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DECEMBER 2015

THE CONVERTABLE CHRONICLES OF THE UTAH MIATA CLUB

TIME TO GIVE THANKS TO ALL MY TURKEY FRIENDS

SUBMITTED BY STEVE BECKSTEAD



Well each day gets a little colder, a little bit better chance of snow is in the air, and the thought of driving top down sounds a more daunting in a chilly way. I have managed to go twice in the last month, neither time with my lovely wife as she has kept up on her job of rolling her eyes when I do. My '92 Sunburst yellow is stored safely away at Ronda's Mom's garage and I'll be installing my snow tires Sunday.

I thought our luncheon at Pat's BBQ went splendidly with a large turnout enjoying a variety of savory and tangy delights. Pat's certainly knows how to do BBQ. The timing ended up being just right for many of us to head down the street to the Century Theaters for a little James Bond action and see Spectre as a group. Ronda and I are not usually Bond fantasy people, but this was very entertaining, especially when the airplane had its wings knocked off and continued on a long drive down the mountain steering with the rudder as if in the air. Hey that could happen!! My thanks to Hank and Rexanne for setting up this event and we'll call it a big success judging by the attendance!

Last call for anyone wanting to join a few of us heading to Wendover for our version of Black Friday. C'mon out on Friday, the 27th just for the day or stay over with about 8-10 of us who plan on losing our gas money and becoming stranded. Hey their great breakfast is only \$3.99, you can't beat that.

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Turkey Friends (Continued From Page 1)

Lou has found another inexpensive concert at the Sandy Hall where we have been before on December 11th. I'll have a separate newsletter blurb about that.

Biggest thing on the horizon has to be the annual trashing of Lynn's house as the nutcrackers take over once again and host the annual white elephant gift exchange on December 5th. Always a highlight of the year, check Mike's article in the newsletter for details and DON'T MISS IT!

Also, I've been working with Mike and he is looking in to what movies might be playing for a January Club meeting once again at the Jordan Commons Theater in the private area as we have done before. The only detail for sure right now is that it will be on January 2nd, 2016. So put that on your calendars and we'll get you the details. We'll be recognizing both the December and January birthday people at that meeting.

I know I'm getting kind of far into the future, but start thinking about the election and planning meeting in late January, probably on the 23rd. It is an important meeting to attend or your input on the next year's fun won't be planned.

Finally, as I do every month, I'm sending my thanks to so many members of the Club for their support and help with keeping things zooming along. Without the involvement of so many, things would not go so enjoyably. I think this has been an excellent year for the club, and I can't necessarily take the credit. Well, OK, I'll take half the credit ☺. What's that, you say? 75%? Well if you insist.

Keep on zooming and be safe! Our cars are kind of hard to see.

Steve Beckstead, Your Smiling President for a little while longer

THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I want to convey a very special THANKS to Toni Bauernhuber for the excellent job she has done with the newsletter over the last long stretch. Can it really be that she has done this since 2012? According to my records, that is indeed correct! I know at times it has not been easy either, with being out of town, busy, or not really feeling up to it. She also has had to nicely badger procrastinator contributors to get articles submitted. She never failed us and they were ALWAYS outstanding creations. So I wanted to make sure she knows how much I have appreciated her and I speak for all club members in extending a hearty and sincere "Thank you" from all of us!



"We also wish to thank John Bauernhuber for being our Club Webmaster over the past several years. John has done a great job on keeping up the club website with pertinent information and news. He is also still involved with the club's various Facebook Pages and we appreciate his dedication for doing this."



Steve Beckstead, Utah Miata Club President

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		EXPIRING 12/31/2015	
TOM & LAUREL DRYSDALE	8/31/15	DAVE & BRENDA ENCHEFF	
JULES & JULEE WEAVER		MICHAEL J. FOX	
JOHN & TONI BAUERNHUBER	10/31/15	JOE & JOANN LEVERICH	
ROBERT & LAUREN THOMPSON		LYNN & ALEXA MALAND	
LEONARD & SHAUNA MILLGATE	11/30/15	G. STEVEN & LISA SULLIVAN	
		JAMES & HILLARY VREDEVELD	

TO BE REMOVED FROM ROSTER : WES STARKENBURG

NEW MEMBERS

JAMES & SARAH KERR

2016

METEOR GRAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MIKE BAILEY 6TH GORDON NICHOLL 15TH RICK KISER 29TH
 DOROTHY BOWERS 6TH RICHARD DYSON 17TH DANETTE DAVIS 30TH
 HILLARY VREDEVELD 7TH DEB MOON 19TH
 ALI BAZZAZ 11TH KATHY KANKAINEN 27TH
 ROBERT MECHLING 12TH DAVE ENCHEFF 28TH



UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

BY MIKE BAILEY

DEC. 5TH

CHRISTMAS PARTY

JANUARY 23, 2016

ELECTIONS/PLANNING MEETING

A Couple Suggestions For Winter Club Activities: By Mike Bailey

Legends Vintage Motorcycle Museum in Springville displaying over 150 mostly vintage motorcycles rather than restored ones, but they have some of them also. There is a Café and Gift Store at the museum. Go online and check this out and watch the 2 minute video; www.legendsmotorcycles.com.

Larry H. Miller Megaplex Theatres: Movie in the VIP Theatre like we did last year. We can have our luncheon there and watch a first run movie. My suggestion is the new Star Wars movie.

Kirkham's Motorsports Cobra Factory: Provo, Utah. Tour the factory where they make custom Cobra replica sports cars. We did this back about 9-10 years ago and it was real fun.

Desert Star Theater or another valley Theater: We have made a habit of enjoying plays and performances at local theatres. Let's plan another one during the cold winter months.

Christmas in Color: Susan Vaughn and Steve Beckstead came up with this idea for a December idea for us to do before Christmas, maybe a weekday evening as it won't be as busy as a weekend night.



The creators behind the Midway Ice Castles plan to construct a new attraction to celebrate Christmas — a mile-long electric light show. Created by local company, Animated Color, the "Christmas in Color" outdoor display will open Nov. 27 in Kearns, allowing visitors to enjoy a holiday-themed drive through of lights. The mile-long display will include 35-foot Christmas trees and 1 million LED lights set to music. Visitors can listen to the music on their car radio by tuning into a certain frequency while driving for 20 minutes through the display. How much fun would it be to drive our Miatas through this! (weather permitting). Zoom -Zoom

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY 2015

BY MIKE BAILEY

Saturday, December 5, 2015 is the **10th Annual UMC Christmas Party** at the Bailey home. You won't want to miss this. **This year we will have a Contest for BEST Christmas Socks both for both men and women.** Be sure to bring or wear your craziest pair of socks! We will have a prize for best Men's and Best Women's Socks. The party will start about **6:00 pm** and be finished when it is done, or when everyone get's tired. Address is 1919 East Brighton Ridge Dr. (7325 So.) Cottonwood Heights, 84121. Phone 801-597-1456 if you get lost. The club will furnish Turkey Breast and

Ham as the main course. Members can bring a "Pot Luck" items such as salads or side dishes to go along with the main meal.

Also you can bring a dessert or other Christmassy appetizer or item to eat. Club will furnish bottled water to drink and members can BYOB, or beverages of choice. Don't forget your **"White Elephant" Gift (one per each person)** for exchange during one of the most fun moments of the year. We are hoping to have some exciting new gifts this year, and I am sure some of the old ones will be recycled. If you have a Miata related video or slide show you want to bring, please do so. Last year we had the Crazy Sweater Contest for Men and Women, and you can wear them as well. Again, we have invited Brent and his wife Nikki from Morris Murdock Travel to join us as honored guests and give us a 5 minute update on the Viking River Cruise. We also have invited Kim and Chris from the Chateaux and Lodges to give an update on the room

GREAT FOOD * GOOD FUN

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFTS * SLIDES OF YEAR'S EVENTS



SANDY ARTS CHRISTMAS PIANO CONCERT

SUBMITTED BY STEVE BECKSTEAD FOR LOU VREDEVELD



Hey everyone come join us for Christmas music on Friday, December 11th at the Sandy City Hall where we have been several times before.

Lou has found a piano duo performing holiday music at 7:30 pm. The easy thing about these concerts is they are general seating so each may get their own tickets at different times and we can all sit together when meeting there. And the best thing is tickets are only \$10.

Just Google "Sandy Arts Guild" and online purchase for Josh and Lindsey Wright is easy. C'mon, let's Deck the Halls together.

Utah Miata Club Directors want to hear from you!

Submitted by Steve Beckstead

From the time I've taken the helm of Utah Miata Club as President, there is something I've wanted to do. I've wondered what all the members might be thinking about the way things are done and what things are done together. So I have developed a survey to give to each member to fill out and return with their thoughts. Also, since Miatas hold 2 people, I would like the passengers (usually spouse or significant other) to also express their opinions (No working together). I discussed this at our last Director's meeting and most thought it a good idea.

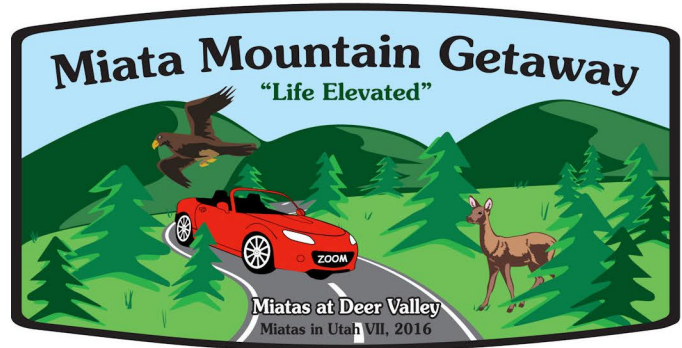
It is a one page (two-sided) multiple choice type survey to make it easy to tabulate, with a comments section at the end. Please take the time to complete it and also to be very honest. We want to do what you want to do. Maybe we don't need to change a thing, but we might get some great ideas.

I will be distributing them at the Christmas party with an addressed return envelope to me. Please no personal blasts and give us any ideas you have. We need it done and returned as soon as possible. For any not attending the Christmas party, I'll be sending a mass email with the survey as an attachment to everyone which they can print and supply their own envelope to have their voice heard.

I will tabulate the results and summarizing in an appropriate way, sharing with any interested. Thank you!!

IMPORTANT: THIS SURVEY IS COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS!

Miatas at Deer Valley, 2016
December Update
June 22-25, 2016
 by Mike Bailey



Register NOW for Miatas in Deer Valley as this is the last month for the Discounted Registration Fee.

The Registration is \$125.00 per person. Register before December 31, 2015 as the Registration Fee goes up \$20.00 per person to \$145.00 per person on January 1, 2016.

We have close to 100 people signed up and registered. The Registration form is on our club website which you can download the pdf, print and fill out and mail with your registration fee to our club secretary and treasurer, Jim and Margie Newson. The address is on the form. Or you can send in your event fee by payment on-line. Go to www.utahmiataclub.org for all the details.

"Over 1440 hits on Miata.Net Forum on our event"

The Registration fee includes the cost of the fabulous food we will have 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 \$80.00 dinner value per person you won't want to miss it and you will get your money's worth. Event fee also includes an Event Pin, our Goodie Bag full of surprises, Ticket for Give-Away Drawings, all the printed handouts, etc. Our event costs and expenses are paid by registration fees. **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 our club 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. *Review details on rooms and cancellation policies.

*** SCENIC DRIVES * GOODIE BAGS * EVENT PIN * GROUP PHOTO SHOOT * WELCOME SOCIAL * SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW * BANQUET & PROGRAM * MIATA PRIZE GIVE-A-WAYS * FABULOUS FOOD * SHOPPING AT HISTORIC PARK CITY * EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMMODATIONS ***

Don't miss out on the Great Miata Mountain Getaway next year at Deer Valley!
Register NOW and Book your Room NOW for best selection.



FLORIDA/INDIANA/CALIFORNIA & BACK

BY GARY & KATHY COLLINGS

We have traveled 12 States and have logged 5,000+ miles (and listened to 5 audio books) in the month of October traveling to Surf-N-Safari event in San Diego. We really enjoyed meeting up with everyone in Carlsbad and had fun with our Utah friends and other Miata people. It was a long trip from Indiana to California. (Al and Cyndee came from Florida to Illinois and Indiana to meet us, so even farther for them). After S-N-S we headed back home (to Indiana) by way of Florida with club friends, Al Brown and Cyndee Boyvee who live in Seminole, Florida. We spent a couple of nights at San Antonio and



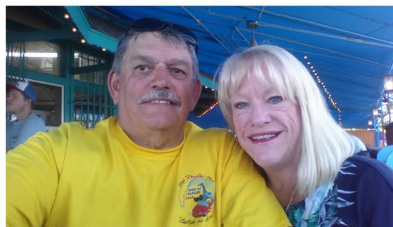
detoured to Waco (home of the HGTV Fixer Upper Show). The drive across I-10 through Texas to Florida was torturous ... any future trips to San Diego will be on a jet plane! Arriving in Florida, we stayed here a couple nights and left our Miata there as Al has a lift <like Mike> to store it on. We plan to winter in Florida. Back home in Indiana we are down-sizing and moving from our home over Thanksgiving weekend to a condo by Indianapolis.



We are leaving Indiana and headed to Florida for the Winter (January - March 2016). We are staying at The Villages, population 100,000 in Florida and will have access to our Miata and SUV. Norm Arbuckle, who you (Mike) met at Bristol Motorway on the Tennessee trip (ZTMOET) last June, is active in the Villages Miata Club, which has 100+ members. Norm and Suzi sold their white "Woody" Miata and purchased a new 2015 PRHT which he hopes to run on the Speedway next May. We will join them in different club events for the winter in Florida. The good news is

one can have the top down daily in Florida but very few hills/curves to drive at 50 feet sea level or less. We will look forward to seeing our Utah friends next June at Miatas at Deer Valley as the four of us will be coming up to Utah. Until then, have fun and be safe and see you all next summer.

- Gary & Kathy



MIATA OF THE MONTH

BY MIKE BAILEY



Miata of the month is a 2001 Special Edition Evolution Orange Miata. This color only came out in two consecutive years and was considered an unusual color for a Miata, kind of a gold-ish pumpkin color. We have seen a few of them at Miatas in Moab and Bryce, namely Heather Dyer a gal from the Midwest had one. TI have also seen them at several other regional Miata events. This particular Miata is completely customized with gull wing doors and tons of chrome and engine accessories. It has mirrors on the inside of the hood to reflect all the engine goodies.



VANITY PLATE

BY MIKE BAILEY



Personalized Vanity Plate this month is RLILRV. This is owned by Steve and Kathy Nielsen who live in Tooele, Utah. This is their version of their "Little RV" as Steve says. I think he mentioned that Kathy came up with the plate name. They own a 1996 Classic Red Miata and Steve did a lot of work to it in the Summer of 2014, as seen in these photos. They will have been club members for 4 years in March 2016. This Miata has over 200,000 miles on it.



VIKING RIVER CRUISE DECEMBER UPDATE

BY MIKE BAILEY



Join us for a 15 Day Grand European River Tour.
Sailing Date which is July 9-23, 2017
Our ship is called the Viking Eistla

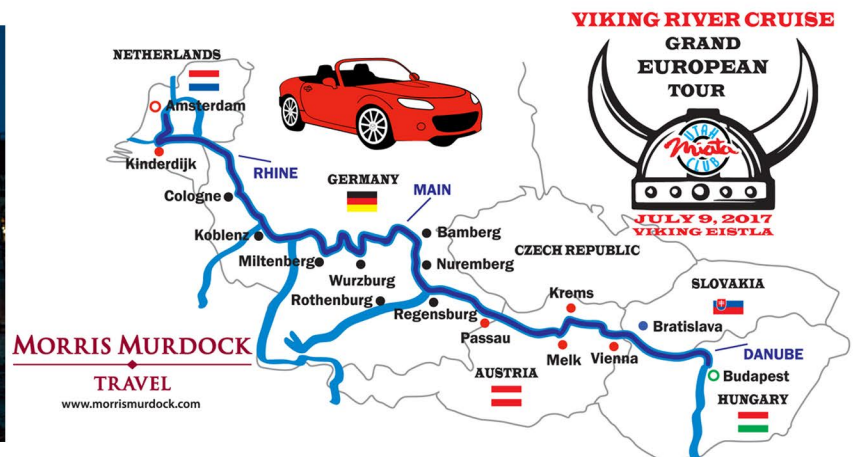
The Longship is a new ship built in 2014. Our new cruise prices are anywhere from 4% to 8% less, or cheaper, than the 2015-2016 published rates PLUS all prices INCLUDE \$225.00 per person Gratuities. This new price will save everyone money on this cruise by at least \$500.00 per person, depending on cabin!

Morris Murdock Travel has Chartered the entire ship from Viking so this cruise vacation belongs to us. We have 50% of the total cabin staterooms reserved from our club members and other Miata friends and family from 16 clubs in 16 states.

If you have family or friends or other Miata people you know of who would like to join us, please let them know about this cruise offer and these prices will be provided to them as well. Morris Murdock Travel will start advertising to their clients after the first of the year, so get on-board now for the "Trip of a Lifetime".

New Morris Murdock Web Site Page: Morris Murdock Travel has created a new web page on their website for OUR Cruise. It will be made live within the next couple weeks. It will have all kinds of useful information for each of you about our cruise and all the details you need to know. We will send you an email when it is ready to view. There will be short video clips of the ship, cabin rooms, cruise itinerary, places we will visit and see, and many things you will experience on our cruise. Also keep tuned in on our Facebook Page for our cruise updates named Utah Miata Club Viking River Cruise. Over 700 Hits on Miata.net Forum

Refer to the Club Website for other details and our "Official Terms & Conditions" and Payment Plan outline.



25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR UMC

BY MIKE BAILEY

2016 will be the 25th Anniversary date for the Utah Miata Club. Can you believe that the club has been around for 25 consecutive years! What an accomplishment for this club. Of course, I can see why because of all the great wonderful members and fun that we have. To commemorate this event we will produce a decal or car window sticker for your Miata. Attached is a design I have come up with. I hope you like it. If not, feel free to submit another design for the logo or decal.

25th Anniversary



This design is actually not a new one. When we came up with the current club logo in 1997 of the round circle with the red 'Miata' script, this design was the alternate one that was submitted at that time. I actually put this on a couple hats and a leather jacket that I still have (and it still fits me too!). Some of the older members (not by age, but by time in the club) may remember this design such as Porters, Bowers, Kloers, Moons, Spence Wood, Annette Nielsen and Steve Tobiason to name a few. I was thinking of what to do, discussing it with Lynn, and thought it would be good to resurrect this idea. Of course it has the first gen NA Miata on it to go back to our roots. The decal can go on the wing window or front windshield corner like the other anniversary decals we have done for each 5 years of the club. This will also be a fitting tribute to the club.

I was speaking with Steve Beckstead about this and we talked about printing up some classic blue denim shirts and/or polos with the logo design on it sometime this spring or before summer. It would be nice to wear these shirts at some of our regional Miata events to show other Miataites how long our club has been around. We will also be planning a celebration or activity for the club to commemorate this event sometime this year, so will want to put it on the planning calendar. Let's come up with some ideas for this.

ANNIVERSARY PINS

BY MIKE BAILEY

The Member Anniversary Pin has been put into production and will be available sometime in January 2016 to pass out to members. Hopefully for the Election & Planning Meeting. Pins will be created for 3, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25th anniversary of when a member joined the club. The pin will be presented to the member during the respective luncheon meeting during their respective anniversary month date that we have on record. We will use Bronze or Copper, Silver, and Gold metal for different years to distinguish the pins from each other. We feel this will be a great way to honor each member for their service in the club.



ELECTIONS & PLANNING MEETING

BY MIKE BAILEY

Our annual **Election and Planning Meeting** will be on **Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.** tentatively scheduled at our usual place in the Conference Room (upstairs) at Bountiful Mazda. I need to confirm this with the BM management. We will have a pot luck dinner which will be decided either at the Christmas party or at our January luncheon on January 2nd. Club members are requested to bring pot luck dishes for this to share with each other. We will conduct our annual **Elections Meeting** first and choose new Club Officers & Directors for the 2016 year. Please let any current officer know by the January luncheon if you



ed in running for any one of the open positions which will be President, Vice President and two Director's positions. Also let us know if you would like to nominate anyone for one of these positions, but let them know of this in advance as a courtesy so they may accept or decline the invitation. After election of Officers, we will appoint and ratify the other appointed positions available for club members. Remember this is your club so please join the team of great leaders that we have had in the past and run for an office.

After the elections we will have the **2016 Planning Meeting**. This is where we discuss the major activities and drives for the year and do a basic outline in planning them. Be sure to bring a Calendar with you if you have one. We like to have a different club member be in charge each month of the year for planning the luncheon place or type of luncheon we will have as well as plan a drive or activity. You can plan this with two or three couple friends if you like, so not one couple has all the responsibility. Put on your thinking caps and let's plan some new activities or drives this year and try something different. It is good to get new ideas from new club members on what you want to do. The success of this club depends on new ideas from all the people in the club. Hope to see everyone at this event. It will be a great way to start off the new year!



CANDID CAMERA SHOTS TAKEN ON OUR SURF-N-SAFARI TRIP

BY MIKE BAILEY

