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FEBRUARY 2016

THE CONVERTABLE CHRONICLES OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB

FROM THE TOP DOWN

SUBMITTED BY MIKE BAILEY



I must say that I have enjoyed Steve's front page articles in the newsletter this last year. He always has a way to make everyone laugh or smile constantly. He was a very good leader of the club and very conscientious about club members needs. We, especially myself, will miss having him in this position but as one of the Director's of the Club for 2016, he will continue to add a lot to the decision making and direction of this club. We want to thank Steve for the wonderful job and all the fun that he brings to the club. With this said, as you can tell from me writing the "Top Down" article, it is true, I have been selected as your new President of the club for 2016. I hope this does not cause a mass resignation of club members with this announcement. I promise to try and continue in the steps of Steve and make this club as fun and enjoyable as possible. I last held this position in 2014 during our Miatas in Bryce event and also did so during a couple Miatas in Moab events. Seems like I better stop doing these major events as the title seems to follow me with these events for some reason. Honestly, I have really enjoyed serving as an officer of this club and equally I have enjoyed serving with the other fine club members who have served as presidents and vice presidents through the years. We have a great collection of president's and vice presidents from this club. It takes commitment and some great Miata enthusiasts to lead the club like we have had.

Our **Elections and Planning Meeting** went very well. The newly elected Officers and Directors of the club for 2016 are as follows:

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President: Mike Bailey Vice President: Robert Mechling Secretary and Treasurer; Jim and Margie Newson were unanimously retained in their current positions. **Directors include Steve Beckstead, Hank Pond, and Mark Vaughn.** Elections were close on nominations and won by only a couple votes. Turnout at our meeting was about 30 members, by my count, on a very rainy and drizzly night. The impending big snow storm that eventually came Sunday morning may have kept many away from coming, but it was still a good turnout. Most of the **Appointed Positions** remained the same as last year: **Sharon Mechling as club Scribe**, and taker of the minutes of the club. **Member Spotlight article person; Carol Lynn Vredevelde.** Carol does such a great job with this and helping us learn and know more about our members. **Susan Vaughn** will take the position of **Birthday Coordinator**, providing acknowledgement and a small surprise to our monthly birthday people at our luncheons. **Doyle Sturm** needs to be recognized as **Club Photographer** and Historian, and continues to take photos of activities and events and shares them with club members. **Lori Steed** will be in charge of the club **Facebook Pages** and monitor the activity on them. **Steve Beckstead** will take on the roll to send out '**Blanket Email Blasts**' to club members on up-to-date events going on. **Kim Candilora Jr.**, not a member but son-in-law of the Ponds, will be our **Newsletter Editor**.

This year the club provided the entire dinner of pizza, salad, drinks and dessert and a few desserts brought by some members were also nice. Steve Beckstead was presented with a nice Award commemorating his role as President. There is a specific write up on details of the Planning Meeting in this newsletter. We also passed out our new Anniversary Pins at the meeting. For everyone that attended, they received one of the 3, 5, 10, 15, or 20 year pins for continuous length of time they have been in the club. In addition, as a bonus, if your anniversary year is this year in 2016, you received that particular pin instead of waiting until the anniversary month date that you would receive it. More on the Anniversary Pins also in this newsletter.

Just a note to everyone that this year is our club's **25th ANNIVERSARY** since the Utah Club was first formed. We plan to celebrate this occasion and mark it as a milestone in the history of our club. I am working on a new design for a **25th anniversary pin** which will be unveiled soon. A proto-type I have seen is impressive and I think everyone will like it. More to follow on club anniversary celebrations or acknowledgements in the coming months. I am looking forward to this year for all the activities and drives that we plan to do. One of the main things myself and the club will focus on is our very own major **Regional event on June 22-25** of this year; **Miatas in Deer Valley**. For 3 consecutive days Park City area will be deluged with Miata Roadsters running around it's streets and country roads. It will be one of the premium Miata events of the year. Look at continued updates in the newsletter each month. We are also planning a club out-of state activity sometime in late July through Colorado and up to South Dakota and through the Black Hills. Newly elected Director, Mark Vaughn will be planning a route and itinerary for us to take. We also have many other new fun and exciting activities to plan for this year including some of our favorite local drives and trips around our beautiful state. We hope that you will all participate with us in these events and help to make it one of the best years ever for the Utah Miata Club.



MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

To prevent interruption of your club benefits, such as receiving your Newsletter, dues for the year are to be paid by the 1st of the month enrolled. Club benefits will stop 3 months after a membership expires at which time their name will be removed from the roster and they will need to re-apply for membership.

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. It is \$25 if you have the newsletter emailed to you or \$45 if you would like a hard copy sent by standard mail. We will also have a new method on our website, utahmiataclub.org, to pay your dues with PayPal online. This method is \$27 (the extra covers PayPal fees). If mailing a check, please send it to: 233 West 1550 North, Bountiful, Utah 84010 (Phone 801-295-4563) and make it out to Utah Miata Club. Margie can also be contacted at the following email address: sec.treasumc@icloud.com

RECENTLY EXPIRED		EXPIRING 2/29/2016	
ROBERT & LAUREN THOMPSON	10/31/15	TODD CHRISTOPHER STEVE & KATHY NIELSEN HANK & REXANNE POND DAVE SHARETTE	
DAVE & BRENDA ENCHEFF			
MICHAEL J. FOX			
JOE & JOANN LEVERICH	12/31/15		
LYNN & ALEXA MALAND			
G.STEVEN & LISA SULLIVAN			
JIM & PAT VAUGHN	1/31/16		
GORDY & JACKIE NICHOLL			

TO BE REMOVED FROM ROSTER : N/A

NEW MEMBERS

MICHAEL & MICHELE RIDING

2010

SILVER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUDITH HATCH 4TH

JOANNE LEVERICH 13TH

ANNIE KLOER 23RD

AINSLEY HEADEY 26TH

MARK VAUGHN 28TH



GARY WILCOX 5TH

LINDA GERLACH 17TH

LYNN BAILEY 25TH

MICHAEL RIDING 26TH

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON - FEB 3RD

It is at Red Robin Restaurant in Layton. Date is Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 11:30 AM. It is Antelope Drive Exit off I-15 in Layton. You can see restaurant from the freeway. Address is 1562 Woodland Park Dr. Layton, UT. 84041.



VALENTINES GET TOGETHER - FEB 13TH

Join us for a Valentines Get together on Saturday, February 13th at Desert Star Playhouse (4861 South State Street in Murray). The play is My Valley Fair Lady (Get me to the Mall on time). We are attending the 6:00 performance. We are meeting at Applebee's Restaurant at Fashion Place Mall at 4:00 p.m. before for a late lunch/early dinner. If you do not already have your tickets, call Desert Star Playhouse and tell them you want to be by the Utah Miata Group. If you have any questions, call Hank Pond at 801-518-3630. Hope to see you there
-Rexanne Pond



Rexanne Pond has set it up with Applebee's to hold tables for us but we need to know who is coming to give a number to the restaurant. Tickets to the fun play are around \$28 each and each person needs to call and buy theirs on their own. This needs to be done as soon as possible because they are NOT holding tickets for us, but do have us together as much as possible on Row 7 & 8, if you say to be near the Utah Miata Club group. Their phone number is 801-266-2600. There are also seats on both sides of the center section. These are always a lot of fun so please come.

If coming, please do TWO things:

1. Call and buy your tickets near Utah Miata Club people
2. Email me or Rexanne back about the show and RSVP if you want a seat saved at the Applebee's at 4pm.

Thanks, and see you there,

Steve Beckstead

SURVEY SAYS

BY MIKE BAILEY

The Survey Results from Steve Beckstead are in and were announced at the Election / Planning Meeting in January. The statistics are quite interesting to see what the Utah Members think about the club and what direction they want the club to take on certain issues and items. As you all know, Steve put out a Survey Questionnaire just before the holidays. The survey consisted of about 10 main questions with several answer options to check off. Here are the results of the Survey:

The first question was about how happy members were about the decisions made by the club officers and directors. 83% of respondents overwhelmingly said the officers were doing a great job and made good decisions for the club. This is very satisfying for us to know. 59% of members did not want a big major event like Miatas in Moab for us to do every other year, and thought 3-5 years would be better and 14% of the same group liked it the way it has been. 14% thought they were too much work, and another 14% did not have an opinion one way or the other.

On the matter of Dues; 79% thought the dues were the right amount to pay and 17% were Ok with a slight dues increase if it meant more "Free" activities or for the club to cover more costs of some things that member shell out money out of their pockets for. On the Privacy issues concerning our Facebook pages and the website, 45% were ok and didn't have a concern about the way we post our information for the public to view. 28% would prefer more controls on information we put out.

On the Newsletter 52% like how it is currently and how it has been over the past several years and read it completely all the way through each month. 31% thought it should be about 10 pages in length. 17% openly admit that they do not read it or just skim through it. Personally, I think that we have one of the very best Newsletters out there and I have read many Miata club newsletters from lots of clubs.

Concerning our club Membership size, 52% like the club just the way it is with our current membership and how we go about promoting the club by tagging cars or by word of mouth and getting our Dealer sponsors to help us with free memberships. Our Dealer sponsor is the main way we get new members and we appreciate them so much for doing this for us. 14% would like to see membership grow via public Facebook pages, Miata.Net or other methods. 24% did not have an opinion or offer one on this subject.

The UMC members occasionally go to plays or other non-car-related events. 55% of members enjoy these activities and attend many or most of them. 28% go to some of them at times and enjoy them. 17% really did not have an opinion about this, but 0% (or no one) replied with anything negative about this. Concerning the Annual Summer Picnic or BBQ, 41% prefer it to be in August, 38% said June, 3% July and 21% didn't care or have an opinion about it.

For the last set of questions, one was about the annual Halloween party. 38% like the parties whether bowling or at a clubhouse or elsewhere and dressing up was ok. 28% said it was not their favorite thing to do, but would go or participate because their Miata friends did so. 14% did not enjoy these kinds of parties and probably would not attend and 21% did not really have or express an opinion. On Birthday recognitions, 83% liked the fact we recognize member's birthdays on a monthly basis. 79% like the monthly drawing for small gifts with the tickets that we draw. We have decided to keep doing those things.

On General questions, answers were as follows: 52% enjoyed longer trips the most and want to increase their participation in trips that last a week or more. 79% wanted shorter, 2-3 day trips which were better for their schedules or what they could afford. Note, that there are a lot of members that still work a regular job, but also a lot of the group are retired and have more time, but perhaps less money to spend. Another 52% replied that their favorite drives are One-Day drives without overnights anywhere. 48% liked going to other Miata Club events as guests where they do all the organizing. 21% said it was very important the more things (drives and activities) are done in the Summer months off the school year schedule. 55% would be interested in another Caribbean or lower priced cruise organized by the club. (Note: for years we did an annual yearly cruise somewhere; some were for a week and some were 2 weeks in length).

These are the results of most of the Survey questions. Check out the percentages and see where you fit in on the survey results. Thanks to Steve for putting this all together. May it help us to be a better and more efficient club. Zoom - Zoom!

PLANNING MEETING / ANNIVERSARY PINS

BY MIKE BAILEY

The annual Elections & Planning Meeting went very well. This year the club purchased the food so that members would not have to bring pot luck food items. It seemed to work out well and I think we will do it again. The club elected to have Pizza and Salad this year and since we ordered it in for delivery, that seemed to be a good choice as everyone was hungry when it arrived and we started to eat immediately. Lynn was in charge of organizing the food menu and selecting whom to order it from. Dominos did a good job and it was quick and hot when delivered. We also had a tossed green salad, soft drinks and water to drink and miscellaneous cake, donuts and cookies for dessert. Steve made some announcements of upcoming events and then we got right into the elections. Elections this year were pretty 'cut and dried' with not a lot of discussion on nominations for all the elected positions. Yours truly, as mentioned in the Top Down article was elected President, a role I am happy to assume for this year. It was a pretty lax year for me in 2015 since Steve and Lou controlled most all the meetings at the luncheons this past year so I got to take a back seat to what was going on, which I enjoyed. The election results are posted on page one of this newsletter complete with all the Appointed Positions for the club.



Lou made a presentation to Steve Beckstead, thanking him for his service to the club as President. A real nice cut glass engraved award was presented to him with a card signed by all attending members. He also received a clear glass engraved stein. I almost saw a tear in his eye over the presentation. The Glass Stein, I am sure, will come in handy for him. Not sure if he will have it on display or be drinking from it. Congratulations Steve. We love you Steve, and thank you for the great year you gave us as President. I might add that our other Steve, Steve Nielsen looked real dapper in his black dress shirt with his custom made Miata tie. His tie featured various photos

of his red Miata on it. I am sure some of the club members would like a tie like that! I think one of his kids made it for him.

After elections we started the Planning Portion of our annual meeting. We got the calendar out and lined out most all the Monthly Luncheons with someone to supervise and plan them along with coming up with various drives to do during those months. Some months' details were not lined out, but we will wait closer to the dates to plan those things. We will start the year out right with a trip end of this month to Disneyland for some fun at the "Happiest place on Earth". See Lori Steed if you are interested on the details. We did put a couple major events on the calendar like Miatas in Deer Valley and a one week drive to the Black Hills of South

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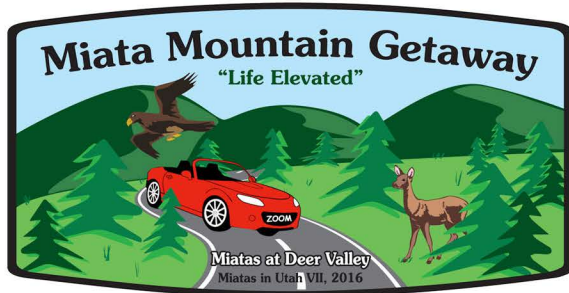
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Dakota that Mark Vaughn will start to plan for late July. We even went as far as to tentatively plan a trip to Scottsdale, Arizona next January for the Barrett/Jackson Auto Auction. This would be a great Winter event for next year. Of course we will also do our normal drives up north on Trapper's Loop and the Huntsville area, the annual Mt. Nebo Loop by Nephi, and the Alpine Scenic Loop among other things like Gordy's Shun-Pike Drive. We will do a Re-Con trip in late April to Park City for more trip in late April to Park City for more planning and finalizing details for Miatas in Utah event. Hopefully we may be able to squeeze in a trip just for our club to Moab this summer as it has been several years since we have been there.

We got the new Anniversary Pins in and distributed them to everyone present. One pin was given for each 3, 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of membership to each respective person in the club reaching that status. As noted earlier, the Anniversary Pin will be awarded to each member on that particular anniversary on the month date of their annual membership. Each pin looks a little different with the 3 and 5 year pin having a white face like the Official Logo has. The 3rd year is on Copper metal and the 5th year on Nickel Metal. The 10 year pin is Gold, on Gold Metal. 15 year pin is Antiqued Copper on Copper Metal and 20 is Silver on Bright

Silver Metal. We also have a 25 Year Pin which only one couple in the club qualifies for this year, Jim & Dorothy Bowers. They will be awarded their pin set in June on their 25th Anniversary of their Utah Miata Club membership at the Miatas at Deer Valley event. This is quite an accomplishment for the Bowers. The 25 Year Pin is on a Antiqued Gold Metal finish on Gold Metal. All have the 'Miata' script type of our logo in red enamel ink. I will put out a list next month on some noted anniversaries for some of the long-time members. You have to come to a meeting or luncheon to pick up your pins. Those living out-of-state we will make arrangements to get them to you.





Miatas at Deer Valley, 2016

February Update

June 22-25, 2016

by Mike Bailey

Register NOW for Miatas in Deer Valley if you have not done so yet!

Registration Fee is \$145.00 per person.



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FEBRUARY 4, 2016 »



**FRESH CORDUROY TOP TO BOTTOM
AND IT'S ALL YOURS**



We have 170 Registrations for Deer Valley. They represent 28 Miata Clubs from 22 different states in the USA and two Canadian Provinces. The Registration Form is on our Club Website which you can download the pdf, print, fill out and mail with your registration fee to our club secretary and treasurer, Jim and Margie Newson. The address is on the form. Or you can send in your event fee by payment on-line. Go to www.utahmiataclub.org for all the details. Also Book your Room at The Chateaux NOW for best selection. Only \$149.00 per night for a 4 Star Deluxe Bedroom or Studio

"Over 2.242 hits on Miata.Net Forum on our event"

Tribute to Stein Erickson

This past month legendary Ski Legend, Mr. Stein Erickson passed away at his home in Park City on December 27, 2015 at the age of 88. We honor this great man for all the accomplishments he made to Utah's Ski industry. We got the opportunity to meet and socialize with Stein several months ago as he stopped by our table at his restaurant at Stein Erickson Lodge. He was an Alpine Ski Legend and known as the "Father of Freestyle Skiing". He was the forerunner of inverted aerial somersaults performed by Freestyle Skiers today. He will greatly be missed.



TRIBUTE TO MARLENE

BY MIKE BAILEY

Our dear friend and past club member Marlene Remington is very ill and has been in Hospice care for the past month and a half. Prior to that she was in Assisted Living since this past August. You may remember her down in Bryce Canyon at the Miatas in Bryce event during the July 4th holiday in 2014. Mark led one of the drives at Bryce. She did have a fall while we were eating lunch on the Saturday before we left for home. Mark had to take her to the hospital for observation. I think this is when they first noticed that she had a problem. Mark and Marlene Remington live in Santa Clara, in the St. George area. They have been longtime members of the UMC ever since I can remember, some 8-10 years at least. Their membership expired only a few months ago and Mark thought it best to not renew due to Marlene's health condition. They own a 3rd generation white Miata with the Gold Stripe down it. We



have hooked up with them on several occasions through the years during drives to Southern Utah and also attending some of the Tuachan events there. One time in 2009 we all went to Sedona, Arizona to an event there, which Mark led for part of the way. We had lunch at Red Robin in Washington, Ut. where their daughter works and have also been to their home. Another major trip they went on was the Great Western Adventure in 2013 and we indeed enjoyed their company on that trip. We have some great memories together with the Remingtons.

Needless to say, it is very sad when one of our members has failing health. Her condition is slowly getting worse as her husband, Mark, puts it. She has lost the ability to walk and hold herself up by herself. She is in a powered Jazzy scooter pretty much all the time to get around, unless she is in her bed. She is slowly losing her ability to write as well as type on a computer. Incidentally, Marlene worked with me on the original logo design of the Miatas in Bryce logo from an illustration that Val Francis Sturm drew from a contest we had in the club to come up with a logo design. Marlene used her amazing graphic artist talent to put a Miata on the top of the Hoodoo rock formation. At first it was a 'character' Miata car which was very cute and loveable. It was much like the Miata on their Day Tripper Club logo. We actually used both the character Miata and a real Miata for the event logo. Marlene was very efficient and accommodating in working with me on the logo.

Marlene's physician has told Mark and the family that her condition is terminal and although they do not exactly know what disease she has, the hospice physician says she has markers for ALS Disease more than anything else. Mark says unless you watch her talk and follow along reading her lips, you have a hard time understanding what she is saying. They are hoping she will live through this year but it is anybody's guess on how well she will do. They have to take her health condition week by week. Mark says she is in good spirits most of the time and her long term memory is still pretty good but short term memory is giving her issues. The Day Tripper's Car Club that Mark manages is in a holding pattern right now and it just depends on how things go with Marlene, on how much time he can put into that.

We want to wish Marlene and Mark all the best and we want them to know how much we love them both. We have tons of memories of our trips together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your Miata friends will ALWAYS be with you.

I have some contact information if anyone wants to contact Marlene or Mark. Her place is called The Retreat at Sunbrook Assisted Living. The address is: 359 North Dixie Drive, Room, 120. St. George, Utah 84770. Mark's email and phone is: Cell: 435-632-7175. Home: 435-628-8953 Email: sumiatas@live.com. Feel free to contact Mark anytime or send him a message by email.



MIATA OF THE MONTH

BY MIKE BAILEY



Miata of the Month is a sleek, 4th Generation (ND) Miata called the "Char-S: Blackened Mazda Racing Concepts" Vehicle for the Tokyo Auto Salon. Mazda has come out with a trio of "Racing Concept" Miatas based on Production models. They wanted to promote their longtime feelings of "Kodo and Soul of Motion". Pictured is the RS Roadster Racing Concept. It has some very nice lines and the front and rear air dam and side sills have a distinctive look to them with a red highlighted stripe. To me it is very sexy! The interior has a distinctive red stripe around the cool-looking bucket race seats, quite unlike the red stitching accent on the current ND model. There is also talk of a future MazdaSpeed variant of this Miata, which Miatafiles have been clamoring for since the first Speeds rolled out over a decade ago. If so, this would come to the top of my "want to purchase" list. Mazda has also come out with some other models that have the same look and features such as the CX-3 Racing Concept and the Ateza Racing Concept which looks a lot like a Mazda 6 supercharged car with very nice looks and lines.

The other two photos show the nice look of the Miata Racing MX-5. You can't argue with the fact that this is a very beautiful Track car. Notice the steering wheel on the right hand side to let you know this is for European and Asian driving enthusiasts.

Talk is circulating in the automotive circles of some possible new enhancements to the ND models but most Mazda executives are hush-hush on what they are going to produce. Until then, keep the Zoom Zoom up.



VIKING RIVER CRUISE FEBRUARY 2016 UPDATE

BY MIKE BAILEY



New Morris Murdock Web Site Page:

<https://mmi.cvent.com/GrandEuropeanTour2017>

Check out the "NEW" web page on "OUR"

Cruise created by the Morris Murdock Travel team.

It has all kinds of useful information for each of you about our cruise and all the details you need to know. There are short, 2 minute video clips of the ship, cabin rooms, cruise itinerary, places we will visit and see, and many things you will experience on our cruise. Also keep tuned in on our **Viking River Cruise Facebook Page** about our cruise.

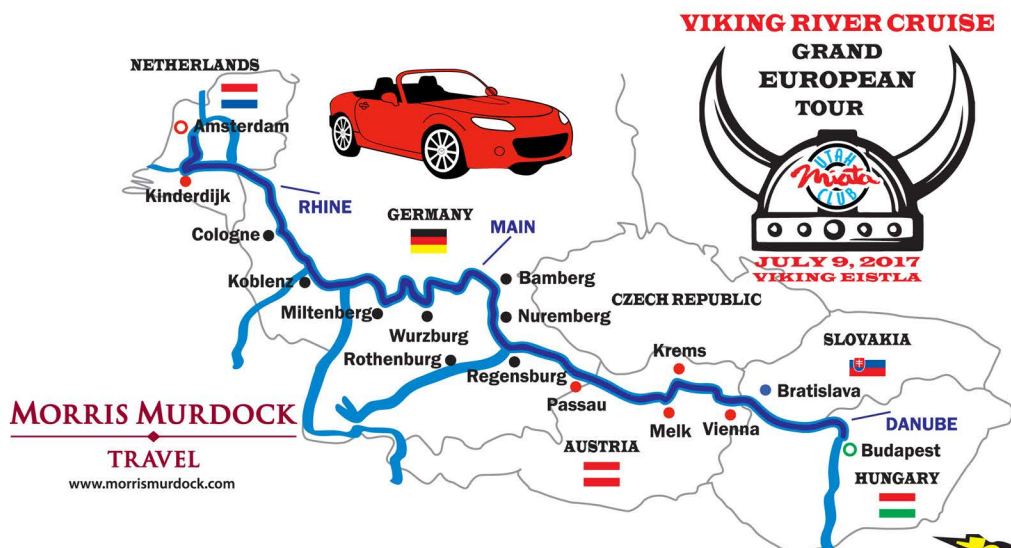
Details on the cruise on our UMC Website: www.utahmiataclub.org Click Viking Logo Ship for Details. Put the word out to family, friends, and other Miata people for "the Trip of a Lifetime!".

Over 875 Hits on Miata.net Forum

Join us for a 15 Day Grand European River Tour:

Sailing Date is July 9-23, 2017

Our ship is called the Viking Eistla



25TH ANNIVERSARY PIN

BY MIKE BAILEY

The Utah Miata Club is celebrating it's 25th Anniversary in 2016. Not sure of the actual month but I have been told the club was formed in the Spring, so it is coming up in a few months. This is the design that we have come up with. I hope everyone likes it. If not, please feel free to make some suggestions to change it. We have made an option of a Yellow Miata or a Green

Miata. Those who have seen it seem to like the yellow

one as it stands out more, has more contrast in the colors, and is bright and vibrant. The image also honors the five Miatas in Moab events that we have hosted, which have been very popular both to the club members as well as other out-of-state Miata people. It is an eight color hard enamel pin with the Official Logo on it and stamped on a Bright Silver Metal. It will be 1.5" tall rectangle and die cut in the Utah state shape and around the club logo. It will also have two Butterfly clutches for attachment. In addition we will have a car window decal printed on a removable stock.



We plan to commemorate the club's 25th Anniversary this year with a few specific activities centered around the anniversary occasion. It may be a certain ride or drive or a party or some other activity that has not been decided on yet. In addition we plan to tie this in and honor some of the long time members of the club who are approaching the 20th - 25th anniversary of their membership in the club. I would like to invite all club members to think of something, or come up with some ideas on what we can do to celebrate the club's 25th Anniversary.

CLUB MAGNETS

BY MIKE BAILEY



Attention club members. You can purchase your official **Utah Miata Club Car Magnets** at anytime. They usually come is a set of two, one for each side of your Miata. Use them at club events and drives and at other Regional and National Miata events. They look very classy on your Miata. They store on the inside of your trunk lid real well when not in use. You can choose between the **Mountains Logo** or the **Official**

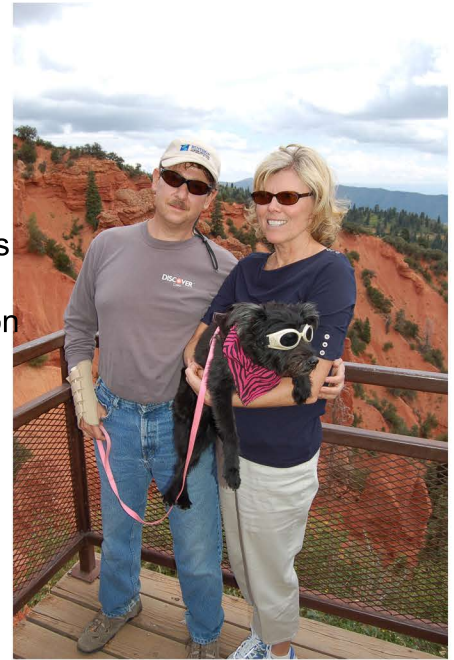
Logo. Cost is the same. On the Mountains logo we can actually make the color of the Miata on them close to the color of your Miata. **Cost of them is \$25.00 per set of 2.** If you lose one, a replacement is \$13.00 for one. Contact Mike Bailey for these magnets at 801-597-1456 or see me at a meeting.

Member Spotlight by: Carol Lynn Vredevelde

This month's featured couple is Rick and Dayna Kiser. When I asked Rick if they were willing to do the article, his response was, "Ok, but we are pretty boring!" I beg to differ...they are a wonderful couple and I'm very happy to feature them in this month's spotlight article.

We have known Dayna and Rick as club members for several years and remember them especially because of a cute little black dog they had at the time that wore driving goggles and accompanied them on many of our Miata drives. If the club had a mascot this little dog would have been the perfect fit. These two definitely love their puppies.

The puppy they currently have is the most adorable little thing you have ever seen with a temperament that any parent... let alone doggie lover would be envious of. He is so sweet and cuddly and has fur that feels like velvet.



Rick said that they had always wanted a convertible and the Miata was so much fun to drive and had all the features they wanted, so they purchased their 2008 PRHT Grand Touring, Copper Red in April of 2009.

They became members of the Utah Miata Club in April 2009 when the BMazda dealership signed them up when they purchased their car. They attended one of the meetings and found they really liked the members in the club as well as the fun drives and activities that the club offered.



Dayna was born and raised in Boise, Idaho and Rick was born and raised in Indianapolis, IN. Rick and Dayna have only lived in Idaho and IN and then in Utah. They love it here, especially now that they live in Midway.

Dayna received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Columbia College. Rick has received a certification and associated degree related to Technology from SLCC. Dayna is the Compensation Manager for the Utah Valley University and Rick does change management and Production Control work for the State of Utah.

Rick and Dayna met when they both worked at First Security



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Bank and have been together now for 30 + years. Rick did say that he probably asked Dayna out about 20+ times before he finally got her to agree to go out with him, but said now she rues that day!

As far as family goes...they have one dog (Ollie) and no kids.

Dayna likes Zumba, walking and running. Rick likes skiing, hiking and generally playing

with Ollie (our dog). They both like outdoor concerts (Deer Valley) and Performing Arts presentation at the Kimball Art Center in Park City. They also enjoy traveling in general and road trips, etc.). They travel to Palm Springs/Palm Desert every year, so a few years ago they bought a condo there and hope to retire in a few years dividing their time between Utah and California.

The Miata's in Moab 2010 trip was one of their first big trips with the club. They got to know everyone a lot better during that trip. Rick says they wish they could have taken more of the trips that year, but they had both started new jobs and didn't have any vacation time.

They also attended the 2014 Bryce Canyon event and the 2015 SNS event that the San Diego club hosted in Carlsbad this fall. Ollie was with them on this trip and had fun romping with another canine friend he met at this event.

Rick offered to lead our drive on the way back from San Diego to Las Vegas and took us on a less traveled road that was so much more fun than driving on the freeway! While we drove through the Palm Desert, Rick kept us entertained with his commentary on the history of the area and points of interest along the way. We'll have to see if we can convince him to lead a drive or two in the near future.

They recently came on the Full Moon drive to Sundance where we all rode the chair lift to the top of the mountain and back to get a bird's eye view of the gorgeous full moon that evening. Guess who was tucked away in their backpack and rode the chair lift with us...you guessed it...cute little well behaved Ollie!

Rick and Dayna said they always have a great time with all of the Miata club members and feel that Miata owners are usually fun and happy folks! When asked if there was anything else they wanted the club members to know, he once again said; "We really are boring!" We have to disagree with you Rick...we really enjoy having you in the club and look forward to seeing you, Dayna and Ollie at some of our 2016 events.

MIDWAY ICE CASTLES

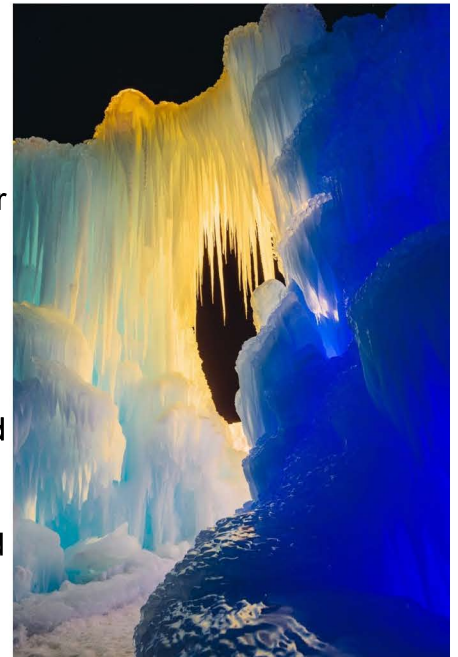
BY MIKE BAILEY

During the planning meeting we selected Saturday, March 5 as a date to go see the Midway Ice Castles in Midway, Utah. Instead of our regular luncheon time we thought we would do this event later in the day and have an early Dinner at Soldier Hollow Golf Course Club House at around 4:00 or so.

After dinner we would see the Ice Castles which is a fabulous design of amazing ice features which include archways, tunnels, slot canyons, caverns, glacial waterfalls, a frozen throne and an ice slide. It is a stunning "Narnia" like display created completely of natural frozen ice. We plan to see this in the early evening after the sun goes down as there will be a colorful LED lights which are set to music at night, which will be much more dramatic in the evening than daytime. The display was built by hand and made from more than 20,000,000 lbs. of ice. There are only 4 of these displays in the USA and Canada, so we are very lucky to have this in 'our back yard'. It was created by the same group of people who did the Holiday Light show that we

are very lucky to have this in 'our back yard'. It was created by the same group of people who did the Holiday Light show that we drove our Miatas through during the holidays at the Olympic Oval in Kearns.

It is located at 2002 Soldier Hollow Road in Midway, UT. 84049. It will be open on Saturday from noon to 11:00 pm. Cost is \$12.95 + tax per person. Children 4-11 are \$8.95. There is a 15% discount on tickets by purchase on-line and is posted on our club Facebook page. Use Discount Code USFamily. We will let you know by email blast and FB on when to purchase tickets as we will need tickets for a specific time slot on this day. Each member is requested to purchase their own tickets. Meeting for dinner at Soldier Hollow is optional, but we would like to invite everyone to do that. Jim Newson will need to know who is coming in advance to make dinner reservations. This is a 'heads up' on this event, so let us know at Feb. luncheon if you are interested in going. Parking for the event will be by the Soldier Hollow Club House or in the area. For a video of the ice castles see www.icecastles.com. Also you can find info on their Facebook page. Questions; make a comment on the FB page. Phone: 888-407-4054



FEBRUARY RECIPE

BY ANA PORTER

White Chocolate Almond Brownies.

12 ounces white chocolate, broken into pieces
1 cup or 2 sticks butter
3 eggs
3/4 cup flour
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup slivered almonds

Oven 325 f. Grease and flour 9 inch square pan.
Melt white chocolate and butter in large heavy
saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly.
White chocolate may separate.
Add eggs; beat 1 to 2 minutes until smooth.
Stir in flour and vanilla until blended.
Spread batter in the pan.
Sprinkle almonds.
Bake 30 minutes or until set.
Cool completely.

Sugar Cookies

Beat together 1 1/2 cup sugar . Sift 4 cups flour
1cup shortening
2 eggs, 1 tsp soda, 1 tsp vanilla
Add 1/4 cup sweet milk
Mix all together. Roll out.
Bake 400 f. till light brown.