



The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



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From the Top Down By: Roger Heath, President

Do you remember when you were back in school and there would always be that one assignment to write a report, a story, or anything, and you would think for days or weeks on what you're going to write? Well that's where I'm at today, what do I write? What do I say for fear of being repetitive or dwelling on the negative?

So I thought, what have the past presidents written. I pulled up many newsletters I've saved since I've been a member and the first thing that I noticed was who was the president and thought I didn't know he/she was president this year or that year. And this wasn't that far back. Maybe I had Covid fog before it was a thing. However, reading their articles I noticed a common theme, most articles talked about the events and activities either planned or had happened. The articles were always positive and showed why we all enjoy being members.

Let's take a look at what we have going on for 2022. January is behind us and unfortunately the first meeting of the year had to be cancelled. February's meeting is still on. I will be out of town so Val will be stepping up and taking my place. For March through May it's just the monthly meetings on the schedule so far. I would like to do another Memorial Day drive for those that are staying home. Last year's drive took most of the day going through southeastern Idaho and around Bear Lake. It even included a drive-by search for a finger lost many, many years ago in Preston, ID. Then June hits and the calendar fills up. At the end of the month we have the Grand Canyon trip, a week later in early July a handful, maybe less, will join up with the Willamette Valley Miata Club for their annual Explore Oregon event. There's not much time after the Explore Oregon event to rest as we have the annual club picnic and club elections. Finishing out July there's the overnighter to Flaming Gorge led by Ken and Jan Jaworski. August slows down a bit with an overnighter to Helper/Price. Hopefully some impromptu drives come up on the in between weeks throughout the summer.

A couple of things I'm working on – a member's page in the newsletter and a simpler way for members to contact the board. However I need feedback from the other board members if my ideas are doable or not. If so, then I will provide the details.

One last comment before I go – please keep Shylo and her family in your thoughts. There will be some very rough days and I'm sure they can use all the support we, as a club, have shown we can provide.



February 5th Meeting & "Maybe" Drive

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

Location: Gordy & Jackie Nicholl's heated garage

Address: 2224 East 6630 South, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

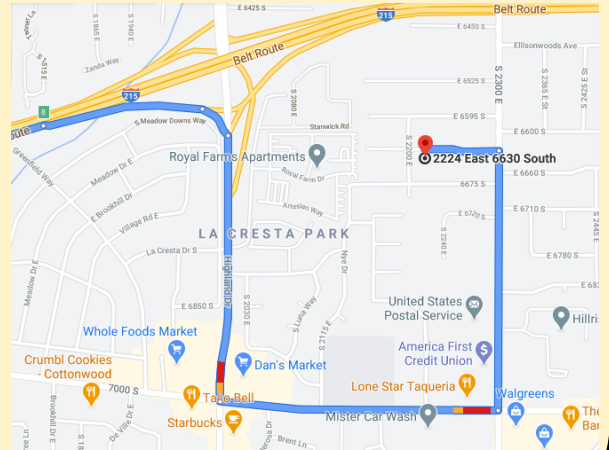
Information:

Lunch will be the same; "bring your own lunch and camp chairs to sit on" as we have done most of the past two years. Because of the cold weather outside it will be in Gordy and Jackie Nicholl's very large heated garage behind their home.

Address is 2224 East 6630 South, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121. Park in his very large driveway or out front on the street. Go to the garage in the back. We will have our monthly lunch meeting there.

Drive: We may go on a drive if the weather is nice, and will be decided on during the meeting. **Bring your ideas for a drive!**

One possible Route: Up to Big Mountain in Parley's Canyon taking Mt Dell turnoff to Emigration Canyon and go down the canyon to the "This is Your Place" Monument across from Hogle Zoo, where the ride will end.



January "Cancelled" Drive Report By: Valerie Francis

Even though we cancelled the meeting and drive for January due to high Covid omicron numbers and cold weather, we still had a few members brave the cold and take their Miatas out for a little fun during the month.

Here are a few photos that show our dedication to and joy of owning our Miatas. Several of these photos were posted on our club Facebook page so this is also a reminder that if you are not a member yet of our private Facebook page, consider joining so that you can enjoy the fun adventures shared there.



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
NONE		

Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
RICHQARD ALVERADO	10/31/2021
COLE & LAUREN CALVERT	10/31/2021
DAVID LEWALLEN	10/31/2021
MICHAEL PATTERSON	10/31/2021



NAME	DATE
KAY BARRELL	4 Feb
JOANN JACKONSON-WELLS	13 Feb
DEREK ANDERSON	19 Feb
ELAINE GRABER	21 Feb
CHARLENE PETERSON	21 Feb
ROBERT FACKERELL	23 Feb
ANN KLOER	23 Feb
LYNN BAILEY	25 Feb
AINSLEY HEADEY	26 Feb
MARK VAUGHN	28 Feb

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

NAME	EXPIRED
RACHEL CARTER	11/30/2021
JERRY & LINDA GROSS	12/31/2021
GERALD & REBECCA JEPSON	11/30/2021
ERIC & KATHY KANKAINEN	1/31/2022
GAGE & ALYSSA LAMBERT	1/31/2022
CALEB MASON	12/31/2021
SCOTTY MEDINE	1/31/2022
TYLER & TIFFANY SHAW	12/31/2021

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

NAME	EXPIRING
MITCHELL & HANNAH CRANE	2/28/2022
STEVE & KATHY NIELSEN	2/28/2022



Club Officers

President: Roger Heath

Vice President: Valerie Francis

Secretary: Jim Newson

Treasurer: Margie Newson

Directors: Hank Pond, Steve Beckstead, Robert Mechling

Miata Tales “The Half Tank of Gas”

By: Jan Jaworski (Ken’s Navigator, Co-Driver, and best friend for 54 years)

When we were stationed in England in the 1970’s, we had a right-hand drive Jaguar Sedan. The Imperial gallon of gas consisted of 5 quarts, but we could buy the American gallon of gas on base for half the price.....thus maintaining a half tank of gas almost a necessity. It was a fun car. We once took it on a road trip pulling a caravan (travel trailer) to Scotland for a week. We made Smores using English biscuits, marshmallows from Woolworths, and Cadbury chocolate bars. Think of the looks we got as a young American family. Oh, and the Smores were so good. We always tried to keep a half tank of gas in our cars.

Today, our Miata is hibernating from the snow under two layers of covers looking forward to when the snow melts and she can hit the road again. She prefers to run on regular non-ethanol gas because of her model. We know locally where we can get it. She’s in storage with a full tank of gas.

We also have a Mini Cooper and two SUV’s. The Miata was in the garage resting after the Rocky Mountain Road Trip alongside the Mini Cooper when on a quiet Saturday afternoon, we were home and given 90 minutes to evacuate our house. There was a fire in Parleys’ Canyon about 15 minutes away as the bird flies from our house. We knew immediately we would take the SUV’s and go to our son’s house in the Salt Lake Valley. The SUV and Mini Cooper each had a half tank of gas to make the 45-minute drive. It was a tense 4 days; half-way thru the evacuations we were allow to come back into our neighborhood leaving my driver’s license at a check point for a half an hour. It was during this time we moved the Miata out of the garage and to safety at a friend’s house. It was a huge relief to finally be able to return home, and we praise the fire fighters who worked by land and air to save our area, and thank goodness no structures were lost.

We live in an area where we don’t have a gas station on every corner, we have just a few in our community. I’m always checking the gas gauge to see how much gas there is in the car I’m driving or riding. It’s better to be safe than sorry.

In the past month I-80 near Lambs Canyon was closed briefly to allow a herd of elk to cross; one was killed and several were tranquilized and moved to safety. Moose also frequent this area. On highway 224 near the Blue Roof Gas station a young moose was killed going into Park City. You never know what type of traffic delays you will find.

I believe when the gas gauge starts to go left of half a tank it’s time to gas up again. Also when we travel as a Miata gaggle, we look for a variety of gas stations, not just for gas, but to make sure the ladies in line use the best restroom available.

So have you checked your gas gauge recently? Do you like to keep it at half a tank or more too?

YGROWUP is looking forward to spring days when she can zoom in the mountains she loves.

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



Vanity Plates of the Month

By: Valerie Francis

This month’s vanity plates belong to Carol Lynn Vredevelde. “LVUMORE” is a new plate on her 2016 ND. It is a lovely reminder of her and Lou’s favorite saying to each other “Love You More”. “CL ZOOM” is now on



Carol Lynn’s 1999 Special Edition NB that she and Lou had purchased from Dave and Ana Porter. This Miata was voted “Best of Show” by Tom Matano at our Deer Valley “Miatas in the Mountains” event. We sure enjoy “CL” Carol Lynn being part of our Miata Club family and know that Lou’s spirit is riding along with us on all our adventures.



Rocky Mountain Road Trip Apparel By: Mike Bailey

Now that I am feeling better, and as many have expressed interest, I can now make apparel for last summers Rocky Mountain Road Trip. You may have seen the beautiful quilt at the Christmas party that Lynn made for me out of many of my T-Shirts; it is a good memory for me to have. I was running out of space in our home to put and store them so this was a great solution. I have loved producing the shirts and logo apparel and promotional items for over 20 years being in the Utah Miata Club. The memories of the trips we have been on and the events we have done is very valuable to me, and I know to many other club members.

Items below are what will be offered and available whether you went on the RMRT trip or not. Prices are the same as in previous years:

T-Shirts: both short and long sleeve: \$15.-18. and \$20.-24. Respectively (s/s and l/ s). Price difference is on Small - XL, and each size above that (2XL & 3XL) is a couple dollars more depending on brand I use. RMRT logo will be small on front left chest and large on back. The back will include a map of the route and include the date.

Sweat Shirts: 4 Styles: Full-Zip with 2 front pockets and usually a hood: \$32.-35 (regularly \$38.-42). Pull-over Hoodie or Quarter Zip with pockets & hood: \$25-28. Crew Neck pullover: \$24-27. See explanation on sizes for T-shirts. Same printing front and back side like T-shirts. Please specify style of sweatshirt.

Polo Shirts: \$30.-36. Same sizing as above. Logo only prints on front left chest. You can choose the color of polo shirt you prefer and I can probably get it. Shirt color should be light color or one that the logo will look good on.

Ball Caps: \$15.-18. depending on style. Styles are what I usually have done in the past.

Event Car Magnets: 5.5" size round magnetics with event logo. 2 for \$12.00, 1 for \$8.00.



Please email me with any orders and specify size and colors on polo shirts. The T-shirts will all be the same color as they usually are. I have limited colors for sweatshirts and long sleeve T's. Due to apparel company distribution and limited supply issues, some regular colors may not be available. Ball caps will be assorted colors.

Email: mike@mikebaileyprinting.com. I will confirm your order by return email. Thank you for supporting this. Zoom - Zoom!



March Meeting and Drive Heads Up By: Sue & Brian Christiansen

Looking forward to next month, here are the plans for the March Luncheon, Meeting, and drive (weather Permitting).

Date: Saturday, March 5th 11:30 a.m.

Location: West Bountiful City Park

Address: 550 South 1600 West (Pages Lane) West Bountiful, Utah 84087

Access the park by driving south from Centerville on 400 West or driving north from Bountiful on 200 West (which is the same road) then go west under the freeway on 1600 North (Pages Lane).

INFORMATION: The park bowery cannot be reserved until March 7th so use is on a first come, first serve basis. Please bring your lunch, camp chairs or a blanket in case the bowery is in use.



Drive Information: Weather permitting we will line up in the parking lot and take a left turn onto Pages Lane (1600 N) heading east to Main Street (2nd light). Turn left onto Main Street heading north. We continue on Main Street to Glovers Lane (925 South, Farmington). We will turn left heading west to the George S. and Dolores Eccles Wildlife Education Center. The Center has been recently remodeled and there is also a scenic, 1.6-mile nature trail loop. Meander the wheelchair- and stroller-friendly trail to experience the unique sights and sounds of the Farmington Bay wetlands. There are rest rooms at the Center.



Rocky Mountain Road Trip

In Memory of our dear Friend,
Lou Vredeveid



Reminder: Grand Canyon Tour June 24th – 29th, 2022 By: Roger Heath

If you're new to the club or just haven't decided, here is a reminder of the two part trip to the Grand Canyon. Plan is to leave Friday, June 24th and spend 2 nights in Kanab. Recommended hotels are the Best Western Red Hills or Comfort Suites. However you're free to stay wherever you want. The first part of the trip will be to the North Rim, spending part of the day in the park and for those that want head east along the Vermilion Cliffs to the Navajo Bridge spanning Marble Canyon. If time allows we can stop by Lees Ferry before heading back to Kanab.



For those that want to spend a couple of extra nights we'll head to the South Rim on Sunday, June 26th, spending 2 nights inside the park. If you intend to do this part lodging is filling up quickly so I suggest you reserve your rooms as soon as possible.

Please see the Events tab in the Utah Miata Club Facebook group for more details on hotels and routes. Info also on our club website, or ask me, Roger Heath:

This will be a two part trip split into three days each. You can do only one part or combine them into a single longer tour. Part 1 visits the north rim of the Grand Canyon while part 2 spends time on the south rim.

Part 1 (June 24th – 26th) Stay 2 nights at Best Western Red Hills or Comfort Suites Kanab National Park Area. Drive home on the 26th or continue to Part 2.

Part 2 (June 26th – 29th) Stay two nights, June 26th and 27th, in Grand Canyon Village. Drive home on the 28th or spend another night somewhere in between.

Note from the Editor:

Doyle and I are extra excited for this trip because in May of 2021 we tried to go to the North Rim on a small get away for our anniversary. We didn't know until we got there that the North Rim was closed for another week. They close it at Jacob's Lake every winter. We were headed to Flagstaff next so we visited the South Rim instead.

We called this our "Closed" trip because several other spots we wanted to see were also closed, including: Alpine Loop trail at Cedar Breaks (too much snow), Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff (Covid restrictions), and the "Planes of Fame Air Museum" between the South Rim and Flagstaff (also Covid).

The last time we were at the North Rim was more than 20 years ago so we are looking forward to making it this time!



Grand Canyon Trip Apparel By: Mike Bailey



We have a new logo designed for the Grand Canyon Trip coming up in June. I will be printing up some apparel for this trip to have to everyone before the trip. The items will be the same as for the Rocky Mountain Road Trip; namely T-Shirts (short and long sleeve), Polo Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Ball Caps and Event Car Magnets. The pricing will be the same as for the RMRT items. Please refer to page 5 in this newsletter as it will be best if I do not take the space to write the pricing information again.

The logo on all T and Sweatshirts will be small on left front chest and on back will be large. We may or may not feature a map on this shirt. Polo shirts will only be printed on the front left chest with small logo. Email orders to mike@mikebaileyprinting.com. Thank you for your orders and support on this. Zoom - Zoom!



Flaming Gorge Site-Seeing Trip, Saturday July 30 / Sunday July 31

Please join us on this trip to Flaming Gorge with an overnight stay in Vernal and visit to Dinosaur National Monument.

July 30th: 8:30 AM meet at the Coalville Philipps 66, 118 S 500 W, Coalville, UT

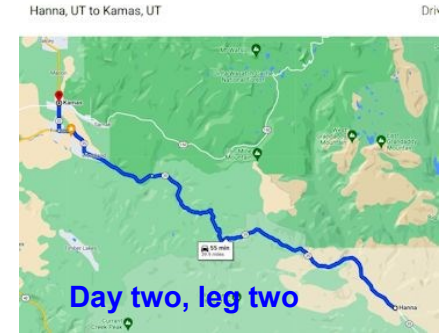
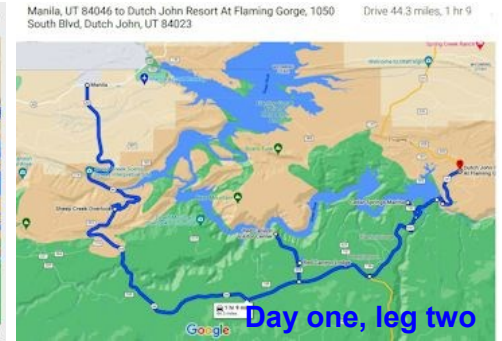
We'll take I-80 from Coalville to Fort Bridger, WY, Mountain View and Manila and finally stopping at Flaming Gorge where Ken Jaworski will lead us around the various sites of Flaming Gorge reservoir. After seeing the sites we'll head south to Vernal where we'll spend the night. Sunday morning, time TBD, for those interested we'll take a short drive to Dinosaur National Monument. After visiting the monument Ken will lead us on the backroads as we head to Kamas and finally home.

** Lunch on Saturday - since we get into Evanston too early for lunch the plan is to stop at the Mountain View city park and eat there. There are very few places in Mountain View to eat so it's suggested to bring a lunch.

** Lodging in Vernal - based on Trip Advisor rating and review my suggestion is to stay at the Dinosaur Inn and Suites. I am trying to get us a discounted rate. If not the current nightly rate is \$99 single king, \$119 double queen, 24 hr cancellation notice. There is a discounted rate for military, AAA and AARP. Or feel free to stay at other Vernal hotels.

Lodging: Dinosaur Inn and Suites
251 E Main St
Vernal, UT 84078
Phone: (435) 789-2660

Dutch John, UT 84023 to Dinosaur Inn, 84078 Drive 44.7 miles, 1 hr 1



Helper Arts Festival/Nine Mile Canyon, Saturday August 20 / Sunday 21

Here is another fun overnighter adventure: Trip to Helper for the annual Arts Festival and Nine Mile Canyon drive.

August 20th: 8:30 AM, meet at Kamas Food Town. We'll take Hwy 35 over Wolf Creek pass to the city park in Duchesne. After a quick break we head out of Duchesne on Hwy 191 to Helper. Lunch will be in Helper from one of the festival vendors if you choose. After we wander around for a couple of hours we'll head to Nine Mile Canyon for a late afternoon drive stopping afterwards in Price for the night.

Aug 21st: Time TBD, we'll head north out of Price on Hwy 6 eventually turning left to go past Scofield Reservoir, Fairview, Maroni, Fountain Green and finally Nephi. Those that are short of time can stay on Hwy 6 to I-15.

Stay at hotel of your choice or Suggested Lodging:

Greenwell Inn/Convention Center
655 East Main
Price, Utah 84501
800-666-3520

** working with Roxanne Bagley and see if we can meet with her uncle again. He provides a great story about the coal mining history of the local area.



Club Apparel & Car Magnets By: Mike Bailey

It has been almost a year that has gone by that anyone has been able to order any Utah Miata Club apparel like club Jackets, Polo or T-Shirts, Denim shirts, Ball Caps, or Car Magnets. I am now able to take orders for any of those items. Club Jackets are wind and water resistant and comes with a concealed hood in the collar. The colors are now very limited, compared to years past, due to production and product restraints and availability to get certain items. But the selection is still pretty good. I can give you any specifics as to features on any items.

The jackets or any shirts have the Official Club Logo or the Mountains Logo printed or embroidered on them (depends on the item), as well as the "Long Live the Roadster" logo, Utah club version. Club Magnets are 6.5" round with either Official or Mountains logo on them. There's also an NC and ND version of them. You can put color of your car on Mountains logo (only certain colors available). I have printouts on "How to care for your club magnets" so they can last for many years. Ask me for one! See samples at club meetings!

Place orders by emailing: mike@mikebaileyprinting.com.

Jackets: \$70.00 Official logo, \$78.00 Mountains logo. Includes your first name embroidered.

Polos: \$35.00 with Official or LLTR (Long Live the Roadster) logo embroidered. Specify color of shirt.

T-Shirts: \$16.00 Screen printed with club logo or LLTR logo on front.

Denim Shirts: \$25.00. Official Logo embroidered on left front chest. Specify short or long sleeve.

Fleece Vests: \$25.00 - \$30.00 depending on brand. Embroidered Official logo or LLTR logo.

Ball Caps: \$15-18. Embroidered Official or LLTR Logo. Also past event logos (limited to stock on hand).

Club Car Magnets: \$25.00 per set of two. Official or Mountains Logo.

"Miata Script" type on sleeve of long sleeve shirts: \$8.00. Or can do them on Sweat Pants leg for \$20.00.

Note: Sizes of shirts S-XL. 2XL and 3XL a couple dollars more for each size over XL. Women; please specify if ladies size or if you want a men's size shirt. Thank you for purchasing club apparel.



Willamette Valley Miata Club Explore Oregon

By: Valerie Francis

This event has been listed on the newsletter Calendar of Events for several months with just a note to check the event information on the UMC website. Well finally, a couple of Utah Miata Club members have decided to go! So far, we know two cars (Heaths and Sturm/Francis) are registered for this adventure.

The current plan is to leave on Wednesday, July 6th, heading north through Boise and across Oregon to Hines, OR where we will spend the night. July 7th, we drive into Grants Pass where the event is being held. The event runs through Saturday night so we head back out on Sunday, July 10, staying that night in Ontario, OR. Then home on Monday, July 11th. Total trip is 6 days.

If interested, and we hope others are, the event information including hotels in Grants Pass can be found at www.oregonmx5.com, or the link on the UMC website. Hotel prices for the two event hotels in Grants Pass run about \$250 per night. You have to call to reserve rooms as the hotels have them blocked out on-line.

July 6th: Hines OR, Best Western Rory & Ryan Inn (541-573-5050)

July 10th: Ontario OR, Best Western Inns & Suites (541-889-2600)



We understand that Tom Matano (one of the principle designers of the Miata) is supposed to be at this event to help the Willamette Valley Miata Club celebrate their 20th anniversary. Please let Roger Heath or Valerie Francis know if you have questions or plan to go. Decide soon since the event has a maximum of 110 people. We hope more UMC members can join us.



2022 Calendar of Events



February 5th: Monthly lunch and meeting, refer to page 2 (Gordy & Jackie Nicholl's garage)

March 5th: Monthly lunch and meeting, refer to page 5 (West Bountiful Park) Sue and Brian Christiansen

April 2nd: Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD) Mark and Susan Vaughn

April 18—22nd: Tentative Canyon de Chelly / New Mexico Adventure, Mark and Susan Vaughn

May 7th: Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD) Jan and Ken Jaworski

June 4th: Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD), Steve and Ronda Beckstead

June 12—18: FYI only, Leroy Engineering Event, <https://leroyengineering.com/blogs/news/2022-miata-cruise>

June 24—26: Kanab / North Rim of the Grand Canyon / Optional South Rim, refer to Page 6, Roger Heath

July 7-10th: Explore Oregon Adventure, refer to page 9 and link on UMC webpage, Roger and Perly Heath

July 16th: Summer picnic, Elections & Planning Meeting

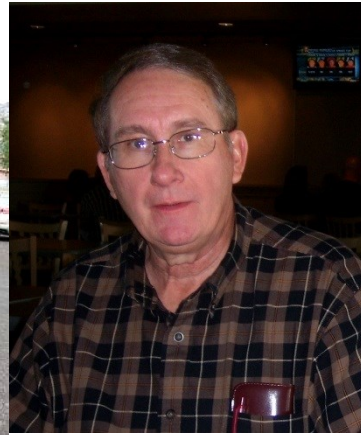
July 30 –31st: Flaming Gorge / Vernal Overnighter, refer to page 7, Ken and Jan Jaworski


August 20-21st: Helper Arts Festival & Nine Mile Canyon, refer to page 7, Roger and Perly Heath

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



Candid Camera photos are of some members that have birthdays in January and March. January: Tyler Beckstead, Pam Wharram, Rachel Carter, Roger Heath, Jackie Nicholl, Paul Kloe, Tyson Young. March: David Porter, Tonya Ashment, Eric Kankainen, Patty Chase, and Robert Klinshaw.




**SMILE
YOU'RE
ON
CANDID
CAMERA**

