

### Ragtops to Ridges



#### The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club











UMC ROAD TRIPS TO UTAH'S AMAZING LANDSCAPES (SEE PGS. 5,7,&10

#### From the Top Down by Mike Thompson

A couple of weeks ago—14 Apr 2025—Road & Track magazine published an update<sup>1</sup> with respect to the forthcoming Miata NE. The article is based on interviews conducted just a week earlier with Mazda's Chief Technology Officer—Ryuichi Umeshita.



I continue to believe Mazda is way down the road with respect to the NE. But they will only drop the occasional hint. Here are a couple of items from the article.

- 1. Umeshita himself asked "What defines the MX-5? I would say the most important thing is that it is lightweight... The second most important thing is that it is lightweight... Whatever the future MX-5 is, it must be very light." From the get-go, Mazda has resisted pressure from the US market to make the car bigger and more powerful. "When we have to select between design alternatives... we tend to select the ones whose parts are less expensive, lighter and smaller... We are considering making [the NE] less than one [metric] tonne in weight, and less than four meters in length." If you are keeping score, that's about 130 lbs. lighter than the ND, and esentially the same length.
- 2. The new car will not need and will not offer additional power. To meet emission standards around the world, the NE will likely use Lambda:1 technology (technobabble omitted). "If we go to Lambda:1, then naturally power will go down" admits Umeshita. "In order to avoid that, we have defined the displacement to be 2.5 liters. So the power is very good, and the fuel economy will be very good." (I believe this is news!)
- 3. Umeshita indicated that Mazda is determined to combine the engine with a manual gearbox—another thing made much harder by tightening emissions standards. "[A] manual transmission has the direct feeling, the sense of Jinba Ittai," the unity of car and driver.

Well. . . Don't lose any sleep over the anticipation, or the uncertainties. What is most important is that Mazda is committed to keeping the MX-5 Miata in their lineup. I just completed a top-down circuit to see a few of the northern Utah ski resorts: Snowbasin, Nordic Valley and Powder Mountain. All are closed for the season. It was a delightful springtime drive. I hope you are getting out as well. Mike

1. Credit to Road and Track magazine for what is written here. See article at https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/ a64474059/2027-mazda-miata-next-genveration-details/©Road&Track,2025.

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#### May Luncheon & Drive Activity by Mike Bailey

When: Saturday, May 10, 2025 Time: 11:30 AM. Arrive by 11:15 AM Where: Garage Grill in Herriman: Private Dining Room by Check-in Desk

Address: 12547 Herriman Auto Row, Herriman, Utah 84096 Phone: 801-666-7767



Mention you are with the Utah Miata Club. <u>Advance Reservations and a 'Head Count' is required for our luncheon</u>. If you have not signed up on the pass-around list the last two months you need to call, text or email me your reservation. You can also reply to our club's Facebook page on the article from April 21st. Email to mike@mikebaileyprinting.com or text or call me at 801-597-1456. Reservations are needed by Noon on Saturday, May 3, 2025.

There is a selection of six breakfast, brunch, or lunch items on a special menu designed by the Garage Grill Chef for our group. Prices range from \$13.00—\$18.00 per person which comes with Pepsi products, lemonade, iced tea, coffee and water for drinks. Garage Grill's Salt Flats beer and spirits are

available for an additional purchase charge. Please do not drink alcoholic beverages and drive however! Gratuity is extra and you can pay individually or by couple. We will have our May meeting during this time.

















#### After Lunch Activity: Dr. Phillip Hoopes "British Car Collection"

**Location:** #1 Trendland Cove at Pepperwood Estates. Address: 11000 S. 2000 E., Sandy, Utah. Phil Hoopes' Hoopes Home. Inform the gate guard on entrance that we are here to see the 'Hoopes Car Collection' to get in and they will direct us. Phil is the owner and CEO of Hoopes Vision Clinic and is a good friend of mine since my hight

school days. We both got our love for British sports cars during our LDS Mission in England in the late 1960's. His car collection is extravagant!











#### **Membership Dues Reminder**

The Utah Miata Club is a group of friends who promote our common interest in the Mazda MX-5 Miata, by joining in safe, recreational, and social activities. Your dues permit you to participate in club activities, and to receive the newsletter by email. A single membership is \$25 for the year, and a dual membership is \$35. If your name is among the personalized reminders below, at our next activity please hand a check—payable to the Utah Miata Club—to Margie Newson, Club Treasurer. If you prefer you may mail a check to 233 W 1550 N, Bountiful, UT 84010. If you have questions Margie may be contacted at 801-295-4563, or by email at sec.treasumc@icloud.com. You may also submit payment by cash, money order or Venmo @ utahmiataclub. It will show Marjorie Newson@utahmiataclub. If prompted for confirmation, last 4 digits of phone # are 1596.

#### **Birthdays / Memberships**





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#### **New Members**

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
SAMUEL & KELLY HART	2012	LIQUIDSILVER
GREG & ALISON BRIDEN	2024	BLUE

#### **Expiring Soon: \$35 Dual -\$25 Single /Renew Now**

NAME	EXPIRING SOON
DAVID & SHERRY BARSKI	5/31/2025
ALEX & SONYA JOHNSON	5/31/2025
DAVID & NICOLE LANGLIE	5/31/2025
ROBERT OLSEN	5/31/2025
MIKE & KELLY THOMPSON	5/31/2025

NAME	DATE
RONDA BECKSTEAD	6 May
SCOTT HADLEY	6 May
JIM BOWERS	9 May
ROXANNE BAGLEY	10 May
SONYA JOHNSON	17 May
STEVE TOBIASSON	17 May
MARILYN BICKLEY	20 May
BRET BAGLEY	23 May
REXANNE POND	28 May

#### **Memberships Expired / Please Renew Now**

NAME	EXPIRED
KAY BARRELL	4/30/2025
JORDON & TIFFANY BIGELOW	2/28/2025
MIKE HINMAN	4/30/2025
RICHARD LANE	2/28/2025
PHILLIP & NICOLE LIFSEY	2/28/2025





#### Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
CHRIS & LINDA LEWIS	1/31/2025
RICHARD PLUMB	1/31/2025

#### Club Officers (July 2024 -- July 2025)

President: Michael Thompson Vice President: Ken Jaworski *Sec*retary: Jim Newson Treasurer: Margie Newson Directors: Robert Mechling, Susan Christiansen, Carol Lynn Vredeveld Newsletter Editor: Michael Bailey



# Miata Tales by Ken Jaworski CycleKarts at 2024 Huntsville, Utah When: Saturday, May 31, 2025 Meet at 9:30 A.M. Details Below.



British Racing Green just might be the colour of the year. I have to assume because we drive the Miata MX5 that we enjoy the small car feeling, but might <u>YOU</u> want to go smaller? Join me on Saturday, 31 May 2025, to go to Huntsville, Utah for the best in small cars. Time to meet is 9:30 a.m.

Here is the map of the route we will take to get there. Having a little fun, too. Let's gather at Emigration Canyon Monument just past Hogle Zoo. We will go east on Emigration Canyon until we hit Utah State Hwy 65 and proceed past East Canyon Res. We will turn left on Utah State Hwy 66 and proceed to Morgan. North on I-84 to Utah State Hwy 167 to Mountain Green. North on Trapper's Loop (167) and on to Huntsville.

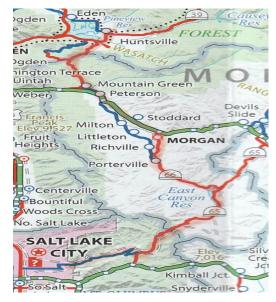


























#### ROADTRIPPIN' After MEMORIAL DAY-2025

By Roger Heath and Mike Bailey

**DATES: Friday, May 30, 2025—Sunday, June 1, 2025** We'd like a few more members to enjoy this trip with us! It's one of the very best short overnighters of the year!

Two night, 3 day Roadtrip after Memorial Day weekend, May 30th - June 1st, 2025, traveling through the red rock

area in southeastern Utah. After meeting up at the Harmon's Bangerter Crossing store in Draper we'll head out on Hwy 6 to Price, Utah. From Price we'll turn south on Hwy 10 until we reach I-70. We'll drive under the freeway and join Hwy 72 into Loa, finally stopping in Torrey for the night.



Day 1: May 30th: Meet at the Harmon's Bangerter Crossing store, 125 E. 13800 South Draper, at 9:00 AM and travel to Torrey. (220 miles).

May 31st: Drive from Torrey to Green River (298 Miles). June 1st: Drive home after breakfast. Maybe over to Huntington or Fairview Canyons or alternate routes around the area. Several options are available.

Please Book Rooms NOW for this trip as rooms fill up quickly. Suggested Hotels: May 30th: Broken Spur Inn

Torrey: Phone 435-425-3775 <a href="https:/brokenspurinn.com">https:/brokenspurinn.com</a>









May 31st Green River - River Terrace Inn, Phone 877-564-3401 https://river-terrace.com Day 2 We head to Hanksville and through Hite then up to Blanding, Moab before stopping in Green River for the night.









Day 3: Coming home on Sunday there are various routes you can take, quickest is Hwy 6 back to Spanish Fork. Or, I-70 to Salina then north to Nephi and I-15. Another possibility is Hwy 6 to Price, then over to Duchesne towards Beaver or Kamas and home. You don't want to miss the awesome scenery we will see on this trip!







#### 24TH ANNUAL ED "BIG DADDY" ROTH'S RAT FINK REUNION

By Steve Beckstead

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 7, 2025; 9:00 AM

WHERE: 404 E. 300 N. MANTI, UTAH



The "Big Daddy" Roth's Rat Fink Reunion will be lots of fun. We plan to meet at 9:00 a.m. at Wheadon Park in Draper, which is 140th South Bangerter Parkway (see map). Members should eat breakfast before and/or bring a snack to have in the park or on the drive. We will have a short business meeting and be on the road by 9:30 a.m. The other map is the route from the

park to Manti. We will drive via Scofield Reservoir, a scenic drive before arriving in Manti around 1:00 pm or earlier, depending on stops. It is less than a 3 hour drive. If the weather is bad, we will adjust the route by going down Hwy. 89 and to Thistle.









After arriving in Manti we'll be on our own or break into small groups. Food trucks and restaurants avail able for lunch or dinner. There will be an awesome

Car Show and there is "Big Daddy" Ed Roth's Museum and Store where you can purchase Rat Fink merchandise items. Live music and bands! Park Address: 200 N. 300 W. Rat Fink Museum & Store: 404 East 300 N. Manti. There will be lots of artists there who can put pin-striping on your Miata or any customizing you like. There will be souvenir posters and the official Rat Fink T-Shirts, etc. for sale. You can stay as long as you like and leave when you want. We will probably go home via Hwy. 89 or a quicker way is Hwy. 132 north to Moroni / Nephi and then I-15 home. Stay as long as you want if you like! This is always a FUN event!





















#### Idaho Summer 2025 Trip by Roger Heath

#### **July 9th—July 13th 2025**

A 4 night / 5 day midsummer cruise through central Idaho's National Forests. Taking a clockwise route we'll stop in Challis, McCall, Missoula and Idaho Falls. Daily drives are 300 miles or less so we should have time to sightsee or wander around the towns we're staying in. On Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, those that wish can take a detour out to visit Big Hole National Battlefield on the way to Idaho Falls.



#### Dates:

July 9th - 9:00 AM, meet at Beez Cafe in Roy, 5410 S 1900 W, Roy, UT. Drive to Challis- 293 miles

July 10th - 9:00 AM, drive from Challis to McCall 213 miles

July 11th - 9:00 AM, drive from McCall to Missoula 263 miles

July 12th - 9:00 AM, drive from Missoula to Idaho Falls 300 miles

July 13th - Leave at your leisure as this is the day to drive home











#### Suggested Lodging: Book Hotels NOW for best rates!

July 9th Challis - Red Rock Lodge 208-879-4936

https://rrlodge.net, hotels.com, Expedia.com

July 10th McCall - Super 8 by Wyndham McCall 800-454-3213

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/mccall-idaho/super-8-mccall/overview

July 11th Missoula - Super 8 by Wyndham Missoula / Reserve Street

Phone: 800-454-3213 <a href="https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/missoula-">https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/missoula-</a>

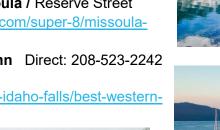
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Toll Free: 800-780-7234

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driftwood-inn/propertyCode.13005.html



















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#### July Summer Picnic / Elections & Planning Meeting by Ken Jaworski

When: Saturday, July 19, 2025 Time (TBD) About 1:00 pm.

**Place: Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church** 

Address: 4051 N. Highway 224 (UT-224) Park City, Utah 84098

For those in Salt Lake Valley we will met at the UTA Park & Ride Lot at 950 E. 6600 S., Murray, Utah and will drive up to Park City via I-215. Mike Bailey or another volunteer from the club will lead the drive (please let us know if anyone is interested). Others coming from the North can make their own way to Park City. There are two entrances to the parking lot about 100 yards apart. The temperature should be about 10-15 degrees cooler than in SLC. Food items will be similar to last year's July picnic with meet and cheese trays for sandwiches and members fur-



nishing salads, snack items like chips and/or desserts. There will be a full kitchen as well as interior and exterior seating and bathrooms.

We will have our annual business meeting followed by our Elections for the 2025-2026 year. Please let any officers or directors know if you are interested in running for an office which includes: President, Vice President, and 3 Director's positions or if you would like to nominate someone. After the Elections we will have our Annual Events & Planning Meeting for the following year's activities calendar. More details will follow in coming months and also posted on our club facebook page. Photos of some past elections.











#### 2025 Utah Miata Club Challenge

by Mike Bailey



I need to know how many members are interested in doing this year's Utah Miata Challenge. I'm not sure if anyone has shown any interest in doing this. Let's take a vote at this month's luncheon. Please contact me by text or email and let me know as I don't want to keep promoting this event if members are not interested in participating! Contact me at: Text: 801-597-1456 or email; mike@mikebaileyprinting.com.

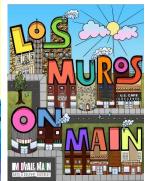














#### How to Lead a Drive with the Utah Miata Club: The Guidelines & Safety Tips:

by Mike Bailey





Generally speaking, the leader or organizer of the drive leads the drive from start to finish, unless otherwise noted at beginning of the drive. The drive leader will usually have a meeting with all drivers and passengers to discuss the drive in advance. Note: Please bring your FRS Two-way Radios for communication during the drive. We use Channel 5.5.

- 1. Drive at your own level. If the Miata behind hurries you, wave them around and let them pass. Depending on the type of event, allow enough space between your car and the car in front of you to allow you to enjoy the drive and so the driver ahead of you isn't worried about how good your brakes may be.
- 2. Keep the Miata in front and the Miata behind in sight at all times without tailgating. This is especially important when making a turn to ensure that the Miata behind you sees the turn.
- 3. Use turn signals. As soon as you see the turn signal of the car in front of you, turn on your signal to acknowledge to the car in front you see the turn coming and then to signal the car behind you a turn is coming. Usually we mention on the radio all the major turn-offs or direction changes, especially if we are exiting a freeway.
- 4. When pulling onto a road, from a regroup point for example, everyone should pull out together when the lead and sweep cars do so. Usually turn your steering wheel completely to the left for this tight turn-out. This is safer, faster and keeps the group together. Watch your rearview mirror for the sweep car to move out into the road so you will be prepared to move out all together.
- 5. Accelerate slowly when in loose gravel. Take care not to throw gravel or splash water/mud in the path of the car behind you.
- 6. Sometimes we turn our parking or other lights on while on a drive. In inclement or bad weather or if in the early evening this is necessary. If you have any mechanical or other problems or emergency, call on the radio for help and/or flash your high beams if you need to stop. If there is any major issue pull over to the side of the road! Others in the group will help assist you.
- 7. Be careful of your speed and in populated areas watch for children and pedestrians. Traveling together, we may attract attention from children and/or highway patrol.
- 8. We like to stay together closely BUT always be courteous to other cars and allow them to take their turn and move into our group. Frequently, they may signal you to go ahead of them so we can all proceed together but be sure to give a friendly smile, wave, or thank you of some sort if a driver is willing to wait for a dozen cars to pull out ahead of them.
- 9. Unless it is an emergency situation or prior arrangements were made to do so, stay behind the leader and ahead of the sweep car. Anyone who passes the leader or falls behind the sweep car has officially dropped out of the run and is on his/ her own. In groups over 10 cars we usually have a mid-person or car designated to pass on messages to cars behind them.
- 10. Have fun and enjoy the event!







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## Fall Leaf Drive: 2025 by Roger Heath September 26-28, 2025 2 Nights/3 days

After skipping a year it's time for another fall overnighter to check out the changing colors of central Utah. Once again we'll spend nights in Tropic located in Southern Utah. Saturday will be a free

day to check out the local attractions - Bryce Canyon NP, Kodachrome State Park or Cedar Breaks. Go on your own or with several others in the group!

For those that have gone in the past, the route will be familiar. A change to this year's drive will be the choice of an alternate route home. We can choose between what has been done previously - driving to Fish Lake then taking Gooseberry Road to Salina and north on Hwy 89 to Nephi. Or, we can take a backroad to Cedar Breaks, head through Brian Head ski area and into Parowan then I-15 home.

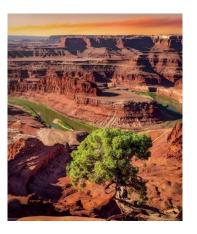
#### **Itinerary:**

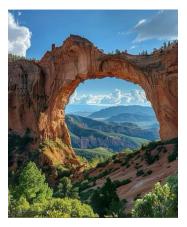
**Friday, Sept 26th, 8:30 AM -** Meet at Harmon's Bangerter Crossing, 125 E. 13800 S., Draper, Utah. Drive to Tropic.

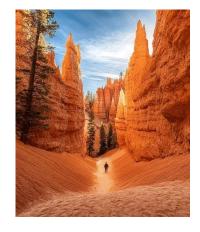
Saturday, Sept 27th, free day - Do what you like and drive to several options of places or points of interest around the area that you'd like to see! Sunday, Sept 28th, head home - Several options for the drive home.

Suggested lodging - Bryce Canyon Inn <u>brycecanyoninn.com</u> Phone: 435-679-8502 or Toll Free: 1-800-592-1468. Some large double room cabins available. Destination Address: 21 North Main St., Tropic, Utah 84776

Book NOW: Accommodations fill up fast. Other lodging in Bryce Canyon City.

















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#### **Enjoy these photos of Utah Miata Club's May's Birthdays**



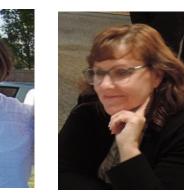
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**REXANNE POND** 





Photo not available for Scott Hadley

























#### Miata Swag / Apparel, Car Club Magnets



#### By MiataWear Man: Mike Bailey

Please Note: I will be giving away for FREE some of Lynn's Sweat Shirts and T-Shirts that no longer fit her. All are in good condition and have been cleaned and laundered. I consider these 'collector' items from our from our many past 'Miatas in Utah events.' First come, first served on all these items. Sizes SM-LG.



Close out on all Utah Miata Club Logo shirts and logo merchandise. All shirts and past event items will be reduced to low prices during first few months in 2025. These include events from the last couple of years! Beartooth Highway Trip, Ghosts & Legends, Miatas in Utah events and other trips and events.

First come, first served basis. Get yours now for discounted prices. Prices starting at \$10.00.









Some 'Miatas at Deer Valley Miata Mountain Getaway' new apparel, never worn, is available at above discount. The T-Shirt designs on the items above or below that are in stock are on Sale! "Long Live the Roadster" Logo on some Black Mazda Shirts: Limited Sizes available or any other shirt you may want to supply. I will put club logos on them for you. LLTR logo below can be put on any color Tee Shirts or your provided shirt. If I purchase the shirt cost is \$15.00 Sizes SM-XL. 2XL is \$3.00 more.







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Satablished in 1991

Recreated 'Original Miata Club Of America Logo' Utah Edition Tee Shirts: \$15.00. See logo at top right.



Club Jackets: Wind Breakers or Jackets or buy your own and I'll put any UMC logo on them! Prices depend on Jacket. Many colors to choose from. Lightweight and fits behind your seats. Great for cooler mornings and evenings. and on all our drives and over-nighters!



Beanie Knit Hats: Made to Order. Yours or I can get them for you!



Club Magnets: Official Club Magnets or Mountains Logo Magnets with color of your Miata on them. Miata Support Vehicle Car Magnets are now available!







**UMC CAR MAGNETS: \$25.00 / PAIR.** 

**Ball Caps:** Standard Structured or Soft Caps for ladies & men. Many colors to choose from: \$20.00 Each.

**NEW!** UMC Mountains Logo with 30,000 embroidered stitches: \$25.00, Regularly \$30.00. Official Logo: or Long Live the Roadster Logo:\$20.00 each! Ladies "Miata Hair" soft Caps. \$20.00. Close out Hats: \$15.00







#### 2025 Calendar of Events



HUNTSVILLE GRAND

May 10th: Luncheon: 11:30 Garage Grill, Herriman, After-British Car Collection; See Pg. 2 NL: Bailey's

May 31: Cycle Karts; Huntsville; Drive, time 9:30 am; See Pg. 4 NL: Ken Jaworski

May 30-Jun 1st: Roadtrippin' After Memorial Day; Central Utah: See Pg. 5 NL; Roger H.

June 7th: Rat Fink Car Show-Drive to Manti: See Pg. 6 NL: Steve & Ronda Beckstead

June 14th: Club Luncheon & Drive (TBD): Need Location & Member to Suggest or Plan

July 5th: Impromptu Annual Holiday Canyon Drive (TBD): Mike & Lynn Bailey

July 9-13th: Idaho Summer Trip; Idaho-Montana Scenery: See Pg. 7 NL; Roger Heath

July19th: UMC Summer Picnic/Elections-Planning Meeting; Park City; See Pg. 8 NL; Jaworski's

August 9th: Luncheon: 11:30 (TBD) Need Location & Member to Suggest or Plan

September 13th: Luncheon: 11:30 (TBD) Need Location & Member to Suggest or Plan

September 26 - 28th: Fall Leaf Drive: Bryce Canyon, Utah; See Pg. 10 NL; Roger Heath

October 11th: Luncheon: 11:30 (TBD) Need Location & Member to Suggest or Plan

November 8th: Luncheon: 11:30 (TBD) Need Location & Member to Suggest or Plan

**December 13th:** Christmas Party; Edison Events, Time (TBD); UMC Board of Directors

#### PLEASE SIGN UP WITH EDITOR TO SUGGEST, PLAN OR LEAD A DRIVE FOR 2025













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Editor's Message; We'd like to have UMC members come up with some ideas for possible places for monthly luncheons and drives for our 2025 Calendar. Refer to open spots on above calendar. You can just suggest, plan it and/or lead it. On lunch places we prefer somewhere with a private room or area so we can conduct our monthly meeting. Also we need to be able to pay for lunch by couples instead of a group. Also please let us know of some local drives or places you'd like to see or visit. We also like to do a few 'overnighters' or weekend trips. Please send your ideas to either the President or another officer or director or to me, the Newsletter Editor. We hope that all members will be active in club activities. This is YOUR CLUB so please help us with plan.

CANDID CAMERA PHOTOS OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB MEMBERS. SEND ME YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS OF ANY MEMBERS TO INCLUDE HERE. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US TAKE YOUR PHOTO! TRY TO GUESS WHEN AND WHERE THESE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN







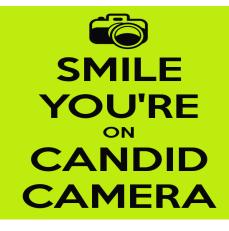


























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