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NOVEMBER 2016

THE CONVERTABLE CHRONICLES OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB

FROM THE TOP DOWN

SUBMITTED BY MIKE BAILEY



Well November is here and we have the national and local elections this week and it will be interesting to see which way our country is going to go. Will it be Republican or Democrat? Who knows! I know that for me I will be glad to have it all over with so we can get things back to normal, whatever that is. I'm so tired of listening to all the bickering and name calling back and forth on TV and in the newspaper. I hate all the pro and con Ads on TV. I'm so glad that our club is not political. Lynn and I mocked the main presidential candidates for election at the Halloween party, but only a little! We are also celebrating Thanksgiving later this month and I know we all have a lot to be thankful for. I'm very thankful for a wonderful wife, kids and grandkids and extended family and also for all my Miata friends. Getting together with them and all of you is one of the greatest blessings that I enjoy in life and I am grateful for this association and the relationships I have. We also have lots of Miata friends across the country who are always emailing and calling from time to time to see how things are going and how our 'Utah' Miata Club is doing. This certainly means a lot to me.

On another note, I want to mention that our monthly club luncheons have been wonderful this year. We have normally had about 10-12 more people on average in attendance each month from our previous years. We are solidly getting around 40 people, sometimes more, at our regular monthly luncheon and meeting. This is great and we have had a boost in club membership growth throughout 2016.

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This is mainly through our Dealer Sponsor, Bountiful and Orem Mazda and we appreciate them giving free, one year memberships to people who purchase Miatas at their dealerships. New members are joining all the time and we love this and want to welcome out all the new members to our club activities. We do lots of get-togethers in the Winter months and don't let cold weather or snow hold us back from hooking up and enjoying a play or a luncheon together. I'm sad to report that after our October luncheon when we headed up to Big Cottonwood Canyon for our drive that my 2005 Lava Orange MazdaSpeed was side-swiped by a lady in a big black SUV who changed lanes on 2700 E. Ft. Union Blvd. and trashed the side of my Miata. It was not too serious and fortunately no one got hurt, but it sure messed up my planned drive with the 12 or 13 Miatas in the club that were on that drive. More information on this incident in this newsletter.

The Halloween Party get-together was October's main event. It is a very fun party at this time of the year and has good attendance and we always have fun. Lots of new and different costumes showed up on members for this year's event. The costumes are always great and the food is fabulous. Read all about it in this newsletter and how much fun we had. I want to thank Ali and Shylo for making all the arrangements this year for a change in venue. Their clubhouse was excellent for the party.

Next month we will have the annual Christmas Holiday Party our home for the 11th year in a row, which is always spectacular. We want to invite everyone in the club to come, especially the new members. It is always one of the best Miata get-togethers of the year complete with a fabulous dinner and our amazing White Elephant gift exchange. You don't want to miss it this year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. Details are in this newsletter and also on the club website. We usually don't have a club luncheon or meeting on the first Saturday of December because of the holiday party the following weekend.

Last I want to mention that we are coming to a close of celebrating the Utah Miata Club's 25th Anniversary this year and I want everyone to know how much fun I have had in researching our old Miata Club photo albums and Newsletters and reading them and reporting on the History of the Utah Miata Club. Jim Bowers has been a very useful resource to me for getting the facts correct. I have written articles for the newsletter for most of the month's this year about our club history. Last month I had an error about the first woman president of the club, which Jim immediately emailed and corrected my comments. A retraction or correction will be in this month's History article. I want to thank Jim (and Dorothy) for being the longest remaining active members of the club, who still have a great and wonderful memory of the 'old' days. Thanks, Jim, for helping me with the 'history of the club'. The year is about to end and it has been one of the best year's ever for the club and I am looking forward to next year as well for all the great things we have planned and are still planning to do. 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

JOSEPH & CAROLE NIEMAN
THOMAS & STACY WATSON 8/31/16

JACK BUSHAW 9/30/16

CHIP & JANICE BERLIK, DUANE HARRIS,
GREG & LISA JEROME, RYAN SPRINGER 10/31/16

EXPIRING 11/31/2016

JAMES & HILLARY VREDEVELD ,
LEONARD & SHAUNA MILLGATE,
JAMES & SARAH KERR

TO BE REMOVED FROM ROSTER : ALEN BERRYMAN, KEVIN & BONNIE FOARD, DON HILL, BRODY PETERSON, KIRK WARNER

NEW MEMBERS

CHERYL SCHAEFER 2003 GARNET MICA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

STEVE BECKSTEAD 2ND
JIM VAUGHN 8TH
LISA JEROME 21ST
JANET ANDERSON 28TH



MARGIE NEWSON 6TH
DOYLE STURM 15TH
JIM NEWSON 25TH
JOYE CARLSON 30TH



UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Fun and Events

(Submitted and updated by Steve Beckstead)

- ~~August 13th: Monthly lunch at Mickleson's (Nephi) Nebo Loop Shunpike~~
- ~~Sept 10th: Eden lunch (Carlos Harleys) Monte Cristo drive Doyle and Val~~
- Sept 17th: 9 Mile Canyon drive with Price overnight – Mike Bailey
- October 8th: Monthly lunch Bohemian Grill – Fall Leaf Drive – Mike Bailey
- October 15th: Centerpoint Theater Addams Family – Doyle and Val
- October 20th to 23rd: Sun Valley jazz Festival trip (Lou, Steve)
- October 29th: Halloween Party (Ali and Shylo's Clubhouse)
- November 5th: Monthly lunch (Layton Red Robin) - Lava overnighiter – Lori
- December 10th: Annual Christmas Celebration (Mike and Lynn)

Welcome 2017

- January 7th: Monthly Lunch (TBD) Monthly Meeting (Mike)
- January 21st: (Tentative) Election and Planning Meeting (Mike)
- February 4th: Monthly Lunch (TBD) Monthly Meeting (New Pres)
- March 4th: Monthly Lunch (TBD) Monthly Meeting (New Pres)
- July 10th to 24th: Viking Grand European river cruise
- August 19th to 23rd: Miatas at the Total Solar Eclipse (Lou Vredeveld)



PLAN TO COME TO UMC CHRISTMAS PARTY;
DECEMBER 10TH AT BAILEY'S

LAVA HOT SPRINGS / NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

BY LORI STEED

When: Saturday, November 5, 2016

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Where: Red Robin Restaurant; 1562 Woodland Park Dr.
Layton 84041

Location: Just off I-15 and Antelope drive, east of freeway

Drive: LAVA HOT SPRINGS; Overnight stay

Hotel Reservations: Aura Soma 1-208-776-5800

Ask for the UMC Rate

November 5th, first Saturday of the month will be our monthly club luncheon and drive. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at our regular time, at the Red Robin Restaurant in Layton. We will have our regular club meeting at this time. A list for the "Pot Luck" items for the December Christmas Holiday Party will be passed around to sign up for food items to bring for the Christmas party. After lunch those who wish to go on the drive will head out to Lava Hot Springs, Idaho for an overnight stay at the Aura Soma Hotel in Lava Hot Springs. (Hope you have your reservations by now). The route for driving will be discussed at the meeting and a short driver's meeting will follow for those traveling to Lava. Some of the group who will not go on to Lava may wish to do a short drive around the area if the weather is good. This option will also be discussed. If you are going to Lava and after checking into your hotel room dinner plans will be made at that time and the group will head over to the community hot pools Saturday night. For more details contact Lori Steed at 801-726-9675 by text or phone.

Details for booking your room:

Hotel: Aura Soma 1-208-776-5800...

Ask for the UMC rate

Galleria rooms (new) \$109. + tax

Deck rooms \$99. + tax

King, Queens and Double bed rooms

48 hr cancellation

Make your reservations today!!



OCTOBER LUNCHEON/DRIVE REPORT: BY MIKE BAILEY

October's monthly luncheon was real nice and we had a turnout of over 40 people. We had the entire upstairs room at the Bohemian Brewery in Midvale where they have an extensive collection of Vespa's and other scooters. A real treat for us was that we invited along our son's wife's parents, Brent and Karla Wilson, from Idaho who had never driven a Miata. We thought it was going to be a real fun day for them with nice top down weather for the day. But little did we realize their would be some complications to our last Fall Drive of the year that I was leading. After the luncheon we headed up Ft. Union Blvd. in Cottonwood Heights to Big Cottonwood Canyon where we intended to go over Guardsman Pass and on up to the newly paved road to Midway via the Wasatch Mountain Park Canyon road. Then some of the group went through Charleston and past Deer Creek Reservoir and Dam to Provo Canyon and up Sundance to the Alpine Loop. There were about 12-13 Miatas along on this ride. I was leading and before we made it to the first canyon, Susan Vaughn blurted out a message on the FRS radio that my Miata was wrecked into to. I flipped a U turn, passed by the Vaughns and went to the accident scene. A lady in a big black Toyota SUV switched lanes and side-swiped my Lava Orange with the Wilson's driving it. Needless to say the side of my Miata was trashed and we pulled over to wait for the police to come and investigate. The Nicholls came back to see how we were as we directed the rest of the club to head on up the canyon for the drive. The lady thought it was OK to switch lanes as long as she signaled her intentions. The cops and us disagreed and after she received a citation for improper lane change and the report was written up we headed on our way. Luckily no one got hurt and my car was still driveable. It was just such a shock that this happened as there was a whole line of Miatas in the inside lane driving up the road so how could she "not see us".

We continued up the road, the four of us and completed the drive. We tried to catch up to the group but couldn't. Coming down into Midway the Nicholl's passed us and stopped and so did Kay Barrell and we chatted for several minutes. Then we went on our way. At the guard shack on the Alpine Loop the forest service person told us the miatas was about 20 minutes ahead of us. We never did catch up to them but we continued on and over Suncrest and back home and it ended up being a real nice day. We called the kids and mentioned the accident so they were worried about all of us when we got home. All in all it turned out good. This week the "BAD MX5" is in the body shop getting repaired.



HALLOWEEN PARTY BY MIKE BAILEY

Our Halloween Party this year turned out very well as usual with an assortment of great "characters". We had a change of venue at Ali and Shylo's condo clubhouse which was very nice. Members brought pot luck food items and we had several different soup items as well as a couple different meatballs in gravy sauce and several salads and pasta dishes and deli chicken. The desserts did not disappoint either as there were chocolate donuts with jelly eyeballs and monster teeth on them along with cupcakes with RIP grave markers and hatchets with icing blood coming out of them. Always some good treats to please us. There was a visit by this year's presidential candidates, Clinton and Trump (yours truly) and various other characters such as Boris and Natasha (Sturm's), The Chick Fil-A Cows (Pond's) - -Hey, Eat Mor Chikin! We also had an Explorer and Mummy (Moon's), with Ali as a Fireman (hot costume <get it>) with his companion red dog Clifford (I think she originally wanted to be a dalmation to go along with the fireman). Jack Skellington & Sally (Mechlings), Dracula alias Robert Olsen, Wonder Woman alias Karen Christensen, and Amy and Todd Christopher as Bad Santa and his elf. Amy just had her baby a couple months ago, a darling beautiful girl and she looked great in her costume. Black and Blue Bruise was Nielsen's with Millgates coming as a couple real old, scary ladies that no one wanted to kiss. Jackie was a Witch and Gordy a pumpkin, but we know he fits that mold well. All I can say is the party was tons of fun and look for some more photos on the Candid Camera page. Thanks a lot to Ali and Shylo for arranging the venue and cleaning it beforehand as they went to a lot of work so it would be ready for us.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY

BY MIKE BAILEY

When: Saturday, December 10, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Bailey's Home

1919 East Brighton Ridge Drive (7325 So.)

Cottonwood Heights, Utah 84121

Join us for the best party of the year. This party wraps up the Utah Miata Club's year with a party you won't want to miss. Lots of fun with great food, the annual 'White Elephant' gift exchange, socializing and having a good time! The past couple years we have suggested you come in you favorite Holiday or Christmas outfit and have seen great hats and of course Christmas Socks. We want to encourage this again this year. We would like to have a Christmas Outfit contest for best costume, men's ladies or couples. This year we will have the main food meal item catered by Moon Dogs. It will be a pork loin roast. We will also have members bring 'pot luck' food items to go along with this. Lynn will have a list at the November luncheon to pass around for sign ups on what to bring. Just put you name next to the item you would like to bring. If you miss the list, text her at 801-916-3312 and leave your name and what you want to provide. We always have fabulous side dishes, salads, desserts and holiday items and treats. Please bring your own beverage (BYOB). We will also have a "White Elephant" Gift Exchange. Bring a gift, one per person, for this. It is one of the most favorite parts of the evening and a lot of fun. If you have a favorite Christmas or holiday game, please bring it and let me know in advance about it. The party will be a time where we can talk about the year's events and maybe generate ideas for next year. If you have some photo's of this year's drives or events, please bring a DVD or a jump drive with photos on it and we can play it on the TV set. Mark your calendars for one of the best parties of the year.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING BY MIKE BAILEY

The 2016 Officers and Directors of the Utah Miata Club want to wish everyone in the club a Happy Thanksgiving. We are thankful to each and every member of the club and we are happy to serve you this year as elected and nominated members. We wish everyone a very enjoyable Thanksgiving this year. We are blessed to have such wonderful and fun members in our club and wish you all the best for the Holiday Season.



VIKING RIVER CRUISE NOVEMBER 2016 UPDATE

BY MIKE BAILEY



8 Months to go!

Our Sailing Departure Date is July 10, 2017

Attention Cruiser Group: Amber Lee from Morris-Murdock is asking everyone to provide her with your individual travel plans as soon as possible so she can get your pricing costs on Air Fare and Itinerary for pre and post cruise plans, to include hotels.

Our agent is working now on Air Fare and Pre and Post Hotel Packages and Travel Arrangements and will be contacting each couple on this. If she has not contacted you, please contact her.

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

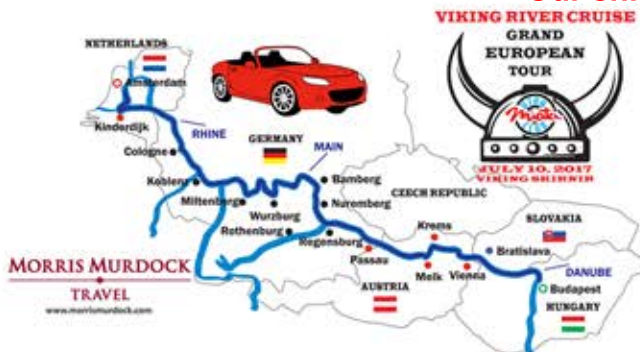


Details on the cruise on our UMC Website: www.utahmiataclub.org Click Viking Logo Ship for Details. Put the word out to family, friends, and other Miata people for "the Trip of a Lifetime!". Also keep tuned in on our Viking River Cruise Facebook Page about our cruise. All cabin types still available so **Book Now for Best Selection. About 20 rooms left.**

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

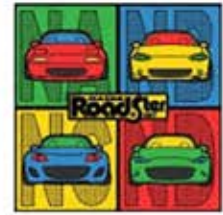
Our ship is called the Viking Skirnir



HISTORY OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB

BY MIKE BAILEY

This article is one of the last installments of the History of the Utah Miata Club. It has been a fun year celebrating our club's 25th Anniversary. We have traveled a lot of miles in 25 years and there have been lots of changes to the Miata in 25 years. Four generations of Miatas have come and each generation is different than the others before them. And, to top that off, we have a completely new version, the RF Miata (Retractable Fastback) coming out the first of the new year! This month I want to highlight some of these changes and progressive changes to our beloved Miata. But first, I want to mention a correction or retraction from last month's article about who I assumed was the first female president of the club. Jim Bowers emailed me right after he read last month's newsletter and mentioned that there were actually two women before her that were president. I also did not know who the other gentleman was in the photo who had been a club president as it was not marked or listed in the photo album book or written on the back of the photo. It was Dale Emery, who was second president of the club. Cheryl Harris then became president after Dale Emery (3rd Club President). The second woman president was Carmen Hendrickson who Jim thinks was president right after Cheryl, so the club had two women presidents in a row. Another interesting fact that Jim told me was how Carmen and her husband Alan joined the club. Back in the 1990's Carmen worked for FedEx at the SLC Airport. One day as Carmen headed home from work in her white Miata, she was pulled over by an airport police car. The policeman was Paul Kloer (a current member who lives in Murray and second couple only to the Bowers from Hawaii, as longest members of the UMC). She thought she was getting a ticket when Paul came up to her car, but instead he gave Carmen a handout on the Utah Miata Club instead, asking her to join. The club then came up with the idea to hand out the business size cards to put on Miatas and ask them to join the club. I thought this was a fun fact about the history of the club. I want to thank Jim and his wonderful memory of past events which has added to the information I have on the club's history.



Now on to information on how our Miata has changed over the years. The First Generation Miata was quite simple. It is still the most favorite generation for a lot of Miata people to own and still have. It is also a favorite among autocross junkies and those who like to race Miatas at the track or a favorite of home 'garage mechanics' who like to rebuild Miatas. Ask any member in our club who still has a first gen Miata, or owned one like myself, and they will tell you why they still own their first gen. There is something about the look and openness of the interior 'cockpit' area that people love. Sure it has less horsepower, is older, and likely has many more miles on them than the newer ones, but it is the original Miata and there is a lot to love about the look and styling of the first generation. I owned two of them and loved both of them. The "M" edition came out early and was the special

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BY MIKE BAILEY



edition of that era and had all the appointments and accessories on it. I always liked how Mazda changed or had a special edition color on the "M" edition model and also on the "SE" or Special Editions of the second generations. I wish that Miata would have kept that going on the succeeding generations.

The Second Generation Miata has always been my favorite (as you can tell because I still own two of them). I especially like the Mazda-Speed edition for the turbocharger and extra power it has. I also like how Mazda continued to carry on the special edition colors with limited production numbers in each year like the ones I have. Both are unique and fun to drive and have all the bells and whistles that Mazda

came out with in that particular year. I also like to have a miata that is not like all the others in looks and styling. The second generation is probably the least favorite generation to have, so I have heard in Miata circles, but not to me. The nice thing about it over the 1st gen is that it had a glass window that you didn't have to zip down to take the top down. The interior is open and has lots of room and I especially like how Mazda maintained the 'mouth' or open grill part, similar to the original Miata. It is also easy to 'accessorize' as well as the first generation is.

The Third Generation Miata had the new styling cues of the Miata and featured most of the present day changes in style and functionality. After the first year it also came with a Power Retractable Hard Top which many of the older Miata customers liked to have as it provided a much easier way to put the top up simply by pushing a button and which also made it a quieter ride. It was particularly nice when a quick rainstorm came to put the top up as well as made it easier to put the top up during all the stops on trips and outings. The Copper Red color was the most popular for many years, a departure from the Classic Red that Mazda always had. Mazda did feature the True Red on the 3rd Gen that many people liked which was closer to the Classic Red paint. The third gen Miata had a bolder and much larger 'mouth' or grill in front and the fenders are more flaired than previous generations. The interiors are well appointed.

With the launch of the Fourth Generation Miata in 2016 came lots of changes. Back to the Ragtop that was such a favorite feature, but a lot easier to put up than the first or second generation Miatas. No more PRHT for this first year anyway. Also the Computer screen on the dashboard and some new and exciting color combinations came out. I especially like the new Soul Red color, one of my favorite all time Miata red colors. The mouth or front grill was completely different and the styling cues had changed over the entire car. LED lighting made it look killer and the LED driving lights in the front really stand out. Not sure how many people have gotten used to it not having a 'glove box' or the positioning of the drink cup holders. The 4th Gen looks is really amazing. Shifting paddles are now standard equipment in the automatics in the new edition Miata but not sure if I would like or use them as I am so used to shifting all my gears. That has always been fun for me and one of the reasons I love the Miata. I am sure that on a long trip I would like it better, especially because I am getting older and there is a lot of difference to me driving a Miata today than it was 20 years ago.

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BY MIKE BAILEY

RF Miata or Retractable Fastback Miata: In the first quarter of 2017 Mazda will bring out another new version of the 4th Generation Miata called the RF or Retractable Fast Back Miata. It takes the cues from the old fastback style sports cars from years ago, only has a completely modern look. This is a "first" for Mazda. It is going to be the new power retractable hardtop option with the same look as the soft-top but adds new functionality to the Miata. The hardtop is lightweight, only adding 100 lbs. to the car. It will still also have the same amount of room in the trunk (4.6 cubic feet) and does not compromise any space. You can also put the top down in 12 seconds at speeds of up to 6 mph and it closes automatically without any latches. The first new edition of it comes in only one color, Machine Grey Metallic, and is an exclusive Limited Launch Edition. Roof panel will be black and has a Auburn Nappa Leather interior, exclusive to this limited edition car. A couple members, namely Gordy Nicholl and Jim Newson have ordered one and are very excited to receive them in a few months. Only 1,000 of the special roadsters will be available in the USA.



MIATAS OF THE MONTH

BY MIKE BAILEY

Miatas of the Month this month features several Miatas and scenes from Miatas in Europe, which is fitting since a lot of us will be traveling to areas close to there in eight months time. The red Miata with the "Bruges 2000" logo on it was at an event attended by at least two current members, Spence Wood and Richard Teasdale back in the summer of 2000 which took place mainly in Belgium and traveled through other European countries as they traveled with other Miata people in rented Miatas. The European group traveled in their own Miatas, of course. I remember that Lynn and I really wanted to go on this trip but we were planning our wedding that year.

Other photos show the Belgian Miata Club Logo as well as a scene from this club in front of one of the stately mansions in Belgium. Other pictures show Miatas traveling through a storm drain, and yet another Miata with a British flag painted on the hood along the coastal area. It would be so much fun to hook up with some Miata people while we are in Europe for our Viking River Cruise. I'm still trying to contact some miata people to see if they would be willing to drive to Amsterdam or one of our port cities to hook up with our group for a photo op with their Miatas. I have had a few conversations with some people on this, but so far no luck on putting something together. On another note, Karen and Dalin Christensen are planning a trip to Miataland in central Tuscany Region of Italy that I just found out about. She is hoping to arrange a future trip to Italy for any of our group who is interested in doing that. Way to go Karen!



NEW ND SHIRTS / UMC SHIRTS

BY MIKE BAILEY

This article is an updated version on the new Miata Club Shirts. Thanks to those club members who have ordered the new ND Miata Club T-Shirts. **The image is the silhouette of the new ND, or 4th Generation MX-5 Miata.** Shirts like this have been popular with the California Miata crowd and others who have purchased the new ND. The image is screen-printed by a new process currently out for screen printing. The miata image can be printed on the front or back of a T-Shirt. The cost is \$15.00 each and will go on any white or light colored Tee Shirt that you prefer. Dark colored shirts require an extra process so are \$2.00 more. Sweat Shirts are also an option if you would like one at the standard cost I have always charged.

'New' Embroidered Shirts: We are also printing some Polo shirts with this same image Embroidered small on the left front chest area like we usually do on Polos. This can be put on most any type or color of polo and we can change color of the thread used. It will normally be dark red and black on the logo image as in the picture of it. The Polo shirts will be \$35.00 each unless you want a more expensive brand Polo. Men's or Ladies sizing is available. These shirts have a nice look whether you own an ND or other year Miata. The new logo is simple, yet classy.

Embroidered Ball Caps: I also have some ball caps with the new ND image on it at regular cap price of \$15.00 each. It can also be put on a Military Style Hat, which is \$20.00.

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

Note: I know there was a problem on some of the ladies sizing as we used a different brand shirt for 'ladies fitted shirts' on the Black or Dark colors only because of the new screen printing process on these shirts is different than the ones we normally do and some of the shirts did not fit some ladies the way they liked. As always, I will take care of that by redoing shirts using the other ladies sizing and styles as we have solved the printing issue on those shirts. Thanks for your patience on this issue. On another note, we will be doing the Denim shirts, long or short sleeve, and the Denim Pin Vests just after the first of the year for those who have signed my list on them. The Denim Jackets with the Official Club Logo on them are also available in any size.



Member Spotlight by: Carol Lynn Vredevelde

Our spotlight couple for November is: JoAnn Jacobsen Wells and Joe Leverich.

I know this talented and very stylish lady from working at NAC; the advertising and printing arm of the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News. Her weekly column: Rolly and Wells appeared in the SL Trib...it was not only very informative, but very entertaining at the same time. They certainly kept the local officials on their toes! She has always been such a delight. They say that good things come in small packages and that is certainly the case with JoAnn. These two have certainly touched the lives and hearts of many people through their service and devotion to others. JoAnn has given us some great insight as to what they have been up to over the past 15 years in the following story:

Joe and I currently own a beautiful 2015 Black, Grand Touring Manual Miata with black and tan interior. This is actually our 2nd Miata. We bought the first one back in April, 2009. Joe wanted a sports car and, because of the recession, it was discounted \$5,000 by a dealer in Arizona. However, it was an automatic, soft top so it didn't meet his expectations.

Joe found the Utah Miata Club on the Internet, but because of our careers and children, we didn't get involved until 2015 at the urging of "Hank," the dentist and Joe's Sports Mall friend. We have been members for about 5 years now, but as Joe puts it, "Like good church members," we have only had sporadic attendance.

I was born in Logan, Utah, and grew up in Montpelier, Idaho; Berkeley and Davis, Calif.; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Salt Lake City. I have also lived in New Jersey, New York.

Joe was born and reared in Salt Lake City but, at age 16, lived in Afghanistan. While there, he was a Peace Corps volunteer, teaching English to Afghans. In addition to his stint in Afghanistan, Joe spent four years in the Navy, serving in Coronado, Calif., and Cua Viet, Vietnam. Ironically, he never was stationed on a ship.

Joe is a graduate of Highland High, and I graduated from the University of Nebraska. (I took correspondence classes while living in Ethiopia.) Joe and I are both graduates of the University of Utah. Joe is a Certified Public Accountant, and graduate of Harvard Business School's Executive Education Program



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Member Spotlight by: Carol Lynn Vredevelde

I am a professional journalist and retired high school English teacher. I was the co-author of the Rolly & Wells column in The Salt Lake Tribune. I wrote the biographies of Robert H. Hinckley, founder of ABC Television and the Hinckley Institute of Politics.

Joe is the founder of the Leverich Group, which recently merged with Gallina, LLP where he is a partner.

We met on a blind date in May and got married Friday, Oct. 13, 2001 and have been together now for 15 years.

We have three totally amazing grandsons (1 month, 2 and 5), an exceptional daughter-in-law from West Virginia - and four children. Oh, and one son-in-law. When we married, we had three dogs - two toy poodles and a wire fox terrier, who slept with us. We were heartbroken by their deaths so we were pet-less for many years. Now we have two Beta fish who were aptly given these names by our grandsons: "Blue fishy fish" and "Red."

Since Joe and I have always shared a passion for travel, our life together has been a grand adventure, highlighted by playing polo on elephants in India, exploring the fairy chimney rock formations in Cappadocia, Turkey, delivering school kits to impoverished children in Ethiopia and seeing stage plays in New York and London.

Although traveling is clearly our passion, we also enjoy going to the theater in Utah and treasure time with our family. Over the past two years, I have been a full-time volunteer for Children of Ethiopia Education Fund, raising funds and finding sponsors to finance the education of impoverished girls in Ethiopia. Joe and I have traveled to Ethiopia three times in the past two years.

We are really happy to welcome them back to the club even though it sounds like it took a little arm twisting to get them involved because of their very busy lives. We hope to see lots more of you in the near future!



NOVEMBER RECIPE

BY ANA PORTER

Salted Nut Roll

- 1 10 oz pkg salted peanuts
- 2 1/2 tbsp. butter
- 1 12 oz pkg peanuts butter chips
- 1 12 oz can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows

Place half the salted peanuts in 12x9x2 in pan.
Melt butter and chips together, add milk and beat until smooth.
Fold in marshmallows and pour over peanuts.
Press remaining peanuts on top.
Refrigerate to set.
Yield 20 generous servings.



Asparagus Omelet

- 6 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- Pepper to taste
- 1 to 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 oz Monterrey jack cheese, shredded
- 2 oz Colby cheese, shredded
- 10 to 12 cooked asparagus spears, chopped
- parsley

Mix eggs, milk and pepper.
Melt butter in large frying pan.
Add egg mixture and heat.
Cook until set.
Add cheese and melt slightly.
Add warm asparagus.
When cheese is melted completely, fold in half and serve.
Garnish with parsley.
Yield 4 servings

