



The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



Left to Right: Ken Jaworski; Vice Pres. Michael Thompson; President. Robert Mechling; Director. Jim Newson; Secretary. Susan Christiansen; Director. Margie Newson; Treasurer. Carol Lynn Vredeveld; Director (photo in center).



New Club Officers Elected 2023-24



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From The Top Down by: Michael Thompson

Is the roadster we love the MX-5 or Miata? Depends on where you are and when you ask the question. I take it as given that we are all living and buying cars in the USA. From 1990-1993 and 1996-2002 the official brochures for Mazda Motor of America named it the Miata. For 1994 and 1995, and from 2003 until today, Mazda refers to their convertible as the MX-5 Miata in all the MazdaUSA literature. We can speak affectionately anyway we want. But just like it was for you as a child, when mother calls, she uses the full name: MX-5 Miata.

How well do you recognize the different Miata generations? The first-generation NA (8 model years, 1990-1997) is easy. The NA's are most notable for having pop-up headlights, with narrow, rectangular slits underneath—for parking lights—and an oval grill. To my eye the NB (7 model years, 1999-2005) kept the basic shape, except that the pop-ups were retired and the narrow slits grew into headlights. I can't tell the NA and NB apart unless I am looking at the front. The NC (10 model years, 2006-2015) is a bit larger overall, with flared fenders. There are small-smile (grill) NC model years (2006-2008), and large-smile years. The NC was the first to bring the retractable hardtop to the USA. The ND was a complete style departure from the earlier Miatas, so they are easy to identify. I love that new shape, and the large smile was retained. (Does anyone else think the ND looks similar to the Opel GT, circa 1970?) It's hard to believe, but the ND is already 8 model years old (2016-2023). Industry rumors are that the NE will arrive for the 2025 model year, with a hybrid engine. We shall see.

Did you know that there were far more NAs produced than any of the other generations? The NA total was 431K units, NB 290K units, NC 232K units, and the ND 170K units to date. Those figures add up to 1.1 million MX-5 Miatas built, making it, as you know, the best-selling two-seat roadster ever. Over 40% of Miatas have been sold in the USA, with all of Europe in second place at 34%. I don't know how the club's membership is divided between the generations. And at least a few of you own more than one Miata, and more than one generation too. Way cool!

The Beartooth Highway trip was fabulous! We have much more driving on the calendar, with loads of variety to Come. See you soon. Mike

August Luncheon & Drive: Crazy Hat Day

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2023 Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Jim's Restaurant, Riverton, Address: 1728 Park Ave., Riverton Located on Redwood Road just south of 12600 South. The restaurant has changed from what was mentioned in the July Newsletter. We will meet in the private room on your right hand side (north side) as you enter the restaurant. We have changed the location to Jim's as the Garage Grill wanted us to pay a \$250.00 cover charge and all meals paid with one club check, which was not acceptable. You can order off the regular menu.



It will be our **"Crazy Hat" Day** so come in the best hat that you have. It can be funny, strange, crazy, outlandish or other! It can be home made or something that you just like. We used to do this as an annual event, but I think last time we did it was 2019. We will choose one winner by popular vote and they will receive a Maverik gift card, compliments of the club. We will have our monthly meeting conducted by our new President, Mike Thompson. And discuss our upcoming activities and club business. A sign up sheet for UMC "SWAG" will be passed around. See info on 'SWAG' pg 11 this NL..

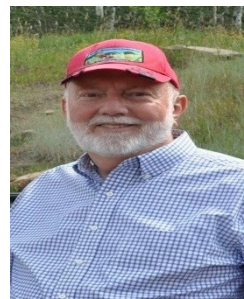
After lunch we will take a short drive up Butterfield Canyon which is located in Herriman on the Baccus Highway turnoff. We will line up the Miatas in the parking lot and travel west on 12600 South. It will be about 10-15 miles up the canyon and then we'll turn around and you can make your own way home.



Utah Miata Club Elections for Club Officers / Board of Directors

We had our Elections and nominated new club officers for the July 2023 – July 2024 year. Nominations went very smooth and the voting and the voting was closed by a motion from Susan Vaughn. Elected President for the year is Michael Thompson. Vice President is Ken Jaworski. Our 3 Directors are past president Robert Mechling, Susan Christiansen (previous year director), and Carol Lynn Vredevel by pre approved nomination.

Other club appointed positions remained the same with Doyle Sturm as Webmaster and Facebook Administrator, Birthday Coordinator Linda Gross, Mike Bailey as Newsletter Editor and Facebook Administrator, Valerie Francis as Assistant Newsletter Editor and Email Blaster. Sharon Mechling as Scribe. Appointed Members photos on top row.



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
LORLENA & DAVID ORTIZ	2023	RED
TOM ARNETT	1997	BLACK

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

NAME	EXPIRING
STEVE & RONDA BECKSTEAD	8/31/2023
KAREN & DALIN CHRISTIANSEN	8/31/2023
BRIAN & SUSAN CHRISTIANSEN	8/31/2023
TYLER STARK	8/31/2023
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	8/31/2023

Memberships Expired

NAME	EXPIRED
JOSH & TANYA ASHMENT	7/31/2023
GEORGE AYALA	5/31/2023
ALI BAZZAZ	7/31/2023
RAYMOND BEA	5/31/2023
TYLER & SHAREE BECKSTEAD	7/31/2023
CLAUDE & ERLINE BROWN	5/31/2023
DONN & JANET CICHOCKI	7/31/2023
LARRY & MACEY KNIGHT	6/30/2023
DOMINIC J. OLIVER	7/31/2023
JASON & RACHEL WOODS	7/31/2023



NAME	DATE
KEN JAWORSKI	1 Aug
HANS CLASSEN	4 Aug
SCOTT ATKINSON	5 Aug
KATHY COLLINGS	12 Aug
LINDA LEWIS	12 Aug
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	24 Aug
STEVE NIELSEN	26 Aug
AMY BECKSTEAD	27 Aug

Removed From Roster

NAME	EXPIRED
KAY BARRELL	4/30/2023



Club Officers (July 2023-July 2024)

President: Michael Thompson Vice President: Ken Jaworski Secretary: Jim Newson Treasurer: Margie Newson
 Directors: Robert Mechling, Susan Christiansen, Carol Lynn Vredeveld Newsletter Editor: Mike Bailey, Asst. Val

Summer Picnic Report & Planning Meeting by Mike Bailey

On July 8th we had our annual Summer Picnic and enjoyed South of the Border Food Truck who catered our event. The food was excellent as it usually is and we had an excellent meal. Steve Beckstead brought popcicles to pass around and cool our mouths off from the hot summer heat. Many deserts were provided by club members. We went right into our Elections of new club officers and directors for the upcoming year. Details on page 2 of this newsletter. We then discussed our basic monthly calendar of events by selecting various members to lead the monthly drives and discussed several annual activities we want to do. We had a few new members namely Alex and Sonya Johnson from Tooele and David Barski from Park City. Thanks to Hank Pond for making arrangements for the pavilion. We all had a great time and shared some special times!



Quarterly Board Meeting Report



We had our quarterly Board of Director's meeting on July 12th in the boardroom of Bountiful Mazda, our club sponsor. We thank them for letting us meet there.

Several topics were discussed namely the end of the year Christmas Party, which will be held at the same venue as the past several years at Lone Peak Park Clubhouse Pavilion in Sandy. Also some items pertaining to our annual membership dues, ways to welcome new members and fundraising for the club. We also discussed the issue if our members emails are working with gmail and situations with our club's newsletter, and facebook page. We discussed creating a "SWAG" page for the newsletter to promote our club logo merchandise with less discussions about it at club meetings. See page 11 in this newsletter. A pass-around list for signing up for club magnets, event and club shirts and hats, etc. will still be passed around at meetings as usual. Our club is very strong with very effective leadership! Thanks to everyone willing to help out.





Member Spotlight by Carol Lynn Vredeveld

This month's spotlight person, **Robert Olsen**, is no stranger to the UMC.

It is always a pleasure to welcome previous members back to the club. Robert is one of those members! We have had a couple of challenging years with COVID and all the turmoil that came with it. Some of us were forced to make some pretty big changes in our lifestyles. Now that things have settled down ...even though I wonder if we will ever see our lives go back to the way they were before, we are always grateful for family, friendships, and familiar faces...

I'm Back..by Robert Olsen

I'm very excited to have a second chance to be a part of such a great Club with the best folks in Utah!

My current Miata is a 2023 MX-5 Club in Black. I was originally a member of the Miata Club from 2016 - 2019. My first Miata was a 2016 Blue ND.

I found out about the Miata Club when I was talking with a friend at work (Valerie Francis). I asked Valerie what her weekend plans were, and she said a drive with the Miata Club. I then mentioned to Valerie that I had been thinking of getting a Miata for a long time, that was back in 2015. Long story short, I'm now a repeat Miata Club member.



I've had many enjoyable experiences with the Club. Some of my favorites are Bear Lake trips and the Torrey Drive. Each day that I've spent with the Miata Club is like a mini vacation full of fun and friendship.



I grew up in Terra by Dugway, Utah and attended school in Dugway. For those of you that don't know where Terra is, it's at the base of Johnson Pass, one of the Miata Club's drives.

I went to Utah Technical College in Provo and got a business degree. I now live in Lehi Utah. I retired from ARUP labs in the Business Development department in 2019 after 37 years.

I am currently single; but I met my (former) spouse when I was at Utah Technical College. We were married for thirteen fun filled years. Margie and I are still close friends. We share two children and three grandchildren. We often share family dinners and vacations together.



2023 MX-5 Club

I like to go camping and hiking with friends and family. I also enjoy going to the gym, and visiting with friends and family, not to mention hanging out with the Utah Miata Club.

I'm a new plant parent since the start of the pandemic. I needed a hobby in order to stay isolated at home so much.

I've had such a great time with the Miata Club and the drives I've been on in the past and look forward to many more to come.

We're so glad to have you back, Robert...let's go make some memories! Zoom, Zoom!



2016 Reflex
Blue ND



Ghosts & Legends Experience by Robert & Sharon Mechling

A Ghost & Legends experience that's going to haunt Sharon and I: Our Mechling family name came west, in the late 1800's mining boom. So Sharon and I went to the Mining Boom Town of Frisco Utah, founded in 1875, and its cemetery. What we realized - old people don't die here, they move away and die elsewhere - All we found were the graves of infants, toddlers, and teenagers. I know life is rough, and rougher for some than others, but life in an 1880s mining boom town - unimaginable!

Photo on far right taken in 1880 in Frisco, Utah. Frisco is 15 miles west of Milford, Utah.

Other photos in and around Frisco from Utah History Archives: Charcoal Kilns, Abandoned Cisco Landing Store and old gas station.



Sharon and I checked out the monuments for Garfield/ Lake Point and the old SaltAir. They are both on our stops for the Ghosts and Legends loop. Photo on left is Garfield & Western stop at the old SaltAir. Center photo : Garfield- Lake Point Resort. Photo right taken at Frisco Ghost Town. See above Frisco 1880 Pic.



Ghosts & Legend's September 2-Day Trip Reminder by Gordy Nicholl

When: September September 6-7; Wednesday and Thursday, overnight in West Wendover. Get your room for the 6th at Montego Bay Hotel. Single King \$99.+\$15. Resort Fee + tax. Phone 800-217-0049 www.wendoverfun.com. Be sure to purchase some snacks and drinks for the road, and bring cold water!

We will meet at 8:30 am for breakfast at Black Bear Diner, 2569 S. 5600 W. #400 in West Valley City. Departure time is 10:00 am and will hit the road promptly. First stop is Dead Man's Cave to see the monument (photo op). (No, Jack Sparrow is not here!) Then to Garfield and Saltair then to Delle, next travel to West Wendover Airfield getting there by 1:00 pm to see Air Museum (\$8 per person fee). 2:00 pm; Private Bus Tour of Air Base (\$10./person). After tour we've arranged to drive our Miatas on the airfield and line up cars for photo shoot by Enola Gay Hanger (they ask for a min. \$1.00 donation to go to the Airfield Restoration Fund for letting us do this! After visiting airfield, we go to Montego Bay to check in to hotel and have dinner. Rest of evening you can do what you'd like to do. Next morning, Sept. 7th we'll head out and see: Lucin Ghost Town, then on to Grouse Creek (rest stop/gas). Rosette Ghost Town, Park Valley Ghost Town, Russian Cemetery/Ghost Town, Kelton Ghost Town then to Snowville for rest stop, late lunch, gas before heading home. Bring your camera or phone for photos. More details see last month NL.



I will have Ghosts & Legends Shirts, Hats and Event Car Magnets for this trip for those who have ordered these items.



Beartooth Highway Trip Report : July 20th – 23rd, 2023 By Roger Heath

Day 1 - Fourteen couples and their Miatas began the 2023 Beartooth Highway trip in Roy, UT under warm sunny skies. Joining us from San Diego and the San Diego Miata Club were Melissa and Richard Chester. They also became members of our club as well. The day started after a quick lunch heading north along the backroads to Sardine Canyon and into Logan. From Logan we travelled to Preston, ID then to Soda Springs. In Soda Springs we met up with friends Mike Slaughter and his son Jordan from the Les Bois Miata Club out of Boise, ID, bringing us to 15 Miatas. Mike and Jordan drove with us to the Grand Canyon last year. After a quick stop we left Soda Springs and drove through some of the gorgeous backcountry Idaho has to offer. Eventually we made it to our first stop of the trip, Afton, WY. After checking in to the hotel all of us but the Chesters headed in to town for dinner. I think they were scared off when we told them of a new UMC tradition, the newest members buy dinner for everyone the first night! An evening thunderstorm helped clean off some of the dust from the cars.



Day 2 - Friday morning started early. The plan was to head north out of Afton, through Jackson, Grand Teton NP, into the south entrance of Yellowstone NP and out the east gate to Cody. The plan was working. Traffic was fairly light until we got to Jackson when it became crowded, but that was expected. One impatient driver did try to push Scott Atkinson out of his lane but luckily he was able to react quick enough to avoid being sideswiped. After a break to regroup the Miata parade headed to Grand Teton NP. The weather was perfect, cool temps, very clear and sunny with a few white clouds popping up. At the Windy Point pullout we all met back up for some pics of the Tetons. Unlike 2 years ago, there was not a hint of haze or smoke at all. There

were also some cyclists that stopped to talk about our cars. Then off we went to another pullout to get a group pic with the Tetons in the background. We found a perfect spot and a motorcyclist offered to take some pics of us as a group and by our cars. Next stop Jenny Lake, at least that was the plan. When we got close it was packed. Vehicles were parking out on the main road and we decided to skip it and head to Yellowstone; so off we went. Stopping for a picnic style lunch at the Lewis Lake picnic area we talked to a park ranger who came over to check out our Miatas. He has a 2022 RF and had never seen another Miata in the park until we came by. Leaving behind a few dead mosquitos we were again on our way to the east entrance and Cody, or so we thought. Once we pulled out of the picnic area traffic was light heading north to West Thumb Geyser Basin. As we got near Grant Village we started seeing construction signs and traffic came to a complete stop. After sitting still for well over an hour we were



finally on the go again. When we got to where we were supposed to turn to head to Cody the road was blocked due to the construction. Now what? Several members popped out their maps and gave directions to head west towards Old Faithful, Madison Junction then up to Norris and back east to Canyon Village. Obviously I'm wondering why are we going west when we needed to go east. Heading south out of Canyon Village the group ran into a few bison that decided to hang close to the roadway and provided a little excitement

to some of the drivers. Finally, after several extra hours and a 54 mile detour we made it out of the park and into Cody, albeit much later than planned. We did, however, get an unexpected road tour of Yellowstone. After an almost 12 hour travel day it was fast food for dinner and off to the hotel rooms.

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Beartooth Highway Trip Continued from pg. 7:



Day 3 – Saturday brought the anticipation of the Beartooth Highway. Since our plans to stay in Red Lodge, MT didn't happen due to last summer's flood we planned to stop and spend an hour in the town before jumping on the Beartooth Highway. Little did we know there was a large car show going on down Red Lodge's main street which was lined on both sides with all the show cars. There were the typical 1950ish Chevy's, classic and new 'Vettes, muscle cars, low riders, Porches, antique cars and trucks and a Ford GT. After finding a place to park we only had a short time to walk up a couple of blocks before it was time to head out. Next stop – Beartooth Highway. Once again we had perfect weather, no haze, no smoke, sunny with temps in the upper 70's. Heading out on Beartooth we did get stuck behind a few slow rollers until they would pull off into a view point and then we'd catch up to the next one. After stopping a couple of times ourselves to get the pics we continued on. With the temperature dropping into the low 60's we crossed Beartooth Pass with an elevation of 10,947 feet and continued down to



the Top of the World roadside store at the 9400 foot elevation point. Some couldn't wait for lunch in Cooke City and grabbed a \$10 beef hotdog. Continuing on we were amazed at the scenery and views. Sometimes you feel like you are literally on top of the world. If you have access to the club's Facebook page many pics of the Beartooth Highway have been posted. As the driver, we were at a disadvantage as we



had to pay attention to the numerous drop-offs and switchbacks. Cruising along we stopped for lunch in Cooke City. From Cooke City everyone was free to go their own way back into Yellowstone. Some went alone, others in small groups. Heading west through Lamar Valley we saw huge herds of bison, a lone and very skinny coyote and a bald eagle flying in circles. From there it was to Mammoth Hot Springs, south to Madison Junction and west out the gate to our hotel in West Yellowstone. Though a few couples did head out the north gate to get pics of the first entrance to Yellowstone and the Roosevelt Arch. Again, it was another very long day in the car.



Day 4 – Time to head home and say goodbye. Mike Slaughter and his son left to head back to Boise, the Chesters headed north to stay with some San Diego Miata Club friends, several UMC members left early to head home and 8 of us took the long way home along the backroads, down the Mesa Falls Scenic Byway with a stop at the upper Mesa Falls. We travelled through Driggs, ID, back into Wyoming along Palisades Reservoir, through Ashton again and over to Montpelier, ID. From there it was to Garden City where some stopped for a raspberry shake and the rest continued home in the 100+ degree weather.



It was a short but great trip, with meeting old and making new friends from out of state Miata clubs along with thirteen couples from our own club. Though we had some very long days in the car due to construction and, at times, the slow roller, the gorgeous scenery and weather made up for it. Many of us travelled down roads we've never driven on as well as some first timers to the Tetons, Yellowstone and the Beartooth Highway. This may be the last trip to this area for some but let's hope not. Now, where to next?



Head's Up for September 9th Monthly Meeting and Bear Lake Drive

By: Valerie Francis & Doyle Sturm

The much-anticipated annual Bear Lake Raspberry Shake Drive is planned for our September 9th meeting and drive. Here are the preliminary plans for the day:

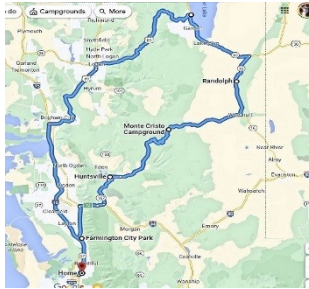
Meetup time and location: 10:00 am at Shepard Park (Farmington City Park), address: 760 Shepard Lane, Farmington UT. It's a long 2-hour 40-minute drive to Bear Lake plus an additional 2 hours or more home, not including stops, so we need to get an early start.

Bring your camp chairs in case the bowery is occupied, and if you like, a breakfast or snack to eat in the park while we have the meeting. Hoping to be on the road by 11:00 am.

Route: From the park we will travel north on Hwy 89 to Weber Canyon, then up over Trappers Loop past Huntsville and on to Monte Cristo Hwy. Then on to Woodruff and Randolph, ending in Garden City at Bear Lake. Bathroom breaks are currently TBD but hopefully Huntsville or Monte Cristo Campground and/or Randolph.

Different this year: Due to sometimes feeling rushed in the past when we reach Bear Lake, the drive will officially end at Garden City. Everyone can stay however long they want to enjoy a raspberry shake, have lunch, spend some time on the beach, or even drive around the whole lake. Each can then make their own way back over Logan Canyon and home.

Total drive time from Farmington back to Bountiful is 4-hrs 44 minutes, plus stops, and 234 miles.



October 14, 2023 Annular Eclipse By Mike Bailey / Roger Heath

Leaving Friday, October 13th. Staying at the Super 8 by Wyndham Hotel in Salina. 375 E. 1620 S. Phone: 435-529-7483. Alternate Salina Hotel is Quality Inn & Suites. Head out by 8:00 am to Richfield. Eclipse begins at 9:00 a.m. and last until about Noon. Then we head back home. Bring you safe solar viewing glasses (eclipse glasses).

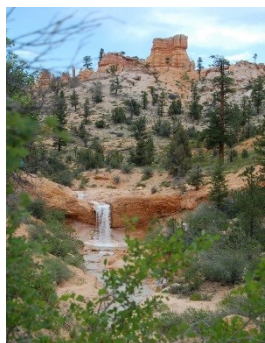


Fall Leaf Tour—Utah Miata Club by Roger Heath

Sept 22nd – 24th, 2023

This year's Fall Leaf Tour is quickly approaching. There are some changes as we will be spending 2 nights in Tropic, UT. However the roadways we'll travel on will be the same as year's past, just in reverse. Saturday you will have the full day to explore the area as you wish. It can be as a group or solo. Some places to consider - **Kodachrome State Park** (13 miles), **Bryce Canyon NP** (11 miles), **Cedar Breaks National Monument** (59 miles) and/or **Panguitch Lake** (46 miles).

Due to a recent fire at our original meeting spot we will now meet at the McDonald's, 950 Expressway Lane in Spanish Fork @ **8:30 AM**. Those in Salt Lake Valley that wish to travel I-15 as a group to the Spanish Fork meeting place, meet at 7:45 am at Draper Harmon's off I-15. Drive led by Mike Bailey. Lodging in Tropic is very scarce. Most of us are staying at Bryce Country Cabins. Suggest using tripadvisor.com and searching for Tropic Hotels, Sept 22nd – 24th for a list of available properties. Some properties may be in the surrounding area. You may want to check out Bryce Canyon City area on the main highway for reasonable lodging. Everyone loves this weekend trip! Get your accommodations as soon as possible!



Miata Reunion—2023 by Mike Bailey

Date: October 20—22, 2023. **Place:** Sonoma Raceway, California. It is basically a 2-day event. We plan to arrive on Friday, October and check into our rooms in Navato, CA, about 10 miles from Sonoma. Registration event is \$25.00 / person. Register for the Parade Laps around the track (Free event) as this is a whole lot of fun! There are extra charges to race on the track. I know Todd Christopher is going to do that. So far it is Doyle & Val, me and Lynn and Todd who are participating. www.Miatareunion.com. Details and to register check website.



SWAG Page by Mike Bailey

One of the items we discussed in the quarterly Board Meeting was doing a "SWAG" page for Utah Miata Club Apparel and Logo items like club Car Magnets, pins or other promotional items with the club logo(s) on them. This way I won't be discussing these items at each monthly meeting. I will still have a 'pass-around' list at the monthly club meetings for members to sign up for items they would like to get. I will also bring some samples of these items in my bag. This way I can get the items you want to order with the correct sizing, color, etc.

Keep in mind that apparel companies are not carrying all items in all sizes and colors like they used to. Especially lady's V-neck T-shirts are limited to brands and colors. Pricing on some things have not changed, but some brands, colors, and sizing have increased in cost as well as the cost to screen print or embroider on items. As always, I will *always* give you the best price on everything!

Car Magnets come in Official Logo or Mountains Logo. With Mountains logo we can generally put color of your Miata on it. I also generally make us Event Car Magnets

Miata Hats: I can put most any club logo or design on a Hat. Most popular are ball caps. These come in structured and unstructured (soft cap) styles. Women generally prefer this style.

I can also get wide brim, sometimes called 'Bush' hats in various colors and put a logo on them. My latest cap is one with an ND Miata on it with the club name. See image and photo on right. The Official logo is the most popular and I can get a hat with a 'mesh' back if you like. Also American Flag "Miata" font hats. (see Miata Flag image below).



Miata Shirts: I have many logos and illustrations to choose from on T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts or Polo Shirts. T-Shirts are generally from \$15-20. for sizes SM-XL with 2XL and large a few dollars more. Polos run about \$30.-\$35. embroidered or printed. Long sleeve T's are generally \$20.- \$sweatshirts depend on the style you get \$20.- \$48. I can

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make LS shirts or sweat pants with "Miata" script type font or "Miataude" on them in various colors. Miataude Tee Shirts are now available; choose color of type pictured above. "Long Live the Roadster" shirts with logo on front. A limited selection of men's sizes for \$15.00 ea. Black like picture on right with MX-5 Club Member' on them.

Miata Club Denim Shirts: These come in men's and women's sizing and either short or long sleeve. Specify sleeve style and sizing. Official logo: \$25. with Mountains Logo; \$35.



Miata Vests & Club Jackets: Sleeveless cotton vests are nice for the colder months, or driving early morning or evenings. We embroider the club logo on them. We also have Club Jackets, lightweight Polyester, some with a lining. Cost \$65.-\$75. Order any of these items through Mike Bailey by text or phone: 801-597-1456 or by email; mike@mikebaileyprinting.com. Or you can sign up on my pass-around list each month at lunch.



Remember When by Mike Bailey

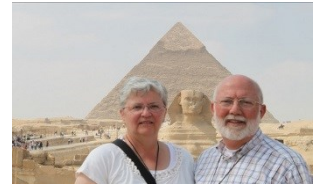
Remember When article this month is about a few Miata cruises we took to the Mediterranean. We went there in 2006 and also in 2010 specifically to Egypt, the Holy Land, and to Greece, Rome, Venice, Italy. We've spent some precious time with Miata club members through the years on these cruises and trips. Several of us went to Egypt and rode camels, namely Mechlins, Porters, Cichockis, and Baileys. This was quite the experience, let alone seeing the awesome scenery. We also took rides on gondola boats in Venice, Italy, saw Museums in Egypt and Croatia and Rome among other things. We traveled to Barano and Murano which is part of Venice and shopped for masks, table linens and fun things. Of course we always had our favorite treat gelato! Of course, I made up some special shirts for some of these cruises.



In Egypt we all measured the Pyramids with our hands. We ate at a ship sponsored restaurant in Cairo, and everyone of our group got food poisoning, except Lynn as when she saw the fish with head and eyes looking at her she refused to eat it and had a box of cereal that was in her purse!



We toured Venice and Athen's Greece and had fun everywhere. In Jerusalem, the oldest city in the world, we went to the Wailing Wall and I took an photo of a Rabi and a military soldier.



We saw a bunch of young kids that greeted us in Alexandria, Egypt which was fun! We took a ride on a boat on the Sea of Galilee. We also went to wood carving shops and bought nativity sets and some souvenirs and family crests made out of papyrus. These were truly trips of a life time. We're now looking forward to our December Hawaiian Island Cruise.





2023 Calendar of Events



- August 5th:** Crazy Hat Day; Luncheon at Jim's Restaurant, Riverton. Drive up Butterfield Canyon: Bailey's
- September 6-7th:** Wendover Overnigher; Ghosts & Legends, Box Elder County, Gordy & Jackie Nicholl
- September 9th:** Monthly Meeting & Bear Lake Drive; Shepard Park, Farmington; 10 AM. Valerie and Doyle
- September 22-24:** Fall Leaf Tour (See Newsletter Article & Facebook) Meet Spanish Fork UT, Roger & Perly
- October 7th:** Luncheon: Place TBD) Need planner and leader. Drive TBD depending on weather.
- October 28th:** Optional Halloween Party (TBA) Need planner. Dependent if we want to get together.
- October 28:** Complete Ghosts and Legends 2023 Miata Club Challenge (details to come on sending in photos and information, 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). Results of Ghosts & Legends Event
- December 2nd:** Christmas Holiday Party; (Time TBA). Lone Peak Park Clubhouse Pavillion, Sandy, Mechlings



Utah Miata Club Helpful Hints for Drive Leaders / Sweeps / Participants

Drive Leaders:

- Have a drivers meeting before starting the drive and review:
The route, general directions, and stops along the route
Remind everyone to turn on FRS radios and channel used (5.5)
- If someone does not have a radio, place them towards the front of the group. Invite/select a sweep car.
- When planning the route incorporate right hand turns instead left hand turns whenever possible.
If possible, pre-test your drive for timing and road conditions. (Can also use Google Maps to calculate drive times and road conditions.)
- When planning the route (or during the drive) look for safe areas to regroup in case the group gets separated.
- If you need to pull over to regroup make sure the pull off area will accommodate the entire group.
When reentering the road from a pull out, wait for Sweep to confirm that it is safe to pull out. Everyone pull out at same time!
- For longer drives, plan a pit stop about every 1 to 1 ½ hours, especially during the first leg of the drive.
Alternately, via radio, call out upcoming pit stop areas and request feedback if anyone needs to stop.
- Call out items that may impact the group; rocks in the road, or cattle, bicyclists and people on the edge of the road, etc.
- **Drive Sweep:**
- Inform the Drive Leader if the group gets separated.
If the group has pulled over to regroup, inform everyone when it is clear for the entire group to pull back onto the road.
The Sweep car pulls out first when pulling back onto the road, with everyone else pulling out at the same time.
- **All drive Participants:**
- **Arrive with a full tank of gas** especially for longer drives.
- **Bring a FRS radio.**
Listen for directions, warnings, possible stops.
Notify Drive Leader if you are leaving the drive early.
Pull out as a group when the Sweep confirms it is safe to pull out from a regrouping stop.
Utilize double left turn lanes to ensue all cars get through a green left hand turn light, then merge back into a single lane.

Enjoy these photos of some August birthdays and candid shots at other mostly 2022 Miata events! Events include Great Basin N.P. trip, Mt. Nebo Loop Drive, Old Sinclair in Elberta, etc.

