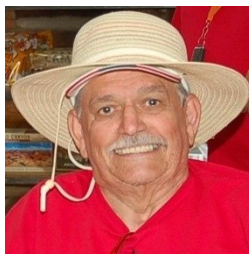




The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



From the Top Down by Mike Bailey

I wanted to let all UMC members know that the layout style of the monthly newsletter will change starting next month as Microsoft is not going to be supporting Publisher, the program we've used for many years for the newsletter. The look will change however the club members will still get all the information you need about our monthly events and drives for the Utah Miata Club.

This month we will have an awesome drive on some northern Utah roads and it may perhaps (depending on weather) be our last drive for the 2026 year. The Thompson's have planned this fun drive to go to Huntsville, Monte Cristo and up to Woodruff and turning off for our monthly luncheon and meeting in Evanston Wyoming at the El Paso, American/Mexican Restaurant. See details on page two. We want to wish everyone a **Happy Halloween!** The club used to have a Halloween party every year, usually at a condo clubhouse or one of our members homes. We used to host a costume party at our home in Cottonwood Heights for 12 consecutive years along with the Christmas Holiday party. Sometimes on Halloween week we did a bowling dress-up party which was tons of fun! See some photos of these parties in this newsletter on page 5.

If you have noticed, the leaves in our mountains have started to change and the canyons are very beautiful. If you get a chance please drive up to one of the canyons and check it out. We were a little too early on our Alpine Loop drive last month to see the changing of the leaves as only a few areas were starting to change to the yellows and oranges we love during our Fall season. As we are just starting our Miata year for the 2026-2027 season I'd like to ask members to come up with a list of some of your favorite things like activities, drives, places to visit such as museums, as well as scenic and fun places to go to and visit for the upcoming year. We'd love to do some new things for the upcoming year. Please make suggestions during the next several months at our club luncheons and meetings on these things. Remember, this is **YOUR** club and we really need your suggestions on what you would like to do and see for this next year! In our club board meeting we have talked about coming up with a survey for everyone to take and suggest how we can make our club better and what club members would like to do and see. We should have the survey available soon!

Thanks for your continued membership in the Utah Miata Club! Mike

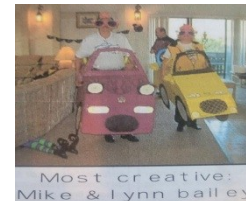


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Carved Miata Pumpkins /Bailey's Miata Cars: Creative Award at 2003 Halloween Party



UMC Fall Leaf Drive; Part Deux (after the September Alpine Loop)

by Michael Thompson

October Activity: Drive to North-Eastern Utah to Huntsville, Monte Cristo, Woodruff and Evanston, Wyoming for Lunch & Club Meeting

When: Saturday, 10 October 2026 Time: 10:00 AM

Where: Weber Canyon I-84 eastbound rest area. We'd like to get on the road at 10:15. Exit 92 to Mountain Green, Trappers Loop, and Beehive 39 to the Huntsville roundabout. Right at the roundabout traversing the Monte Cristo (sub-) range to Woodruff. We will pause at the Monte Cristo overlook followed by the campground for restrooms. At Woodruff turn right (south) on Beehive 16 which turns into WY89 into Evanston. We should arrive at the **El Paso All American & Mexican Restaurant** about 12:30 for lunch and our business meeting. Evanston is the official end of the club activity. After the club meeting there are multiple options for routes to go home.



I've been waiting for a drive in the northern part of the state so that we can invite members of the **Ogden Miata Club (OMC)** to join us. I only discovered the OMC a couple of months ago. As near as I can determine, they are a Facebook group, and their members do not overlap with the Utah Miata Club. It will be fun to meet new folks who are Miata fans. We've also invited non-UMC Miata folks that are on our **Miatas in Utah** Facebook page to join us.



Attention: New 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 and participate on the club's Facebook Page. Please note that Expiring Soon column now shows your date "Paid Thru". A single membership is \$30.00 for the year, and a dual membership is \$40.00. If your name is among the personalized reminders below, at our next activity please hand a check—payable to the **Utah Miata Club**—to Mike or Kelly Thompson. If you prefer you may mail a check to 2468 E. 1950 N. Layton, UT. 84040. If you have questions Mike may be contacted at 530-521-6675, or by email at utahmiataclub@yahoo.com. Payment types accepted for your dues are cash, check, money order or Venmo: username @UMCTreas. **Please Renew your Membership on the Month its Due!**

Birthdays / Memberships**New / Renewed Members**

NAME	YEAR	MIATA COLOR
WOODY & ELLEN COLLETTE	2013	COPPER RED MICA
BRET & ROXANNE BAGLEY	1992	BRILLIANT BLACK
ANDY & BECCA SCHWEITZER	2026	JET BLACK MICA

Expiring Soon: \$40. Dual- \$30 Single / Renew

NAME	PAID THRU
SCOTT & LISA CEDERLOF	31 OCT 2026
JOSEPH FOWLER & SABRINA HANSEN	31 OCT 2026
ROGER NEWTON	31 OCT 2026
SCOTT HADLEY	30 NOV 2026
CHRISTY & AINSLEY HEADEY	30 NOV 2026
JAMES & HILLARY VREDEVELD	30 NOV 2026

BRIAN CHRISTIANSEN	01 OCT
KELLY THOMPSON	01 OCT
JOE FELIZ	04 OCT
LARRY PETERSEN	04 OCT
LEONARD MILLGATE	05 OCT
KELLY HART	15 OCT
PERLY HEATH	19 OCT
DONN CICHOCKI	20 OCT
KIM RICHARDS	21 OCT
DIANNA HOUSLEY	23 OCT
CALLIE HARRINGTON	26 OCT
MICHELLE MARKARIAN	29 OCT

Memberships Expired / Lapsed / Renew Now

NAME	EXPIRED
BRIAN & SUSAN CHRISTIANSEN	31 AUG 2026
RICK & DANETTE DAVIS	31 AUG 2026
BUD GOFF & DENISE WILLIAMS	31 AUG 2026
JAROM PEGRAM & SARIAH PASKETT	31 AUG 2026
OWEN SPENCER	31 AUG 2026
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	31 AUG 2026
GREG & LANETTE WILSON	31 AUG 2026
MARK & CHARISSE FERGUSON	30 SEP 2026
ANDREA LOPEZ	30 SEP 2026
MARK MIDGLEY	30 SEP 2026
LEON & STEPHANIE VISNAW	30 SEP 2026

**Removed From Roster**

REMOVED FROM ROSTER	EXP.
LETHO & DANA BASSETT	31 JUL 26
TIMOTHY & LISA KING	31 JUL 26

Club Officers July 2025—2026

President: Michael Bailey - Vice President: Dave Scheurer - Secretary: Kelly Thompson - Treasurer: Michael Thompson - Directors: Robert Olsen, Jackie Nicholl, Ron Steckler. Web Master: Doyle Sturm Newsletter Editor: Mike Bailey, Membership Director: Jackie Nicholl—Scribe: Kelly Thompson Club Historian—Mike Bailey

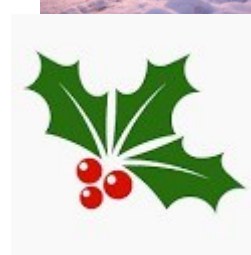
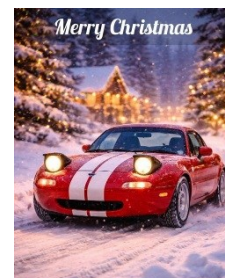
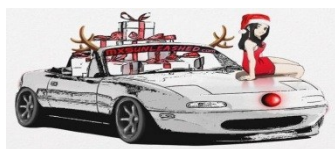


December Christmas Holiday Party by Mike Bailey

Date / Location: The Utah Miata Club's annual Christmas Holiday party and dinner will be held on **Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Edison Events Center** (formally The Organ Loft) same place as last year. **Address: 3331 S. Edison Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84115.** Dinner will be Prime Rib with 2nd entre' Chicken Cordon Bleu to include multiple salads and desserts options and .a Social Hour Bar. Cost is \$40.00 per person (\$80.00 / couple). A sign-up sheet will be available this and next month. We will also have our fabulous **"White Elephant"** gift exchange and a description for rules that go with this. Please bring a nice wrapped gift or edible gift (no junk or any discarded item). This is one of the best parties and events of the year!



Happy Holidays



Happy Halloween Photos from the Utah Miata Club by Mike Bailey

The Utah Miata Club has had lots of Miata Club Halloween costume parties through the years. Members have been very creative in making up some awesome costumes. Many have featured people and things going on in the world at the time. We have always had fun at these parties and members have made or brought some excellent Halloween treats. Hopefully someone will step up and organize a Halloween party for the club. Enjoy these photos of UMC members through the years!



Car Badges available for your Miata by Dave Scheurer

You can get a Car Badge for the front grill of your Miata with the Utah Miata Club Official Logo or Mountains Logo for your Miata as mentioned at the past few months club meetings.



Cost is \$15.00 each and they look great mounted on your front grill or you can put them anywhere on your Miata like on the flat panel on the rear panel by your license plate. See photo of Mike Bailey's Miata on this. They look great, just like the classic old sports cars and vintage vehicles display on their cars. If you are interested, please contact Dave Sheurer at a club meeting.



Please support our dealer sponsor, Bountiful Mazda who has been a sponsor of the Utah Miata Club for many years. Not only for a new or used Miata but for any used vehicle you may want or need. Bountiful Mazda always has a great selection of new and used cars and an excellent staff of employees to help you with your auto needs. See them for Sales, Parts, and Service!



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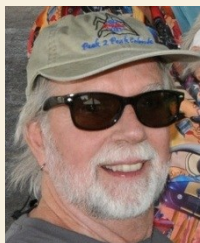
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Winter Activities for the Utah Miata Club

by Robert Olsen & Mike Bailey



Our Winter season is right around the corner. Not sure right now if we will have a mild or blustery Winter here in Utah. We usually do a movie in the month of January of which Mike will be in charge of arranging this. The theaters do not have a current list of what will be playing in January, but only of blockbuster type movies so I'll be posting something on this the next month or in December.



Date for a Movie and Lunch for our January club meeting will be on Saturday, January 10, 2027.

The February Utah Miata Club activity will be a little different this year. Club members will have the opportunity to choose between two different plays. Information below. **Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026. Breakfast & Club Meeting:** We will begin the day by meeting at **9:30 AM** for breakfast and have our club meeting at: **Jim's Family Restaurant**. 1728 Park Ave., Riverton, Utah 84065. We will have the private dining room. Location is south of 12600 S. on Redwood Road. After breakfast members can choose which theater option they would like to attend: **Option 1: Hale Center Theater. Play: Arsenic and Old Lace. Show Time: 12:00 Noon.** Ticket Price: \$71.00 per person. Phone for Tickets: (801) 984-9-000. Ticket Info: Try and request tickets for left side, Rows 7-9 so group can sit together as much as possible. See below for Option 2 at Desert Star Theater. Same date and approximate time for Desert Star option.

JIM'S
Family Restaurant



February Play at Desert Star Theater: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Spoof.

Option 2: Date: Saturday, February 14, 2027. Time not know until tickets go on sale.

Tickets will not be available until

November 12, 2026. Call 801-266-2600.



Time will be available after the November 12th date and approximately around Noon-1:30 pm and published in December news-



letter and also on the club's Facebook page. Be sure to get your tickets soon for the performance as tickets sell out quickly. Address is 4861 South State Street in Murray 84107. I usually get tickets in the center of the theater for excellent viewing of the play, however all seats have great visibility! Tickets are around \$36.00 - \$45.00 per person. You can also order lunch or snacks there as they have an awesome menu at good prices!

The play will be Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Spoof. Information: When a young wizard discovers that magic school is anything but ordinary, he's swept into a world of spells, strange creatures, and magical mayhem! Desert Star puts a hilarious spin on the beloved wizarding world, packed with outrageous characters.





MIATA TIDBITS

by Mike Bailey

Newsorthy Items from UMC Members



What's Coming Up for the new Mazda MX-5 Miata's Next Generation?

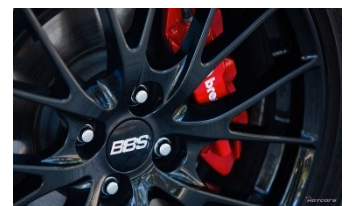
The 2026 Miata maintains the fourth generation's Skyactiv four-cylinder engine and the six-speed manual and automatic transmissions. The exterior design remains largely unchanged, while the 8.8-inch infotainment screen in the cabin is carried over from the previous model year. Meanwhile, black Alcantara is now available on the dashboard, while Mazda's i-Activsense safety features now include Driver Attention Alert and Secondary Collision Reduction. However, a new generation is earmarked to drop in late 2027 for 2028 and will be powered by a 2.5-liter Skyactiv-Z engine.

Reports claim that the next generation of the MX-5 will be an electrified version. Some reports claim it will be a mild-hybrid setup with a 48-Volt architecture being paired with a **more powerful 2.5-liter naturally aspirated engine**. However, for now, the 2026 Mazda MX-5 Miata is powered by the generation's **SKYACTIV-G 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine**. This naturally aspirated inline-four engine is known for high redline and responsive acceleration. It produces 181 horsepower at 7,000 rpm and 151 pound-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm.

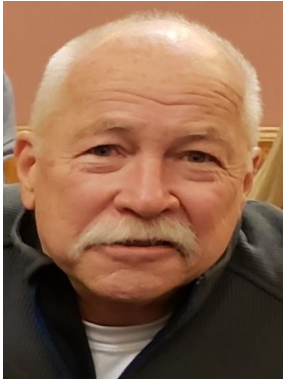
Mazda designed a sophisticated suspension system and paired it with the vehicle's lightweight chassis and 50:50 weight distribution to provide excellent handling. The MX-5 runs on an independent suspension system, which includes a multi-link setup in the rear and double wishbones in the front. It's also fitted with the **Kinematic Posture Control (KPC)** system, which helps the suspension and brakes suppress body roll during cornering. The Asymmetric Limited-Slip Differential, which is only available on the manual transmission of the Club and Grand Touring trims, helps increase stability and improve steering precision.

The 2026 Mazda MX-5 Miata, and most likely will follow in 2027, is available in three levels: **Sport, Club, and Grand Touring**. All three trims are fitted with the six-speed manual transmission as standard, while the Grand Touring trim has the six-speed automatic as an available option.

Pricing for the Sport trim starts at \$30,430. It comes fitted with 16-inch metallic black alloy wheels, blind spot monitoring, and Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration as standard. The Club trim features 17-inch metallic black alloy wheels, sport-tuned suspension with Bilstein dampers, and a 9-speaker Bose sound system for \$33,930. For \$35,730, the Grand Touring trim comes with automatic climate control, heated leather-trimmed seats, and an adaptive front-lighting system that turns the headlights with the steering wheel. The **Brembo/BBS/Recaro Package** is the performance package available on the 2026 Mazda MX-5. This package is only available on the Club trim. It is an option on the soft-top Club trim, but standard on the retractable fastback Club trim. This package costs an additional \$5,050. The package features high-performance red front brakes with fixed-piston calipers, side sill extensions and a black rear bumper skirt, heated Nappa leather and Alcantara bucket-style seats with enhanced side bolstering, and 17-inch dark gunmetal forged aluminum wheels. *I'm getting excited for the new NE Edition of the Miata!*



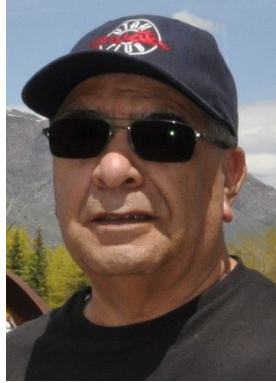
Enjoy these photos of Utah Miata Club's October Birthdays



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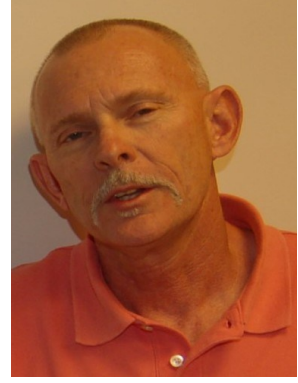
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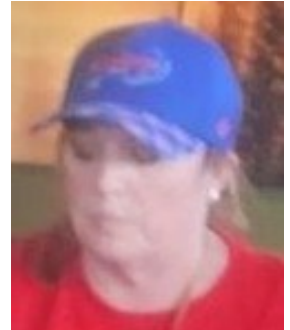
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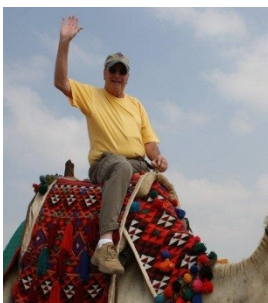
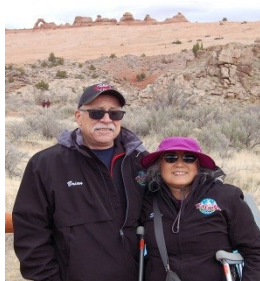
Monthly Birthday Gifts at the UMC Luncheons on Birthday Month

Monthly Door Prize Give-Aways

Photos not available for Kelley Hart, Michelle Markarian.



Photos of Birthday Members at UMC Events below:



New Utah Miata Club Logo Apparel & Merchandise by Mike Bailey

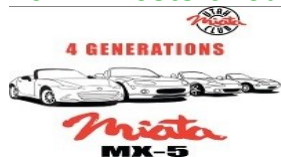


MIATA SWAG AND ANY OTHER CLOTHING ITEMS YOU'D LIKE CAN BE ORDERED

Windbreaker Jackets or the Official Utah Miata Club Jackets that you've seen some members wear. Official logo or the Mountains Logo with the color of your Miata on it. Or the Utah Miata Club Un-Official logo the red Miata with star in background. We used to use this logo in early days of the club especially on apparel. Windbreakers are \$25.-\$30. Club official jackets are \$70.00 to include most logos & name.



First Original UMC Logo: Star with the Miata Club Logo (created in 1997). Miata Flag Script type font. "Miataitude" font Hats. \$20.00-\$30.00 depending on logo. Official Logo & Mountains Logo. Denim Vests or Jackets-supplied by you or I can get them from my apparel provider!



Club Logo Miata Car Magnets: Official or Mountains Logo with color of your Miata! \$25./set of 2. Miata Support Vehicle Magnets. T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Yours or Mine! Any logos you want. "Miata" script type on sleeves! Ball Caps all club logos and other designs. \$20- \$25. & \$30. depending on logo. Also 2-tone hats and mesh hats. Any Logos!





2026 Calendar of Events



October 10th: Drive & Club Meeting: 10:00 AM: Huntsville to Monte Cristo to Woodruff
To Evanston, Wyoming for Lunch: See Pg. 2 NL, Mike and Kelly Thompson

October 31st: Happy Halloween!

November 14th: Need Location & Member to Suggest and / or Plan.

December 12th: Annual Christmas Party: Edison Events; 6:00 PM: See Pg. 4, UMC Board

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



2027 Calendar of Events

January 10th: Movie: Title TBD; Lunch or Food: TBD; Mike & Lynn Bailey

February 13th: Breakfast & Meeting; Jim's Restaurant: 2 Theater Play Options: Hale
Theater / Desert Star Theater: See Pg. 7 NL; Robert Olsen

March 13th: Polar Bear Drive: Luncheon: Pat's BBQ; Utah Museum of Natural History
or ? TBD: Hank & Rexanne Pond

April 10th: Need Location & Member to Suggest and / or Plan.

May 8th: Luncheon: 11:30 Place TBD; Drive: Johnson's Pass Tooele Co. Ty Kissel

May ?: Cycle Karts: Date and Time: TBD; Ken Jarworski

June 12th: Bear Lake Drive: Luncheon / Raspberry Shakes: TBD; Need Drive Leader to Plan

July 10th: Annual Summer Picnic: Morgan City Park -Elections & Planning Mtg. Board of Directors

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO PLAN OR LEAD A DRIVE OR ACTIVITY



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 2027 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, IF NOT MENTIONED.



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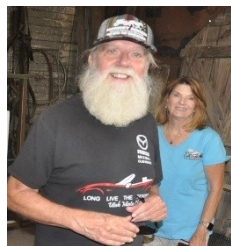
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