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SEPTEMBER 2016

## THE CONVERTABLE CHRONICLES OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB

### FROM THE TOP DOWN

SUBMITTED BY MIKE BAILEY



September is here and we seem to be winding down on the Summer activities and drives but it isn't over yet. We still have lots of fun and good things to do this year during our top down driving season. A couple things coming up this month of course is our Luncheon and Drive on Saturday, September 10th. We will meet at **11:30 am** up at a great restaurant in the very small town of **Eden, Utah at Carlo's & Harleys**. This is Mexican fare at it's finest! We have been here before a few times, but my last recollection was at the Club Road Rally we did back in 2013. This is when Dave Encheff won the **Red Lobster Award**. (I finally remember what happened to that award). The award has always been given to the "Last Place" finisher in our Club Road Rally event, which we have not done since then. This award has been floating around the Utah Miata Club for over 20 years. In 2013, however, it got a remake from several people, myself and Hank Pond, I believe. We dressed up the Award Trophy and included new club decals and a few nice touches. We need to get another Rally planned and going sometime in the near future as the Rally was, and is, always a lot of fun!



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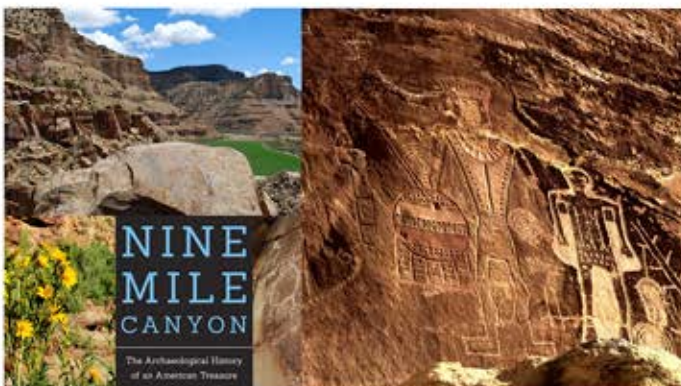
## From the Top Down (Continued From Page 1)

Anyway, back to the luncheon. We will have lunch there first and then head out on an afternoon drive to the Monte Cristo area. This drive and event has been planned by Doyle and Valerie Francis Sturm. They have planned an extensive drive with options for everyone and put a lot into thinking this out. From there we will head towards Bear Lake on back roads for a fun-filled day. More information is provided in this newsletter and on the website for the day's drive.

The following week we will be headed for an overnigher in Price, Utah to drive the **Nine-Mile Canyon in Utah's Castle Country**. We have booked a block of room at the **Greenwell Inn Hotel in Price for Friday evening, September 16th**. On **Saturday, Sept. 17th** we will visit the **USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum in Price at 9:00 am**. and head to the 9-Mile Canyon after that of which we will start our journey in Wellington, by the Chevron station there around 10:30-11:00 am. Come for the Friday night fun as rooms start at only \$50.00 and it is a real nice hotel. Or, if you like you can meet us in the morning for the 46 mile drive through Nine-Mile Canyon. This will be tons of fun and the club has not been there before as a group so it will be a new experience for us. Read the article about that in this newsletter and find additional details on the club website; [www.utahmiataclub.org](http://www.utahmiataclub.org).

Just a mention of a couple activities the following month in **October** our luncheon will probably be scheduled for October 8th as I plan to be at a motorcycle rally event for BikeFest in Las Vegas the first weekend. Later that month on the 20th will be the **Sun Valley, Idaho Jazz Festival** which Steve and Lou are planning. On Saturday, October 29th we plan to have our annual **Halloween Costume Party** at the Condo Clubhouse over by The District Shopping Center in South Jordan where Ali & Shylo Bazzaz live. They have made arrangements for this year's party. This will be a new venue for our party this year. Read more details about that in the newsletter.

The Club has had a lot of new members join this year. Last month on the ShunPike drive we had lots of new members show up for the drive and luncheon. We had a record 23 Miatas alone for the drive to Nephi. I ask that all members welcome the new members out and get to know them and make them feel welcome. We are a great club and it is the Members that make this club so great. We have had a banner year so far and it seems like it is only getting better. Come on out to our events and activities. You will be glad you did! **Zoom - Zoom** Mike



# 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](http://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](mailto:sec.treasumc@icloud.com)

## RECENTLY EXPIRED

AMY BECKSTEAD  
KENT & SANDY PETERSON 6/30/16

JOY CARLSON,, ALLEN BERRYMAN, DONN & JANET  
CICHOCKI, MARK & CHARISSE FURGUSON, KEVIN &  
BONNIE FOARD, CRAIG & CANDY HENDRIX, DON HILL, 7/31/16  
BRODY PETERSON, STEVE & MARGARET SPURLOCK,  
ROBERT SMITH, KIRK WARNER, GARY WILCOX

STEVE & RONDA BECKSTEAD, DALIN & KAREN CHRIS-  
TIANSEN, THOMAS & LAUREL DRYSDALE, RICHARD &  
JUDY DYSON, JUDITH HATCH, KAY HATCH, PAUL & ANNIE 8/31/16  
KLOER, STEVE TOBIASSON, LOU & CAROL LYNN VREDE-  
VELD

## EXPIRING 9/30/2016

JACK BUSHAW  
WILLIAM & MARY KAPSCHULL  
MARK & SHAUNA MIDGLEY

TO BE REMOVED FROM ROSTER : N/A

## NEW MEMBERS

HAROLD & SONJA DECKER 2012 RED  
BOB & KELLY SMITH  
BRADLEY GEORGE 2016 CERAMIC WHITE

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JAMES VREDEVELD 4TH  
FRANK HOUSER 22ND  
MARY KAPSCHULL 25TH  
ANA PORTER 29TH



MIKE MACDONALD 5TH  
KAREN CHRISTIANSEN 23RD  
KATHY PETERSEN 26TH





# UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## 2016 Calendar of Events

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*(Submitted and updated by Steve Beckstead)*

~~April 23<sup>rd</sup>:~~ Park City Recon for Deer Valley event planning

~~May 14<sup>th</sup>:~~ Monthly lunch at Players Grill East Canyon Drive (Steve)

~~May 20<sup>th</sup>:~~ Bedrock Gateway scenic loop weekend (Steve)

~~June 4<sup>th</sup>:~~ Monthly lunch at Red Robin and Diamond Fork Drive (Steve)

~~June 22<sup>nd</sup>–26<sup>th</sup>:~~ Miatas in Deer Valley Event

~~July 9<sup>th</sup>:~~ Annual Summer picnic in Morgan (Mike, Jim)

~~July 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>:~~ To Pike's Peak and back (Mark Vaughn)

~~August 13<sup>th</sup>:~~ Monthly lunch at Mickleson's (Nephi) Nebo Loop Shunpike

~~Sept 10<sup>th</sup>:~~ Eden lunch (Carlos Harleys) Monte Cristo drive - Doyle and Val

~~Sept 17<sup>th</sup>:~~ 9 Mile Canyon drive with Price overnight – Mike Bailey

~~October 1<sup>st</sup>:~~ Monthly lunch – Lava overnigher? – Lori Steed

~~October 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup>:~~ Sun Valley jazz Festival (Lou, Steve)

~~October 29<sup>th</sup>:~~ Halloween Party (Ali and Shylo's Clubhouse)

~~November 5<sup>th</sup>:~~ Monthly lunch meeting Location TBD

~~December 10<sup>th</sup>:~~ Annual Christmas Celebration (Mike and Lynn)

# September 2016 Meeting and Drive

(by Valerie and Doyle)

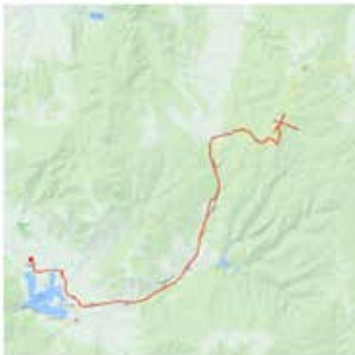
**When:** Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 11:30

**Where:** Carlos and Harley's, 5510 E 2200 N, Eden, UT



This is a four star Fresh-Mex Cantina!

**Drive:** The first stop is a group area in the Monte Cristo campground; about 35 mi., 45 min.



Here it is decision time for each car whether to proceed to Evanston (boring), to Bear Lake, or return back down to Huntsville. From Huntsville there are many ways to return; North Ogden Road (over the Wasatch to North Ogden), Highway 39 (Ogden Canyon Road), or

Highway 167 (Trappers Loop Road). Once Interstate 84 is reached you can go to Morgan and down East Canyon or head into Layton. The reason for the decision is the Bear Lake route has expected return time of early evening and we know some have other things to do. The route to Bear Lake goes through Woodruff, Randolph, and then Bear Lake. At Bear Lake it is hoped to stop for a Raspberry shake! The return is Highway 89 through Logan to Interstate 15.

Hope to see you there! This drive is quite diverse to match anyone's taste as is the shirt color! That's the plan!

**Note:** For those living south of Bountiful or in Salt Lake Valley or Utah County, etc.:

We will meet at Park & Ride Lot off I-215 and Ft. Union Exit (approx. 900 East, just north of I-215) by the Mortgage Company business at 10:00 a.m. We will either head up to Emigration Canyon and East Canyon and up over to Hennifer to Trapper's Loop or decide on route to restaurant during driver's meeting before heading out as a group.



## SHUN PIKE DRIVE REPORT



Our annual Shun Pike Drive was instituted and is led by Gordy and Jackie Nicholl. They are great drive leaders and planners. We always have a great time on their drives. I can testify to that because of our Miatas in Moab, Bryce, and Deer Valley have had drives planned by them which have been thoroughly tested and driven by many Miata people across the country. Out-of-State Miata people have exclaimed how wonderful their drives are. Our Shun Pike drive is also a great drive, getting it's name-sake from us totally shunning the Freeways or Expressways (for the most part). Normally our Shun Pike drive takes us to several reservoirs throughout Utah's back country. This year we took a different route on Hwy. 68 and around on the west side of Utah Lake and stopped at one of our favorite photo stops along the way in a tiny town called Elberta located in Utah County at the far southwestern point of where Utah Lake ends. There is an old Sinclair Gas Station there, I've been told to have been built in the early 30's, on the corner where we stop to take photos with our Miatas. A couple years ago someone took the gas pump that was on the west front side. We used to take photos using the pump to appear to be filling our Miatas with gasoline. On this trip we had a record number of Miatas in front of the old Sinclair, namely 23 of them. It was a great photo op!

We met in Saratoga Springs for our drive out to get snacks and for some to fill up their tanks. We headed out on Hwy. 68 through Saratoga Springs along the west side of the lake. It was a real nice drive and the weather and temperature was great. After the photo shoot at the Sinclair we headed down Goshen Canyon to Nephi for lunch at Mickelson's Family Restaurant. Many new members had remarked to me how they had not been down this canyon before and really enjoyed it. It is a short, but fun drive and beats the freeway. Mickelson's took real good care of us with a private room and excellent service. We had about 46 attend the luncheon and we all got our food very quickly and together. After lunch we headed out to Mt. Nebo Loop for a drive up the canyon. We stopped up in the mountains for a few other photo opportunities but there were so many of us that we couldn't do very many stops along the way. After we finished the loop we headed our own ways home. We want to thank the Nicholl's for the great drive and day and we all had lots of fun.



## 9 MILE CANYON DRIVE

**When: Saturday, September 17, 2016 (Friday, Sept. 16th Option; One night Stay)**

**Details:** For those who want to stay on Friday evening overnight, we have a block of rooms reserved for a week (from today) at the **Greenwell Inn in Price, Utah**. This is a very nice hotel. Check out their website: [www.greenwellinn.com](http://www.greenwellinn.com). I have a discounted, group rate at this hotel which will be \$50.00 + tax for a Single Queen room and \$55.00 + tax for a Double Queen or Single King Bed room (total with tax is \$55.93 - \$61.52) This motel has good reviews and is a 3 star motel. **Address: 655 East Main, Price, Utah (Hotel Manager is Taylor).**

**Phone 435-637-3520 for Reservations and mention Utah Miata Club when you book your room.** Also please let Mike or Steve B. know you have booked your room so we can keep track of who is coming. **BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW!** for best selection.

**Note:** You can still get rooms (first come, first serve) after next week on our group rate, but please don't wait until last minute as it will fill up fast. Cancellation policy: Must cancel within 24 hrs. of check in date or by 2:00 pm on Sept. 16th to avoid charges. **Late check-in is OK.** Hotel has 24 hr. Indoor Pool & Hot Tub, Exercise Room, Bar & Lounge, and 15% Off Coupon for American/Mexican Restaurant (Ricardo's) on premises. A \$2.00 'All you can eat Pancake breakfast', also full breakfast is available and is open for lunch and dinner. Free Wi-Fi.

**Outline of Trip:** We will leave Friday evening and **meet at 6:00 pm** in Salt Lake Valley at Harmon's Grocery store, where we usually meet, just off Bangerter Hwy. exit and I-15. We will travel on I-15 to Spanish Fork Exit onto Hwy. 6 and go to Price and stay the night there and get up early and go to the **Price USU Eastern Prehistoric Museum located at 155 E. Main Street** to view artifacts on display there from 9 Mile Canyon. **It opens at 9 am.** We will then leave mid-morning and go about 7-8 miles to Wellington and start our 46 mile drive to view prehistoric artwork, structures and artifacts from 8,000 years ago in historic Nine-Mile Canyon. This road is fully paved and there are Mile Markers along the route with points of interest displayed. This includes the First Site (the first major rock art site in the canyon), Balanced Rock, Daddy Canyon Complex, Gate Canyon, Fremont Village, Big Buffalo Site, and the Great Hunt Panel of petroglyphs. among other sites. We can also pick up a lunch and eat it somewhere in the canyon or decide down there what to do. It will be a fun-filled day with lots of exploring and sites to see right along the road. For more information check out or Google; 9 or NineMileCanyonUtah or go to [www.castlecountry.com](http://www.castlecountry.com). **Don't forget your FRS Radios for this trip!**

**Not staying Friday night?** For those not wanting to stay the Friday night and **only want to come for the Saturday drive, be in Price at 9:00 am for the Museum or if for the drive only, be there by about 10:30- 11:00 at latest.** I am told by the Utah's Castle Country Tourism Office that this will be one of the best weekends of the year to view these sites. Please book your rooms soon and please let us know if you are planning on coming. **ZOOM - ZOOM**





## HALLOWEEN PARTY

This year's Halloween Party will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm. It will be hosted by Ali and Shylo Bazzaz this year at their Condo Clubhouse. Location is about 11600 South and 3730 West (approx.) It is located just east of Bangerter Hwy. and the District Shopping Center in South Jordan. Exact address will be on the website and sent in a blanket email blast. The last couple years we have had our annual Halloween party at a bowling ally and previously at a condo clubhouse in Murray. This year will be a change of venue. It will be a Costume party so please wear your favorite and unique costume. Costumes are recommended but not required. Come as you are, if you wish, as that may be scary enough, but please come. We generally have a good turnout for this party. We will start cleaning up by 9:30 pm so we can be out of the clubhouse by 10:00.

If someone has some party games, please bring them. We will also have a pot luck dinner. Not sure of the main course, but we will talk about it at the September luncheon on Sept. 10, so come with some ideas to present to the group. We always have some creative side dishes and desserts at our party. Mark your calendar for one of the best parties of the year.!





# SUN VALLEY JAZZ FESTIVAL OCTOBER 20TH THRU 24TH, 2016

## SUBMITTED BY STEVE BECKSTEAD

Sun Valley Jazz Festival  
October 20-24, 2016  
Sun Valley, Idaho  
<http://www.sunvalleyjazz.com/>

Hey Utah Miata friends;

Come join us at the **Sun Valley Jazz festival in October**. We wanted to get this to you now, because the rooms for these things fill up early. The event is October 20-24th 2016, up in Sun Valley, Idaho. If you have never been to one of these it is the most musical fun ever, full of Dixieland, Zydeco, boogie woogie and the best guitarist I have ever personally heard. Ronda and I have been to a number of these around the West, and this one is packed with all the best groups we have ever seen.

We have booked rooms at the Best Western Tyrolean Hotel in Ketchum for 3 nights, October 20, 21, 22nd. It's about \$480 total, but nice place and near event with a shuttle. Also breakfast, of course. Rooms will go fast so suggest at least reserving. Change your mind later, you can cancel reservation. There are also other places to stay if you prefer or Best Western is full. Also passes for the whole event are \$145 each, but can be advance purchased until July 31st, so no hurry on that expense.

Being late October and in Idaho, the weather will determine whether this is a Miata top down event or a support vehicle type thing!

If you are interested in how this works with all these bands, ask us! At least 6 couples have signed up that I know of, so jump in with us and let's do music and fun,

**Lou Vredeveld and Steve Beckstead**



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### Blue Street Jazz Band

Sponsored by: Pat & Perry Cantwell, Tim Gee & Mary Kay Walker

The Blue Street Jazz Band is one of the most innovative groups in traditional jazz. The band earned the reputation as The Bad Boys of Dixieland for their eclectic tastes in music. At any performance the audience is liable to hear various styles of music including swing, Mardi Gras, folk, marches, waltzes, Latin music, and hymns.

Uniquely, Blue Street Jazz Band touts four music educators: Dave Ruffner, a retired high school band director, Rick Canfield, a junior high school band director, Forrest Helmick, an elementary music teacher, and Sherilyn Colby who has her doctorate in Jazz History. Expect jet propelled traditional jazz with eclectic interludes.



### Tom Rigney & Flambeau

Sponsored by: Don & Ellen Easterbrook, Carol & Len Harlig

Tom Rigney, a fiery, electrifying violinist / composer, joins forces with some of the finest musicians on the San Francisco roots music scene to form Tom Rigney & Flambeau, a band that generates enough heat and energy to ignite a dance floor or lift an audience to its feet.

Tom Rigney & Flambeau were voted Best Cajun / Zydeco Band of 2004 by the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame. Cajun and Zydeco two-step, low-down blues, funky New Orleans grooves, and heartbreaking beautiful ballads and waltzes.

## MATTSE

### (UTAH MIATA CLUB AT THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE) AUGUST 2017

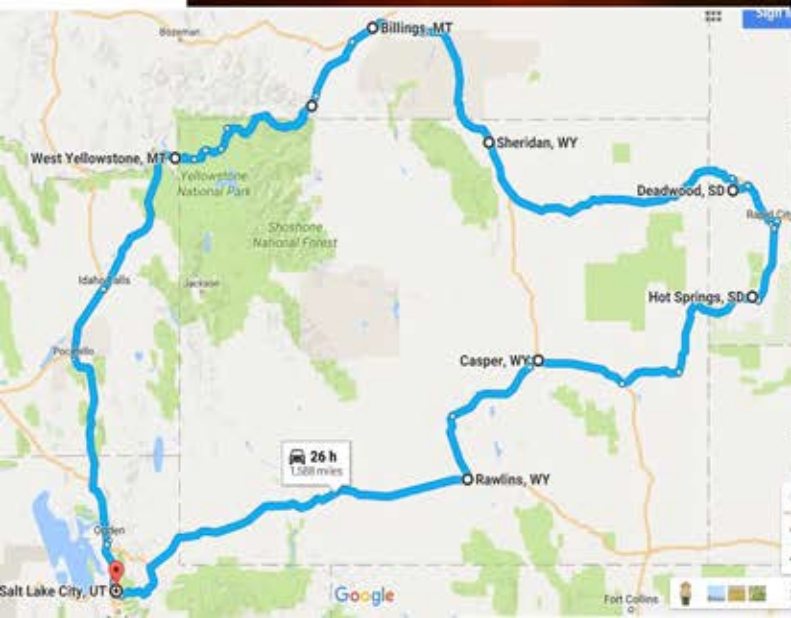
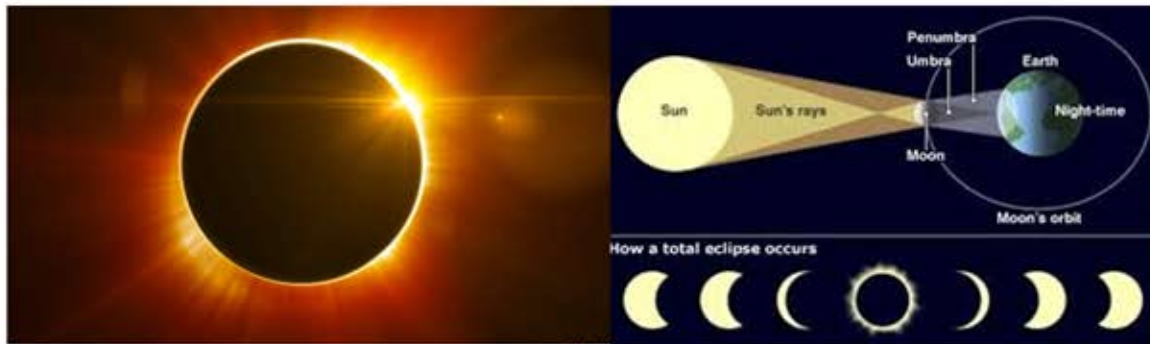
This is a once in a lifetime event and the Utah Miata Club will be enjoying it together. One of the best viewing spots for the eclipse will be Casper, Wyoming on August 21st, 2017 and we will be there. Along with the eclipse we will be spending the week enjoying roads and sites such as:

Mount Rushmore  
The Pinnacles and the Black Hills  
Deadwood, SD  
Devils Tower  
Little Big Horn Battlefield  
Beartooth Highway  
Yellowstone National Park

The List goes on and on, so don't miss it, travelling Sunday August 20th to Saturday August 26th, 2017.

We will be staying at the Hampton Inn in Rawlins Wyoming on August 20TH. Make reservations soon before all the rooms are gone. Booking through Expedia will allow you to cancel up to the day before if you can't make it. At around \$100 this is great rate for this night!!

Lou and Carol Vredeveld





## BY MIKE BAILEY



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



**Our ship is called the Viking Skirnir**





## MIATA OF THE MONTH/VANITY PLATE

### BY MIKE BAILEY

Miata of the Month and personalized Vanity Plate of the Month is **MZDASPD** which of course stands for MazdaSpeed. It is the new plate for **Ali and Shylo Bazzaz's 2004 Titanium Gray MazdaSpeed**. Most of you know that the MazdaSpeed only came out for two years; 2004 and 2005. Ali has rebuilt his engine and done a lot of other work to his Miata from suspension, engine, body and wheels and now the interior. It is just like new. He also has brand new leather seats just installed in it. Because of all the work he has put into his Miata it qualifies to be our Miata of the Month for September. Take a close look at his Miata next time you see him. He will point out all the things he has done. Ali is an excellent mechanic and has helped me with my MazdaSpeed on several occasions. Last year they won an award at a car show in Cottonwood Heights that we have attended for a couple years. He has become a good Miata friend and knows a lot about Miatas and what makes them work and run well. We are grateful to have Ali and Shylo in our club. They will also be sponsoring our Halloween party this year at their condo clubhouse.





## WELCOME BACK HOME; CHERYL BY MIKE BAILEY

Our old club member and friend, Cheryl Schaefer, is moving back to Utah. She went to culinary arts school here in Utah and graduated and has been working back on the east coast in New Hampshire, New Jersey and Florida, I believe. You will have to get the details on her journeys from her. We were happy to see her a few months back at one of the luncheons. She has been a Chef for several years now after graduating from the Culinary Institute. From what I hear she has put on over 100,000 miles on her Miata crossing the Mississippi River a half dozen times or more. I am sure she will have some stories to tell us.

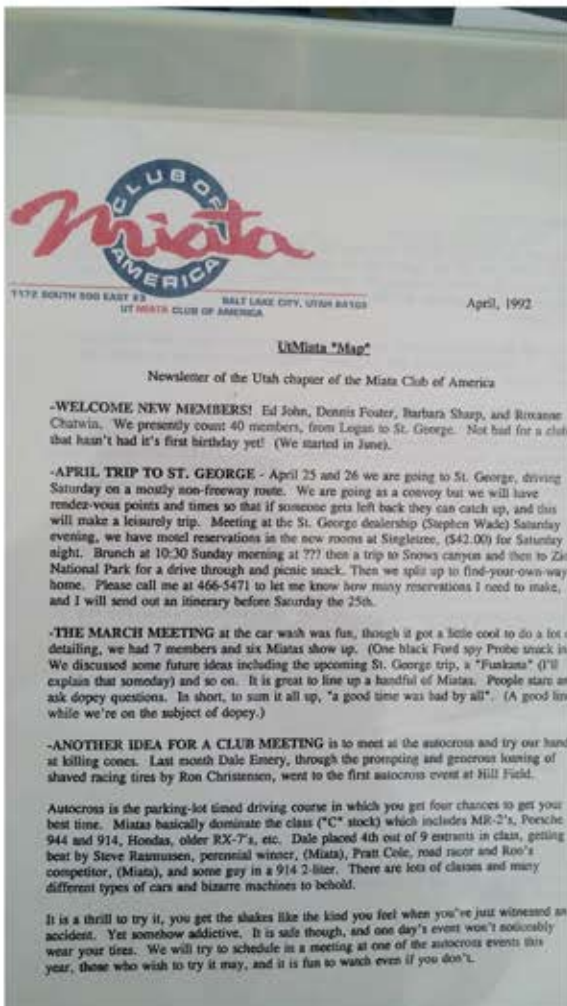
We will have to have her cook for us at one of our events. Welcome back to the Utah Miata Club. We have lots of new members for you to meet and get acquainted with.



# HISTORY OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB

## BY MIKE BAILEY

We have had a couple months without an article about the **History of the Utah Miata Club**. We celebrated our 25th Anniversary at Miatas in Deer Valley and honored our longest continuous standing members, Jim and Dorothy Bowers who live in Kona, Hawaii. We thank them for their continuous membership in the club for 25 years, although they cannot be with us on a regular basis. I have a photo of Dorothy taken in early 1992 in her white NA Miata. This month, I want to move out of the year 1991 and go into some changes that were made in the club in January of 1992. This information was printed in the **January 1992 UTMiATA Club Newsletter**, which I found a copy of in the old photo book from the first days of the club. A fond farewell was made that month to President David Brewer, who was President for 6 months. He ended up sacrificing his Miata for the pressing needs of having a practical vehicle to fit 3 kids into for his young family. David was complimented for getting the new club off to a great start. Dale Emery was voted in as the new President with Rich Dyer as Vice President. I have seen this same scenario throughout the almost 20 years that I have been a member with people with young children purchasing a new Miata, only to end up selling it as it was impractical for young marrieds with a family. I'm sure this will always be the case



Also mentioned in the early editions of the club newsletter in 1992 was about Ron Christensen who had four racecars on display at the New Car Show in the Salt Palace that members attended. Ron was an SCCA racer and purchased a new Blue SSC Miata and had a custom paint job on it by one of the club sponsors. He was going to compete end of January 1992 at the Phoenix International Raceway and invited members to come cheer him on. 1992 also was an era that the club wanted to appoint some new positions for help for jobs within the club. They maintained that the club would continue to have a "casual attitude" concerning the running of the club. They also did a "Tech Day" and selected a snow-covered parking lot to have a "mini driving seminar" on "skid turning and control" something they read about on sportscars in Autoweek Magazine. They also suggested that "if your Miata was not performing well in cold weather" then advise was to "switch your transmission fluid to "Red Line MTL" indicating that "in cold weather, this stuff will make your transmission shift smoother than a physicist on an atom smasher." There you go, a tip from 1992!

Automobile Magazine indicated that Mazda sold 35,944 Miatas in 1990 and 27,272 Miatas from January through September 1991 as reported in the newsletter. Also mentioned was an article in Jan. 1992 in Autoweek Magazine that "Miata meets a Ford V8 5.0 liter monster which they put this engine in a Miata which went 0-60 in 5 seconds and cost \$17,000 for the "deluxe package." The club skipped a meeting in February for a 'month off' on miata activities. In March, the newsletter mentioned the club meeting would be at the Missile Car Wash on the corner of 2100 South and 1300 East. Club meetings were held the last Thursday of the month in those days. They planned to detail their Miatas and rear



## HISTORY OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB

### BY MIKE BAILEY

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and asked everyone to bring their best cleaning supplies and share them. They had a special polish to clean and polish the plastic rear windows. They bought Kentucky Fried Chicken from KFC on the same corner and also allowed time to discuss new club duties, eat (of course) and get a volunteer to put together the club newsletter called the **UTMIATA "MAP"**, as it was know by.

In April of 1992 the club had 40 members living from Logan to St. George. They welcomed four new members that month. They planned a trip from Salt Lake to St. George for the end of the month and called it a "Convoy" with "rendez-vous points and times" in case anyone got left back so they could catch up with the group. They called it a "Funkana" but did not explain what that term meant but would explain it to members later. It was mentioned that it was a "leisurely trip" and not a race to get to St. George and that they would take mostly back roads. See, some things have not changed with the club. It is also interesting that in each newsletter they ended it with a "Tidbits" section with tips for your Miata from various national auto magazines. Funny thing, I once had a monthly feature of a "TidBit" article in my old newsletters years ago, however I talked about many miata related things in that article.

The Utah Club, along with other Miata clubs across the country always promoted the national "Miata Magazine" and promoted local members to subscribe to it and also belong be a member of the "National Miata Club of America". This was when the National Club and Magazine were operating out of Lilburn and Roswell, Georgia. I hope to continue these stories for the next couple months in presenting our history, at least through this 25th Anniversary year. If anyone has not yet received their 25th Anniversary Club Pin and Window Decal, please see me to get one, usually available at the monthly club luncheon.



## *Member Spotlight by: Carol Lynn Vredevelde*

*At our picnic this year we had several new couples and individuals in attendance. One of these couples was Frank and Vickie Houser. We enjoyed visiting with them and took the opportunity to ask them to be our featured spotlight couple in this month's newsletter.*

*When they purchased their Miata earlier this year from our good friends at Bountiful Mazda, their salesman "steered" them in our direction (no pun intended) and we're certainly glad they did! It's*



*always great to have the enthusiasm and excitement that our new members bring to the club. Frank will fill us in on how and why they decided to become Miata owners in the following article:*

Our Miata is a Copper Red 2008 Touring soft top. It has a 6 speed manual transmission, limited slip differential, and suspension package.

Although we are Mazda enthusiasts, the '08 is our first Miata. We've owned three Mazdas prior to this Miata ('94 & '98 626 and a '05 Mazda 6). Every time we went into the dealership to get our next Mazda, we always looked at the Miata's. I became fascinated with them....so I did some research on Miata's and found several sources saying it is the best "sports car" for the money. Ever since then I've wanted one.

We have been members of the club since March of this year when we purchased our Miata. The first year dues were paid by Bountiful Mazda.

I found out about the Utah Miata Club several years ago while searching for a Miata. I almost bought a yellow '02 at Bountiful Mazda that was on consignment by the then president of the Miata Club, but the timing wasn't right.



I grew up in northeast Ohio, on the east side of Cleveland in Euclid, right on Lake Erie. I attended Euclid Senior High School and graduated in 1970 with a class of 950 students. I then attended The Ohio State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1975.

My wife, Vickie, was a military brat (her father was a Lt. Commander in the Navy). She was born in Orange County CA, then moved to New Jersey. When she was five, her father retired and they moved back to her mother's home state of Utah. She attended Brighton High School here in Salt Lake and took some college classes at the University of Utah.

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## *Member Spotlight by: Carol Lynn Vredevelde*

I am a retired Sales Manager having worked in oil & gas equipment for 23 years (for Cooper Energy Services) and commercial food service equipment for 12 years (for Blendtec Blenders in Orem). Vickie is also retired, but is working part-time for Intermountain Health Care.

Vickie and I met here in Utah at a dance club in 1982. We have been married for almost 34 years.

We have two children and a “grand” dog. Our daughter, Whitney, is a Clinical Oncology Nurse at Huntsman Cancer Center and a son, Philip, who recently graduated from UVU in Digital Cinema. He and his wife live in Provo.

I enjoy restoring things. I am a DYI guy. Vickie is very creative and enjoys wood crafting and quilt making.

We both enjoy traveling (cruises are the best), going to the theater and concerts, working in the yard, bike riding, hiking, and outdoor grilling / smoking. And our newest, road trips in the Miata!

For my birthday a few years back, my wife had a Miata cake made. Two years ago, she talked a salesperson at Bountiful Mazda in to letting her “borrow” a red '07 for the weekend to celebrate my birthday, that's when I really got hooked.

We also own an unrestored 1963 Chrysler 300 Pacesetter convertible. It is one of 1608 replicas of the 1963 Indy Pace Car.

*It sounds like Vickie is a pretty good saleswoman herself to get an '07 from B Mazda for the weekend as a birthday surprise for Frank. Also, Frank must really enjoy DYI projects if he is willing to take on the unrestored Chrysler. That should keep him pretty busy in-between Miata drives!*

*We are very happy to welcome you both to the club! One of the best ways to enjoy your Miata is to join us on the many beautiful drives that our club officers and members put together. They always include fun, curvy roads usually off the beaten path, and lots of beautiful scenery. We are looking forward to seeing lots more of you in the future.*



## NEW ND SHIRTS BY MIKE BAILEY

I have a new Miata image that I have designed for a new Miata shirt. **The image is the silhouette of the new ND, or 4th Generation MX-5 Miata.** Shirts like this have been popular with the California Miata crowd and others who have purchased the new ND. The image will be screen-printed on the front (or back) of a T-Shirt. The cost is \$15.00 each and will go on any white or light colored Tee Shirt that you prefer. I will be making up a few proto-types of this for the September meeting. Sweat Shirts are also an option if you would like one.

**Embroidered Shirts:** We are also doing some Polo shirts with this similar image embroidered small on the left front chest area like we usually do on Polos. This can be put on most any type of polo and we can change color of the thread used. It will normally be dark red and black on the logo image. The Polo shirts will be around \$25. - \$30.00. Men's or Ladies sizing is available. I already have orders for several of them and they will be nice shirts whether you own an ND or other year Miata. We will also do up some ball caps with the image on it as well at regular cap price of \$15., unless it is a Military Hat, which is \$20.

This image can also be embroidered on Club Jackets or the Denim Shirts or Jackets as well. If you would like to order one, see Mike Bailey, the MiataWear Man and let me know. Call or email me or sign up on the list that will be going around at club luncheons and meetings.



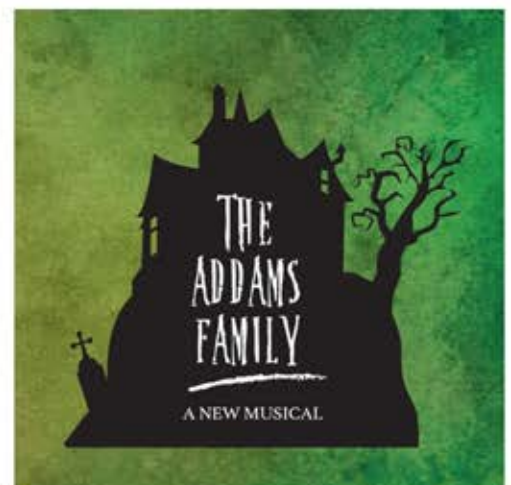
## UTAH MIATA CLUB THEATRE PLAY

Hey Utah Miataites,

The CenterPoint Theatre in Centerville (of Hank Pond "The Miracle Worker" fame) is presenting the new musical "The Addams Family" in October. October 15th Matinee at 2:30 PM. Tickets range from \$19.50 to \$24.50. For Tickets and Information:

<http://www.centerpointtheatre.org/> Everyone can order their own tickets. Possible lunch/dinner to be determined. Get your tickets soon as they are selling out quickly. Some have tickets on Row G.

"Creepy, kooky, mysterious, spooky. While those words can be used to describe many family trees, this is the original in-law horror story! Two families must learn to accept each other in this riotous musical based on that iconic TV family of the 1950s."



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WICKED PLAY IN VEGAS, WOLF CREEK PASS, HOOVER DAM TRIP, BURR TRAIL DRIVE OFF HWY. 12, LUNCHEON, ALASKAN CRUISE, GSWA, ANTELOPE ISLAND DRIVE



## SEPTEMBER RECIPE

BY ANA PORTER

### German Pancake

**Beat 4 eggs well**

**Add; 1 tbsp. sugar**

**1/2 tsp salt**

**2/3 cup flour**

**2/3 cup milk**

**2 tbsp. butter melted**

**Pour in buttered cake pan.**

**Bake 20 minutes at 400 d.**

**and 10 minute more at 350 d.**

**Serve.**



### French Pancakes

**4 eggs, beaten**

**Add; 1cup milk Beat**

**Add 1 cup flour Beat**

**1/2 tsp salt**

**1 tsp sugar**

**Heat a 10 inch iron skillet.**

**Grease it with a few drop of oil or butter.**

**Add about 1 ladle of batter for each pancake.**

**Makes about 6 each pancakes.**

**Serve.**

