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July 2015

They Call Me Mellow Yellow

Submitted by Steve Beckstead

So I have two wonderful grandkids Tagen and Spencer who are now 16 and 21. An intriguing thing about them has always been their interest in much of the music from my day. The Beatles and Kansas are among their favorites. So when they asked me what the personalized license plate was going to say on our new car I said I had ordered MLW YLW because Ronda and I felt the bright yellow of our new car was a good fit for the Donovan song. They looked blank. I quoted, You know, "They Call me Mellow Yellow". Actually I sang it to them. Their confused expressions not only made me realize the song may not be as famous as I hoped, but also I was glad I didn't pursue a career as a vocalist.

What was the point? Oh yeah, the new car was the point. We heard that the Porter's 1992 Sunburst Yellow 1992 Miata was up for sale by the person they sold it to a year or so ago. Of course it made no sense at all to buy it, but maybe we'll just go look at it. (That's what women say when they go to the shoe department of a store, and look at their closets). Ronda did the first test drive and you guessed it, after one block she said "I want this car". Tyler was with us and drove it and agreed. You remember what happens when he comes with us on test drives. . Anyway, the price was certainly fair for this head turning Sunburst yellow, especially with the roll bar and snappy wheels. . Anyway, the price was certainly fair for this head turning Sun-

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burst yellow, especially with the roll bar and snappy wheels. So now we just need to figure out in the garage where we are going to put one too many cars. Hey I'm the president of the club, so I get 2 cars!

What a great time on the Shunpike drive ending up at the outstanding Rat Fink car show. My thanks to the fire chief, also known as Gordy Nicholl for what is always a great drive avoiding the Interstate! Next up is the summer picnic coming up in July and location is the Riverside Park in Morgan. This will be catered for the first time I remember since joining the club and I think it sounds GREAT! Make sure you have let Jim Newson know if you are coming. Be there July 11th at noon or so. (Don't forget your swim suits, they have a splash pad). If leaving from Salt Lake and wanting a drive up, we'll be going from the University Park Hotel parking lot by the zoo again. Be there by 10am.

We are now very close to the highlight of my summer which is the fabulous Banff trip planned by Mark and Susan Vaughn. We'll be pulling out on the highway July 18th for a great trip full of zooming down great roads. I have done this before but in the middle seat of a Chev Astro van and it was still breathtaking.

The details on Steve and Kathy Neilsen's Miata event in August are out and look REALLY FUN! I won't elaborate too much because I'm sure it will be later on in this newsletter. They also have created an event in Facebook that looks great. Be sure to join it if you are going. It is going to be a drive-in date after a cruise in Tooele. (Don't forget the bug repellent).

August 7th (or around there, some are leaving on different dates) brings us to the departure date for the Tuacahn adventure also set up by the Vaughns. I can't wait to see the Disney themed program that they are having on Saturday.

I think that details on these things are later on in the newsletter. Keep a watch on Facebook and your email account for some Fast Fun quick things that might just come to mind this Summer. You never know when the bug for a quick drive might just pop up.

Keep those motors running!

Steve Beckstead, the Smiling President



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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

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Craig & Candy Hendrix
Jim & Margie Newson
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Wes Stockenburg

Recently Expired	Date
Dave Brewer	5/31/2015
Joe & JoAnn Leverich	5/31/2015
Jery & Judy Ragland	5/31/2015
Mark & Marlene Remington	5/31/2015
Amy Beckstead	6/30/2015
Joye Carlson	6/30/2015
Darwin & Lori Steed	6/30/2015

To Be Removed after Club Meeting

Charles & Kristie Engar

Annette Nielsen



New Members

Color

Bob & Gale Klinshaw

Marble White



Valerie Francis	14th
Shylo Bazzaz	16th
Dave Sharette	23rd
Pat Vaughn	24th

Tooele, Drive, Dinner & Drive-in

By Steve and Kathy Nielsen

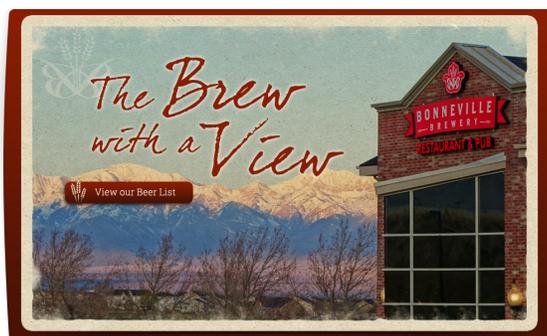
August 1st we will meet at Soleberg's Grocery store parking lot at 5:00PM (6727 N SR 36 in Stansbury Park.) From there we will drive to Johnson's Pass and back...approx. 2 hour round trip. Dinner will be at Bonneville Brewery at 7:30 (1641 N Main in Tooele) and then off to the Motor Vu drive in at 4055 UT 36 in Erda. (movies will be announced the last week in July)

If you can't join us for the whole evening just come to what you can.

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

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Club Summer Picnic by Mike Bailey

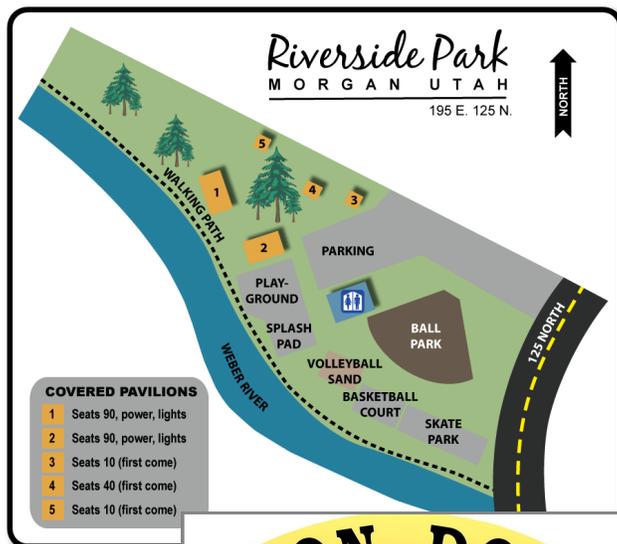
The annual **Utah Miata Club Summer Picnic** will be held on **Saturday, July 11, 2015**. The picnic and drive will be led by the Baileys. For those in the Salt Lake Valley we will meet at **10:00 a.m.** at the University Park Hotel parking lot (west side) located at 480 Wakara Way up by the University of Utah. Wakara Way is located east of Foothill Drive. We will drive up Emigration Canyon and then follow East Canyon up to Morgan and go to the **Riverside Park in Morgan City**, located at 195 E.125 North. We have a **Pavillion reserved from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 p.m.** We will be at the pavilion next to the walkway (#1) and *not* the one by the children's playground. There should be plenty of parking in the parking lot there. For members living up north you can just make your own way to Morgan City if you like.

The picnic will be hosted by **Moon Dogs of Layton**, where we had our February luncheon. If you were there you will remember that the BBQ food was excellent and they did a wonderful job of feeding and serving us. We will look forward to the same great food and service as Moon Dogs will be catering our luncheon.

Menu will include:

PULLED PORK SANDWICH, PULLED CHICKEN SANDWICH, BAKED BEANS. COLESLAW. MACARONI SALAD, CHIPS, COLD SODA POP & WATER. A Pot-luck item to go along with our BBQ lunch or a dessert is suggested for club members to bring, but not mandatory. This lunch will be paid for by the Utah Miata Club.

After lunch we will take a drive up through Northern Utah in the Huntsville area and around Trapper's Loop, and past Pineview Reservoir if everyone likes that idea. Then we can make our way home from there. **We need a head count** so we can plan on how many meals we will need to purchase. Please let Jim know preferably at the June luncheon if you will be attending the picnic in July so he can get a head count. After all, it is a Free Lunch! This will be lots of fun so we hope everyone can come.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT BY CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD

*I'm very happy to welcome one of our newest members, **Teri Black**, to our Utah Miata Club. We were introduced to Teri at the luncheon on the recent Shun Pike Drive and could tell right away she is going to be a lot of fun! Although she is new to the club, she has enjoyed Miata's longer than most of us and has owned several different Miata's over the last 24 years. She is excited to be part of a group of people that love them as much as she does and is really looking forward to some of the fun drives and events that are coming up this summer. Her enthusiasm is contagious and she has a great sense of humor.... this lady will fit right in! She is also very accomplished and I'm sure you will enjoy reading Teri's story as she tells it in her own words below:*

I fell in love with the Miata on first sight. I have owned several Miata's in the past, and I currently have a 2015 Mazda MX-5 Miata Grand Touring with the power-retractable hard top in Zeal Red (a coppery red). I have just ordered ZOOOOOM as my personalized plate (currently have 15MIATA). I couldn't believe ZOOOOOM was still available in Utah! For my past Miata's, I've always done the year with the model (91MIATA, O4MIATA, O8MIATA). I've told people these are not Vanity plates; they are Idiot plates, since it's harder to remember random letters and numbers!



I bought my first Miata in Hawaii in 1991 (a white one). Hawaii was a great location to own a Miata, and I spent many, many days topless – especially at night when it wasn't so hot. I moved it to Utah with me in 2000 and traded it in on a 2004 gray turbo model; only 6,000 of those cars were made in that year. I had the gray car for less than 24 hours when a detail shop backed a Dodge Ram pickup almost over the top of it, punching a hole in the hood and crumpling it so badly, they couldn't even get the hood open. The detail shop paid to have it repaired, but it was never the same (if only in my head). I also had a 2008 Miata in bright red.

When I purchased my 2015 from Bountiful Mazda in May, they included a free year's membership to the Utah Miata Club. I didn't know about the Club before, but I wish I had. I probably would have joined a lot sooner.

I grew up in farm country in Greenville, Ohio; most of my family is still there. I graduated high school in Greenville and have worked full-time ever since. I have taken some college courses in night school.

Currently, I am the Director of Operations for the Utah Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, doing finance, HR and information systems. I've also been Acting Director for the Montana Chapter for about a year and a half, helping them until they fill this position (which should be next month, thank goodness!). Prior to this job, I was the Finance & Administration Officer for the Hawaii Community Foundation in Honolulu for 10 years.

I have lived in several different places over the years. I grew up in Ohio, and then moved to South Carolina when I was 18. I lived in South Carolina for 7 years, and then moved to Washington, D.C., for a year, then to Burlington, Vermont, for 3 years. I then moved to Hawaii for 10 years and finally to Utah in 2000. I have to

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say, I've lived in some really beautiful places, but I love Utah the most. I didn't really know what "Wide Open Spaces" (the Dixie Chicks song) were until I came here!

I am currently single, after going through a divorce in January of this year after 17 years of marriage. I was also married at the age of 18 for 15 years prior to that. I don't have any children, but I do have 4 Schipperkes, Kodi (16), Maggie (5), Bear (5), and Jessie (8), which are like furry kids on 4 legs. I also foster for no-kill shelters and often have an extra dog running around with my pack, until it finds a home.

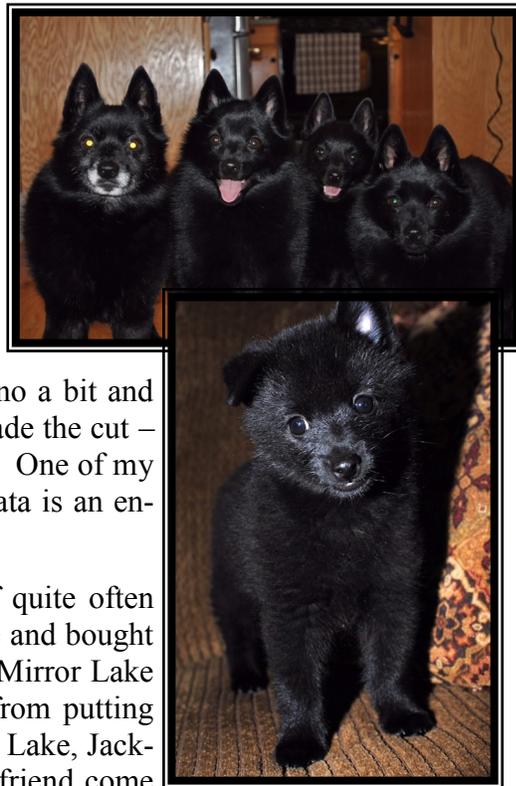
In my spare time, I love to quilt, knit and crochet. I did have a wool quilt win first place at a local quilt show not long ago. I also loved SCUBA diving in Hawaii (hard to do that in Utah!). I play the piano a bit and have done some singing. I tried out for the Honolulu Chorale and made the cut – but quit after I found out I had to wear a moo moo for concerts! Lol! One of my favorite things to do is drive; I LOVE road trips – and driving a Miata is an entirely elevated driving experience.

I had an rPod 178 (camp trailer), which I took camping by myself quite often (usually would take a dog or two with me). I sold it after my divorce and bought the Miata instead. I like to fish and love the trout at the lakes in the Mirror Lake area (tasty!). I love any excuse for a road trip and just got back from putting 2,200 miles on the new Miata with trips to Zion, Bryce, Arches, Bear Lake, Jackson Hole, the Tetons and Yellowstone, all within a week! (I had a friend come out from Ohio who has never seen the west; what fun to see it toplevels!)

I've only done the one tandem drive with the Club (June 6th); it was awesome to see so many beautiful cars in a row. I'm glad I'm a member of this Club; everyone was so friendly, and it's great to spend time with people that love the Miata as much as I do.

I love what I've seen of the 2016 and can't wait to see one in person. I just might have to trade up! My motto is: "Life is short; drive a Miata!"

Teri...we're so glad to have you as a member of our Miata Club and can't wait to share some fun adventures with you in the near future!





Miata Canada Adventure Merchandise



By Mike Bailey

We have a new Logo for the **Miata Canadian Adventure** trip that Susan and Mark Vaughn are doing and are in charge of. The logo features an American Flag and a Canadian Flag on Gold flag poles crossing each other. A red Miata is under the flags with a different version of the Utah Miata Club logo below the official name of the event. Originally billed as the "YMCA" (Your Miata Club or Canadian Adventure) the name was shortened. **We will be featuring some Miata Club Apparel for this trip similarly to what has been done for our other "Adventure" trips.** We will have a Polo Shirt with logo on the front and also have a T-Shirt with the same logo on the front and on the back will feature the trip mileage, estimated at 2,280 miles with the date; July 18-26, 2015 on it. There will be a map of the itinerary and route of the trip below this information. The map on these shirts has been very popular. Susan will be passing out a sign-up sheet at her event meeting for those wishing to purchase these items. In addition we will have ball caps and military caps with an embroidered simple logo of the same on the hats. It is possible that small Club Event Magnets will also be available with the logo on them. It seems that the magnets have been collector's items for attendees.

Even if you are not going on this trip you can still purchase any of this merchandise. The main Polo and Tee will be the same color for all attendees. Additional shirts; Polos, Tee's, Long Sleeve T's or Sweat Shirts or Hats can be purchased as well and in different colors. Please contact Susan Vaughn or Mike Bailey for these but get your order in quickly as there are only 18 days until the trip begins. Email or phone me with any orders and be sure to provide Name, Size, (Ladies if you want a ladies size) and color and quantity of items wanted. Thank you.

Mike Bailey

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Viking River Cruise Update

by Mike Bailey



As of the publishing of this newsletter, we have 48 Stateroom Cabins reserved for our July 2017 Viking River Cruise. We now have half or 50% of the cabins for the Longship reserved! 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 13 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." 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 Jenson of Morris Murdock Travel is working on getting us some specific dates for the trip. I will be meeting with him next week to go over some important updates. We many very well have the exact date then.



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@morrismurdock.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

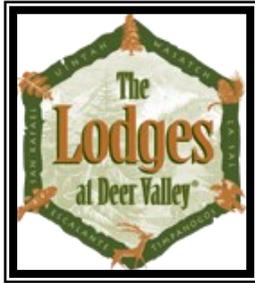
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up, You will receive ALL available discounts and promotions, cash back vouchers, etc. that are available by the cruise line and travel agency. Other discounts and benefits will be divided among all those who place a reservation for the cruise.

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!





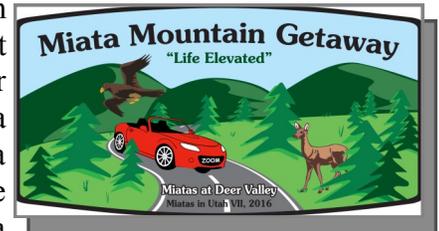
Miatas at Deer Valley, 2016

June 22-25, 2016

by Mike Bailey



Miatas at Deer Valley is progressing well. We have signed our contract with our alternate Hotel Resort, The Lodges at Deer Valley. They are ready to post their rooms with a link on-line as soon as we are up and running and have our contract with The Chateaux signed. We are calling our event the "Miata Mountain Getaway" with "Life Elevated" as a Slogan which is a play on a Utah phrase most of us are familiar with from after the Olympics that was here in 2002. Our logo will be very colorful and descriptive of the venue and area we will be hosting our event at.



Our date is locked in for the event, which will be held the next to last weekend in June, 2016. The Official date now for Miatas in Utah VII event is June 22-25, 2016 (Wednesday thru Saturday for four nights, checking out Sunday the 26th). 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 with 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.

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 274 Miata attendees currently. If we need more rooms, there are other available hotel properties and condos we can get 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 store, and other amenities.

Room Accommodations: Our hotel rooms will be different than our usual "hotel" type rooms that we have used in the past at our other Miata events. The rooms for accommodations will feature lodging options of Hotel Rooms, One-Bedroom Suites as well as two and three bedrooms suites which can be combined to allow more couples to "share" suites that come complete with full size gourmet kitchens and living rooms with big screen TV's and full bathrooms. They also have decks on each room for fantastic view of the mountains and resort area. This allows "groups" of Miata people from our club as well as other clubs to "share" rooms together with separate bedrooms per each couple with the addition of a "suite" as mentioned above for about \$100. more for a party of 4-6, which means that splitting the cost is less than \$150. per night for a 4-Star accommodations. Soon we will have a link posted on their websites to book our rooms.



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Registration Process: We are still working out other details such as meal costs, our Saturday evening Banquet Dinner and Program, and other costs. Once we have this information we will then be posting it on our club web site and have pages dedicated to this event. We will then have our Event Registration Form posted on-line and ready for attendees to fill out and send in. At this time we will then let everyone know when they can book their rooms. You can go online and check out the resort property and the rooms. www.thechateaux.com and www.deervalley.com. This process should be ready sometime this month and we can start the Registration Process.

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

ZTMOET Report by Mike Bailey



ZTMOET is an acronym for **Zoomin' The Mountains of Tennessee**. This was a 4 days event I attended with Donn Cichocki, Bill & Janet Anderson, and Gary & Kathy Collings of our Club. These folks also belong to the PACE (Central Pennsylvania Club) and the Indy Club (Indiana) respectively, and Donn is past member of the M'sters and MASS Miata Club (New Hampshire and Massachusetts). My trip was a full two weeks and was a lot of fun. Here is brief mention of what I did and some highlights. I have a companion article in this newsletter to go along with this on the **Bristol Motor Speedway** of which we spent a half day and evening until about 1:00 a.m. on this incredible racing track.

I flew into New Hampshire on a Friday and spent a couple nights at the beautiful home of Donn and Janet Cichocki, our fabulous friends from New Hampshire. They live on a wooded quiet street surrounded by winding Miata roads. Janet is always prepared with a fabulous meal and their hospitality was next to none as it always is. Lynn and I have spent many vacations out their way since our hookup at Miatas in Moab I back in 2003 when we met as a result of my having a tire blow out and they loaned me their spare. We have been close friends ever since. Janet was kind enough to trust Donn and I to drive her 2006 Velocity Red Special Edition Miata to the event. First day we hooked up with a half dozen



MASS Miata club people for a country drive, lunch and visit to Saint Gaudins Historic site. We put on about 3,764 miles on the Miata traveling through about 13 eastern states and eventually headed from Boston to Hyde Park, New York (spent a couple days there) seeing various sites and historic places such as the JF Kennedy Museum and Ed Kennedy Library and Roosevelt's and Vanderbilt estates. Then we went on to York, Pennsylvania through terrible hard-pounding rain almost washing us off the road, where Bill and Janet live. Spent the night at their beautiful home before heading to Tennessee on a route that Bill planned out for us.



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It was a great trip. The route was very scenic and we took advantage of lots of twisty mountain Miata type roads. We spent most of a week in Johnson City, Tennessee at the ZTMOET event. Approximately 273 Miatas were there which represented lots of very fun Miata people. I recognized many faces who have come to our Moab and Bryce events and from other Regional and National Miata events I have attended. I also made many new Miata friends. This is what it is all about, in my opinion. I saw lots of fabulous looking Miatas and many with real 'tricked out' engines and accessories. There is never a dull moment with lots of Miata people and Miatas of every kind around. The hotel was large and everything was centered around a real nice swimming pool with lots of vendors who had tents in the parking lot to sell various Miata related items. A lady was actually selling the Zoom - Zoom stickers we got Free from Mazda, 2 for \$5.00. I should have brought a bunch with me to pass out for free. First day was a ride to Hwy. 421 called "The Snake" for obvious reasons. We also went to a winery along twisty back roads and, on another day, to the Tennessee Moon Shine Distillery where I met "Tiny", one of the owners. They had some 100 Proof Moon Shine and a tasting table set up for us to try their various flavored products. They had souvenir bottles for purchase complete with a custom made label for the event featuring Miatas on the label. We also did some other country rides. They do not lack twisty back roads in Tennessee.



"Tiny"



Saturday was the closing ceremony with a BBQ dinner at poolside. As nice as it was, needless to say, I think our Moab and Bryce events were much better and more well organized on the rides etc. I saw a lot of people who have been to our events and they praised us and how well we put on our events and what great drives we had planned. Many asked about Miatas in Deer Valley and were anxious to sign up. Donn and I got a chance to promote the Miatas in Utah event and we also passed out about 60 DVD's for the Viking River Cruise. We had 4 couples sign up right away as a result of that. There were about 10 couples I got acquainted with from East Coast clubs and all the way down to Florida who will be coming both to Deer Valley and the VRC. It was fun getting to know them better.



After the event we headed to North Carolina and did The "Tail of the Dragon, 318 Curves in 11 Miles" at Deal's Gap. This famous twisty road did not disappoint. We also did "Diamond Back" and "The Devil's Triangle" and Blue Ridge Smokey Mountains, Roan Mountain Pass, and Skyline Drive and many more exciting back roads too numerous to name them all. We had about 5 Miatas on this portion of the trip and had a great time and also visited many scenic sites. We then went to Virginia and to Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, and several other historic places. Then we headed back to York, PA. and took in the Harley Davidson Factory Tour of the Custom Motorcycle plant there. We then headed back to New Hampshire and Saturday was the start of Bike Week at Laconia, NH so drove up there with the Cichocki's for a fun time there. It was tons of fun and I want to thank Donn and Janet for everything they did for me. It was truly an "Adventure" that I will always remember and can now check off some things that have been on my bucket list for a long time.

Bristol Motor Speedway by Mike Bailey

I think doing laps on the Bristol Motor Speedway was one of the most exciting things I have ever done in a Miata. It was truly remarkable. We had over 200 Miatas show up at the Speedway. There is a sign in the Speedway that says "This is the Last Great Colosseum" and it truly was. We all lined up in the "pit rows" and waited for our turn to go on the speedway. The cost was \$30.00 for about 6 laps but actually we did about 10-12 laps. We could purchase additional laps if we wanted. All the money went to charity. The BMS is amazing. The banks on the end curves were fascinating and extremely steep. We arrived in the afternoon and had dinner there and were able to do autocross in the center area of the track. Gary and Kathy Collings were my "pit crew" members. There was even a wedding that was celebrated at the Speedway for a Miata couple and they had their Miata on the stage with them.



We lined up and waited until dark to start doing most of the laps under the bright lights. We went out about 40 - 50 cars at a time. The only restriction was that we could not pass the Miata in front of us. There was a Camaro Pace Car and he would go as fast as the first Miata wanted him to go. Donn was hesitant to go on the track, but we were in the car gabbing and then it was our turn. He didn't have time to get out and we had to go right then. I got up to about 70 mph on the first laps. Donn had a good time and was relaxed by the



time we were through. One of our friends, Art Caira from Florida Club (who will be at Deer Valley and the VRC) gave me his laps as he is trading in his Miata for a new 4th Gen when he gets back home and his tires were kind of worn so he didn't want to wear them out on the track so he gave me his lap card. That was very much appreciated as I had learned on the first section of laps exactly what to do and was prepared to have the thrill of my life. Donn let me run this set by myself while he took photos. I had my Go Pro on and videotaped the entire night doing laps. It will make some great footage for the Christmas party this year. I managed to get up to about 85 mph on this run and was limited by the Miata in front of me on going faster. I did the high bank into the end curve and pulled down to the lower bank lane on the way out accelerating all the way. It was a Blast!



We chatted with all the Miata people through the night. When done we had to pull into the center section inside of the pits. After the laps there was a challenge to race the Pace Car by paying a small fee donated again to the charity. Several Miatas took the challenge. All of them were stock Miatas without upgrades like superchargers or turbos. One Miata waxed the Camaro and the Camaro almost burned off his tires trying to keep up. He beat the Miata on the straights but failed on the curves and once the Miata passed him after about 6-7 laps, the Camaro never caught up. It was a great night and lots of fun. It sure beat any of the experiences I have had at Miller's Track and they were quiet lenient on us and we were not even required to wear helmets.



Total Lunar Eclipse in September



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 shows is pretty much over.

At the Shunpike drive I mentioned that the Salt Lake Astronomical Society (SLAS) will hold a public eclipse party but no location has been selected (Yet). A sight will depend on the weather forecast. The advantages of attend a SLAS party would be plenty of Telescopes.

If we hold our own party we'll need a dark spot i.e. West Desert/Wendover, Camp Floyd Cemetery, Soldier Hollow Golf Course. I'll continue looking for options (with SLAS or on our own).

Regardless of where we go, plan on bringing: Warm clothing! Bug Repellent! Lawn chair, Binoculars.

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

See you all at the July 11th picnic

Robert & Sharon Mechling

MIATAS OF THE MONTH BY MIKE BAILEY



I spied these two first generation Miatas in Tennessee and the ZTMOET event. Both have Bug Eyes and are very cute. The Orange one also has teeth.

Vanity Plates by Mike Bailey



This month's Vanity Plate featured is MX5 42 on Bill and Janet Anderson's Copper Red Miata. This plate pretty much says it all as the Miata is definitely fun for two people. This is a new plate that they are sporting on their Miata since we traveled with them last. As you all know the Andersons are members of the Utah Miata Club and also the PACE Miata Club of Central Pennsylvania. We have taken them on several adventures with us from Moab to the Great Western Adventure and the GSWA also. It was their turn to host myself and Donn Cichocki on a trip back east and Bill directed the main drive with several Miatas from the PACE club to Tennessee and beyond to Deal's Gap and Tail of the Dragon.

Also picture are some of my favorites of Personal Vanity Plates that I took on this trip to add to my Miata Plate Collection. One is a plate on a Miata Trailer which was appropriate. I hope you enjoy them.



New Club Website! By Mike Bailey

We are about to unveil our "New" Club Web Site. It is now 'live!' It has a new look to it. 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. 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.



The Website will all have Member information and all Club items like Membership Renewal Applications, Waivers, etc. to fill out when necessary. 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.



Miata Club Shirts & Promotional Items By Mike Bailey

I am going to be making some shirts for up-coming events. In the works are shirts for the following events that our club is sponsoring: Miata Canadian Adventure, Utah Miatas at Surf-N-Safari Event, Viking River Cruise and Miatas in Utah; Miatas at Deer Valley. Some of these shirts are in production now.

Miata Canadian Adventure: event July 18-26, 2015. See the article in this newsletter about the shirts and merchandise for this event. The shirt design is in the making. We will have a Polo and T-Shirt printed both sides with logo on front and Map on the back like we did for the GWA and the GSWA. These shirts were very popular with everyone that went on these trips.

Surf-N-Safari Shirts: I have the permission of the SDMC (San Diego Miata Club) to use their logo on a custom shirt I plan to make for the UMC members to go to this event. It will be similar to what is described above for the MCA shirts only with the S-N-S logo on it. We have a good contingency of club members going to this and I think the SDMC will be impressed with our version of their shirts. It reminds me of what the Bluebonnet Club from Texas did on creating their own version of shirt for our Moab event.



Miatas at Deer Valley: We will make up some proto-type shirts featuring the Miatas at Deer Valley Logo on them. They will be similar to our Bryce and Moab events.



Viking River Cruise: Shirts feature a customized Viking LongShip with our personal UMC look on a logo with an illustration of the LongShip. We also have our logo on the front sail of the "Old" Viking Ship. Another logo features a Viking Battle Helmet with our club logo on it. I have made up some proto-type T-Shirts which were taken out to the Zoomin' the Mountains of Tennessee (ZTMOET) event to give to some Miata people there that are registered for the 2017 Cruise. These shirts were very popular and I sold most all of them to attendees. Morris Murdock Travel's VP of Marketing, Brent Jenson, also provided and sent to us 200 DVD's of the Cruise that we can hand out and use as a marketing tool to Miata people.



I would like to ask that all club members that are interested in a T-Shirt or Polo Shirt for these events please let me know and get on a list with your Name and shirt Size and we will make up one for you.



I am instituting a new way to sell and promote events with apparel. I am working with a company that will provide me with any type of apparel or promotional items from a coffee cup or water bottle to wall posters of your Miata or any of our current, past, present or future logos printed on them with no set-up costs, for the same cost that we have been paying for years. The best thing about this arrangement is that we can print one or 100 of the item. Instead of having to make items in bulk, with all the set up costs, we, or you, can order just one (1) item at a time. We will also be marketing this on our "new" Website and On-Line and have our own "Café Press" type existence on our website. This will also make a small amount of money for the club. More will be explained on this later and how it will work.



Recipe Box

By Ana Porter



Soft Oatmeal Cookies

1 cup shortening

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

2 cups oatmeal

2 cups flour

1 tsp vanilla

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 cup of chop nuts

1 cup raisins

Boil raisins with a cup of water.

Drain and put with 1/2 cup water 1 tsp soda.

Add remaining ingredients together.

Drop by spoonful on cookie sheet.

Bake 375 until golden brown.



Sugar Cookies

Beat together; 1 cup sugar, 1 cup butter, 1 egg.

Add; 2 cups of flour, 1/2 tsp soda, 1/2 tsp cream tarter,

1 tsp vanilla.

Roll into balls and roll into sugar.

Flatten and bake at 350 oven for 10 to 12 minutes

No Bake Cookies

2 cups of sugar

2/3 cup milk- Boil 3 minutes

1 tsp vanilla

6 tbsp. peanut butter

1/4 lb soda crackers

1/2 cup coconut or nuts

Stir ingredients together until cool

Drop on waxed paper.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- 11 July:** Noon to 4 Club Picnic Riverside Park, Morgan by Mike & Lynn Bailey
- 18-26 July:** YMCA drive to Canada hosted by Mark & Susan Vaughn
- 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. Location tbd. Drive by Doyle & Val Sturm
- 27 September:** Lunar Eclipse Drive by Robert & Sharon Mechling
- 3 October:** 11:30 Luncheon. Location tbd. Alpine Loop Drive. By Lou & Carol Vredeveld
- 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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