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The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club

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Better Late Than Never

By Steve Beckstead

Well that month went fast! In fact so fast that I dropped the ball on my Top Down article due date. Sorry Toni (embarrassed grin). I thought I had a few more July days in the view ahead. My bad.

I have to start out with the rousing success I feel the Summer Miata picnic was. It was the best I remember and I take no credit for it. Big thanks to Mike Bailey and Jim Newson who spearheaded this fun time event. I'll bet a write up is in this newsletter and will also reflect the excellent attendance of members who came out and enjoyed the yummy BBQ and revelry.

The highlight of the summer was to be the Miata Canadian Adventure and promised to be one of the top events ever, but as many know now, was marred by the first automobile accident I've seen on a Miata Club event ride. On a tight turn the right wheel caught the road's edge and flipped that beautiful blue 2002 Miata off the road. Just an unlucky chain of events that could have happened to anyone. I am happy to report that Dick and Judy are doing OK and will hopefully be joining us soon for the next fun.

A night before that happened, Steve Nielsen showed us some fantastic water sliding expertise at the hotel for a while, and then decided to push it just a little too hard and well, let's just

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say Kathy did a stellar job of driving the rest of the trip while Steve navigated from the passenger seat, his walking stick beside him. Had we not agreed to no photos at the pool, great water sliding shots of Steve as well as myself, Sharon, Ronda, Rexanne, Doyle, Hank, and Robert might have been all over the internet.

These things aside, HUGE thanks go to the Vaughns for a superbly planned Canadian adventure. Excellent drives, fun hotel picks, great handout books and info at the start showed the work put in to this by Susan and Mark. We all got a chance to get to know Mark a little better on this trip and really appreciate him leading 8 to 10 cars as he did almost every day which is not an easy task. Anyone who leads knows it can be a tense and sometimes criticized job. YOU DID GREAT, MARK!

Next on deck this very weekend, August 1st, is Steve and Kathy's Drive, Dinner and Drive in Adventure in Tooele with a great drive up the canyon again followed by dinner and movie night. This should be a blast, and I'm sure is covered in the newsletter also. Hopefully everyone got their meal picks to Kathy and thanks to them. Additional August events include the Tuacahn adventure the very next weekend after the lunch and meeting.

Finishing up August is the Sundance "Full Moon Evening Drive, Walk, Ride and Ice Cream Dash" on August 29th. I didn't get Toni all the info until later, so the blast should be out soon now. Join us for this different evening time event. September and October have some fun events already on deck too.

So I'll stop blabbing now (I heard that sigh of relief) and close. But I want to end with a serious personal note. The emotions I felt hurrying back to the scene of the accident on this trip were very intense as were everyone's on the scene some of whom jumped down the steep embankment to help without thinking of their own safety. It made me realize I love many of my Miata Club friends as family. Keep yourselves safe.

Tooele, Drive, Dinner & Drive-in

By Steve and Kathy Nielsen

August 1st we will meet at Soleberg's Grocery store parking lot at 5:00PM (6727 N SR 36 in Stansbury Park.) From there we will drive to Johnson's Pass and back...approx. 2 hour round trip. Dinner will be at **Bonneville Brewery** at 7:30 (1641 N Main in Tooele) and then off to the **Motor Vu drive in** at 4055 UT 36 in Erda. If you can't join us for the whole evening just come to what you can. The first movie is the new Terminator movie and it starts about 9:30pm. Tickets are \$7.50 or \$5.50 for seniors (62 and older)

We are narrowing down the dinner items & will have those to you in another week or so. Please review them & "place" your order with Nielsen's no later than July 15th so the restaurant can be prepared for us. They will take other orders as needed that night but if the majority can order off the specific menu it will make our dining experience more enjoyable :)

Questions contact Steve or Kathy Nielsen 435-843-0183

www.bonnevillebrewery.com



Moonlight Drive, Ski Lift and Ice Cream Run
Saturday, August 29th leaving at 6pm

Join us for something different and fun! We will meet at **6pm** at the Bangerter Highway Harmon's Parking lot, (125 East 13800 South in Draper It is Exit 289, the Bangerter highway exit off I-15 which is in between the 12300 South and 14600 South exits off I-15) just prior to 6pm. We will drive over Suncrest and up the **Alpine loop**. Turning left about half way, we'll cruise down to **Cascade Springs** for a short walk around one or more of 3 easy loops. Then back down the same way turning to finish the Alpine loop to **Sundance Ski resort** for the **Moonlight ski lift ride** they do only twice a month during Summer. It starts at 8:30 pm. Bring a jacket and wear long pants, it's likely chilly at night. Concluding, we will drive down to **Provo canyon** and into Orem ending at the **Dairy Queen** there for an ice cream and goodbyes. GREAT top down fun!!

In addition I would like to say I have received some suggestions as president that eating a big meal need not always be in the plan and a drive in the cool of the evening would be really exhilarating. That being said, when Ronda and I did this last month, we split a BLT at Sundance's sandwich shop which was delish. Also there is a bar and restaurant and there would probably be time to use either or stroll around Sundance until the lift ride.

Come Join us!!
Steve Beckstead
President, Utah Miata Club

PS: Notice on Club Applications & Waivers:

Jim Newson is in the process of organizing the Club Roster List and trying to find out when each member couple joined the club. This will also help give us (the Club Officers) the information we need to order the anniversary pins . *We need club members help on this issue!* We have most members records on when they joined the club from 2007 and on. **If you have been a member longer than since the year 2007 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. They have copies of the new Application/Waiver at our luncheons. We will try and let you know if we need one from you. If you do not actively come out to the monthly luncheons or meetings, please download the application/waiver from web site and fill out and mail to Jim and Margie.

We want to have current contact information on file for each and every member.

September Drive and Luncheon

Lead by Valerie and Doyle Sturm

The monthly luncheon and drive for September will occur on **Saturday, September 12.**

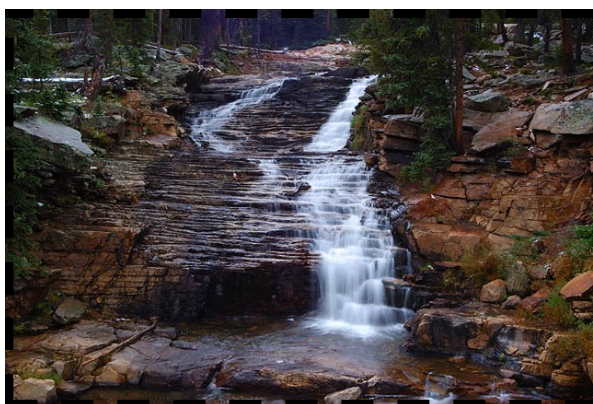
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11:30; we shall meet for the luncheon and meeting at the **Greek Market and restaurant.**

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Drive; after the meeting, we shall take a drive up Parley's Canyon, past Kamas, and onto Mirror Lake Scenic Byway to **Mirror Lake**. A quick stop in Kamas on the way up and a stop at **Provo River Falls** on the way back are planned. There should be time for a possible stop at a local ice cream establishment on the return.

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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

Expiring 8/31/2015
Steve & Ronda Beckstead
Dalin & Karin Christiansen
Tom & Laurel Drysdale
Richard & Judy Dyson
Paul & Annie Kloar
Steve Tobiasson
Lou & Carol Lynn Vredevelde
Jules & Julee Weaver

Recently Expired	Date
Ali & Shylo Bazzaz	7/31/2015
Dave Brewer	5/31/2015
Donn & Janet Cichocki	7/31/2015
Craig & Candy Hendrix	7/31/2015
Jerry & Judy Ragland	5/31/2015
Wes Starkenburg	7/31/2015
Darwin & Lori Steed	6/30/2015

To Be Removed after Club Meeting

Mark & Marlene Remington



New Members	Year	Color
Kent & Sandi Peterson	2004	Silver
Logan McPhail	2015	Grey
Gary C. Wilcox	2015	Zeal Red
Kirk Warner	2007	White
Don Hill	2007	Galaxy Grey
Kevin & Bonnie Foard	2011	Dolphin Grey
Robert S mith	2008	Blue



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Cyndee Boyvey	1st
Dalin Christiansen	8th
Kathy Collings	12th
Kristie Engar	17th
Al Brown	18th
Steve Spurlock	21st
Carol Lynn Vredevelde	24th
Steve Nielsen	26th
Amy Beckstead	27th



4th of July Drive by Mike Bailey



We have had a tradition in this club over the past few years of several of us getting together for an "impromptu" drive on the July 4th weekend. It is not really a formal club drive but a chance to get out and take a drive in our Miatas. Since July 4th was on Saturday this year, we decided to do the same basic drive as we have done in years past. It started off with a Facebook post by Hank Pond inquiring if anyone wanted to do a drive on the holiday. A few of us already talked about it. So we posted our intentions on FB and about 5 couples met at the new Cottonwood Café in Cottonwood Heights for breakfast. Funny enough Steve commented that all the men at breakfast had the titles and were "president's of the UMC". Some wore our Bryce event, July 4th patriotic red, white and blue tie dye shirts (not planned). After eating we headed up to the Uintah Mountains towards Bald Mountain where we have gone before. We made a stop at the Provo River Falls along the road and checked out the falls close up and took some photos. We then went up the road a little further to Trial Lake area. What a beautiful day and the lakes were fabulous as we drove by. Amy Beckstead was camping up there somewhere and we stopped so Steve could drop off some apple fritters to her, the giant ones we got at the Chevron in Kamas. We then trekked on up to Mirror Lake. The campground and parking was full with not one space available to park so we just turned around and headed back, stopping at Bald Mountain pull off for a break and the view.

We commented how in 2011 when we came up here after eating breakfast at Brighton Resort, the snow on July 4th was about 12 feet high. People were even snowmobiling in the valley at Bald Mountain. We have the photos to prove that! After the drive we headed back down the mountain and went over through Kamas and to Francis and took the road past Jordanelle Reservoir to Midway and wanted to have ice cream at The Galleria restaurant where we had one of our luncheons at this past Spring, but they took forever to take our order so we left and trucked on down to the Tastee Freeze down the street and took our business there. After this we headed home over Guardsman Pass up thru Midway by the state park and golf course. We took the Brighton turnoff and went home via Big Cottonwood Canyon. It was a fun drive and a great way to spend the holiday.



Summer BBQ Picnic Report by Mike Bailey



It was a real nice summer day and a great day for a ride up in the cool mountains for a picnic with the Utah Club Members. We had about 52 members signed up to come and had a great turnout. I counted about 48 or so at the park pavilion. We met at the University Park Hotel up by Hogle Zoo and assembled for a quick meeting before our drive. There were quite a few Miatas at the meeting place and I counted it seems like 17 or 18

there. We headed out up Emigration Canyon. There were lots of bicycles on the narrow road. At the top of the canyon we took the turnoff to East Canyon and hooked up with the Kisers there. We followed the road around the reservoir and headed to Morgan City. It was a nice scenic drive. Our destination was Morgan City Riverside Park which was a great place to meet and have a picnic. The facilities were clean and nice and the pavilion was shady. Moon Dog's Café of Layton catered our meal. Steve, the owner, did a fabulous job and the food was excellent. Some members brought pot luck items and desserts to share with the group.



We had our Club Banner Flag waving in the wind at the park. Several new members showed up and joined the club, Don Hill and Kent and Sandy Peterson as well as a couple other new members who's names escape me at the moment. Kevin Foard, another new member drove up and signed up for club membership but had to leave. After lunch we had a somewhat lengthy meeting, thanks to yours truly talking a lot about Miatas at Deer Valley as we just got the contracts signed for the hotels and had lots to discuss. We then departed for a drive up Trapper's Loop and Jim led us on the scenic drive around the outskirts of Morgan City. We went to Eden and then on up past Liberty and over the mountain to Ogden for our way home. The annual BBQ picnic was great this year with lots of fabulous food and great Miata members. Thanks again to Moon Dogs and to Jim for arranging the food with them.



Miatas @ MOT

By Mike BAiley

Donn and Janet Cichocki were at MOT last weekend which is called Miatas at the Museum. This is an annual event held at a historic museum in Boston, Mass. There were lots of very nice Miatas there of all kinds and colors. Stock to very customized Miatas. Donn was able to pass out some DVD's for the Viking River Cruise and also there to promote Miatas at Deer Valley. I think the Cichocki's are the best marketing reps we have in our club as they are always willing to do things for our club and pass the word out to all their friends and Miata people back on the east coast. Here are some photos that were taken at the event. Thanks, Donn and Janet for all you do for our club. We are looking forward to hooking up with you at Surf-n-Safari event in October.



Miata Anniversary Pins by Mike Bailey

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.

We plan to 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 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 only not painted but be all copper, silver, or gold in the same format. They will be great collector's items for Utah Club Members. We think this is a good way to honor each member for their service in the club.



Viking River Cruise Update

by Mike Bailey



We now have half or 50% of the cabins for the Longship reserved! This is 50 Stateroom Cabins! 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 13 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."

New News this month is that Morris Murdock Travel has chartered the entire Longship. Viking will be able to cater to our group exclusively. Yes, we will own the ship, so to speak. We passed out over 60 DVD's at the ZTMOET event and Donn passed out more this past weekend at MOT in Boston which had 150 Miatas attending. We expect to get some new bookings from this. We welcome everyone who wants to come. This 15 day European River Tour will be the second week of July 2017, so we are exactly 2 years 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 almost half 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 phone number is 801-483-6314. Or you can email her at ajohanson@morrisurmurdock.com. The deposit is only \$500.00 per person (double occupancy/ 2 people per room). Note: Cabin Stateroom prices listed are per person. 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 several months from now (around October 2015) to protect your investment in case something comes up.

The word out now to other Miata people across the country in other Miata Clubs to join us and is also on the Miata.Net Forum for the Southwest Region. You can get all the information and Registration form, Deck Plan and Itinerary on the Net, so sign up while the best rooms are still available. Information on Flights and cost of that part will be available about 10-11 months prior to the 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

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Viking River Cruise (continued from page 10)

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.

For anyone interested in signing up please contact myself or Donn Cichocki. Donn's contact information is donncichocki@comcast.net Phone: 603-432-5849. Or contact Mike Bailey at mike@mikebaileyprinting.com Phone: 801-597-1456. Also ask Donn for access to our Viking River Cruise Facebook Page by emailing him. (it is by invitation only). Keep track of "Updates" on information about this cruise on our Facebook Page. Also be sure to let Donn Cichocki and myself 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. Welcome Aboard for the "Cruise of a Lifetime" Zoom - Zoom, Swish - Swish!





Miatas at Deer Valley, 2016

June 22-25, 2016

by Mike Bailey

Register Now!



Great News! We are ready to start the Registration process for Miatas in Deer Valley. The Registration form is attached or you can go to our new website and click on the Miatas in Utah page and download it, print it out, **FILL out your Registration Form today**, and mail it in with a check for the fee. **The Registration this year is \$125.00 per person. Register before December 31, 2015 as the Registration Fee goes up to \$145.00 on January 1, 2016.** We need to pay a substantial deposit for the facilities on January 9th of which funds for this will come from the registrations.

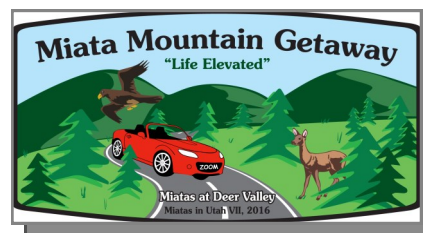
The Registration fee includes the cost of the food for the Welcome Social on Thursday night and also the Gourmet Banquet Dinner for our Saturday night program and Closing Ceremonies. This will feature a fabulous dinner prepared by award winning chefs at The Chateaux. It is an \$80 dinner value per person so you won't want to miss it and you will get your money's worth. Event fee also includes an Event Pin, Goodie Bag full of surprises, Ticket for Give-Away Drawings. all the printed handouts, etc.

After you Register, **Book your Room** at the host hotel, The Chateaux - Deer Valley or alternate property, The Lodges at Deer Valley. There is a link on the website to do this. Just follow the prompts. Your credit card will hold your room. You do NOT have to pay any money now for your room.

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 will have access to 137 Rooms at The Chateaux. We also have another Deer Valley property, **The Lodges of Deer Valley** signed up for an additional 30 rooms per day. This is enough accommodations for 334 Miata attendees currently. In January if we need more rooms, more rooms will be added to our block of rooms. There are other available hotel properties and condos as well that we can get access to for additional rooms, if needed. 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 lounge and bar, underground secure parking and other amenities. The Lodges has a store on premises. There is a swimming pool and hot tub and the spa facilities we can use at Stein Eriksen Lodge.

We have a new "Pin Post" on our website front page to read for specific details. Also check out the link to the "Room Pricing" page for basic room pricing and information. A "Description of Rooms" page is also available which describes each type of room. If you want to book a 1 Bedroom Suite for example you can share it with another couple. We want to furnish the hotels with a "Group List" with names of those who want to share adjoining rooms so please let me know who you want to do that with. Book your room Now for the Miatas in Utah VII event; June 22-25, 2016 (Wednesday thru Saturday for four nights, checking out Sunday the 26th). View the Information Page which has updated information about the event. All these pages on the Deer Valley Web Site Page have new information.

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Miatas at Deer Valley; Miatas in Utah: June 22-25, 2016
 (Wed – Sat. Check out Sun. June 26th) Deer Valley/Park City, Utah



REGISTRATION FORM: Please print out and mail Registration Form and Fee of \$125.00 per person to: Make Check to Utah Miata Club

Mail form, check c/o: Jim or Margie Newson, Secretary/Treasurer 233 West 1550 North, Bountiful, Utah 84010
 Phone: 801-295-4563 Email: sec.treasurmc@icloud.com. Note: Early Registration Fee of \$125.00 per person good until 12/31/15 then fee increases to \$145.00 per person January 1, 2016 until event date. Register NOW for best rate!

Event Hosted at: The Chateaux Hotel Phone: 877-288-2978. 7815 Royal Street East, Park City, Utah 84060 www.the-chateaux.com. BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW!

Fill form out completely: Mail with check or money order to above address.

Attendee Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Email(s): _____

Club(s) Affiliation: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____ (X) cell _____ home _____ work _____

Miata Year: _____ Color: _____ Other Miata? _____

Attended before? Moab I: ___ Moab II: ___ Moab III: ___ Moab IV: ___ Moab V: ___ Bryce: ___

Where are you staying? (Hotel) _____

Remarks: _____

Note: Registration Fee includes participation in all Activities and Drives at the event. Fee includes Thurs. Night Event Welcome Social & Food, Goodie Bag with Mazda & Event Logo items, Event Collector Pin, Printed Handouts, Schedules, Prize Give-Away Drawings Ticket, Sat. Evening Grand Gourmet Dinner, Program & Prize Drawings. All attendees must sign a general Liability Waiver at Check-In (Req. by Utah Club, MNAO and Resort Hotels). Event Details and booking rooms posted on Utah Miata Club Website: www.utahmiataclub.org or .com. Book room direct with Hotel Resort. More details will be posted closer to event on Website & Miatas in Utah Facebook Page. Deer Valley Event Logo Apparel & Merchandise for Sale in Advance is an Optional purchase.

Miata Mountain Getaway (continued from page 11)

There are many, many scenic drives around the Park City/Deer Valley area of Summit County. We have tons of great, spectacular drives planned. We also will be planning a Photo Shoot with our Miatas against a fabulous mountain backdrop and also our "Show & Shine" Car Show. Historic Park City is only 10 minutes drive down the mountain with fabulous stores and boutiques for shopping or eating and sites to see. There is a 'complimentary' Shuttle from both properties to Park City.

We plan to drive to Deer Valley on Saturday, August 22 to look at the rooms at both properties to help you decide what kind of room you want to get. We plan to have lunch somewhere in Park City and be at the resorts mid-afternoon. Please let me know who wants to plan to do this. We will have a FB Event scheduled for this. Don't miss out on the Great Miata Mountain Getaway next year at Deer Valley!



MIATAS OF THE MONTH BY MIKE BAILEY

Miatas of the month are a couple outrageous big tired 4-Wheel Drive Off-Road Miatas. Can't decide if these Miatas would be fun to drive or not. I am sure those that like 4-Wheeling would like to try it out.



Total Lunar Eclipse in September

By Robert & Sharon Mechling

The date is set - the evening of **Sunday September 27th, 2015** (Salt Lake Time). The eclipse will be **underway at 7:13 PM when the moon rises** over the Salt Lake valley. The moon will be in **totality from 8:11 PM to 9:23 PM** (max at 8:47 PM). After totality the Umbra (the major shadow of the earth) will travel across the moon till 10:27 PM, when the show is pretty much over.

Let's hold our own Eclipse Party at **Soldier Hollow Golf Course** (1370 Soldier Hollow Dr., Midway, Ut 84049). Jim and Margie have arranged to use the parking lot, off the wet grass, near the Club House if we need warmth, etc. Between now and the Club luncheon on September 5th, we can pick a place to meet for dinner. Then travel to Soldier Hollow before sunset.

Plan on bringing: Warm clothing/Blankets! Hot drinks, Bug Repellent, Lawn chair, Binoculars/Telescope, etc. Our only variable is the weather - hoping for clear skies.

For those not able to attend, the eclipse can be seen any where the moon can be seen during the eclipse. Your location is not critical like a solar eclipse.

Additional eclipse info at: <http://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/usa/salt-lake-city>

Sharon and I won't be able to make the Aug 1st Club Meeting so we will see you September 5th with final details.

Robert & Sharon Mechling



New Club Website! By Mike Bailey

Our "New" Club Web Site is up and running. Be sure to check it out! It has an all new look. www.utahmiataclub.org. It will contain all the elements that we need to have a successful club website. On the **Home Page** we will highlight our **Luncheon and Meeting/Drive of the Month** as well as having upcoming activities. Next to this will be the **Next Activity**. It will also feature our two main events coming up for the future; example **Miatas in Deer Valley next June 2016** and the **Viking River Cruise in 2017 to Europe**. When these boxes or links are clicked they will open up to provide all the pertinent information that members need to find out about these events. If there is a Registration form or information page, members will be able to print this information out, download it, or register for event on-line. These event boxes will change when we complete the event and start a new event. All the event information on the Home page is also listed under the Tab bar at top of website called **"EVENTS"**. Also if you scroll across the bars or tabs on top there are lots of pages you can open for additional information.

The Website will all have **Member information** and all Club items like **Membership Renewal Applications, Waivers**, etc. to fill out when necessary. **You can even Renew your Membership on-line and pay by PayPal**. Others that are interested in the club will find all the information they need to join the club. The **Newsletter** will be featured on the site which members can log into. **Photo Galleries** will constantly be changing and it will have a **Zoom-Zoom music score** to listen to while viewing the site as well as rotating photos of club events, similar to what we have had previously.

We will also have **Club Merchandise** that can be ordered directly from the site even if you need only one hat or shirt, etc. There will be a ton of items of different variety that can be purchased at very reasonable prices with the club logos on them. More information will follow on this section. We will also have links to other **club information and events and sponsors**. You will really like the look of the webpage and we hope you will use it regularly. Go to www.utahmiataclub.org or www.utahmiataclub.com to access the website.

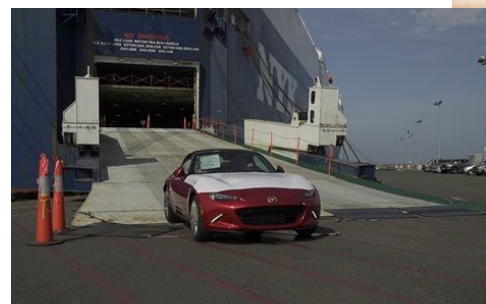
We want to thank John for doing the website for the past several years and he has done a great job with it. It has always been a work in process and John has done a lot to keep up with all the events like Moab and Bryce that we have had in the past. Please express your gratitude to him for this. The Club's Board of Directors and Officers have voted to do this as John has wanted someone else to take over this position for a year now. We will be working with an independent company on this at no charge to the club. The webmaster is a son-in-law of one of our club members and has a lot of experience in this line of work. We are excited for them to provide their expertise to our club for this endeavor.



New 4th Generation Miata Revealed! By Mike Bailey



The new ND Miata is finally out and being distributed to dealers across the country as this article is being written. We have many Miata friends across the country who have ordered "Launch" Editions, a special production Miata which are the first ones out. They are pretty much the same however have different models. I have been reading all of Mark Booth's (from the San Diego MC) posts on Facebook dedicated to the new Miata. It has been really fun reading all about it on social media sites as well as in auto magazines. Some of these photos were taken at the Seattle Shipping Dock where they came in from Japan. There is a photo of them taken in Japan also just before they were shipped to the USA. I have several "sneak peaks" of the ND as well as some special colors which are not available in the US. We can't wait to see one in Utah and some of us wonder whom in the UMC will be the first to get one. Don't be surprised when you see one of our members at the next luncheon with their new MX-5 Miata.



Surf-N-Safari Event

By Mike Bailey



The **San Diego Miata Club's Surf-N-Safari** event in first week in October. This is guaranteed to be a great event held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Carlsbad Beach in California. We have about 12 couples and one single going from our club. It will be a fairly detailed event with members from about 25 Miata clubs attending. They have a very detailed schedule of events planned and you can go to their website at www.sandiegomiataclub.org to find out information and details and what the daily event schedule is.

The SDMC has given me permission to make up some custom shirts for our club. We will make up some of our typical Polo Shirts and a Tee shirt with the Map route on it. These are the designs I have come up with for this event. A catch phrase, "**Catch the Wave**" will be our slogan on the shirt incorporating the SDMC event logo. The front of all shirts will have the round logo on it and the back of the T's and any Sweat Shirt, or long sleeve T will have the Map with logo on it. I will be passing out a list at the next couple months meeting for those interested in getting these shirts. The prices will be the same as usual for the Polo and for the Tee. Also Hats will be available as well as any other apparel items if you wish to get. You can also email me anytime on what you would like as I have a folder to keep the orders in.

I am sure we will be talking more about the details of the trip that Lou and Steve are planning. They have a great itinerary planned out for the trip down and back. This is going to be a very fun trip for all involved and a great way to cap the Fall season driving with a trip to Southern California and a chance to play on the beach before we head into winter.



Recipe Box

By Ana Porter



Caramel Pecan Sundaes

1 1/2 cups sugar

1 1/4 cups heavy cream

1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

2 pints vanilla ice cream

2 pints butter pecan ice cream

Toasted pecans

For caramel; mix 1/3 cup water and the sugar in a medium size heavy pan.

Cook without stirring, over low heat for 5 to 10 minutes until the sugar dissolves.

Increase the heat to med and boil uncovered until the sugar turns chestnut brown about 350 degrees on a candy thermometer about 5 to 7 minutes. Be careful.

Turn the heat off.

Slowly add the vanilla.

The cream will bubble violently and the caramel will solidify.



Old Fashioned Carrot Salad

1/2 cup golden raisins

2 pounds carrots

3 tablespoons sugar

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1/4 cup sour cream

1/2 cup good mayonaise

1 tablespoons kosher salt

1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper

1 cup diced golden pineapple

Place raisins in a small bowl and add enough hot tap water to cover ,set aside

Fit a food processor with the coarsest grating disk.

Wash carrots and grate place then in a large bowl.

Add the rest of all the ingredients.

Set for few hours.

You can also add nuts to this salad.



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2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

1 August: Tooele area luncheon/drive/movie hosted by Steve & Kathy Nielsen

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

12 September: 11:30 Luncheon/Drive: Greek Market, Mirror Lake & Provo River Falls
Hosted by Valerie and Doyle Sturm

27 September: Lunar Eclipse Drive, Soldier Hollow by Robert & Sharon Mechling

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

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

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