Miata family! It should be a fantastic summer with lots of fun adventures to share with you both.



Miata Tales By: Ken Jaworski

Someone asked me at the last Club Meeting how the cleaned plastic covers on the headlight have progressed.

OK! So here is the original article:

The process requires "MOTHERS MAG & ALUMINUM POLISH".

YGROWUP had already been wrapped up for the winter so I tried it on my Xterra. The plastic covering on the headlight was sooo cloudy that you could not see the lamp inside. I used an old toothbrush to spread the polish around and around and around....you get the pix. I then used a microfiber cloth to remove the goo that was on the headlight covering.





WOW!! You could now see the lamp and reflector inside the housing. I have no idea how long this will last, but it is now on my winter driving vehicle and I will report its condition. (Sorry, I should have taken a pix of the lense prior to doing the procedure.)

Here is the follow-up answer to the question: All I did was spray some window cleaner on a paper towel and wiped the bugs off. This is how it looks today. I hope you can see that the lens is still very clear. For such little effort I am extremely

please with the outcome. There seems to be some staining on the inside of the plastic lens, but I can still see the reflector and bulb very clearly. Hope that answers any questions.



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

The Incomparable Bryce Canyon / Capitol Reef Fall Leaf Drive Friday Sept 23rd – Sunday Sept 25th By: Valerie Francis

It's On! The plan is coming together for a fun and beautiful drive to Bryce Canyon and Torrey / Capitol Reef National Parks. We are still finalizing some of the lunch plans so this is a heads up so you can put this on your calendar and reserve your hotel rooms.

Friday Sept 23: SLC to Bryce via Mt Nebo Loop (weather permitting) down Hwy 89, over Gooseberry Road past Fish Lake to Bryce. A group dinner at Ruby's Inn is being planned but you can also find dinner on your own. Depending on arrival time you can explore the park on your own too.

Saturday Sept 24: After a couple hours on a group ride through Bryce or free time to explore/hike Bryce, we head to Torrey / Capital Reef via All-American Scenic Byway 12 through Escalante, Hogs Back, (possible side trip down the Burr Trail), and over Boulder Mountain to Torrey. As in the past, we are in the planning stage for an early group dinner in Torrey then an early evening / sunset drive through Capitol Reef.





Sunday Sept 25th: we head home via Hwy 72 and Hwy 10, to Ferron, up Huntington Canyon and down Fairview Canyon, then home via Hwy 89 Spanish Fork or Nephi. Still working on possible lunch plans for this day.

If you have been on this trip before you know how great the roads and scenery are. Below is the information on discount rates available at Ruby's Inn in Bryce. Mike Bailey worked his magic and got us a nice discount off listed rates. Only 20 rooms are being held so reserve as soon as possible

Friday 9/23 Best Western Ruby's Inn discount information and link for booking at the discount:

The rooms will be QQ (Double Queen) in the outlaying buildings by the main lodge for \$200.00 + 13.87% sales tax for one night, September 23, 2022, for 2 people. A 3rd or 4th person can stay in one of these rooms for an additional \$10.00 per person charge. Some have a lake view and others may not. We cannot specify which building at this time when reserving the room. We have a block of 20 rooms set aside for our group, on a first come, first served basis. Check out is 11:00 a.m. A full breakfast is included in cost of room. (Reg. \$13.50).

This is a link to book your room: https://www.bestwestern.com/en US/book/hotel-rooms.45040.html? groupId=4P9NK4S0

Note: Cancellation Policy: There is a 48 hr. cancellation before arrival date if anyone needs to cancel for any reason. If you do not want to stay at Ruby's Inn, there are other small motels on the main road by Bryce Canyon City that you are welcome to check out.

Meals: A dinner is planned for Friday evening at the Ruby's Cowboy Buffet and Steak Room. Mike does not have the time reserved yet, but we will know prior our trip. We can order off the menu, either a specific meal available or the dinner buffet. The price is the same as it was on our 2020 trip at \$23.25 each person. You may choose to eat with the group or not. The conference rooms are currently booked but Mike is trying to get a room or private section of the restaurant for our group. See menu on UMC website.

Box Lunches for Saturday: Box Lunches are available to purchase for \$12.50 each. A form will be passed out at meetings that has to be filled out and sent to Ruby's Canyon Diner at least 5 days before our arrival in Bryce for them to prepare these meals. We may collect these forms and send in as a group. We will pick up the box lunches after we finish our Saturday morning drive to Bryce Canyon before we head out to travel to Torrey, the same as we did on our 2020 trip.

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Saturday 9/24: your choice of several hotels in Torrey (some have already reserved rooms at Broken Spur Inn). A group dinner is still being worked on.

Heads up so you can put this on your calendar and get your rooms reserved. This is the ultimate end of top down season driving adventure! For questions contact Val and Doyle.







New Club Magnets Available By: Mike Bailey

I have a new option for Club Car Magnets now available. These are using the Official Club Logo but the background can be most any color, such as the color of your Miata or a color you like. See the sample of the yellow magnets. When ordering them, please specify the background color you would like. I used ones like this on my Blazing Yellow Miata. The cost is still the same as it has been in years. Price is \$25.00 per set of 2 magnets and size is 6" round, but you can get smaller ones like the ones we use for our event magnets which are 5" - 5.5" if you like that size better. Price is still the same cost. You also have the option, as always, of the Official Club Car Magnetics with the white background and black type with the "Miata" script type in red.





Mountains Magnets: Another favorite club magnet is with the "Mountains" logo. Same size and price on these as well. We can customize those with the color of your Miata, or color similar to it. They also come in NA, NB, NC, ND, and also RF versions of the Miata. Please specify this when ordering.

Event Magnets: On another note, I will be making up some Event Magnets, the smaller ones at 5 - 5.5" size for our club events. Events for this year include our Grand Canyon trip in late June, and Explore Oregon trip in July as well as the 2021 trip for

the Rocky Mountain Road Trip. I'm doing these 3 magnetics now, so if you have not ordered them, please do so now. I know some members collect them to put them on their wall, or fridge or metal door in their garage. Cost is one for \$8. or 2 for \$12 on all event magnets. You can get these magnets whether you went on the trip/drive or not. I can also make up these magnets from the previous trips we have done through the years with the logo we did of that event. Just let me know the event you want them for. A sample of some of them is featured here.

Contact me at Mike@mikebaileyprinting for orders or by phone at 801-597-1456, but I prefer the email or text. Keep Zooming!



New Club Shirts / Apparel By: Mike Bailey



I have a new club T-Shirt that has been designed featuring the four generations of the Miata and includes the club logo on them. We made some 3 Generations of the Miata shirts back in 2012. I actually came up with this before I got Covid so it has been a couple years in the making. We are finally ready to print some up. The cost on these will be about \$15. - \$16.00 each, for sizes S - XL. 2XL and over will be a few dollars more. We will print this on the front of the T-shirt, unless otherwise specified. I will be experimenting with several different colors of shirts on this. Ladies sizes are also available, so please specify if you want a lady's size. We can also do Sweatshirts as well. Please let me know if you want one of these and your size as they can be ordered through me.

We also have other T or Sweatshirts with either the Long Live the Roadster logo, or the Official or Mountains logo on them. Sweatshirts run around \$32.-\$42. depending on the style (Pullover Hoodie, Crew Neck, 1/4 Zip, or Full Zip with Hoodie). We can also print the "Miata" script type on the sleeve. T-shirts can be short or long sleeve.



Denim Shirts are popular as well usually with the Official Logo on them. They come in short or long sleeve. Polo Shirts are either printed or embroidered with logo and they are \$35.00. Vests are nice too. They are fleece with logo on them. About \$25.- \$28. Club Jackets with logo on them with your name on jacket if you like are \$70. -\$78. depending on which logo you put on. Ball caps are \$15. - \$20. depending on style. Send orders to mike@mikebaileyprinting.com. Thank you for any orders.





Information on Upcoming Trips Available Online By: Valerie Francis

We have several overnight and longer trips planned for this year, and the details have been put in the newsletter over the last couple of months. The information for these will be repeated over the coming months especially as each trip comes closer, but in the meantime, all the same information for each trip is available on the club's webpage at www.utahmiataclub.org.



Included online are all the details for the Grand Canyon in June, Explore Oregon and Flaming Gorge / Vernal in July, Helper Arts Festival / Nine Mile Canyon in August, Great Basin / Ely and Bryce / Capitol Reef trips in September. Check them out and/or watch for repeats in the newsletter in upcoming issues



Heads Up: June Monthly Meeting and Bear Lake Run By: Steve Beckstead

Saturday, June 4th 10:00 am: Early meeting at Rotary Glen Park on 900 South, East of Hogle Zoo mouth of Emigration Canyon

More

Maddox Ranch

We will have our monthly meeting, then head up Emigration canyon for our ride. Bring lawn chairs with your own snack if you wish. I'm picking up an egg McMuffin.

Rotary Glen Park is 2900 East Sunnyside Avenue (900 South) just East of Hogle Zoo on right side. You'll see the Miatas. Route is up Emigration Canyon, then to East Canyon Reservoir. Around the water we go down to Morgan, then over Trapper's Loop. We'll stop at Southfork Chevron Station (Huntsville) for break and regroup.

We go East on Monte Cristo Highway 39 to Woodruff, then North to Sage Creek Junction and left to Garden City. We may split up for Raspberry shakes at any of 2 or 3 places, meeting for the ride down Highway 89 to Logan. LaBeau's or the Chevron are 2 choices in Garden City.

Down beautiful Logan Canyon on Highway 89, we'll pull off for a quick goodbye in the Maddox parking lot in Perry. The drive will end here where those who wish can do early dinner as they wish.

The drive will be close to 5 hours and one of my favorites. There are numerous places along the way to drop off and do a shorter drive at your discretion. From Maddox each to their own route home.

(As a thought, if any are interested in meeting up the road, we'll be at the Huntsville Chevron around Noon if you prefer to meet there. Just be SURE to let someone know so we'll pick you up.)





2022 Calendar of Events



Monte Cristo

Morgan

East Canyon Reser

Evanstor

May 7th: Monthly lunch and meeting (Summit County), refer to page 2, Jan and Ken Jaworski

May 29th CANCELLED: Memorial Day drive to Golden Spike & Tremonton Murals has been postponed

June 4th: Monthly lunch and meeting (Bear Lake), refer to page 11, Steve and Ronda Beckstead

June 24– 26: Kanab / North Rim of the Grand Canyon / Optional South Rim, see details online, Roger Heath

July 7-10th: Explore Oregon Adventure, Roger and Perly Heath

July 16th: Summer picnic, Elections & Planning Meeting

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

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

September 3—5th: Great Basin / Ely, see details online, Roger and Perly Heath

September 23—25th: Bryce Canyon / Capitol Reef National Parks, refer to page 8, Val Francis & Doyle Sturm

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



Photos this month are from the March lunch meeting and some May birthdays; Todd Christopher, Ronda Beckstead, Jim Bowers, Roxanne Bagley, Brett Bagley, Judy Dyson, Steve Tobiasson, Marilyn Bickley, Scotty Medine, and

