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AUGUST 2016

THE CONVERTABLE CHRONICLES OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB

FROM THE TOP DOWN

SUBMITTED BY MIKE BAILEY



It is August, the month of Balmy evenings and when summer is half over. We have had a wonderful Summer so far with our Miatas at Deer Valley event where we got to visit with lots of great Miata people from across the USA and Canada and show them what Northern Utah is all about. I am still getting emails and phone calls from attendees about how much fun they had here in Utah. I got a copy of the Indy Miata Club Newsletter from Gary Collings that had an article about our Deer Valley event from the trip that he and Kathy made out here for our event, putting on 4,300 miles on their 2007 Copper Red Miata. Members Al Brown and Cyndee Boyvey who met Collings in Illinois and came out to Utah with them put 6,500 + miles on their "Roo Bee" Red Miata. Way to go Al and Cyndee. It was also fun to see them since we have not hooked up with Al and Cyn since last October at Surf-N-Safari in California. We had lots of folks travel many miles to get to Utah and celebrate with us. We want them to know how much we appreciate all those who came from a long distance to be with us. Our club has voted to take a couple years off on planning another major event.



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We have normally done a major Miata's in Utah event for the last 13 years, since 2003. This has been every two years since then (except we skipped a year in 2009 because of Mazda's 20th year anniversary for the Miata event in Texas which we did not want to compete with). I am sure this will disappoint several people from other clubs who were hoping we would do another event in 2018 either in Moab or again here up north. We wouldn't commit to anything like this at Deer Valley. Mark Vaughn had discussed with me on handling and planning the next major event we do possibly after 2018, which I am fine with him wanting to step up to the plate to do this. We have plenty of time to decide when we want to do this. On another note, we still have the Viking River Cruise to Europe a year from now and still have to work out some details with our travel sponsor on this, so I am sure we will have our hands full for awhile.

Last month we did our Pike's Peak trip for a week in the beautiful mountains of Colorado. The main photo with us in our Yellow Miata shirts was taken at one of our first stops at Dinosaur National Monument in Jensen, just outside of Vernal, Utah on the first day of our trip. We decided to all wear a different color Miata shirt for each day of the trip. We did get a lot of stares and looks at places we went to as we were dressed alike from the waist up. This was an exceptional trip planned and executed by Mark and Susan Vaughn. Best of all is that I did not have to plan or lead a drive and Lynn and I just followed along putting on the 1550 miles on our Blazing Yellow, which performed very well in the high Colorado mountains. On another note, I did not rip or tear off any auto parts on my car on this trip like I usually do by hitting dips or low places in the road. This trip was so much fun and I went on roads that I have not traveled on before in this great state so it was real fun to go to new places and see new scenery. More to follow in my article on this trip with photos to show you how much fun we had.

For August we are slowing down a little as a club with a little less busy schedule. For some of us it is time to catch up on summer things around the house and for me to get my garage in order and clean up my Miata's from the busy Summer activities. I'm looking forward Gordy's ShunPike Drive on August 13th thru Goshen Canyon and down to Nephi and then on to the Mt. Nebo Loop. This is always a great annual drive that the club does so it will be lots of fun. It is also time to plan some good September and October drives to wind down the summer and then it will be off to Idaho for the Jazz Festival in Sun Valley which Steve and Lou are in charge of. Our club is continuing to get new members to add to the personality of the club. We have introduced several new people the past several months. We want to Welcome out all new members to our luncheons, drives and activities. Please feel free to suggest things you would like to do and places you would like to go as this is "your" club and we always love to do new and different things. Be sure to keep the revs up and "miata grins" on your faces. 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, 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

LARRY & ORESSA DECKERT
RAY MANNING 5/31/16

AMY BECKSTEAD
ROBERT & GALE KLINSHAW 6/30/16
KENT & SANDY PETERSON

JOY CARLSON, MIKE & LYNN BAILEY, ALEN BERRYMAN,
DONN & JANET CICHOCKI, MARK & CHARISSE FURGU-
SON, KEVIN & BONNIE FOARD, CRAIG & CANDY HEN-
DRIX, DON HILL, BRODY PETERSON, STEVE & MARGA-
RET SPURLOCK, ROBERT SMITH, KIRK WARNER, GARY
WILC 7/31/16

EXPIRING 8/31/2016

STEVE & RONDA BECKSTEAD
DALIN & KAREN CHRISTIANSEN
THOMAS & LAUREL DRYSDALE
RICHARD & JUDY DYSON
JUDITH HATCH
KAY HATCH
PAUL & ANNIE KLOER
STEVE TOBIASSON
LOU & CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD

TO BE REMOVED FROM ROSTER : CYNDEE BOYVEE, AL BROWN

NEW MEMBERS

JOHN CARPENTER - WHITE MIATA
ROBERT CUNLIFFE
KELVIN & MARY MCKNIGHT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

RYAN SPRINGER 6TH
KATHY COLLINGS 12TH
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD 24TH
STEVE NIELSEN 26TH



DALIN CHRISTIANSEN 8TH
STEVE SPURLOCK 21ST
BEN COHEN 25TH
AMY BECKSTEAD 27TH



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

2016 Calendar of Events

(Submitted and updated by Steve Beckstead)

- ~~April 23rd~~: ~~Park City Recon for Deer Valley event planning~~
- ~~May 14th~~: **Monthly lunch** at ~~Players Grill East Canyon Drive (Steve)~~
- ~~May 20th~~: ~~Bedrock Gateway scenic loop weekend (Steve)~~
- ~~June 4th~~: **Monthly lunch** at ~~Red Robin and Diamond Fork Drive (Steve)~~
- ~~June 22nd–26th~~: ~~Miatas in Deer Valley Event~~
- ~~July 9th~~: ~~Annual Summer picnic in Morgan (Mike, Jim)~~
- ~~July 17th to 23rd~~: ~~To Pike's Peak and back (Mark Vaughn)~~
- August 13th: **Monthly lunch** at Mickleson's (Nephi) Nebo Loop Shunpike
- Sept 10th: **Monthly lunch** and meeting **Location TBD** Doyle and Val
- October 1st: **Monthly lunch** **Location TBD** maybe Bear Lake
- October 20th to 22th: Sun Valley jazz Festival (Lou, Steve)
- October 29th: Halloween Party (Tentative, **Location TBD**)
- November 5th: **Monthly lunch** meeting **possible Lava Overnighter** (Lori)
- December 10th: Annual Christmas Celebration (Mike and Lynn)

AUGUST 2016 LUNCHEON

BY MIKE BAILEY

August 2016 Luncheon and Drive

When: Saturday, August 13, 2016

Meet at: Walgreen's: 12600 So. Redwood Road

Time: 9:00 a.m. Parking Lot

Note to club members that the August Luncheon and Drive date has been changed to Saturday, August 13, 2016 instead of August 6th. This will be our annual Shun-Pike Drive as we will head South, on west side of Utah Lake on Hwy. 68. This drive will be directed and led by Gordy Nicholl. Also the Restaurant has changed from what was previously mentioned as we could not get reservations at Lisa's for our group. We will do our drive first and then have lunch at our destination of **Mickelson's Family Restaurant located on 2100 South Main Street in Nephi, Utah for our monthly lunch and meeting.**

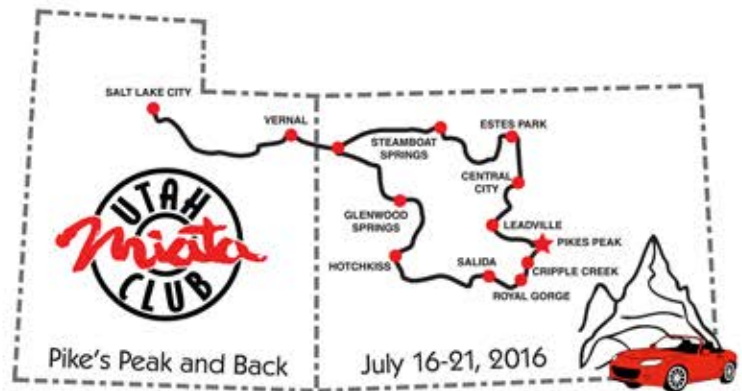
We will meet in the parking lot of Walgreen's on 12600 South Redwood Road at 9:00 AM. After a short driver's meeting we will head out along Redwood road south to Saratoga Springs. We will probably make a short stop at the Chevron Gas Station where we normally stop, but will discuss this at the driver's meeting if we intend to do this. Be sure to gas up before leaving home for Walgreen's. Our Shun-Pike drive will take us down into Goshen and then south on Main street through the Goshen Canyon to Nephi. We will go directly to Mickelson's for lunch. After our meeting and lunch we will head over to the Mt. Nebo Loop Road and travel north to Payson and come out of Payson Canyon where the drive will end. We will then head north via I-15 freeway towards home or those that would like to travel another way home are welcome to do that. Hope to see you all there.

ZOOM - ZOOM Mike





PIKE'S PEAK TRIP REPORT



Pike's Peak and Back was the name of this trip planned by Mark and Susan Vaughn. We want to thank them for working out all the details for this trip including the motels, maps, mileage, and route. It was truly one of the very best trips I have been on. It was almost a full week traveling to all parts of northern and central Colorado. We did a loop around this section of the state from Steamboat Springs to Estes Park, Central City down to Leadville and to Pike's Peak, our basic destination half the week in. We went to Leadville and to a Mining Museum and ate lunch in town at a place called Tennessee Pass Cafe, and waiting for a long time to get fed and not being able to sit together, but we always manage to have a good time together no matter what we have to do. After climbing Pike's Peak (in our Miatas) at an elevation of 12,115 feet we headed down the mountain to a very old mining town called Cripple Creek for the night. We then went to the Royal Gorge to see the massive suspension bridge across the gorge. From there we headed to Salida, Hotchkiss and our last night in Glenwood Springs before heading back home. Susan put together one of her great books detailing each day's drives, mileage, maps, activities and destination. It was in Journal form so we could keep track of everything each day and jot down our own personal experiences. Susan is an expert in doing this and this is one reason why their trips are so much fun!

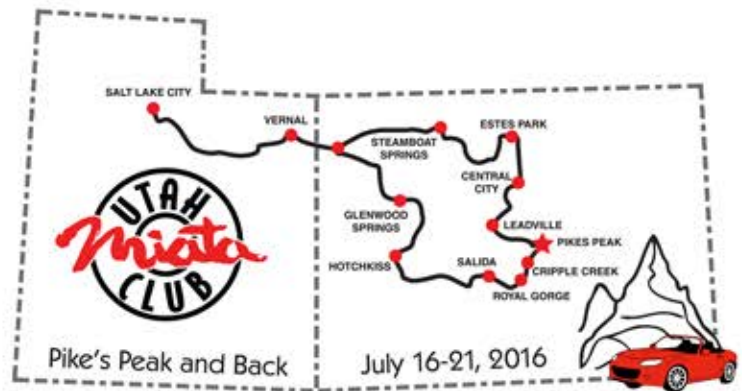


Day one we headed to Vernal and met Nicholl's and Mechling's for lunch there who left a day early to catch the museums. After lunch we headed to Dinosaur National Park in Jensen just past Vernal and went to the Quarry. This was lots of fun as I hadn't been there in many years. We did several group photos each day as we wore a different color Miata shirt each day. Our first night was a long drive to Steamboat Springs and we settled in for the night. Next day we took a beautiful drive through northern Colorado through all the twisty mountain roads. The next several days were like this as we passed through many of Colorado's old mining towns. The old towns fascinated me and I could envision all the history that took place in these towns many years ago.

We came up with a logo for the event of an image of Pike's Peak with a red Miata and the Utah Club logo. We all had the logo on car magnetics as well. Mark wanted White shirts so I made them up and we wore them the day we headed up Pike's Peak. The ranger girl at the entry booth looked at the logo on my Miata car Magnet and on my shirt and was very impressed with it.



PIKE'S PEAK TRIP REPORT



She said "You made a logo for your club with us on it" and I told her, as I paid my entry fee, that we were from Utah and this was our destination. She told us to have a wonderful time, which we did. It was a great and nice sunny day on our ride up the mountain. It was a little nerve-wracking to me going up the steep roads with a steep hill off the edge some 10,000 plus feet down. I am usually not afraid of heights but this day I was, as I hugged the yellow line on the inside of the road on the way up. It was real windy on top of the mountain. My stomach turned again as I looked off the observation deck on top. I took a photo of Gordy by the edge of the mountain next to the rail car express train on top. He looked like he was on 'top of the world'. The highway is a 19 mile "road to the clouds" as they describe it in their brochure as Colorado's most famous peak. That was truly an awesome day for me.

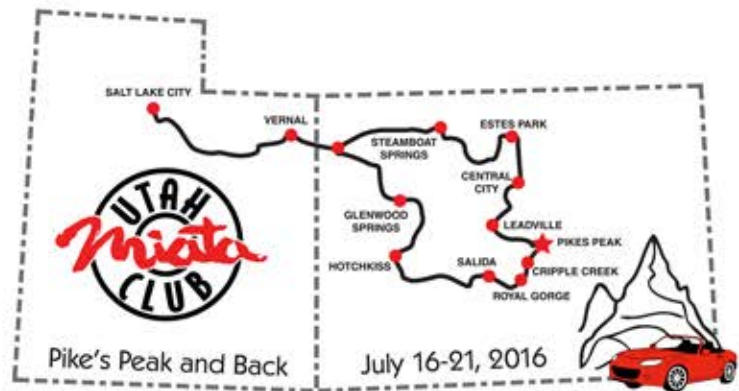
After Pike's Peak we traveled south for awhile to a town called Cripple Creek and stayed for a couple night in Casinos. This gave the gamblers in our group some time to play the machines or cards or roulette. Jim made out pretty good at one of them which paid for his room and meals. These were very old hotels that had remodeled rooms that were quite nice and comfortable. After Cripple Creek and a stop to the Royal Gorge we started to head west to Salida. Both Becksteads and us did not get our reserved rooms there as they tried to confirm our reservations while we were on the road that day and could not reach us because of poor cell service. They sold our reserved rooms to firefighters who were in town to fight wild fires. We were not too happy about that as the whole town was 'sold out' for the night on every room and nearest place was about 50 miles away. Doyle and Val let us share their room with them and Lou and Carol Lynn put up the Becksteads so it worked out in the end and we had a place to stay the night. After a great Mexican restaurant dinner we came back to the rooms and quickly fell asleep. We thank our wonderful friends for putting us up with them. The thing



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PIKE'S PEAK TRIP REPORT



about our group is that we all love each other so much that we take care of each other. This is what makes this club so great.

We saw so many wonderful views from the Elk on the mountain tops to beautiful sunsets each night. We also saw unique cloud formations with the sun shining through them. Old towns built in the early 1800's with their unique mining flair. The country side was green and luscious with lots of lakes. We visited Grand Lake, the largest natural lake in Colorado formed by a glacier 30,000 years ago with an average depth of 265 feet. The Indians called this lake "Spirit Lake". We ate lunch at a quaint town on the lake with a wooden boardwalk and Lynn and I had a real nice time eating freshly made bakery items while gazing at the lake. I remember Hank Pond holding an ice cream cone waiting for Rex-anne to come claim her cone before it melt. This was a fun day. On our last day we made our way to Glenwood Springs for our last night on the road before coming home to our own beds. We drove through the Black Canyon area, which was on the opposite end that we visited when we were on our Great South West Adventure many moons before. It was fantastic beautiful scenery on the entire trip. Thanks again to the Vaughn's for a great planned trip.



VIKING RIVER CRUISE AUGUST 2016 UPDATE

BY MIKE BAILEY



VIKING RIVER CRUISE



Countdown for one year has begun: 11 Months to go!

Our Sailing Departure Date is July 10, 2017

For all Cruise Details go to Morris Murdock Web Site Page:

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

Check out Photos of the NEW Viking Longboat Ship: VIKING SKIRNIR.

The amenities are fabulous! Our Sailing Departure Date is July 10, 2017



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!". Also keep tuned in on our Viking River Cruise Facebook Page about our cruise. All cabin types still available so [Book Now for Best Selection](#).

Over 1,560 Hits on Miata.net Forum

Join us for a 15 Day Grand European River Tour: Sailing Date is July 10-24, 2017

Our ship is called the Viking Skirnir



MIATA OF THE MONTH BY MIKE BAILEY

Miata of the month belongs to Kent and Sandi Peterson from South Jordan, Utah. They have been members for just over one year. They own a Silver 2004 Miata MX-5 with 43,600 miles. This is a very unique Miata as it has blue leather interior and a blue canvas top so it is a Limited Edition Miata. It is in excellent condition. Kent is a very tall person and it is hard for him to get in and out of his Miata due to some health issues so he is wanting to sell his precious Miata. He is offering this beautiful Miata for sale for \$10,000. OBO. This would make someone a great little car and we hope to keep it in the club.

It has approximately 9 months left on an Extended Warranty. Enkei Wheels, new tires, new rear struts, a Magno Flo muffler and a recently flushed radiator with new hoses and antifreeze. He has a Car Fax on it and it has no dings or accidents. If you are interested please call Kent at 801-9491199 and you can see it in South Jordan or he can meet with you somewhere in the valley. An ad will also be on the website.



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.

CANDID CAMERA: CANDID SHOTS TAKEN ON THE UMC PIKE'S PEAK AND BACK TRIP BY MIKE BAILEY



AUGUST RECIPE

BY ANA PORTER

Chinese Casserole

1 lb. hamburger
2 med onions chopped
1 cup chop celery
1 can mushroom soup
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup rice
1 can Chinese noodles
1 1/3 cup water
salt and pepper to taste



Brown hamburger, chopped onions and celery in skillet.
Add soups and soy sauce, salt, pepper and rice.
Bring to boil. Pour into a covered baking dish and bake
1 hour at 350 .
The last minutes cover with Chinese noodles and
leave uncovered.

Texas Hash

Brown together;
1 can cream chicken soup
1 can cream mushroom soup
1 can boned chicken
1 can La Choy noodles
1 can La Choy vegetables drained
1 cup milk

Mix all the ing. together.
Put into a large buttered casserole.
Bake 1 1/2 hours at 350.

