



The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



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From the Top Down By: Robert Mechling

Sharon and I missed getting the Lehman Cave tickets (sold out) on the Great Basin / Ely loop last month so we opted for the next best thing. We got tickets for the 11:00 am Steam Train ride from Ely to the Ruth Copper Mine. We had 6 hours of History, the Depot, the Museum, the working shop, the coal fired live steam, the whistle, the heat, the noise, the 90 minute ride, and we managed to get lunch too. If any are interested in the Ely Train see <https://www.nnry.com>.

Thanks to Steve and Ronda for the first ever Thursday evening club meeting and Moon Light sky lift ride at Sundance, and the Alpine Loop - when do you remember such light traffic! Also ask Jackie and Sharon who they met at the top of the lift ride, (The photo they took as proof is somewhere in this newsletter—so see if you can find it)

At writing this, I'm still looking forward to the Nebo Loop drive for the October club meeting.

Don't forget the Bryce Canyon/Capitol Reef trip will have just taken place, where no tickets are required but a National Park pass helps.

See you down the road,
Robert



October Monthly Meeting and Drive: Nebo Loop

Date & Time: **Saturday, October 1st, 11:30AM**

Location: **Payson's** Constitution Park on the North East corner at Main Street and 700 S.

Address: Main Street and 700 South, **Payson**. Turn East off of Main street into the parking lot at 700 South (south of the city pool)

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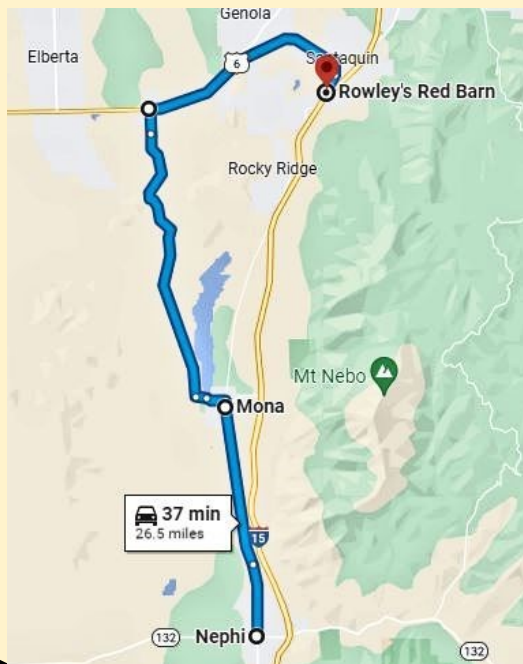
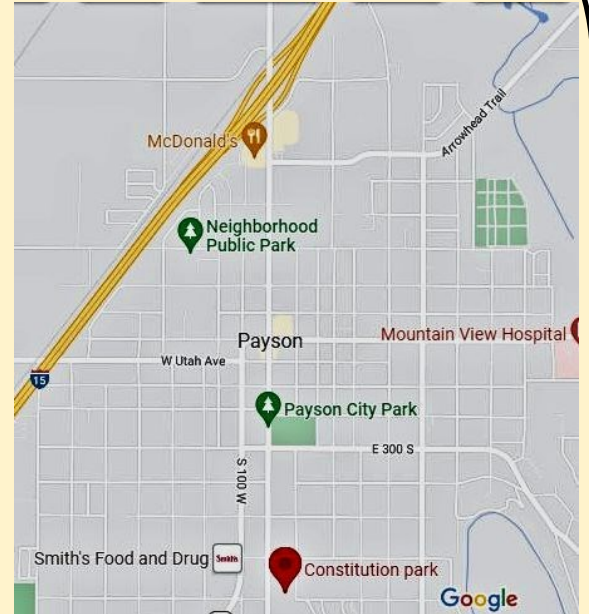
Bring your favorite fast food or pack a lunch, and bring your lawn chair in case the pavilion is reserved (we may need to use the lawn). Hope bathrooms are open (or a gas station will do) before the drive. At the meeting we'll ask for a volunteer drive leader and sweep.

Drive:

We will head up over Nebo Loop going from north to south then head east towards Nephi.

At Nephi there are options for heading back north/home:

- Drive I-15 straight home
- Drive through Mona and Goshen Canyon, stop at Rowley's Red Barn candy and ice cream shop in Santaquin, then I-15 home (newsletter editor will probably take this route ;-)
- After Goshen, head west to Elberta and north along the west side of Utah Lake.



Hope to see all Oct.1st! 🌀



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.** 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
HANS CLASSEN	2022	WHITE

Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
DEREK & KANDIS ANDERSON	6/30/2022
NICHOLAS BELKER	6/30/2022
TYLER CALL	6/30/2022
LARRY THOMAS	6/30/2022



NAME	BIRTHDAY
BRIAN CHRISTIANSEN	1 Oct
KELLY THOMPSON	1 Oct
JAMES FELIZ	4 Oct
LARRY PETERSEN	4 Oct
GALE KLINSHAW	5 Oct
LEONARD MILLGATE	5 Oct
TRACY YOUNG	7 Oct
DAYNA KISER	14 Oct
PERLY HEATH	19 Oct
DONN CICHOCKI	20 Oct
KIM RICHARDS	21 Oct
DIANNA HOUSLEY	23 Oct

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

NAME	EXPIRING
JERRY BILIANZICH	10/31/2022
ROBERT & VICTORIA HANSHEW	10/31/2022
KENT & DIANNA HOUSLEY	10/31/2022
ROGER NEWTON	10/31/2022
KENNETH WAMSLEY	10/31/2022
ROSE ANN WHITAKER	10/31/2022

Membership Expired: \$35 Dual / \$25

NAME	EXPIRED
JOSH & TANYA ASHMENT	7/31/2022
BRET & ROXANNE BAGLEY	7/31/2022
TYLER & SHAREE BECKSTEAD	7/31/2022
BENJAMIN BROWNLEE	7/31/2022
DICK & JUDY DYSON	8/31/2022
MARK & CHARISSE FERGUSON	7/31/2022
JOSEPH FOWLER	9/30/2022
DARIN & ELAINE GRABER	9/30/2022
SABRINA HANSEN	9/30/2022
MARK & SHAUNNA MIDGLEY	9/30/2022
KRIST SMITH	8/31/2022
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	8/31/2022
TOM & PAMELA WHARRAM	9/30/2022
TYSON & TRACY YOUNG	8/31/2022
PAUL ZUPON	7/31/2022

Club Officers (July 2022-July 2023)

President: Robert Mechling
Treasurer: Margie Newson

Vice President: Joey Fowler

Secretary: Jim Newson

Directors: Roger Heath, Ronda Beckstead, Susan Christiansen

September Meeting & Drive Report

By: Valerie Francis

What a fun and “something different” our September meeting and drive was! Instead of the normal Saturday get together, we met on a Thursday evening. And what a treat awaited us at the end of the drive!

After our “bring your own dinner” at a park in Highland, 20 Miatas headed out on the twisty Alpine Loop, ending at Sundance Ski Resort. As Steve and Ronda (the planners of this awesome adventure) predicted, traffic was lighter than if we had tried to do this on a Saturday. As a matter of fact, we didn’t come upon any slow vehicles so could go as fast as we wanted. I did hear a few exclaim it might have been a little too fast for their liking!

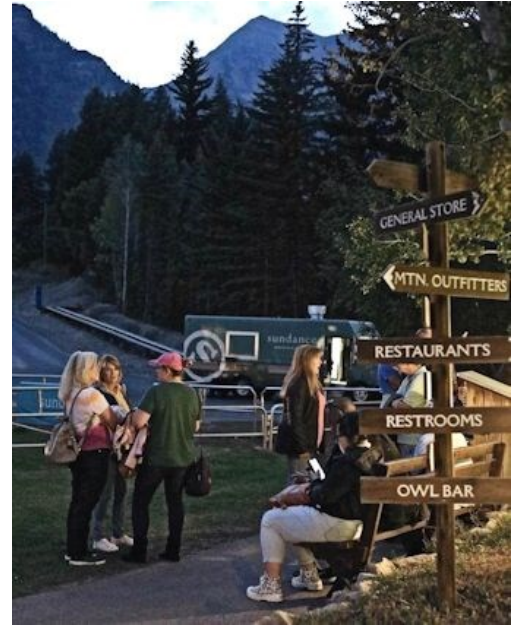


The twisty route was great even though the leaves had not started turning yet...it was still a thrilling drive.

Once we arrived at Sundance, a couple of Miatas went on down the road. The rest of us enjoyed visiting until the moonlight ride lift opened. For me, it was amazing how beautiful, quiet, and peaceful it was as soon as we headed up on the lift. However, going up, a young kid passing us was howling like a wolf, so of course Ronda and I howled back to the chagrin of Steve and Doyle. Then on the way down, we could see over the mountain tops into Heber Valley.

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What a lovely ending to a fun evening with our Miata friends. Thanks to Steve and Ronda for planning and executing this adventure! And thanks to Bob Richards for his great "low light" photos.



Great Basin / Ely Report By: Valerie Francis



Over the three day Labor Day weekend, a group of seven Miatas headed out from our Saratoga Springs meet-up to experience a "history" related journey. We cruised down the west side of Utah Lake stopping, as we have done so many times before, at the old "abandoned" Sinclair station in Elberta . We almost drove by because we have stopped here so often but pulled in just as a few motorcycles left.

As we were taking photos the owner of the building showed up and let us in to tour the old station. He told us a little history of the building and we walked around to see the history plaques on the back of the building. What great timing we had to finally get a peek inside.

We then headed to Delta, Utah where we stopped for lunch and visited the Great Basin Museum and the Topaz Museum. The Topaz Museum covers the history, and has artifacts and artwork of the internment camp where the Japanese citizens were imprisoned at the federal Topaz Camp during WWII. I was impressed by the videos we watched and the artwork done by some of the internees, but especially impressed by the jewelry created by from the sea shells they found on the camps site (see one example shown here).



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Leaving Delta, we continued through the desert towards Ely. We went top up through this stretch with each Miata occasionally calling out the outside temperatures (106—108!). The first night in Ely, we enjoyed a dinner together celebrating James Vredeveld’s birthday.

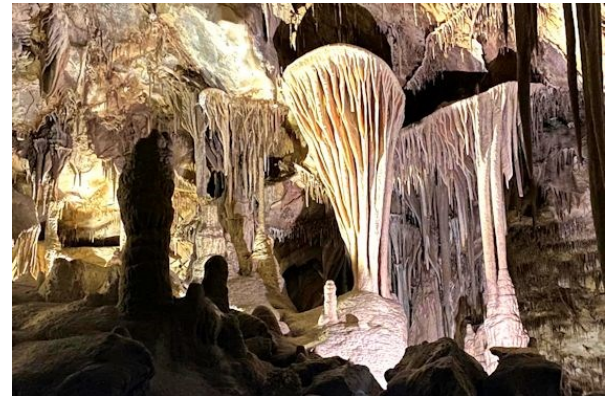


The next morning, we headed to Great Basin National Park, driving to the top at Wheeler Peak and campground before heading back down for the Lehman Cave tours. Robert and Sharon stayed in Ely to enjoy the day learning about the history of the trains and experiencing a train ride (see page 1).



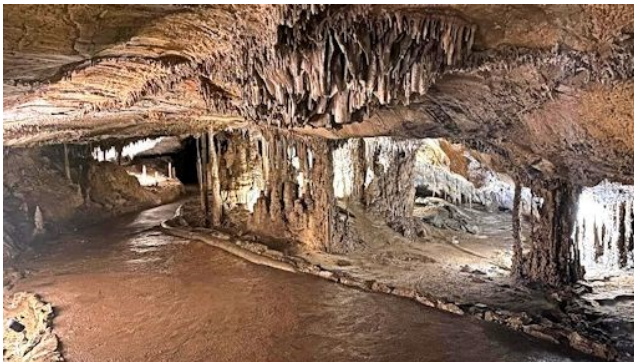
The Great Basin group enjoyed lunch at the café in the park, then headed into the caves. It is a beautiful cave system and the tour guide told us about it’s history and special features, including how the cave was probably found, up until the early 1900’s visitors were allowed to break off Stalagmites as souvenirs, and write on the ceiling in one large room.

Lehman Cave also contains the largest number of a feature called “shields” than any other cave system. (See photo).

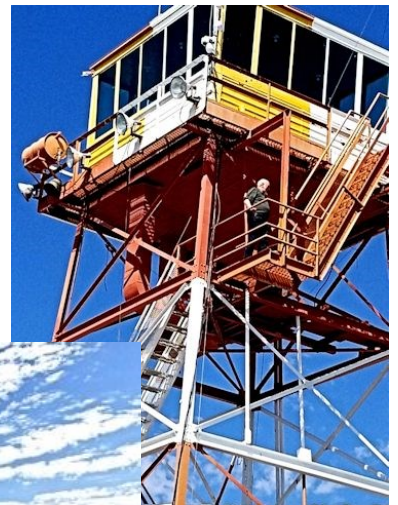


After the cave tour, we headed back for our second night in Ely, then the following morning we headed north to Wendover and home.

Yes, across the desert again, but one last “history” treat awaited us in Wendover. We stopped and toured the Wendover Army Air Base Museum. This is where the Army Air corps crew trained to drop the first atomic bomb (Little Boy) on Hiroshima from a B-29 Bomber (Enola Gay). There are more areas being refurbished at the base but the new museum contained a lot more historical artifacts than the last time the club visited.



So our “history” adventure was complete... from the history of how the Great Basin area was settled and locals survived, to the significance of the Japanese internment, to how the Army Air Corps lived and trained.



Miata Tales By: Ken Jaworski

From last month: OK! Here's a question for the club members. Would you like to see your license plate listed on a page of our facebook page, website, or newsletter? No bio and no pix's of the complete Miata.....just the license plate.

Jan was wanting a vanity license plate, but we just could not image what she wanted. I turned around and was looking at some east coaster's website and found the perfect one. "YGROWUP" became her plate.

I checked with a lawyer friend and he said there was nothing against publishing license plates because they basically are public info. BUT, he said you might want permission so as not to gain the wrath of the club members.

Who's for it or worse who's against it?

Now: Thank-you for all the replies. The voting is in (total of 0) and the motion carries. License plates WILL be part of Miata Tales or other newsletter articles, or better yet hopefully part of our UMC Facebook page and website.

The following is from 2005, the Second Miata's in Moab Super Events. Obviously, the first one that Jan and I attended after joining the club. I also I have included several club badges, too. Now I know several old farts of this club were at the FIRST Miata's in Moab. **Please send me pix's of just, JUST, JUST!!!! the license plates and club badges. Send your photos to bottlechaser@gmail.com. Thanks!**



I will work with the administrator to find a way to insert these in the private UMC Facebook or UMC website. This might become a challenge to prevent duplicates, but that will be my challenge with your help, too.

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

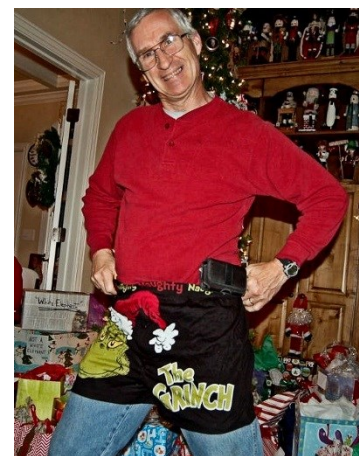


Heads-up November Meeting & Holiday Party Reminder

- Heads up—the November lunch meeting will be at Chubby Café, 1276 W 12600 S Riverton, at 11:00 AM. Details will be in next month's newsletter.
- It's hard to believe how fast this fall is going and how quickly the Christmas Holiday season will be here... well a lot of stores sure seem to be on top of it. As noted in the Calendar of Events below, our annual party is on Saturday, December 3rd. The details have not been finalized yet, including the food and time, but these will be announced soon. (Time will be around 5:00 or 6:00 pm like previous years) .

The important thing for now is to get this on your calendar and to start planning your White Elephant gift. From past years it seems anything goes; from awesome gifts that get "stolen" over and over to some pretty funny gag gifts.

Hope to see you there!



2022 Calendar of Events



October 1st: Nebo Loop, refer to page 2 - need volunteer drive leader

October 12th: Executive Board meeting, Bountiful Mazda conference room, 5:00 PM—Robert Mechling

November 5th: (Chubbys in Riverton, 11:00 AM, Drive TBD) - Mike and Lynn Bailey

December 3rd: Holiday Party (Sandy Lone Peak Park Pavilion, Time TBD) Executive Board



2023 Calendar of Events



January 7th: Hill Air Museum (Time and location TBD) - need volunteer drive leader

February 4th: Farmington Wildlife Center, (Time and location TBD), Brian & Sue Christiansen

March 4th: This is the Place State Park (Time and location TBD) - need volunteer drive leader

April 1st: Kennecott mine tour (Time and location TBD), Mike & Lynn Bailey

May 6th: Preston / Bear Lake Loop (Time and location TBD), Roger & Perly Heath

June 3rd: (Drive, time location TBD) - need volunteer drive leader

July 8th: Picnic / Elections & Planning (Time and location TBD), Executive Board


July 13—16th: Willamette Valley Miata Club Explore Oregon, details on <http://www.oregonmx5.com/>

July 21-23: Panguitch / Cedar Breaks, (Time and location TBD), Roger & Perly Heath



Photos this month are some October birthdays, and a surprise guest from September's Sundance ski lift adventure.




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CANDID
CAMERA**

