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Enough about you, Let's talk about ME

Submitted by Steve Beckstead

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Well, summer is really at the door, and we have all probably had a drive or two sans roof in our Miatas. It's always funny to me that I am never at a loss for words UNTIL I start writing a Top Down article for the newsletter.

So I thought I might bore everyone with the story of how I ended up here in this Miata Club. If you've heard it before just skip to the end. It's possible that after I've had a margarita or two you have already fallen asleep listening to this.

It was a dark and stormy night. No wait, that's Snoopy. It was the yearly Motor Trend car show of '07 at the South Towne mall. I was with Ronda and Tyler as always and was actually kind of mad that Acura had discontinued the RSX (remember that one). Good thing or this story would not have happened. Tyler came scampering up to me (yes, he sometimes scampers) and exclaimed "Dad I have found your next car"!! As he is prone to exuberance I skeptically followed him over to a new Copper Red power

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From the Top Down (continued from page 1)

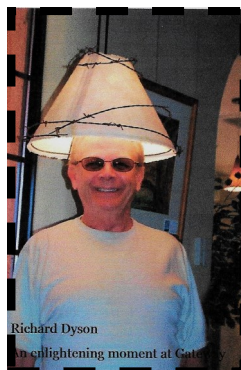
hardtop 2008 MX-5. First, I said "Damn I really like that color". The picture from that day that I took is with this article. I don't know why it looks orange under those lights. Then he had me observe the top disappearing behind the seat like magic. I have to say I was very impressed.

I really liked my 2000 Toyota Celica GT and was not quite in the market for a new car yet as I usually keep them 9-10 years. Well, I used to at that time anyway. On one of Tyler's visits to our house a short time later he said "We should go drive one of those Miatas at Bountiful Motors". A little reluctantly I agreed and we headed out, leaving Ronda home as it is only a 2 seater and there was not much chance we would actually buy it. They did not have a power hardtop in stock yet, so we took a soft top for a spin. Tyler wanted to drive 1st and I don't know how happy Scotty Medine would have been with the test drive he took me on. We both loved the car and I called Ronda and said "If you don't want me to get this convertible you better say so now or I'm ordering one for August" (5 months away). I was a little surprised she said if I wanted it to get it. Actually, she said it was "fine" and I think all the husbands out there know how dangerous this can be.

When I took delivery in August of 2007 my free Utah Miata Club membership was given to me even though I said that it was not necessary as there was not much chance it would be used.

A week later I got a call from this cheerful guy named Mike Bailey who invited me to a drive in movie (yes, you heard right) at the Redwood drive-in with friends. I told Ronda who, with a roll of her eyes, immediately declined. But guess who was there at the time? Yep, Tyler once again said, "Hey I'll go with you if I can drive the car". So we did go and that was my 1st introduction to what are now wonderful friends. So, as Paul Harvey would say "Now you know the rest..... of the story".

Finally, I have started a little fun thing that I'll send monthly to the newsletter of a picture from a trip of the past. Too bad I don't have thousands of these like Mike Bailey does, but this way he will have to guess where it was also. Cheers and Zoom on.



Steve's Secret Snapshot 1

Hey Miata drivers. Let's see who might identify when and where this blast from the past was taken.

UMC Luncheon, Meeting and Drive for May:

When: Saturday, May 2, 2015

Where: Café Galleria Restaurant, Midway, Utah



Salt Lake members wishing to drive up together will meet at the Fashion Place Mall south parking lot where we usually meet at 10:30 a.m. (east of Chuck-A-Rama). We'll take I-215 up Parley's Canyon, and take the Midway Exit at the light just before Heber City. We will drive up through Midway past Zermatt and The Homestead and down to the restaurant. If we are running late we can go south at the roundabout. Café Galleria is located at 101 Main Street in Midway.

Phone: 435-657-2002. This Restaurant won honors for "Best of State" in 2013 and 2014.

*Wood fired Italian Pizza *Salads *Italian Food *Breakfast/Lunch *Gourmet Coffee Shop
*Wood-fired Bagels *Desserts/Gelato *Old Fashioned Ice Cream

Seating will be outside for our group. We can order breakfast or lunch until 1:00 pm. Excellent breakfast and their Wood Fired Pizza and Lasagna for lunch is fabulous. Lynn and I ate there last week. After our meeting we will drive down to Heber City and take Highway 32 (right) to Francis, then straight east to Highway 35 over Wolf Creek Pass to Hanna. Just past Tabiona we can take a left onto Highway 208 to Highway 40 which is 10 miles. On Hwy. 40 turn right and go past Daniels Summit, to Heber City and back home. Any drivers who wish to continue the drive can go to on Highway 35 to Duchesne or even further to Vernal. The road will be clear and free of snow.



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

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Dave Brewer
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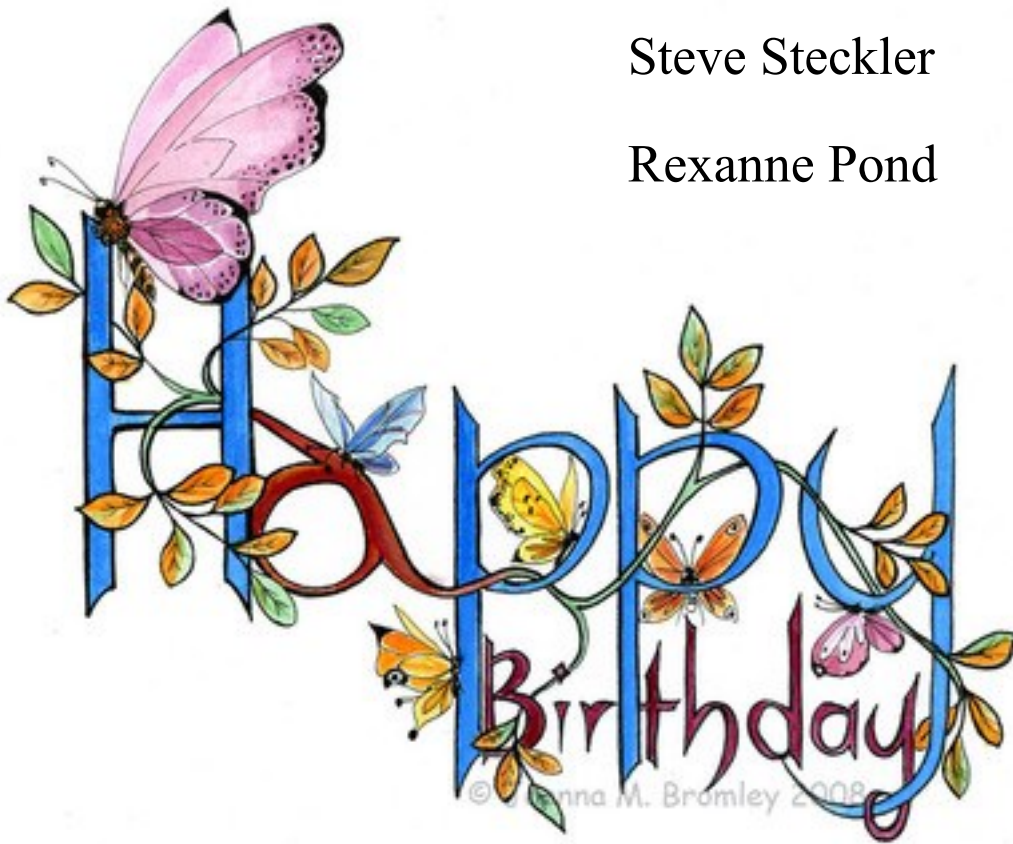
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Charles & Kristy Engar	3/31/2015
Jeff & Deb Moon	4/30/2015
Annette Nielsen	3/31/2015
Dave & Ana Porter	4/30/2015
Sam & Rienie Vigil	2/28/2015



To Be Removed after May Club Meeting
Mike Anderson
Stanley Inlay
Irma & Glen Richardson
Jim & Pat Vaughn

New Members	Year	Color
Ernest & Nancy Bentley	1999	Midnight Blue
Al Brown	1995	Montego Blue
Cyndee Boyvey	2008	True Red

Eric Acher	1st
Todd Christopher	5th
Sam Vigil	5th
Ronda Beckstead	6th
Jim Bowers	9th
Larry Deckert	9th
Judy Dyson	10th
Steve Steckler	17th
Rexanne Pond	28th



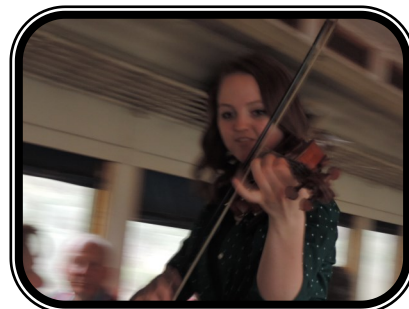
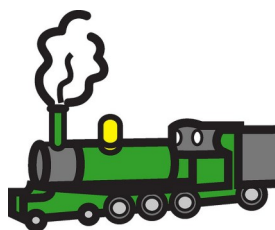
HEBER CREEPER CHEESE TRAINRIDE

BY MIKE BAILEY

Nineteen Utah Club Members met Friday night, April 24 for dinner and an *exciting** train ride in Heber City on the famous Heber Creeper. It was a novelty train ride event that went up along the west side of Deer Creek Reservoir. * When I mean exciting, I think the most exciting thing was that we were with our friends, laughing and having fun, as the train ride was not all that 'over the edge' experience, but it was fun just the same.



We started off with dinner at Dickies BBQ in Heber City and it was a great meal and also fun. When we got to the train station it started to rain a little but soon we settled into our cramped and tight seats aboard the train. Most of the seats in our train car were facing seats with about 6" of legroom. Although cramped, it was a fun but slow ride up the canyon. Now I know why it is called the "Heber Creeper" as it just creeps along. A ticket girl punched our tickets just like they used to do on trains in days gone past. We had some cheese and crackers and an apple slice and bottled water and they brought out more cheese, but several of our group didn't eat it all. Maybe it was because of the huge meal we had at Dickies. Their was a cute girl who played the violin and she was pretty good at in and also asked for requests from us. We had a good time and it was a fun night out. Thanks goes out to Susan for organizing this and purchasing all the tickets. She didn't have much time to organize and plan in advance as the tickets sold out very fast and Susan was limited to amount of tickets she could get. It was mentioned at April luncheon and whoever wanted to go had to buy the tickets right there. Thanks again, Susan, for being such a great "Social Director" of club events. We may have to crown you with that title as you do a great job of planning and executing impromptu events.



Revised Logo on Club Magnets by Mike Bailey

We have improved on the logo design of the Miata on our **Mountains Logo for our Club Magnets**. The previous image was a poor resolution copy of the Miata and turned out a little 'fuzzy' when printed. We also had versions of the second generation Miata that were not the best of art work. A few years back when the third generation Miata came out, we improved the illustration image by using a grey car and colorizing it when printed on the magnets. That image was still not the best. It has taken 17 years to perfect this logo. Now we have gone a step further and re-drawn the logo thanks to my daughter, Crystal, who is a graphics designer. The new logo design is very crisp and clear as you will see on the new illustration. We can also change the color (same as previously) on the Miata to represent the color of your Miata. **We will use this design in the future for Club Magnets with the Mountains design.** The cost of the Club Magnets, whether the **Official logo or Mountains logo is still \$25.00 per pair**. If you need a set to put on your car for drives and events please contact me.




Club Summer Picnic by Mike Bailey

Mark your calendars for the annual Utah Miata Club Annual Picnic. The picnic and drive will be led by Lynn and myself on **Saturday, July 11, 2015**. (originally the date was incorrect on last page of the newsletter in previous months). The picnic will be hosted by Moon Dogs of Layton, where we had our February luncheon. If you were there you will remember that the BBQ food was excellent and they did a wonderful job of feeding and serving us. We will look forward to the same great food and service as Moon Dogs will be catering our luncheon.



We will take a drive up through Northern Utah in the Ogden / Huntsville area and around Trapper's Loop and meet at Huntsville Park for lunch. The details are still being worked out on the menu items and what will be included in the lunch. We are also working out details on departure time for the drive and our meeting place, but it will likely be at the University Park Hotel parking lot on Wakara Way up by the University of Utah. We will probably head up Emigration Canyon and then follow East Canyon up to Morgan and then over Trapper's Loop at Mountain Green on our way to Huntsville. We will keep everyone in the loop on this once we have the details worked out. Be sure to put this on your calendar for a fun day of Miata driving and associations with your Miata friends.

If anyone wants to help us plan some games we can play at the park or other activity please let Lynn or myself know as we could use your help on this.



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YMCA

Your Miata Club Adventure (Y.M.C.A.) for 2015 is in the works. Mark and Susan Vaughn are planning the Miata Canadian Adventure scheduled for July 18-26, 2015. The trip is scheduled to take two days traveling to Canada, four days in Canada and then four days back to Salt Lake. Total estimated miles to be driven is 2,276.

Requirements for this trip:

1. A Miata
2. A need to Zoom
3. A current passport

The first night will be spent in Salmon, Idaho. The second night will be in Cranbrook, BC and then on to Banff, AB. From Banff we will go to Revelstoke, BC, down the Columbia River and will take a ferry across the river to Castlegar. The trip will take us back to Coeur d'Alene, McCall, and Ketchum, Idaho. Plan to be home on Sunday, July 26th.

The Canadian dollar is down so the exchange rate will be in our favor.

So far, eight couples have voiced an interest in the trip. Everyone is welcome so start making plans for Y.M.C.A. Please contact the Vaughns if you want to put some miles on your Miata and see some beautiful sites.

Hotel accommodations are in the works and will be published as available early next week.



Member Spotlight by: Carol Lynn Vredevelde

This month our "Spotlight" article is on *Doug Kluender*, one of our newer members to the club. It's so fun to learn more about the members in our Utah Miata Club. It always amazes me to see the folks from all different walks of life that come together because of these fun, sporty little cars! Who would have ever thought you could meet some of the most important people in your life in a car club...but it happens all the time in ours!

I noticed a new face at our last meeting and lucky for me, he was a good sport and when I asked him to be the focus of our May Spotlight article, he agreed. Although I had not met him personally before he said he has been a member for about a year now.

Doug purchased his first 2001 Miata MX5 (British Racing Green) in October 2013. He had decided he wanted a Miata after reading an article in the Wall Street Journal that said they were a fun and affordable sports car and you could pick one up for about \$10,000. He actually found one while he was on ksl.com looking for an FJ Cruiser and happened to see a Miata listing that caught his interest. It had been listed for quite a while, but hadn't sold. The owner of the car lot selling the Miata kept it in his garage to make sure it stayed in its pristine condition and would only show it by appt. Doug fell in love with it at first sight and bought his Miata without even test driving it for....you guessed it....\$10,000!

Doug has certainly done some research on his car. He found that they only made 3,000 of this model and color and they were sold mostly in Canada and the Northern United States areas. He also found a club on Facebook for 2001 MX5 SE BRG's only and said there are about 400 of them registered on this site.

He found out about our club when he drove the Miata to Office Depot and was approached by Kristi and Jeff Durrant who told him that their parents were members and really enjoyed it. (Kristi is Jackie and Gordy Nichols daughter). He said he is conservative when it comes to joining clubs, but after doing some research he decided to join ours.

Doug was born in Twin Falls, Idaho and spent his high school years in Jerome, Idaho. His parents were farmers and he grew up working on the small family farm where their crops included potatoes, hay, grain, beans and some livestock.

He graduated from Jerome High School in his home town. He went on to college and has an AA from the College of Southern Idaho (Premed Chemistry) and a BS degree from Boise State University (Psychology, Premed) He did graduate work at Boise State University (Psychology and Education) and the University of Utah (Mechanical and Industrial Engineering). He has also completed course work at Idaho State University, Cal Poly University and West Virginia University.

Doug has lived in several different places over the years. He moved from Boise to Salt Lake from 1974 through 1980. Then his job at the time sent him out in the field to the Tri Cities in Washington on a construction project; then on to Wyoming for 5 years and on to Durango, CO for another 2 years. He came back to Salt Lake in 1985 then was sent out



on another construction project in Las Vegas from 1991 to 2000. He said he worked outside a lot and the heat finally got to him, so he came back to Salt Lake and has been here ever since.

Doug is currently retired after spending 35 years in the natural gas pipeline transmission industry. His last job was as a technical specialist—corrosion engineering.

Doug is single, never married and says it is too late to start now! Although he has no human kids or grandkids that he knows of, he has two very special furry kids, “Miss Million Dollar Molly”, (million dollar because of some recent surgeries) an 11 year old border collie mix and “Miss Cassie” (Cassiopeia, named after the constellation) a 7 year old golden retriever. They are both rescue dogs from the pound. He has done a bit of rescue work with Golden Retriever Rescue groups in the past and has had a certified therapy dog as well as being a member of the Intermountain Therapy Animals. He said his current dogs are not certified as therapy dogs.



When I asked Doug if he had any special talents he could tell us about, he said he doesn't have much to speak of, although he did participate in choir in college. He is not a big team sports fan as he was too small to participate. He has done some back country skiing. Doug also is an avid reader of history, sporting works, science and technical stuff. He has a fairly extensive library of classic sporting books.



Doug does love the outdoors and enjoys hunting, shooting sporting clay, and fly fishing on the Green River. He actually builds his own fly rods. He has had his pilot license for 37 years and has owned a couple of planes. Although he doesn't currently have one he said he is always looking. He is also a member of Ducks Unlimited and Trout Unlimited which are conservation oriented organizations in place to help preserve the lands and species and the hunting tradition. He has a long time membership with the Wasatch Mountain Club, Aircraft



Owners and Pilots Association (AOPS), Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and the Ancient and Secret Order of Quiet Birdman (QB's) which is a pilots group by invitation only and the oldest Aviation Fraternity in the world! He is also a member of NACE (National Association of Corrosion Engineers).

Doug said he is thinking of going to Alaska this year... he just needs to pick out a guide and work out the details. He is also hoping to go on a Buffalo Hunt probably in Montana. He recently acquired a double rifle, (elephant gun) 500 black powder express antique made in England in 1894 that he acquired from a friend. It is engraved and has beautiful wood in it. Doug uses the smallest shotguns you can get to shoot the sporting clays to make it more challenging than it already is. He uses the 410 bore or 28 gauge (expert guns) and said he is not an expert yet, but is hoping to be.



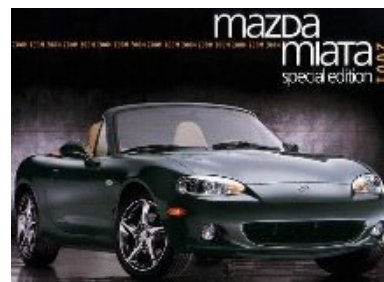
Doug says he is a newbie with limited exposure to Miata life so he doesn't have a favorite Miata Story yet. (I'm sure we can change that in the near future). He describes himself as a pretty quiet listener, is not a big joiner and is reclusive and introspective. His scholarly interests and reading are solitary endeavors.

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Member Spotlight (continued from page 10)

Although Doug is very close to his dogs and they are definitely his first priority, I hope we can entice him to come on a few after luncheon rides to start making some of those Miata memories we all have and enjoy so much. If he had more room in the Miata, he would bring both of his dogs along!

It's been a great experience finding out more about Doug and his accomplishments and interests. He said he is a pretty boring person, but I totally disagree! He has a lot in common with many of our other members and I'm sure we will all enjoy getting to know him better and hearing more about his life experiences. Thanks Doug!



Panguitch Playground Realized by Mike Bailey

As most of you know we held a Raffle at our Miatas in Bryce event last Summer. Under the direction of Gordy and Jackie Nicholl and Susan Vaughn and other members of the Miatas in Utah, Bryce Event Committee. Many committee members helped out to sell raffle tickets to Bryce event attendees for prizes such as Kindles and various other items as a **Fundraiser for Panguitch City** who wanted to build a **Playground in the Park for children of Panguitch City**. The Nicholl's initially set this up with Lori Talbot, Panguitch City Manager when they stopped in to obtain tourist information during our event.



As a result, committee members collected over \$2,500.00 cash which was presented to Panguitch City after the Bryce event. During the next several months of last year, Panguitch used the money we gave them towards building the playground. A photo is attached of the finished results of this project. Lori and Panguitch City would like to thank the Utah Miata Club for there efforts in this fundraiser. Gordy recently received the email below from Lori on this

*Gordon,
Thank you Miata Club. I have attached a picture of our new playground and picnic tables. Thank you for your help in purchasing this fun addition to our baseball park.*

Thanks!

*Lori Talbot
Panguitch City Manager*

On behalf of the club officers and directors of the UMC we would like to thank all those who participated, and supported this effort, and donated their money for this cause. Our club members are truly gracious and supportive of great causes like this and we are proud to be a member of the Utah Miata Club and have such great members. We would like to continue the tradition of the Utah Miata Club contributing to a worthy cause by doing something like this at our Miatas in Utah VII event; Miatas at Deer Valley in the summer of 2016. We will be contacting the Park City Chamber of Commerce on what we can do.

UMC Officers & Directors

ZTMOET EVENT IN JUNE

by Mike Bailey



Several Utah Miata Club members, most of whom live out of state, will be going to this event which will be held the first week of June; **June 4-7 2015 in Johnson City, Tennessee.** That's right, Donn Cichocki (New Hampshire) and I, Gary and Kathy Collings (Indiana), and Bill and Janet Anderson (Pennsylvania) will all be going and have our reservations. **We would like to invite any other Utah members to come to the Tri-Cities Miata Club event called ZTMOET, short for "Zoomin' the Mountains of East Tennessee".**

This is the 9th annual event that the **Tri-Cities Club** has put on and, from what I have heard, is one of the best Miata events in the country to participate in. It is 4 days of traveling the winding, hilly roads of East Tennessee and of course lots of partying that these folks know how to do. They even sell "Moonshine" with their Logo on it! During one day there, we will be at the **Bristol Motor Speedway** to do about 30 laps on the famous race track there. This will be an absolute blast as we will be doing this in the early evening under the lights. They will have drives planned on the back roads including one drive that goes to Jonesborough, the oldest town in Tennessee. There will also be a Show and Shine Car Show and a big Cookout for a Saturday night dinner and program with live entertainment. I have heard this is a great event and I am excited to attend. Best thing is that the registration fee per car is only \$10. They charge a minimum amount for the catered food which is less than \$10 per plate for any meal. I want to thank Donn for inviting me and also Bill and Janet who are planning most of the trip. All I have to do is come along and enjoy myself, which I am sure I will do.



I will be flying back to New Hampshire and stay the first night with Donn and Janet at their home. Janet has graciously allowed me to do this trip with Donn. Wow, that could be a mistake! Actually Donn has promised her that we will behave ourselves and not get into too much trouble. Donn does not like to drive, so I will be doing most of the driving, which is what I like to do anyway. We will drive Janet's Velocity Red Miata and will be traveling to Boston first and then drive to Hyde Park, New York to visit some sites and stay the night. Next day we will drive over to York, Pennsylvania to meet Bill and Janet and several other Miatas (8, cars at least, I think) and then Bill will lead us to Tennessee with a route he has planned out.



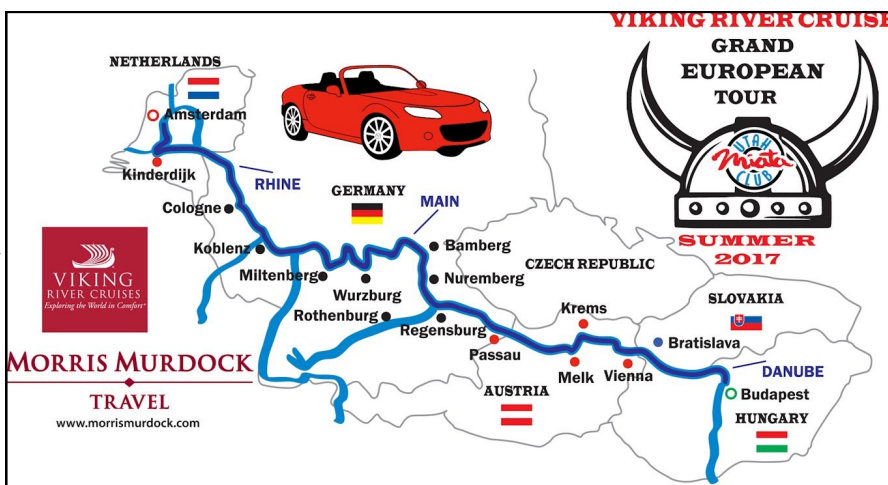
After the event we will be taking in the Blue Ridge Smokey Mountains and scenic highways and visit Deal's Gap and "Tail of the Dragon" which has been on my "bucket list" for years. We will then head over to the coast of Virginia and then back to New Hampshire where my trip will end. It will be lots of fun, but spending time away from Lynn won't be fun as I will wish that she could come to experience all this, but someone has to stay home and keep the 'gravy train' going and mind the home front. It will be terribly sad without her along. I will have plenty of tales to tell everyone when I return and of course lots of photos.



Viking River Cruise Update

by Mike Bailey

As of April 15th we have 38 Stateroom Cabins reserved for our July 2017 Viking River Cruise. The response has been overwhelming. All the French Balcony C and D cabins have been reserved. About half the cabins are with Utah Miata Club members and the other half are from members of **9 other Miata clubs in 14 different states**. Some are family and friends of members that are not affiliated with a Miata club and don't want to miss this "trip of a lifetime." This 15 day European River Tour will be the second week of July 2017, so we are 2 years and 2 months away from our departure time. Brent Jensen of Morris Murdock Travel is working on getting us some specific dates for the trip.



This cruise is specially priced at 2 FOR 1 Rates. It is a 2017 cruise for 2015 Pricing. The Deposit of \$500. per person is half the normal deposit required. If you are interested contact us and we will give you a FREE DVD of the cruise and email you links so you can view the ship, cabins, and itinerary. We have a **Reservation Form** that you can fill out with all the information that the travel agency needs to book your cabin. We will also email you a **Deck Plan** which lists all the rooms which are color coded and have pricing for each room. **Hurry and get your Rooms booked NOW**, as they are going fast and one-third of the Longship is already booked.

We are working with **Morris Murdock Travel in Salt Lake** and you can speak to our **Cruise Agent, Amber Lee Johanson** to book the cruise. Her email is ajohanson@mnorrismurdock.com or you can call her on the phone at **801-483-6314**. The **deposit is only \$500.00 per person (double occupancy/ 2 people per room)**. Deposit is fully refundable (see details on this). Just pay your deposit and set some money aside each month towards payment of the cruise. We recommend Travel Insurance which will be available in several months from now to protect your investment in case something comes up. We are starting to put the word out to other Miata people across the country to join us, so sign up while the best rooms are still available. Information on the cost of flights will be available about 10-11 months from cruise date. We will also be getting some Pre and Post Hotel packages in conjunction with the airline for further discounts. More information on that to follow in a few months. We have until October of this year, 2015 to book our cabins before Viking and the travel agency will release any un-booked rooms to the general public for sale. We will also have a 30 day advance window for our group to book cabins on this boat before this happens. Your money is held in an Escrow account and will be given to Viking sometime around October. You will be notified before this happens. As the Longship books up, you will receive ALL available discounts and promotions, cash back vouchers, etc. that are available by the cruise line and travel agency. Other discounts and benefits will be divided among all those who place a reservation for the cruise.

If you have a preference for a cabin that has been sold out, we have made a "wait list" with Amber and you can add your name to this list in case of cancellations. Just select your cabin and also put a 2nd choice down on the Reservation Form. Also be sure to let Donn and myself know that you have booked your cabin and provide us with the information on your cabin type as we are keeping a spreadsheet of cruise participants so we can send valuable information to everyone about cruise details. More specific details will follow each month.

For anyone interested in signing up please contact myself or Donn Cichocki of our club for information.

Donn's contact information is: donncichocki@comcast.net or phone: 603-432-5849

Or contact Mike Bailey at: mike@mikebaileyprinting.com or phone 801-597-1456





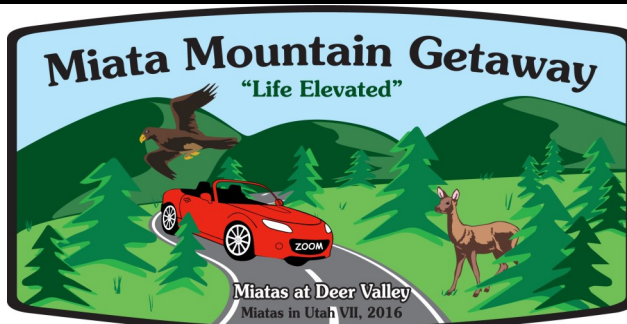
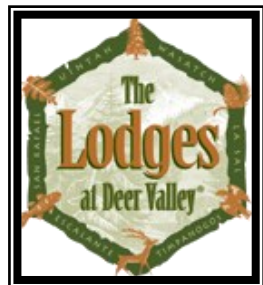
We have a new logo for the Viking River Cruise. We came up with the idea of an old Viking Helmet and put our UMC Logo on the front of it. We also have another logo which features an old time Viking Ship, again with our UMC Logo on the front Sail. Both logos are unique and will be fun to use in promoting our cruise to other Miata people. Donn found this Viking Helmet online and sent me one which I wore at last month's luncheon. Now Donn has a red beard to go along with his helmet. The fun just never stops with us! Before long we may be outfitted with a complete set of Viking gear.

On another note, we are coming out with a shirt that will be distributed to all Viking Cruise participants and we are hoping that Morris Murdock Travel will sponsor the shirts so we will include their logo on the shirts. I have sent the design to Brent Jenson, the VP of Marketing at Morris Murdock and he likes the idea. The front of the shirt on left chest area will have the old Viking Logo as mentioned above. On the back of the shirts will be the Viking Longship, as it is called, which is the modern day version of the ship but has the front (and tail) of the Old Viking Ship on it. Below the Longship will be our Map which features the itinerary of our cruise Port Cities which will travel through 5 European countries starting in Amsterdam, Netherlands and ending in Budapest, Hungary. We will travel three major rivers in Europe; the Rhine, Main, and Danube on our 15 day journey.

Of course we will have a red Miata on the back of the shirt and our Viking Helmet Logo as well as our sponsor, Morris Murdock Travel. The travel agency seems to be "onboard" with our shirt promotion idea. It will be fun to use it to promote the cruise. We appreciate the service that Morris Murdock is giving to our group. We may offer other logo merchandise such as ball caps and maybe sweatshirts or polo shirts as time nears. We do like to promote our club with the events we do, as you all know!

Please read the updated article on the cruise information as we now have one-third of the cabin staterooms reserved. Be sure to jump onboard if you so desire as we would love to have you along on this "trip of a lifetime". I know it has been on my "Bucket List" for along time.





This is "new" information updated and not same as last month's information. We are continuously working on the **Miatas at Deer Valley Logo** to improve it. Attached is the latest version with the Miata on a winding road and features an Eagle in flight and a Deer on the side of the road, a common site in these mountains. We are calling our event the **"Miata Mountain Getaway"** with **"Life Elevated"** as a Slogan which is a play on a Utah phrase most of us are familiar with. This is the first version with "Miatas at Deer Valley" actually put on the logo.

Our date is now locked in for the event, which will be held the next to last weekend in June, 2016. We wanted to avoid the 4th of July holiday as we learned by our Bryce event that many people plan family reunions and events during this weekend so it cut down on attendance. The Official date now for Miatas in Utah VII event is July 22-25, 2016 (Wednesday thru Saturday, 4 nights, checking out Sunday the 26th).

We now have another Deer Valley property signed up for accommodations. Our Host Hotel Venue Resort; The Chateaux, is located at the top of Deer Valley Mountain next to Stein Eriksen Lodge, a sister property. We have made arrangements for additional lodging at the Lodges of Deer Valley. The Lodges are located further down the Deer Valley mountain at the base of Snow Park, where the Amphitheater is that features summer outdoor concerts. The ambience of this resort property is the same as it is at The Chateaux. Both properties feature fine dining restaurants, a store, and other amenities. The rooms for accommodations will feature lodging options of standard hotel rooms, one-bedroom suites and two and three bedrooms suites which can be combined to allow more couples to "share" suites that come complete with full size gourmet kitchens and living rooms with big screen TV's and full bathrooms. They also have decks on each room for fantastic view of the mountains and resort area.

We have the accommodation rates confirmed for both properties which are close in cost with the Lodges being just a little less money for the rooms. Our pricing for the rooms will be heavily discounted off normal, regular rates just for our group: Hotel or Studio rooms will be \$149. per night. One bedroom Suites which sleep 4-6 people are \$289./nt. and can be divided between two (or even 3 couples). Two Bedroom is \$100. more which is \$389./nt. and sleeps 6-8 people. Three and four bedroom suites can be combined and sleep up to 14 people, great for an out of state Miata club bringing several members who all want to be together. Normally the nightly rates for these rooms in winter time is close to \$500. per night just for a one bedroom suite. Rates at Lodges at Deer Valley are a little less at \$137./ night for Hotel rooms, \$185./nt. for One Bedroom Suites, \$267./nt. for Two Bedroom Suites, and \$340./nt. for Four Bedroom Suites which sleep the same amount of people as the Chateaux rooms. Soon we will have a link posted on their websites to book our rooms. We are still working out other details such as meal costs, our Saturday evening Banquet Dinner and Program, and other costs. Once we have this information we will then be posting it on our club web site and have pages dedicated to this event. We will then let everyone know when they can book their rooms. You can go online and check out the resort property and the rooms. www.the-chateaux.com and www.deervalley.com and www.deervalley.com

Keep posted each month for updates on Miatas in Utah VII, Miatas at Deer Valley. Committee members will soon be organizing details of the event in a couple months. If you want to be on the committee to plan this contact Mike Bailey.



MX-5 4th Generation Production Report (reprinted from Mazda Motorsports)

America-bound 2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata production has begun, signaling the imminent arrival of the next generation of the world's most popular two-seat roadster at U.S. dealers. Additionally, Mazda North American Operations (MNAO) has released pricing for the entire MX-5 range, including the first 1,000 cars earmarked as Launch Edition models. A photo here captures a Miata coming off of the production line.

There will be "three trim levels available – Sport, Club and Grand Touring – and they are tailored for three very different types of customers, broadening the MX-5's appeal," said Rod McLaughlin, MX-5 vehicle line manager, MNAO. "Whether customers opt for a Sport, Club, Grand Touring or Launch Edition, we're confident the new MX-5 will deliver the same owner passion, excitement and pride that have made the previous generations among the most beloved cars on the road or racetrack at any price point."



The 2016 MX-5 Launch Edition will comprise the first 1,000 fourth-generation roadsters sold in the U.S., carrying unique badging and with an MSRP of \$30,495. MX-5 Launch Edition comes equipped with features reserved for the MX-5 Grand Touring trim, in addition to Advanced Keyless entry, which is optional in other trim levels. All 1,000 Launch Editions are painted Soul Red with a Sport Tan leather interior – a combination exclusive to the Launch Edition for 2016.

To purchase an MX-5 Launch Edition, customers can currently preregister at www.LongLiveTheRoadster.com and will receive a reminder email prior to orders opening on May 5. Customers will then have the opportunity to place a \$500 deposit toward the purchase of a 2016 MX-5 Launch Edition, also providing them the opportunity to select a dealership from where they can take delivery.

The trim level perhaps most appealing to auto crossers and track enthusiasts, the MX-5 Club has a starting MSRP of \$28,600 and adds 17-inch gunmetal alloy wheels wrapped in 205/45R17 tires, front air dam and trunk-mounted rear lip spoiler, piano black seat back bars and exterior mirror caps, MAZDA CONNECT™ with a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system and commander control knob and an AM/FM/HD/SiriusXM® satellite radio with a nine-speaker BOSE® audio system with headrest speakers – all in addition to MX-5 Sport's standard equipment. A limited-slip rear differential, Bilstein® shocks and shock-tower brace are standard when equipped with the manual transmission. Additionally, MX-5 Club is available with a package for \$3,400 that equips it with forged, lightweight BBS 17-inch wheels, Brembo® front brake rotors and calipers with painted front and rear calipers, functional aerodynamic side sill extensions and rear bumper skirt.

At the most affordable end of the MX-5 lineup, the 2016 MX-5 Sport has a starting MSRP of \$24,915, riding on 16-inch alloy wheels and carrying a host of new standard features such as a six-speed SKYACTIV-MT manual transmission, cruise control, LED headlights and tail lights, Bluetooth phone pairing and audio streaming, leather-wrapped shift knob, power door locks, single USB input and cruise control.

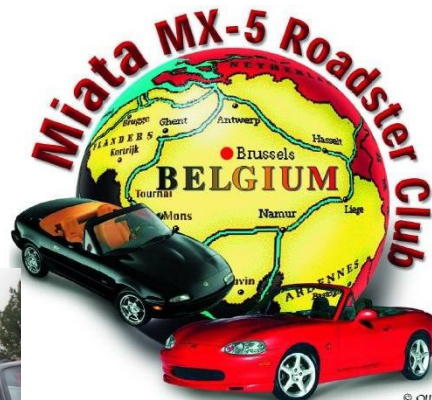
Those who want to step up to a higher level of content will have a choice between the MX-5 Club mentioned above or MX-5 Grand Touring, lavished in premium amenities and technology. Moving to MX-5 Grand Touring endows the roadster with 17-inch bright alloy wheels, leather-trimmed heated seats, automatic climate control, BOSE® nine-speaker audio system with headrest speakers, AM/FM/HD/SiriusXM® radio, MAZDA CONNECT™ with a seven-inch touchscreen monitor, commander control knob, Homelink® garage door opener, rain-sensing wipers and adaptive headlights in addition to MX-5 Sport's standard equipment. Mazda's i-ACTIVSENSE suite of safety features including blind spot monitoring, rear cross-traffic alert and lane-departure warning. MX-5 Grand Touring has an MSRP of \$30,065. - See more at: <http://mazdamotorsports.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/DisplayRacerStoryView?>



MIATAS OF THE MONTH BY MIKE BAILEY

Miatas of the Month are a few photos from a couple major **Miata Clubs in Western Europe**. One club called "**Miata MX-5 Roadster Club of Belgium**" and also the "**MX-5 Owners Club**" of Great Britain has many events just like we do and also many clubs throughout their respective countries. Recently Donn Cichocki and I were up late one night mid-week and were corresponding with these clubs and checking out their web sites and photos they have posted of their Miatas as well as videos of major drives and events that they do in Europe. We were completely engrossed in their videos and photos as well as about their clubs. We have even sent out an invitation to them to participate in our Viking River Cruise in 2017.

These folks really like to customize their Miatas (MX-5's or Roadsters, as they are called in Europe). There are at least 35 official clubs in England and Wales and on the Isle Of Man and even more in Ireland and Scotland. One thing I noticed is that they love to dress up their Miatas and also have some unusual colors for paint than we do. Not sure if some are factory or if they are custom painted, such as the light green one in photo attached. I have seen the Bright Green as on our Mazda 2 autos and many other different colors. One of the 30 minute video took a group of Miatas from Belgium to Venice, Italy. They went on that very steep zig-zag mountain pass through Austria or Germany which has been on TV commercials. For the 25th Anniversary Miata event they assembled 1,750 Miatas from several countries and met in Croyden, England for a big event. Donn posted a link to this event on our Facebook pages. Check it out as you will find it interesting.





The club officers and directors has voted on the production of a special **"ANNIVERSARY" Pin** for the **Utah Miata Club**. This pin will have the **Official Club Logo** on it. **We want to make a pin which will honor all club Members once they reach their "One Year", "Three Year", and "Five Year" anniversary of joining the club.** The Pin will be made of Copper, Silver, and Gold Metal for the 1, 3, & 5 year pins respectively. Each different pin will have the number designating the membership year.

The real nice thing about doing a pin like this is that we will only need to make one die for the pin, as we can use the same die for each pin and just change the number which is painted on the respective pin. This will save the club about one-third the cost of making the new die for each pin. Another advantage of doing this pin this way is we can order them from the manufacturer in bulk quantity of each pin for a total quantity

discount on the lot of them, thereby making the pin very inexpensive and affordable to our club. This way we can actually give a member 3 pins once they have been with the club for five years. I know a lot of members are starting to collect Miata pins, so this will be nice to add to their personal collection.

We think this is a good way to honor each member for their service in the club. We hope you all like the idea; it was accepted very well by members at last month's luncheon. This was one of the many new ideas and suggestions that the "new" club presidency of Steve Beckstead and Lou Vredevelde brought to the table to discuss at our club Officer's meeting. We are a "forward thinking" club and are very pro-active with our new leaders, of which I am impressed.

Jim Newson is in the process of organizing the Club Roster list and trying to find out when each member couple joined the club. He can use a little help in this. We have most members records on when they joined the club from 2007 and on. If you have been a member longer than this then please provide Jim with your information on Month and Year that you joined the club. We will also be asking this in our monthly meetings until we have all the information completed. For those that do NOT have a current Club Application and Waiver Form on file with the Club Secretary, please fill out a new application and waiver at the next meeting and give to Jim or Margie. We will try to inform everyone if you are in that category. We want to have current information on file for each and every member.

We are also thinking about making a 10 Year, 15 Year, and 20 Year Anniversary pin next, to honor the long time members of the club. The pin will basically be the same and use the same die mold, however we can also make it an all copper, silver, or gold metal pin like you find in "fine jewelry" meaning that it will not be expensive but unique as it will be all metal and not painted like the other pins but rather have an embossed or raised finish to it with the logo and identifying year. Who knows, we can even add a semi-precious stone or colored rhinestone to them if we wish.



Recipe Box

By Ana Porter



Classic Layer Bars

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted

1 1/3 cups flaked coconut

1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips or chunks

1 cup chopped nuts

1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 350 F

Spray 13x9 inch baking pan with nonstick.

Combine graham crackers crumbs and butter in a medium bowl and press firmly into prepared pan.

Sprinkle with coconut, chocolate chips and nuts, press down firmly.

Pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over top.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

Makes 24 bars.

How to make Vanilla Extract

12 vanilla beans

1 bottle vodka

Combine the vanilla beans and vodka in a jar tall enough to hold the vanilla beans.

Allow the mixture to sit at room temperature for at least a month until the vodka becomes vanilla extract and the beans are soft enough to cut the ends and squeeze the seeds out.

Add more vodka and/or vanilla bean, as needed.

The extract can sit at room temperature indefinitely



2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

2 May: 11:30 Luncheon location Café Galleria, Midway. Wolfcreek Pass drive by: Mike Bailey and Steve Beckstead

4-7 June: ZTMOET (See page 12)

6 June: 11:30 Luncheon location tbd. Shunpike drive by Gordy & Jackie Nicholl

11 July: Club Picnic . Location and time tbd. Drive by Mike & Lynn Bailey

18-26 July: YMCA drive to Canada hosted by Mark & Susan Vaughn

1 August: Tooele area luncheon. Time and location tbd Steve & Kathy Nielsen

6-9 August: Tuachan Theater. Hosted by Mark & Susan Vaughn

12 September: 11:30 Luncheon. Location tbd. Drive by Doyle & Val Sturm

3 October: 11:30 Luncheon. Location tbd. **Alpine Loop Drive.** By Lou & Carol Vredevel

8-11 October: Surf n Safari by the San Diego Miata Club. Pre and post drive by Steve & Lou

24 October: Halloween Party time and location to be determined

7 November: 11:30 Luncheon location tbd. Drive based on weather

5 December: 6:00 Christmas Party at the Bailey's home

???? Lady's Drive by Susan Vaughn. Time and date to be determined

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