



The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



Great South West Adventure
(GSA) 2014

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From the Top Down By: Valerie Francis, Newsletter Editor

This month I am commandeering the “Top Down” article since Mike, our fearless leader, is still recovering in the hospital, and wanted to give Hank, Acting President, a break. As you may know, Mike is improving but still has a way to go for his full recovery from Covid. Your prayers, positive vibes, or other encouragements are still needed and welcome.

Because of this strange past year, the Executive Board has not met as often as normal. But we did just meet to plan a few things, including by-law changes, upcoming elections, the Holiday Christmas party, etc. So hold on - I am going to get a bit “business like” here on an important item the board discussed concerning “Waivers of Liability”

The club by-laws state “The Club requires each new member sign a Waiver of Liability to participate in Club events. A copy of this waiver will be on file with the Club Secretary. The Club may, from time to time, require each participant in an activity to sign an additional waiver as a condition of participation in that activity.” Having these waivers is part of the club’s liability insurance. In checking current membership records, we have some club members where we don’t have a signed waiver on file. **We need to correct this and therefore will require any members without a waiver on file to sign to be able to participate in any future events (monthly meetings, drives, trips, so basically any club function). Please refer to the Membership page in this newsletter for a list of members needing to complete their waiver.** It’s probable that many on this list may not even realize that their waiver is not on file.

There is a copy of the waiver on the club website (www.utahmiataclub.org/membership), which can be reviewed, printed, filled out/signed, then brought to the next meeting or mailed to the club Secretary. We will also have copies available at all future meetings. And our club webmaster is checking into the possibility of making the online form fillable with an electronic signature. The Executive Board really appreciates your help in getting this resolved.

Please also see other action items and info noted in articles in this newsletter including: those going on the RMRT should reconfirm their reservation if staying at the Timbers Hotel in Bigfork, MT, and proposed club Bylaw changes.

Whew—business stuff over, let’s get back to what this club is about; top-down driving, fun, top-down driving, friendships, and top-down driving! **Zoom Zoom, Valerie**



June 5th Luncheon Meeting & Drive (Wasatch Back)

Date & Time: Saturday, June 5th, 11:30 AM

Location: Midway Centennial City Park

Address: Center Street and 1st North, Midway UT (behind Ridley's Grocery store)

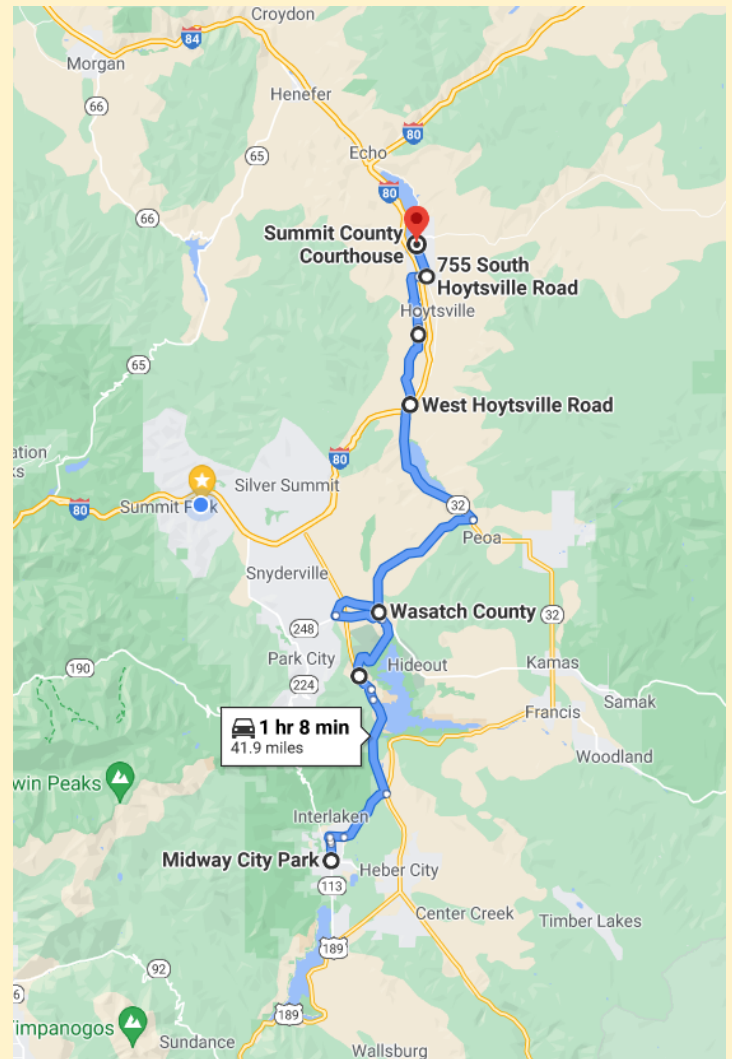
Prize for the ugliest sunglasses!!!



Information: Bring your own lunch as there are very few takeout options near by. Bring your radios and camp chairs since the bowery is not reserved for us. After lunch we will drive the back roads to Coalville. From Coalville you can decide what to do next as there are several options. Guardsman Pass is open for possible drive to the meeting.

Drive Information:

Mileage	Turn Pt.	Itinerary / Description
0.0	0	NORTH from Midway City Park on N. Center. Note: Ridley's Store restrooms are the only restroom available
1.2	1	Turn RIGHT on 1050 N. / River Road
4.0	2	Turn LEFT on Hwy 40
9.4	3	Turn RIGHT at Mayflower exit #8
9.4	4	Turn LEFT immediately onto Jordanelle Parkway (note: speed limit varies between 30 and 35 MPH for the next 5 miles. (Look for Kodak Moment)
14.9	5	Turn LEFT on Richardson Flats Road
17.0	6	Turn RIGHT on SR248
17.4		Note: The Park City Movie Studio on your right
19.5	7	Turn LEFT on Browns Canyon Road
26.9	8	Turn LEFT on SR 32
33.6	9	Turn LEFT on West Hoytsville Road
40.5	10	Turn LEFT on East Hoytsville Road
42.1	11	OFFICIAL SEMI-END of drive at Summit County Courthouse (Kodak Moment)
		RTB OPTIONS
	#1	Jump on I-80
	#2	Back roads to Morgan, those going to Ogden use I-84
	#3	Morgan to Emigration Canyon Road via SR 66 (East Canyon Reservoir), those going to SLC turn RIGHT at Emigration Cyn Rd
	#4	Emigration Canyon Road to I-80 for those going to the Wasatch Front turn RIGHT
		ABSOLUTE OFFICIAL END of drive. GIVE A TOOT AND A WAVE: ZOOM...ZOOM



Birthdays / Memberships / Waivers

The following current Members DO NOT have Liability Waivers on file as required by the Utah Miata Club By-Laws

RICHARD ALVERADO	JONATHON & ALLISON HUNTSINGER
JOSH & TONYA ASHMENT	SONNY & CORALEE JCKOWSKI
ELYSE BANK	GERALD & REBECCA JEPSON
TYLER & SHAREE BECKSTEAD	RICHARD & GAIL KELLY
CLAUDE & ERLINE BROWN	GARY LAMBERT
JIM BOWERS	DAVID LEWALLEN
RON CHRISTENSEN	CHRIS & LINDA LEWIS
AMY CHRISTOPHER	SCOTTY MEDINE
MARSHALL DING	MARK & SHAUNA MIDGLEY
SHAUNA EDSON	TOM MOEGLIEN
BRIAN & SHARLENE EVANS	BOB & KIM RICHARDS
BOB & ANNETTE GARNER	MICHAEL ROLLINS
ADAM GERGETZ	PAUL SMIRCICH
ANDREW & SANDIE GLASMACHER	MICHAEL & KELLY THOMPSON
JERRY & LINDA GROSS	ANDREW WADE
CRISTY HEADEY	ANGIE WHITE
ROBERT & HARRIET HODGSON	ANDIE WIGHT
PAUL HOUSE	TRACY WOODWORTH

New Members

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
TRACY WOODWORTH & PAUL SMIRCICH	2021	RED
SANDIE & ANDREW GLASMACHER	2021	GRAY
ELYS BANK	2015	RED
ANTHONY BROWNING	2021	WHITE

Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
BILAL AIJAZ	2/28/2021

Membership Expired: \$35 Dual / \$25 Single Membership

NAME	EXPIRED
TERRY BLACK	5/31/2021
CLAUDE & ERLINE BROWN	5/31/2021
MARSHALL DING	3/31/2021
DAVE & BRENDA ENCHEFF	5/31/2021
SONNY & CORA LEE JCKOWSKI	4/30/2021
RICK & DAYNA KISER	5/31/2021
GARY LAMBERT	3/31/2021
RICHARD MUELLER	3/31/2021
MICHAEL ROLLINS	3/31/2021
JEFF & ANDIE WIGHT	5/31/2021



NAME	BIRTHDAY
SHAUNA MILGATE	2 Jun
CRISTY HEADEY	3 Jun
MARK MIDGLEY	3 Jun
MICHAEL THOMPSON	3 Jun
JANET CICHOCKI	7 Jun
TOM WHARRAM	9 Jun
PATTY ADAMS	14 Jun
HANK POND	14 Jun
SHAREE BECKSTEAD	15 Jun
DAVE RODEBACK	15 Jun
RACHEL WOODS	15 Jun
PAUL SMIRCICH	16 Jun
JEFF MOON	19 Jun
SUSAN CHRISTIANSEN	20 Jun
LAUREN CALVERT	21 Jun
ROBERT HANSHEW	22 Jun
KENT HOUSLEY	23 Jun
BILL ANDERSON	24 Jun
RICHARD KELLY	24 Jun
JIM BICKLEY	26 Jun
SPENCE WOOD	28 Jun
COLE CALVERT	30 Jun
BRENDA ENCHEFF	30 Jun

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

NAME	EXPIRING
AMY BECKSTEAD	6/30/2021
DAVID & RON CHRISTENSEN	6/30/2021
JAMES FELIZ	6/30/2021
MICHAEL & DEBORAH FOSTER	6/31/2021
ADAM GERGETZ	6/30/2021
AITANA GONZALEZ	6/31/2021
ROGER & PERLY HEATH	6/30/2021
HANK & REXANNE POND	6/30/2021
DAVID & ROANN RODEBACK	6/31/2021
MICHAEL STEPHENSON	6/30/2021
GREG & ANGIE WHITE	6/30/2021

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. It is \$35 dual/\$25 single if you have 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.

May Lunch & Meeting Report (Smith-Morehouse Shuffle)

By: Steve Beckstead (A fun little tale of a fun little drive)

So it looked like it was our turn for picking out and leading a ride this spring. After all it would be May 1st. I looked back and we did the Bear Lake drive in August and Scofield in September of 2020, which seemed so long ago. People are ready to get out and drive! So then the question of where to go and it was tough. We've been in the club 13 years and many others have also, and during that time have driven most common roads in Utah that can be done in a day. Of course at our age we could just pick one again and most people would not have remembered we even did it (just kidding). Did we want a short little scoot like up Big Cottonwood canyon, or an extended springtime cruise? Ronda and I have a friend that has a cabin on Canyon road that leads to Smith Morehouse reservoir. The road is only 12 miles each way but great pavement, kind of twisty and not crowded. We landed on that idea which would be a 2 to 3 hour drive. We did a recon and found a remodeled Exxon in Kamas that could nicely handle a large group for a bathroom stop. We were set.

We all met in Sugarhouse Park and the Hidden Grove area, my old stomping grounds. Yep I'm a Highland High Ram, Ronda also (shout out to Sharon Mechling and Dick Dyson too). It turned out to be a great spot, even without reserving a pavilion, doing the lawn chair thing again. We had a great meeting conducted by our awesome VP Hank Pond, and then the megaphone was handed to me for drive instructions. I REALLY thought I did a great job explaining the route in detail. I was confident everyone knew where to go. I should have known better.

We headed out with Doyle and Val trying to keep us all together from the sweep spot, but with 25 cars or so this would prove to be a real challenge. As we took the tight circular onramp to I-80 to Park City, I thought I heard my daughter Amy (middle sweep) say "No don't go that way, follow me" on the radio, but was not sure. They didn't follow her, except for Val. A minute later, my fears were confirmed. Some of my wagon train had indeed missed the turn to Park City. As Ronda and I looked at each other in confused amazement, we tried to think of a spot to reconnect, Park City felt too distant for a regroup. Ronda saw the sign for Lambs Canyon exit 2 miles ahead and pointed "How about there?" We announced the plan on the radio and in only a few minutes the lost children straggled on to the offramp. As I headed back to my car to lead again, I

passed Roger and Perly Heath (who are leading the Rocky Mountain trip this summer) and could not resist saying with a smile "Hey Roger, you better learn how this works, because it WILL happen to you, probably more than once on your trip". He smiled back, kind of a knowing bonding moment! It was nice.



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Onward we zoomed with no further incident, taking Kimball junction exit to Park City bypassing the Main Street Area, but getting off the freeway. Taking Brown's Canyon road is a great little side road, then to the Road Island Diner near Peoa, which we need to try if it opens up, and up the road we buzzed. Up to the end and a short stop to stretch at the end and back down. At this point some discussions ensued on the radio about a quicker route back home over Parley's again, especially for those "north people". Most of the group continued to the Exxon for a nice break, and then continued on past Jordanelle and down Provo canyon and Deer Creek Reservoir. For me, avoiding freeways is always the choice so we went down State Street from Orem, not I-15, and the last few hard line top downers followed me all the way, even over Suncrest.

You remember Kindergarten when they had that little rope everyone held on to when the class went anywhere down the hall or at recess? I think I'll try that on my next drive to ensure staying together. Not really, just playing around but that's what I do and this club does, so actually I consider this drive a ROUSING SUCCESS and thanks to all for joining us! Once again great weather and fun people ruled! The only downside was Mike and Lynn Bailey's absence, still recuperating and many noted their absence. Let's see you soon, we miss you!



Miata Tales (Helpful Hints for Drives) By: Ken Jaworski

BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH (see previous newsletter)

All drive Participants:

- Arrive with a full tank of gas especially for longer drives.
- Bring a FRS radio.
- Listen for directions, warnings, possible stops.
- Notify Drive Leader if you are leaving the drive early.
- Pull out as a group when the Sweep confirms it is safe to pull out from a regrouping stop.
- Utilize double left hand turn lanes to help ensue all cars get through a green left hand turn light, then merge back into a single lane.

This statement DOES NOT just apply to gas tanks.....especially if you are trying to document the drive with pictures.

YOU ALSO NEED A CAMERA THAT HAS ITS "GAS TANK" IN PLACE!!

AND A SPARE IS REALLY NICE TO HAVE WHEN THE MAIN MEMORY GETS FULL.

What I saw in my viewfinder on the May drive was absolutely phenomenal. Smiling faces, jubilant hand waving, and fantastically beautiful sports cars. BUT when you don't have a memory card in your camera no pix's will be saved for others to view. I stand ashamed for this boo-boo, but I also have learned a great lesson. This should only be my mistake because all of you have now been warned. Arrive with a full gas tank and an empty, but installed card in your camera.



Member Spotlight: Jason & Rachel Woods

By: Carol Lynn Vredevel

Our spotlight couple this month is Jason and Rachel Woods. They have been members for almost a year now. I was surprised to see their '06 gray Miata with the saddle color leather interior at one of our events that is a twin to the one Lou and I have driven on most of our trips with the club over the last 10 years, except their Miata has a hard top. It sounds like Jason has a love for cars and speed...and he and Rachel are more than ready to enjoy more drives and events as our unusual circumstances with masks, without hugs, and distancing begin to change and improve. One thing we are really grateful for is our group of friends in the Miata Club that continue to get together any way we can by meeting in open spaces, to just enjoying drives together.

Jason will tell you more about himself, Rachel and their life together in the following article:

My Miata is a 2006 galaxy grey grand touring with rare matching OEM hardtop. I don't have personalized plates yet, but thinking of something clever...

I've owned my Miata for 2 years now. I had reached my mid-40's and was experiencing that classic midlife crisis. The long commutes across the valley gave me time to listen to podcasts. I found a local podcast from Park City called "Everyday Driver" that struck a nerve. Could the car I drive everyday actually be fun? Why not? I was driving a VW Golf at the time and I decided to take it to the UMC track for a NASA track day with a ride along instructor. It was nerve wracking, eye opening and fun. I had no idea my car in stock form could be that capable. After my laps, my instructor had me jump into his ratty, beat down NA track prepped Miata. I was amazed at how fast he was able to take the corners and blow past the bigger faster cars (at least until the straightaways) There were several other Miata's that day at the track in various levels of modifications. It was then that I understood what people meant when they said, "the answer is always Miata" and I started to look for mine. Specifically, a NC because at 6'1" it was the best fit.

As soon as I bought my car I searched for Utah Miata groups on Facebook. I was aware of the club but never joined. I was already friends with Greg White on Facebook/Instagram and as he shared his posts about his Miata adventures and drives, he told us we should check it out. We did, and have enjoyed the group ever since. We have been members for almost a year now. It is nice to have a "car activity" that my wife also enjoys. Everyone in the group is so friendly. She looks forward to the drives, and it gives us a special date every month. Rachel loves how well organized and planned out all the drives are. They leave on time, stay in contact with walkie talkies so nobody gets lost, and there's plenty of well spaced bathroom stops! We are impressed with the communication from the Facebook posts, e-mails and newsletters.



I was born in L.A. but moved to Orem in 1st grade. Rachel was born in Salt Lake City. After we got married we lived in Orem, Provo, and Saratoga Springs, Utah. We then went back east to Lititz Pennsylvania for a 2 year Watchmaking school program in the heart of Amish country. After graduation we moved to Evansville Indiana for a few years, then back to family and friends in Eagle Mountain Utah.

I am a certified Rolex watchmaker. I spent over 2 years in school in Lititz PA for studies. Though I am currently employed at Mr. Carpet as an Accounts Manager, I am still actively involved with the local horo-

logical clubs and society (horology: the study and measurement of time, the art of making clocks and watches).

Rachel has worked many jobs ranging from the Bluffdale Police department to being a student advocate for Alpine School district working at Cedar Valley High School. She currently works at Aloha Orthodontics in Lehi.



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We originally met in an English class we both had at UVCC. Years later, we crossed paths again when she worked at the same place some of my friends worked at. It wasn't until after she returned home from serving a mission in Alaska, that we finally started dating (on the 4th of July).

We dated for 2 years and will have been married for 20 years this summer. We have 2 boys. The oldest, Brady, will be graduating this month from Cedar Valley High School. He will attend Snow College in the fall on a Music scholarship playing the trumpet. His younger brother Bryce, will be starting 9th grade next year and plays the trombone and recently joined the high school marching band. They both enjoy using every spare minute to play video games.

We have enjoyed taking several risks in our years together, like starting and running our own hardware company (before the 1st big economic recession) and also selling everything we owned to move back east for school. These adventures were hard and difficult, but we wouldn't trade them for the growth it brought our family.



I have too many hobbies, and not enough time, I enjoy all things car related and taking my kids to cars shows. I enjoy skiing, snowboarding, pickleball, movies, music, record collecting, concerts, watches, hikes, camping, and currently trying to get back into scuba diving. Rachel is an avid reader and has a group of good friends in a monthly book club group. She enjoys road trips in the Miata, vacations, travel and beaches. She binge watches shows on Netflix and Hulu and enjoys taking care of "her boys".



We really enjoyed the Torrey drive last year. The route was great, and we loved the scenery. One of our fav parts was driving into Bryce Canyon very late at night with the top down in the Miata. It was very dark that night and we had the park to ourselves.

Thanks for your friendship and we look forward to many more years and drives.

What a wonderful unique talent to be a skilled Rolex craftsman. The closest I have come to a Rolex watch is on a Caribbean vacation where they were selling knock offs in one of their high end jewelry stores! Thanks Jason and Rachel for sharing your story... it's so nice to get to know the two of you a little better. Enjoy your Miata and more fun adventures to come as members of the UMC.



Reminder Helper/Price UT Overnighter By: Roger Heath

Saturday, June 26th to Sunday, June 27th

Meet: Kamas Foodtown, 145 W 200 S, Kamas, UT, on June 26th @ 9:00 AM

Short trip to explore Helper with an overnight in Price. If you can't stay the night you can do an out and back day drive to Duchesne for lunch with the group. Or to Helper, then drive home that late afternoon/evening. We travel to Duchesne and stop at the Duchesne City Park for lunch (corner of Center St and 400 S). After lunch we continue to Helper on Hwy 191. In Helper we may get a radio tour (stay in our cars and use our radios) of the history of the area, and maybe visit the museums there. Later that evening we'll head to Price for the night. Price also has a nice Natural History Museum, and Nine Mike Canyon is nearby.



Sunday we have several options for the drive home, backtrack through Duchesne and Kamas, or take Hwy 6 all the way to I-15, or the scenic route past Scofield Reservoir, through Fairview, and pick up I-15 in Nephi. We could also jump on the Nebo Loop - however it may be crowded with campers going home.

Hotel: Greenwell Inn, 655 East Main, Price, UT., call 435-637-3520 and mention you are with the Utah Miata Club. Greenwell Inn in Price has offered a slightly lower nightly rate if you call. However there are other hotels if you choose.



Impromptu Memorial Weekend Drive to Bear Lake By: Roger Heath

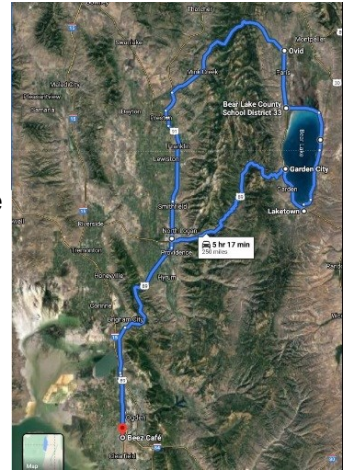
Memorial Day drive to southern Idaho and Bear Lake (255 miles)

When: Sunday, May 30th Meeting time: 9:30 AM

Meeting Place: Behind Beez Cafe, 5410 S 1900 W, Roy, UT

Kind of an unplanned drive over Memorial Day weekend for those not going anywhere. It's a longer drive so starting a bit earlier than normal (5 1/2 hours plus any stops). We'll meet in the parking lot behind Beez Cafe (adjacent to Harmons) in Roy. From there we mimic the drive to Preston that we'll be doing for the RMRT.

After we get to Preston (lunch stop) we'll go east to Ovid, down the east side of Bear lake and to Garden City. From there it's down Logan Canyon and back home. Bring a lunch and your chairs for lunch at the park in Preston. If you're not packing a lunch there is a Subway, Wendy's and Arctic Circle just before we get to the park.



Impromptu June 3rd Drive to Tremonton Murals By: Ken Jaworski

When: Thursday, June 3rd Meeting time: 10:00 AM

Meeting Place: "Brigham City" Walmart parking lot, 1200 S Commerce Way, Perry, UT (off I-15 Exit 362)



Anyone interested in an impromptu ride to the "Mural Capital of Utah" on third of June. Obviously, all members of the UMC know the place I'm writing about ... TREMONTON!!! I was watching "This is Utah" on PBS and they were talking about all these murals painted on the walls of businesses, homes, and fences. Mike Foster was kind enough to do a little footwork of this area. He has also made some nice suggestions for "Old Time Drive In with Carhops" in Peach City. BTW Mike suggests "Their Cowboy burger as pretty good!"

Looks like fun. Anyone want to join Jan and I, Mike and Deb as we explore our home state of Utah?

After touring the murals optional additional things to do could include: lunch in Peach City, drive out to Morton Thiokol Rocket Testing, and/or Golden Spike National Historic Park. We can decide at the drivers meeting or at the murals what to do next. Come for part, some, or all of the activities!

Please RSVP by responding to the post about this on our Facebook page or contacting the newsletter editor. Just want an estimate of the # of Miatas to expect.



Sunscreen Reminder By: Jan Jaworski

With all these upcoming fun drives and trips, this is a good time to remind everyone to use sunscreen. The photo here is one of our own club members after the May drive!

I had Mohs basal cell cancer removed an inch away from my left ear in mid-May. I am healing and my stitches are dissolving. I will have about a scar about 1 1/3 inch long that will fade in time. My years of being an outside summer person caught up with me again. I never rubbed sunscreen back and around my ear or into my hairline.

Google this and check it out but I believe Utah has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the nation. Also remember to visit your Dermatologist yearly.



Lost and Not Found By: Valerie Francis

When starting a drive, we occasionally lend out our FRS radios to members that have not purchased theirs yet. Mark & Susan Vaughn lent one out (via Hank Pond) to someone (?) on the March / dust storm drive. If you have their radio, please bring it to the next meeting/drive/event so it can be returned. You may not even remember that you have this... so everyone check your glove boxes or other small item hiding places for this missing radio. Thanks!



Annual Picnic- Club Officers Election- Planning Meeting

Saturday July 17 4:00 pm

6410 South 725 East Murray 84107 By: Hank Pond

The club summer picnic last year was sure different with pandemic masking and with little opportunity to mingle and visit, so we'd like to make up for that this year!

This year's picnic will be held in Murray behind a church that will afford us privacy and a large enough venue that we won't need to share with anyone else. You will not need to bring camp chairs with you unless you would like to. This location will have running water and bathroom facilities as well.

Food will be provided by the club. South of the Border food truck (same food truck from the last two years will be there). Feel free to bring a dessert to share if you'd like to. No pressure.

We will be handling club business while enjoying good food and company.

Club officers elections will be held at this meeting. If you'd like to serve as a club officer, you're welcome to put your name on the ballot. All positions will be for 1 year (until the next club election) at the next summer picnic.

Planning will be undertaken at this meeting. This is an opportunity to discuss any and all thoughts for events as a club. Long trips, short trips, activities, whatever! We can calendar together and ensure that we always have something worth sharing as a group.

Club Bylaws will be discussed and amendments considered and voted on. It has become clear that we need to be able to adapt to situations that arise from time to time in order to keep the Utah Miata Club viable. To this end we have considered amending the language in the club bylaws to better suit our current needs. Here are the proposed changes we will be voting on:

"Annual Meeting

1. The annual meeting shall be held ~~in January~~ each year at a time and location determined by the ~~President~~ Executive Board for the purpose of electing club officers and for other purposes as deemed appropriate by the ~~President~~ Executive Board.
2. The ~~President~~ Executive Board shall provide prior notification of the date, time and location of the annual meeting in the ~~December~~ newsletter.

Standing Rule

1. Election of club officers along with annual planning meeting is typically held in conjunction with the annual summer club picnic.
2. Individuals in charge of club drives are expected to arrange for the meeting place and possible lunch arrangements for that drive."

LOTS TO DO, PEOPLE TO VISIT WITH, FOOD TO ENJOY. DON'T MISS IT!



Club Officers

President: Mike Bailey

Vice President: Hank Pond

Secretary: Jim Newson

Board Members: Valerie Francis, Brian Christiansen, Ken Jaworski

Treasurer: Margie Newson



UPDATE: Rocky Mountain Road Trip (RMRT) By: Roger Heath

By now those going on the RMRT are aware of the ticket requirement to enter Glacier NP at the St Mary and West Glacier entry points between the hours of 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A test of the ticketing system on recreation.gov proved it would be frustrating at best and possibly impractical for everyone to get a ticket.

In lieu of the ticket but keeping with our plans to drive over the Going-to-the-Sun Road we will now use the alternate method and take the Lake McDonald boat tour. For those on the boat tour be sure you have your confirmation email or printed copy from the Glacier Park Boat Company with you as this will be your ticket along with the normal entrance pass to enter the park. Just a reminder the tour is on August 3rd at 3:00 PM. We need to be at the boat dock at least 20 minutes early to pick up our tickets. If we need to adjust the time we're leaving Great Falls to give us more time to site see in Glacier we can talk about that when the time comes.



For those that are still undecided there may still be time, approximately 64 days depending on when the newsletter goes out, to get reservations and join us. Contact me, the newsletter editor, or refer to the May newsletter for details.

One other item of interest, the last time we'll have to meet before the trip is at the summer picnic. Currently it's scheduled for July 17th at 4:00 PM. Those going on the trip and coming to the picnic could you come to the picnic at 3:30 PM for a final meeting?



RMRT Hotel Confirmation for Timbers Motel in Big Fork By: Valerie Francis

It is pretty concerning to get a phone call from a business asking for your credit card information, but this is exactly what happened to me and others going on the RMRT adventure. I thought it was a possible scam but after asking several questions, it turns out that the Timbers Motel has changed owners and been spun off from Wyndham. The credit card information for reservations was not transferred with the room reservation information.

If you are staying at the Timbers Motel in Big Fork (some on this trip are staying at another hotel in Big Fork) and you have not received a phone call from them, you should proactively call and confirm your reservation. I do know of at least one club member who had to call the Timbers Motel because they did not have her phone number on the original reservation. Timbers Phone # 406-414-6095

It is better to be safe than sorry... some may remember the one night on the Pike's Peak Trip where a couple of reservations were lost and we had to double up in our hotel rooms. As we say, we are like one big happy family, and a few of us found out that night.



2021 Calendar of Events



May 30th: Impromptu Bear Lake Drive, Refer to page 8, Roger Heath

June 3rd: Impromptu Tremonton Murals Drive, Refer to page 8, Ken Jaworski

June 5th: Monthly lunch & meeting (Midway Park to Wasatch Back roads), Refer to page 2

June 26th: Overnight (or day) trip to Helper/Price Utah, Refer to page 7, Roger Heath

July 17th: 3rd weekend due to scheduling issues, Summer Picnic and Elections meeting, Refer to page 9

July 31st—Aug 6th: Rocky Mountain Road Trip, Refer to page 10, Roger Heath

August 14th: 2nd weekend due to conflict with Rocky Mountain Road Trip, Monthly lunch & Meeting (TBD)

September 11th: 2nd weekend due to Labor Day, Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD)



Photos this month are from the May lunch meeting at Sugarhouse Park...


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