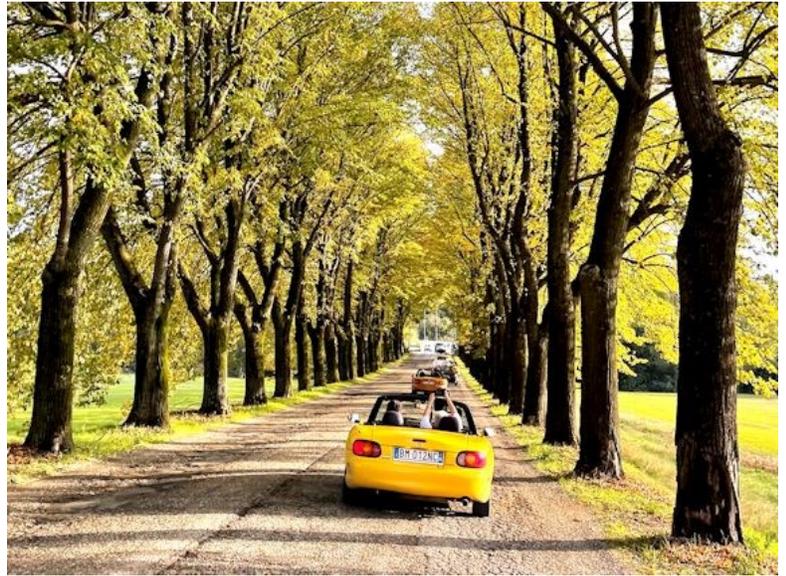




The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



Miatas in Utah, October 2021, Alpine Loop



Miatas in Italy, October 2021, Miataland

From the Top Down By: Roger Heath, President

As we always do this time of year we look back and wonder where the time went. The year started out looking positive then the news of Mike getting hit with Covid-19 was a shock. After many months of ups and downs, he fought back hard and it was great to see he and Lynn back out with us for the November meeting and drive.

Even with Covid still making lives uncomfortable, we as a group of friends, still persevered and continued to adapt. We weathered the dust storm in March and the torrential rain in Apline, WY. Our first overnigher to Helper and Price was the perfect weekend get -a-way, outstanding weather, great friends and an excellent tour guide, Roxanne Bagley's uncle. The end of July, first week of August, brought the week long Rocky Mountain road trip. Other than the smoke and not so great accommodations in West Yellowstone, the scenery was gorgeous. The trip was fantastic and we were all still friends when we got home. Some of the members decided they needed a break and took off for Italy for 30 days. We are still waiting to hear more stories of that trip.

Then there were the monthly drives and a couple of unplanned day trips. By the time this article comes out Thanksgiving will be behind us, Christmas a short few weeks away and dreams of what 2022 will bring. Trips are planned, monthly drives in the works and my favorite, the summer picnic and new elections. :-)

Hopefully many of you will come out to the Christmas party as it will be last big thing before New Years. And as always, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe as we have a lot of zooming to do. P.S. if anyone is so inclined and feeling extra joyful, it's not too much to ask for a 2021 RF Club, polymetal gray with the Recarro/Brembo package, is it? I promise to nominate you for club President in July.

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December Holiday Social

Please plan on joining us for a fun evening with great food and good friends!



Saturday, December 4th,

6:00 pm to 9:00pm

Lone Peak Park Pavilion (Inside)

10140 South 700 East, Sandy Utah

(Enter off 700 East for pavilion parking in front of the venue)

Please **RSVP** no later than November 29th to Margie or Jim Newson at: 801 295-4563 or email jnoose@icloud.com. (We will need a head count to order the food).

Dinner will be provided by the club and the menu will include:

Honey Baked Ham and Smoked Turkey, Scallop Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Green Bean Casserole, Baked Beans, Green Salad & dressings, Rolls & Butter
Soft Drinks and Water will be provided....

No alcohol is allowed (by order of Sandy City).

*You are welcome to bring a Dessert or Appetizers if you would like.
Please let us know when you RSVP.*



As always, we will have a “White Elephant” gift exchange.

Please bring a gift for each person that would like to participate. This can be a funny gift, a recycled gift or something you purchase. (\$30 or less per person). This is always a highlight of the evening and lots of fun!



See you There!

Directions from I-15 freeway

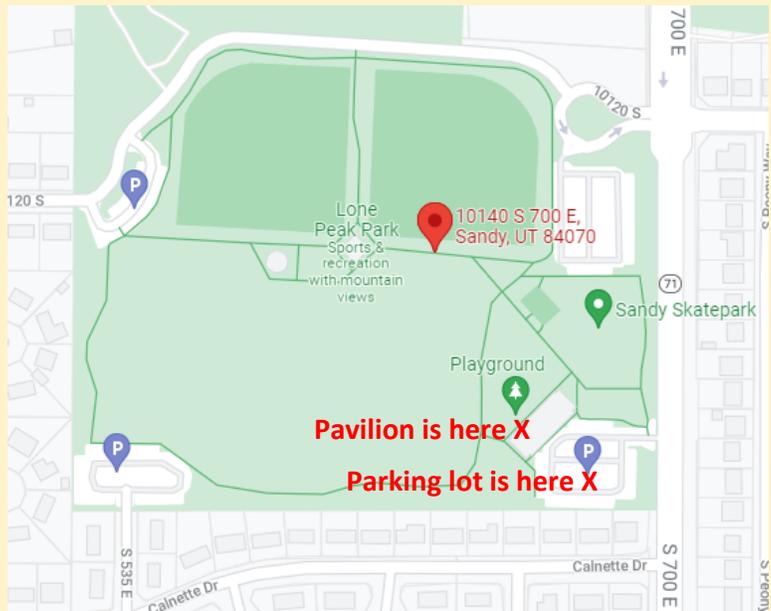
Take 10600 South exit off I 15.

Go East to 700 East.

Turn North on 700 East to 10140 South

(Pavilion is on the west side of 700 East)

Parking is in front of the Pavilion (South East Parking lot)



Birthdays / Memberships

Removed From Roster

NAME	DATE
RICH & GAIL KELLY	MEMBER REQUEST
BRIAN & SHARLENE EVANS	7/31/2021
BOB & ANNETTE GARNER	7/31/2021
JON & ALLISON HUNTZINGER	8/31/2021
SEREI PANH	7/31/2021

New Members

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
DARIN & ELAINE GRABER	2006	GALAXY GREY
ROGER NEWTON	2020	RED RF
KENNETH WAMSLEY	2017	RED RF
JERRY BILIANZICH	2021	WHITE
CHASE & BRITTNEY CHARLESWORTH	2001	MIDNIGHT BLUE

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

NAME	EXPIRED
RICHARD ALVERADO	10/31/2021
COLE & LAUREN CALVERT	10/31/2021
RACHEL CARTER	11/30/2021
ROBERT & HARRIET HODGSON	9/30/2021
GERALD & REBECCA JEPPSON	11/30/2021
DAVID LEWALLEN	10/31/2021
MICHAEL PATTERSON	10/31/2021
STEVEN & McKENSEE SPACKMAN	9/30/2021



NAME	BIRTHDAY
KATHY NIELSEN	2 Dec
MIKE BAILEY	6 Dec
DOROTHY BOWERS	6 Dec
HILLARY VREDEVELD	7 Dec
KANDIS ANDERSON	8 Dec
HANNAH CRANE	8 Dec
ALI BAZZAZ	11 Dec
ROBERT MECHLING	12 Dec
GORDON NICHOLL	15 Dec
RICHARD DYSON	17 Dec
HARRIET HODGSON	19 Dec
DEB MOON	19 Dec
KATHY KANKAINEN	27 Dec
RICK KISER	29 Dec
DANETTE DAVIS	30 Dec

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

NAME	EXPIRING
JERRY & LINDA GROSS	12/31/2021
CALEB MASON	12/31/2021
TYLER & TIFFANY SHAW	12/31/2021

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.treasurmc@icloud.com.

Club Officers

President: Roger Heath
Treasurer: Margie Newson

Vice President: Valerie Francis
Directors: Hank Pond, Steve Beckstead, Robert Mechling

Secretary: Jim Newson

November Meeting & Drive Report By: Valerie Francis

In spite of a cool fall day with an even colder breeze blowing, about 25 Miatas showed up for our November meeting and lunch at Heritage Park in Riverton. We were all very excited and grateful that Lynn and Mike Bailey were able to join us! What a treat for us to visit a bit with Mike and Lynn, and I am sure it was a treat for them to come and to even go on the drive!



After the meeting about 20 cars headed south along the west side of Utah Lake... and this time there was no dust storm like the last time the club took this route! Our normal stop at the old Sinclair station was occupied by a group of bikers so we stopped at the abandoned station across the street.

Then on to Eureka and back to Saratoga Springs for some, while others (those living north of Salt Lake) broke off and headed back through Tooele. Thanks to all that came and especially to Mark and Susan for planning this fun day. We got that last drive in before winter arrived!



Miataland Italy Trip Report By: Valerie Francis

For additional photos refer to posts on the Utah Miata Club Facebook page

Woo Hoo, as many are aware, sixteen Miata enthusiasts were able to experience the trip of a lifetime by including Miataland and several supercar factories / Ferrari test drives, during a month long trip to Italy. We had nine local and two east coast Utah Miata club members on this trip, along with five new friends who are members of various east coast Miata Clubs. First of all, it was so fun traveling with long time friends and to get to know our new friends.

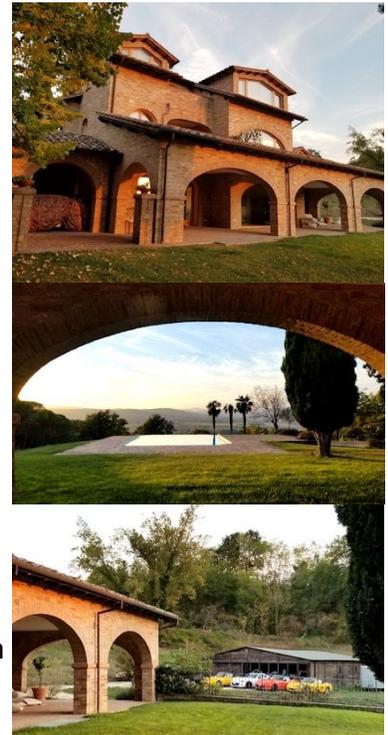
Our adventure was 28 days of seeing beautiful Italy including three days in Rome, then a 10 day Azamara cruise with ports around the boot of Italy, and two ports in Croatia. The cruise was extra enjoyable because the total passenger count was 260 when typically there are 700. So we only had 1/3rd the normal passengers which meant for no crowds anywhere and extra special service. After disembarking in Trieste, bussing to Venus, then a high speed train back to Rome, we started the 13 day land tour for just us sixteen, plus driver and guide... designed just for us. We headed north from Rome experiencing many amazing cities and towns, then ended our adventure at Lake Como, and flying home out of Milan. So on to the Miataland report:

Day 1: After visiting the magical towns of Civita & Bagnoregio, and Orvieto, we arrived at Miataland late afternoon. Because our tour bus was too large to make the final turn into Miataland, we walked about 1/4 mile down an unpaved road. We settled into our rooms, then had a wonderful dinner as a group in the main building. Doyle and my room was in the original building built in the 1700's. A great start for the upcoming adventures!

Day 2: After a delightful breakfast the owner of Miataland gave us a tour of his private collection. The owner has a total of 49 Miatas, mostly special editions, one of a kind, race cars, and some of his first Miatas. It was interesting learning about each that he showed us and why he purchased certain ones.

After the tour, we headed out for the day's drive. We had eight couples and eight cars so we would drive one car in the morning then switch to another car for the afternoon. That way, we got to drive all eight cars over the 4 days we were at Miataland. The couple in the first car (behind the guide in a Land Rover) would move to sweep and everyone else would move up one car. Doyle and I began the morning in the lead car so we drove the orange ND (always the sweep car) in the afternoon.

We drove lots of lovely country roads to Lake Trasimeno, then took a ferry to an island for lunch. After ferrying back we drove to an olive oil factory which is actually next door to Miataland. Lots of fun roads, great lunch, and wonderful olive oil tasting.



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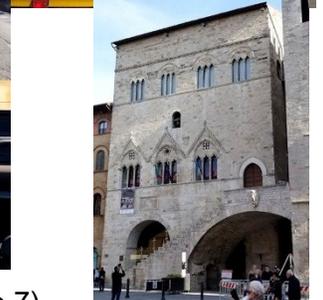
Day 3: We drove back country roads again to the towns of Spello, within medieval walls on Roman foundations, and Assisi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and birthplace of Saint Francis. Rain started while enjoying our lunch and a gelato break in Assisi, and continued all afternoon. We also stopped at a ceramics factory on the way back for a tour.

Still raining pretty hard, we noticed that the highway was at a full stop due to an accident. To avoid the traffic jam our guide took us on really back roads (muddy dirt roads, pot hole infested, etc.) but it was still a lot of fun navigating our way back to Miataland... especially when our guide exclaimed on the two way radio when we finally came to a paved road "Oh, I know where we are now"! LOL! We got back to Miataland just in time for the rain to stop and to catch a beautiful sunset.

Day 4: After the rainy weather yesterday, it was a surprise to wake up the morning of day four in the clouds. Miataland and the surrounding area was completely engulfed in clouds/fog, but it was still beautiful. So we headed out on our drive to the town of Montefalco "with the best scenic views of the Umbria landscape" - Hahaha, the joke was on us as the clouds/fog hid almost all of the views. After walking around Montefalco, we continued our drive to Bevagna. There we enjoyed walking around and a wonderful lunch (and gelato again). At least the weather cleared up enough to enjoy the beautiful countryside back to Miataland. We also enjoyed a fabulous breakfast and dinner at Miataland every day. This evening we presented some Utah Miata Club gifts (provided by Mike and Lynn) to the owner. He was delighted to receive them.



Day 5: On our last day at Miataland, we again headed out on fun country roads, this time to the lovely medieval "hill top" city of Todi. Yes, after parking we climbed over 600 steps to reach the walled city. But the town and views were worth it. We explored the town then headed back to Miataland early afternoon where our bus was waiting to take us to our next adventure in Italy. It was such an amazing, fun experience visiting Miataland, touring the beautiful countryside and towns. Definitely a once in a lifetime experience... or maybe I can convince Doyle to go again in a couple of years!



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Italian Luxury Sports Car Tours Report By: Valerie Francis

A few days after leaving MiataLand behind, but not the awesome memories, we spent a day in and around Modena touring three sport car factories, and actually driving a sports car. We arrived first at the Maserati factory where they make the MC20 sports car model. No photos allowed but what a treat to see the assembly line. Especially exciting was as we walked between the factory buildings we got to see several MC20's lining up and roaring their engines to go to the test track.



Then on to Ferrari, with a prepared lunch for us, bus tour of the factory grounds, guided tour of their museum, and best of all - a 10 minute test drive in either a Ferrari or Lamborghini! We drove on surface streets but there were several opportunities on straight aways to "hit the gas". I have never felt that much power and was smiling all the way. What an absolute thrill!



After Ferrari, we traveled to the Pagani factory and museum. Again, no photos allowed in the factory but we could take them in the museum. Oh my, I don't know how to explain the luxury of this sports car other than prices start at over \$2 million and go up based on customization. They only make one at a time, and just about everything can be customized. Every component down to nuts, bolts and screws has "Pagani" etched on it. I know I can't afford a Maserati, Ferrari, or Pagani, but what if we all chip in together to get one?!? LOL.



Miata Tales Part 2 By: Ken Jaworski

Several issues ago, I asked if anyone had a way of removing the oxidation from the Miata headlights. I think Doyle was the only one that answered and it was a very long and obviously very thorough process.

I was on the internet last month and this solution popped up or should I say pooped out of YouTube. BUT I looked at it and thought I would give it a try.



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 later. (Sorry, I should have taken a pix of the lense prior to doing the procedure.)



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



2021 Calendar of Events



December 4th: Holiday Party (Lone Peak Park party room, 6:00 pm), Refer to page 3, Mark & Susan Vaughn



2022 Calendar of Events



January 8th: Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD)

February 5th: Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD)

March 5th: Monthly lunch and meeting (TBD) 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, Roger Heath

July 7-10th: FYI only, Explore Oregon Adventure, refer to link on UMC webpage

July 16th: Summer picnic, Elections & Planning Meeting

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



Photos are from the November 2021 "last drive of the year" meeting and drive.




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