



## The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



*Vehicles that bring "smiles for miles"!*

### From The Top Down By: Robert Mechling

In January, Mike announced the Ghost and Legends Challenge! See the current and former news letters for information about the Challenge.

How many have started looking at those annoying brown signs on the Freeway/ Highway? They indicate recreational and/or cultural interest sites, just down the road. They could identify a point of interest that would qualify as a Ghost & Legends site. How many have googled: Ghost Towns Of Utah, or Utah Ghost Towns along I-15? What could qualify as Utah's newest Ghost Town, is it haunted or just a legend? Don't even think of googling Daughters Of Utah Pioneers monument sights, it's too overwhelming. OK, try it too.

Sharon and I have done all of the above and were surprised at how much is out there, and we've started taking our snapshots. It's getting addicting and fun.

At last month's Meeting and Drive, I announced a Ghost and Legends loop sponsored by Gordy Nicholl through the northwest corner of Utah (Box Elder County) with an overnight in West Wendover. See the enclosed article for the September Ghost and Legends trip. I don't recall ever taking a Miata drive through that part of Utah.

Hope to see all June 3rd! Robert

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## June Meeting/Lunch & Drive Ice Cream Social

**Date & Time:** Saturday, June 3, 2023 11:30 am

**Location:** Leatherby's Family Creamery

**Address:** 1872 West 5400 South, Taylorsville, UT



### Meeting and Lunch Info:

We will be meeting at Leatherby's Creamery for our June Ice Cream Luncheon, meeting, and drive. You can have lunch there or just enjoy delicious ice cream, which Leatherby's is famous for (or both, if you have a large appetite!)



### Drive Info:

We will conduct our monthly business meeting and then take a drive to:

**'This is the Place' State Park** up by Hogle Zoo and the University of Utah Research Park.

**Address is 2601 E. Sunnyside Ave, SLC 84108.**

We will be on our own at the park and you can enjoy whatever things you like or are interested in. They have the following: Heritage Village. Pioneer Center. Gift Shop & Huntsman Grill. Free Parking. You can stay as long as you want as they are open until 5:30.

The Village Tour is a self-guided tour. It starts at Smoot Hall (Bldg. 4). It includes the Pratt Observation, Telegraph & Cabinet Shop, Blacksmith Demos, North American Village Tour, the 19th Century Sugar Mill, Art Gallery of Utah Artists, Mormon Battalion Museum. Other sites include the Hooper Bank, Boot Shop, Drug Store, School House, Tinsmith, a Barber Shop. You can purchase gifts at the Gift Shop like Cox Honey or Pioneer Jam.

**Entrance Fee: Seniors \$16.95. Adults \$18.95. Children age +3 and older \$14.95. Hours 9:00-5:30**

For an at home virtual tour go to:

<https://www.thisistheplace.org/heritage-village/virtual-tour>





### 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
ROBERT OLSEN	2023	GRAY
ALEX & SONYA JOHNSON	2016	WHITE



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

NAME	EXPIRED
GEORGE AYALA	5/31/2023
KAY BARRELL	4/31/2023
CLAUDE & ERLINE BROWN	5/31/2023
ELMER JORDAN	3/31/2023
RICK & DAYNA KISER	5/30/2023
BOB & KIM RICHARDS	3/31/2023
ZAKE SNOUNOU	3/31/2023

NAME	BIRTHDAY
SHAUNA MILLGATE	2 Jun
CHRISTY HEADEY	3 Jun
MARK MIDGLEY	3 Jun
MICHAEL THOMPSON	3 Jun
JANET CICHOCKI	7 Jun
TYLER STARK	8 Jun
PATTY ADAMS	14 Jun
HANK POND	14 Jun
SHAREE BECKSTEAD	15 Jun
RACHEL WOODS	15 Jun
ROBERT OLSEN	18 Jun
JEFF MOON	19 Jun
SUSAN CHRISTIANSEN	20 Jun
SAMUEL McBRIDE	21 Jun
ROBERT HANSHAW	22 Jun
KIRK WARNER	22 Jun
KENT HOUSLEY	23 Jun
JIM BICKLEY	26 Jun
SPENCE WOOD	28 Jun
MACEY McKNIGHT	29 Jun

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

NAME	EXPIRING
RAYMOND BEA	6/30/2023
AMY BECKSTEAD	6/30/2023
JAMES FELIZ	6/30/2023
ROGER & PERLY HEATH	6/30/2023
ROBERT & GALE KLINSHAW	6/30/2023
LARRY & MACEY McKNIGHT	6/30/2023
HANK & REXANNE POND	6/30/2023

#### Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
NONE	

### Club Officers (July 2022-July 2023)

President: Robert Mechling   Vice President: Joey Fowler   Secretary: Jim Newson   Treasurer: Margie Newson  
 Directors: Roger Heath, Ronda Beckstead, Susan Christiansen   Newsletter Editor: Mike Bailey



# May Luncheon & Drive Report By: Valerie Francis

## May 6th: "Planes, Rains, and Automobiles"

**Planes:** We met at a park in Roy to have our monthly meeting and enjoy a bring your own lunch. Because it was near the Ogden Airport, and F-22 jets from Hill Airforce Base were on maneuvers, there were lots of noisy interruptions during the meeting. But we made it through the normal business topics and were soon ready to head on our drive.

As it turned out, the drive was changed due to potential weather and flooding issues. As we all experienced, we had a long winter and snow was predicted for part of our route. There were also news reports of flooding in the Garden City (Bear Lake) area. So instead of the Preston / Bear Lake route, the drive was shortened to head through Brigham, Honeyville, then over to Logan, ending at the Utah State Aggie Creamery for ice cream.

**Rains:** Eighteen Matias went on the drive and we were off-freeway all the way to our ice cream stop. The day started out partly cloudy but we were soon hit with rain along the route. The rain was light enough, and we were driving fast enough, that we didn't need to stop to put our tops up. The rain soon stopped and we continued on our way.

We reached Aggie Creamery and enjoyed the delicious ice cream while visiting with each other. Afterward, everyone was on their own to find their way back home, with a few stopping for a late lunch at Maddox Ranch House

**Automobiles:** It is always a great day when going on a drive in our Miatas to various locations throughout the state, or even further, and enjoying fun times with our Miata friends. As the note on page one states: Driving our Miatas bring "smiles for miles".





# Huntsville CycleKart Grand Prix Report By: Valerie Francis

On Saturday, May 20th, a group of 8 Miatas made the fun trip to Huntsville to enjoy an afternoon of watching CycleKarts race at the Huntsville 4<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Prix. We met up at a park in Bountiful, then enjoyed a nice drive to Weber Canyon and over Trappers Loop. There was minimal traffic, so we zoomed along enjoying the scenery (albeit being a bit hazy from the Canadian fires' smoke).

By the way, if you have not been on Hwy 89 between Farmington and South Ogden lately, the road construction is pretty much completed... and there are no longer any lights along this whole section. It is so nice to drive on this road now.

Once we arrived in Huntsville, we all went our own way. Some set up chairs in the shade at the Huntsville Park and watched the different CycleKart races, enjoyed food and treats from several food trucks, and/or walked among the staging area to get a close-up look of the karts and talk to the drivers. Steve and Ronda showed up a bit later to also enjoy the festival (maybe getting into a little trouble per the included photo).

The event featured a race of 10 - 12 cars per heat, approximately every 15 minutes. Two blocks were cordoned off for the races including the block around the Huntsville Park. They were not actually "racing" each other but they were going fast enough that Doyle saw one spin out on one of the corners ending up in someone's yard! There was even a parade race of all women drivers. Ken Jaworski and I had a lot of fun taking hundreds of photos as the cars raced by.

Doyle and I really enjoyed the afternoon and hope that those who joined us also had a fun time! Thanks to Ken for contributing photos for this article.





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## July Summer Picnic & Planning Meeting Heads Up

**Date & Time:** Saturday, July 8th, 2:00 PM

**Location:** LDS Church Pavilion (Pavilion is behind the church building)

**Address:** 6410 South 725 East Murray 84107 (a couple blocks west of Wheeler Farm)

Add this event to your calendars as our summer picnic will be here before we know it. And as you all know this is the time new club officers will be elected. Please be thinking of those you want to nominate or self-nominate. Positions include President, Vice President, and two of the three Directors.

Also during the picnic the calendar for activities is set for the coming 12 months. Please bring your ideas for drives, activities and even for an overnighter adventure. Everything begins with an idea or suggestion.

The 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. This is the same location as last couple of year's picnics. This location will have running water and bathroom facilities as well.

We are mixing it up this year and will hold the Election and Planning meeting first, then we can relax and enjoy our food and visiting after (food truck service at approximately 4:00 PM).



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

**No drive, instead we will be handling club business while enjoying good food and company.**







## Northwest Ghosts & Legends Sept Trip

Let's do a Ghost and Legends Loop through the Northwest corner of Utah (Box Elder County). Just after the Labor Day weekend and after the summer's heat.

**September 6th & 7th, that's Wednesday and Thursday, with an overnight stay in West Wendover.**



**Note: There will be some dirt roads.**

**September 6th:** Let's meet for Lunch (TBD - SLC) at 11:30 am. After lunch ~ 1:00 pm we'll pick up the Itinerary as follows:

From Lunch, we'll head West to Garfield Utah - Ghost Town

Option 1 Via UT201 West to UT202 Northwest over I-80 to the stop sign ~19 miles 20 miles.

Option 2 Via I-80 West to Exit 104 - West to the stop sign ~19 miles 20 miles.

The Garfield & Black Rock Beach Monuments are on the south side of the intersection.

From the Garfield stop sign - take Saltair Drive - North - 2.3 miles to the Old Saltair Site,

Back to I-80 interchange Exit 104 - 2.3 miles.

Then West on I-80 - To Delle Utah - Ghost Town - 35 miles 31 minutes.

Then West on I-80 - To West Wendover - 72 miles 61 minutes.

Overnight (Sep 6th) West Wendover (Check In - Gas up Miatas - R&R - Dinner, Party).

Sep 6th totals ~123 miles 1 Hr 50 min drive time + stops.

**September 7th:** After breakfast - departure time 9:00 am. It's going to be a long day - bring snacks and drinks.

Head West on I-80 - To Oasis Nevada - 32 miles 30 minutes.

Then Northeast on NV 233 - To Montello Nevada (rest stop/gas) - 23 Miles 20 min.

Continue Northeast on NV 223 then UT 30 - To the Lucin turn off - 19 miles 20 min.

Turn Right/South at the Lucin turn off - dirt road - 5.7 miles 15 minutes.

Arrive - Lucin Ghost Town - back to UT 30 - 5.7 miles 15 minutes.

Cross UT 30 - continue North - dirt road - to Grouse Creek - 30 miles 40 minutes.

Grouse Creek (rest stop/gas) not a Ghost Town but a Legend - just need to see it.

Return to UT 30 from Grouse Creek - 30 miles 40 minutes.

East on UT 30 - To Rosette - Ghost Town - 51 miles 60 minutes.

Continue East on UT 30 - To Park Valley - Ghost Town - 4 miles 4 minutes.

From Park Valley turn south - Russian Cemetery/Ghost Town - dirt road - 7.21 miles 15 minutes.

Russian Cemetery - Return to Park Valley - 7.21 miles 15 minutes.

Continue East on UT 30 - To Kelton turnoff - 10 miles 10 minutes.

At Kelton Road turn south to - Kelton Ghost Town - dirt road - 7 miles 15 minutes.

From Kelton - Return to UT 30 - 7 miles 15 minutes.

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Snowville - rest stop - late lunch- gas.

Note: From West Wendover (with sites) to Snowville - 223 miles 4 hrs 8 min + stops.

I-84/I-15 South - To Salt Lake City/Home 108 miles 80 minutes.

Sep 7th totals ~351 miles 6 Hr 12 min drive time. We'll need to gas up at least once.

Total Loop 474 miles 8 hrs 10 min drive time + stops.



### That's 9 Ghost Towns & 1 Legend!



## Coming Soon: Beartooth Highway Miata Trip: July 20– 23 By: Roger Heath



Our exciting 3 day long weekend trip to the Beartooth Highway is fast approaching. We will cruise along the Teton Mountain Range in Wyoming and twice through Yellowstone National Park. The main drive will be one of America's most thrilling and scenic drives —the Beartooth Highway. We will stay over night in Afton, WY, Red Lodge, MT, and West Yellowstone, MT. with an afternoon in Yellowstone National Park. **Notice: Due to repairs at the Red Lodge Motel, we may lose our rooms so please plan to book an alternate room in Cody, WY for Friday, July 21st. We should know early July if Red Lodge is done with remodeling and will keep you posted on our Facebook page and website on any of these changes.**

See our club website or FB for additional details. Come part way if you don't have time for the 3.5 full days. **ZOOM ZOOM**



## Miata Shirts for Beartooth Highway Trip By: Mike Bailey

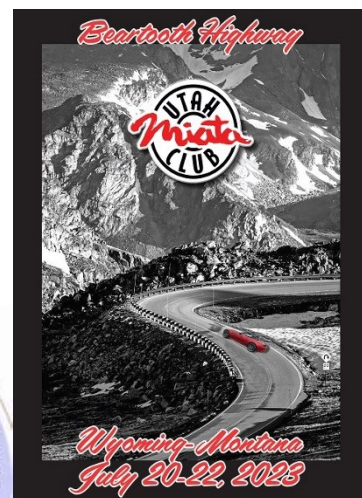
Last chance for T-shirts for this trip. The Beartooth Shield logo will be on the left front chest and Beartooth Highway Photo with red Miata large on the back of shirt.

Shirt cost is \$16.00 for Tees SM –XL and \$18.00 for 2XL and larger. The Car Event Magnets will be similar size 5.5" as other event magnets and cost 2 for \$12.00 or 1 for \$8.00, same cost as always. Hats with Shield Logo \$16.00.

Contact Mike Bailey for the order and I will have a pass-around list at monthly club meetings. You can order items even if you are not going.

Thank you for your support!

**Zoom - Zoom**





## Miata Reunion - 2023 By: Mike Bailey

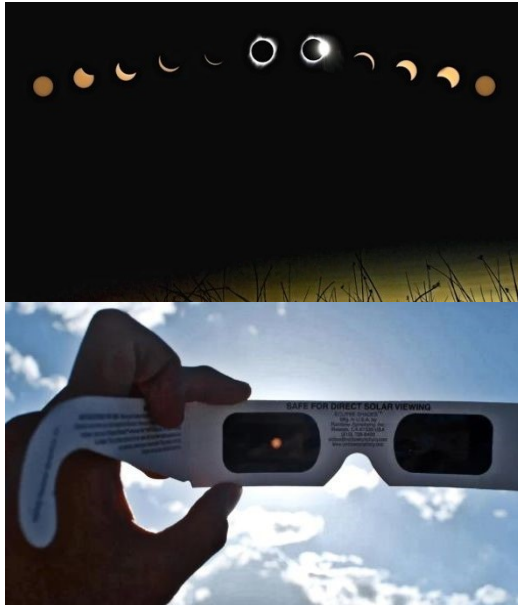
The National Miata event called **Miata Reunion 2023 will be held October 20-22** in Sonoma, California. Sonoma is located just northeast of San Francisco. It is basically a two day Saturday thru Sunday event, but it is advised that you arrive Friday, October 20th and check into the hotel and the event on Friday because of how busy it will be on Saturday.

Several UMC members have booked a room at the Days Inn by Wyndham in Navato, CA, which is a town located near the event as it is \$100.00 less per day than the host hotel. Navato is only 10 miles from Somoma, so a short drive. Call 415-897-7711 to book your room. Cost for a double queen room will AAA or AARP is \$120.13 + taxes.

**Registration for the event is \$25.00 per person. Registration opened on May 27, 2023 starting at 9:00 am and is expected to sell out quickly. Check out all the details at [www.Miatareunion.com](http://www.Miatareunion.com)**



## October 2023 Annular Eclipse By: Mike Bailey / Roger Heath



I'm looking forward to the Annular Eclipse on Oct 14th, 2023. We will be heading south on Friday, the 13th, as the eclipse is early Saturday morning, and come home after the eclipse is over. We will be staying at the Super 8 by Wyndham Motel in Salina. Address is 375 East 1620 South. Phone is 435-529-7483. Price was \$78.30 + tax for a room with 2 Queen beds. Continental breakfast is included. Cancellation is free as long as you cancel at least 24 hours prior to your stay.

We will hit the road early Saturday morning as the Solar Eclipse begins at 9:00 am in Richfield and lasts until about noon. We will head back home after the eclipse. All the hotels in Richfield are fully booked for the 13th. Be sure to book your room as soon as possible as rooms are filling up quickly. You can also get rooms at the Quality Inn & Suites in Salina. You can see more information on the club's Facebook page about the event.

**Be sure to bring your safe solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") as you cannot look directly at the eclipse without them!**



## 2023 Calendar of Events



**June 3rd:** Ice Cream Luncheon, 11:30 Leatherby's, Taylorsville; This is The Place St Park- Mike & Lynn Bailey

**July 8th:** Picnic / Elections & Planning (2:00 PM Murray church), Executive Board

**July 20-23rd:** Beartooth Hwy Trip (Info this NL, refer to website, Facebook page) Roger & Perly Heath

**September 6-7th:** Wendover Overnighter; Ghosts & Legends, Box Elder County, Gordy & Jackie Nicholl

**September 22-24:** Fall Leaf Tour (Time and location TBD) Tropic, UT, details on UMC website, Roger & Perly

**October:** Luncheon: Complete Ghosts and Legends Challenge (details to come), Mike Bailey

**October 19-22nd:** Miata Reunion; Sonoma, CA. (See NL, FB for info), Mike & Lynn Bailey

**November 4th:** Luncheon & Drive: TBA (Need planner & leader)





Enjoy these photos of some June birthdays.



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