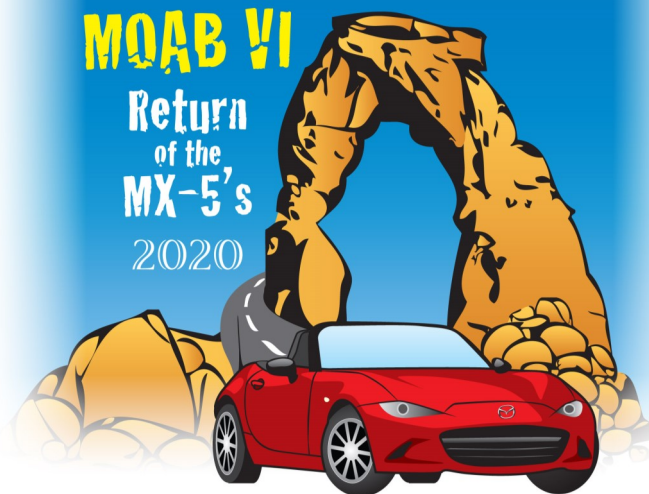




## *The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club*

### Got Moab?



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### The Journey is the Destination

By: Mark Vaughn, President

Wow, finally the weather has turned and the Miata is out of the garage with the top down. It could be a little warmer, but I will take it. Wearing a lite jacket and blue sunny skies, the best reason ever to own and drive a Miata. The recent local journeys with the top down make me thirsty for more.

I would like to thank Lou Vredevelde and Mike Bailey for their arrangements of last month's after meeting activities. Lou led the drive down the west of Utah Lake and through the orchard areas on the south shore of Utah Lake and on to Kirkham Motorsports. Mike Bailey made arrangements for a tour of Kirkham's shops where they build Cobra Sports Cars, also thanks to Mike for the arrangements at Jim's restaurant in Riverton for brunch. The drive was rainy, definitely not top down unless you wanted to get really wet.

Susan and I are working to finalizing the plans for the event.

Exploring Western Canada trip. If you interested in going on first part the trip up to Port Angeles, Washington or the whole trip, please contact Susan or Mark Vaughn so we know how many people are going and no one get left behind.

Remember, whether the top is up or down the Journey is the Destination.



**Date & Time:** May 5, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Cantina Southwestern Grill - (801) 569-2250

**Location:** 75 E 9400 S—Sandy, UT (Jordan Commons)



Our **May Club Meeting** will be held at **Cantina Southwestern Grill**; arrival as soon as 11:00. The Drive is still to be determined.



## Report

By: Mike Bailey

Last month's breakfast and club meeting was well attended by 37 members. We also had a couple new members join, Woody and Ellen Collette. They moved here from Washington and were active in the Miata Club Northwest. They have a 1999 Grace Green Miata. We welcome them to the club. Jim's Family Restaurant always does a good job of taking care of our group and the private dining room is a plus for our meetings. The weather was a little overcast and cloudy that day and we had a little rain while on our drive. We had a good drive led by Lou around the west side of Utah Lake to Goshen and then up Mona Canyon. We then drove on the east side of Utah Lake through the farmland from Santaquin to North Provo and ended up at Kirkham's Motorsports Cobra production facility for a tour of their factory by the owner's son. He did a great job in instructing us about what their business is about in producing Cobra automobiles. It was attended by 27 members and it was an eye-opening experience. We had a great time there. We then headed back home on our own.





# Birthdays & Memberships

## Expiring Soon

TERI BLACK	5/31/2018
WILLY & LINDA GERLACH	5/31/2018
RICK & DAYNA KISER	5/31/2018
SPENCER MANN	5/31/2018
ROBERT OLSEN	5/31/2018
JEFF WIGHT	5/31/2018

## Removed From Roster

DAVID & LISA ARRELLANO	1/31/2018
ROBERT & SHARON LEONARD	1/31/2018
MARK & VICKY VANSICKLE	1/31/2018



## New Members

WOODY & ELLEN COLLETTE	1999	GRACE GREEN
JAMES FELD HACKER	2016	SOUL RED
BRIAN @ ABBIE GERLACH	2018	RED GT
MITCH & MICHELLE WATKINS	1999	EMERALD MICA

ERIC ACHTER	1 May
RONDA BECKSTEAD	6 May
MARILYN BICKLEY	20 May
JIM BOWERS	9 May
TODD CHRISTOPHER	5 May
JOHN COX	30 May
JUDY DYSON	10 May
SPENCER MANN	24 May
SCOTTY MEDINE	22 May
SHAUNA MIDGLEY	22 May
REXANNE POND	28 May
CHERYL SCHAEFER	10 May
STEVE TOBBIASSON	17 May
JEFF WIGHT	5 May

## Membership Expired

DON BLUMENTHAL	2/28/2018
KARLEEN CALLAHAN	2/28/2018
SANDRA CHRISTENSEN	2/28/2018
GASTON CIZINSKY	3/31/2018
JEAN GLINES	2/28/2018
MICHAEL & FRANCIS HUTTON	4/30/2018
MARK & DEBBIE SHACKELFORD	4/30/2018

## Membership Dues Reminder

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 e-mailed to you or \$45 if you would like a hard copy sent by standard mail. A Dual Membership (for yourself *and* a spouse, sibling or significant other) is \$35. You can also pay your dues online with PayPal on our website; [www.utahmiataclub.org](http://www.utahmiataclub.org). This method is \$27 (to cover PayPal fees). If mailing a check, please send to: 233 West 1550 North, Bountiful, Utah 84010. Make your check payable to the Utah Miata Club. Margie can also be contacted by phone at 801-295-4563 or by e-mail at [sec.treasumc@icloud.com](mailto:sec.treasumc@icloud.com).

## Miatas in Moab VI for 2020?

by Mike Bailey

Last month we brought up an idea to feature our Utah Club's next major event; **Miatas in Moab VI**. Yes, Moab 6. We are thinking of **May 2020** for this to happen. Lou and I started talking about this over a month ago and thought it would be a good idea to bring back a major event so we mentioned it at the monthly luncheon (breakfast) to see who would be excited about doing this and we had a good group raise their hands. We plan to bring it up or talk about it in the next officers and directors meeting. I probably won't be included as I am not a current officer or director but I am happy to do my part on it and work with Mazda again for corporate sponsorship. We will probably scale the event down a bit from what we have done in the past. I know we will have a good turnout on it as I have received many emails and phone calls and talked to other Miata people across the country at other events and they keep asking *"When are you going to do another event in Moab"*.

Our last event in Moab was in May 2012, six years ago. In 2020 it will have been eight years, so I believe it is good timing to do it again. We always plan out about two years on putting a major event together. We will be looking to start a committee to help plan the event. Already Gordy has volunteered to help with the rides and Mechlings on the check in table and others have wanted to be a part of it. We welcome any club members to participate in this and let us know what part you want to play in being a part of this. Our club is well known for putting on a fabulous and successful event. It is in our blood and DNA to do this. I have already come up with a possible logo. We have changed the Miata to a fourth generation (ND) version for the logo and also have a logo with the RF in it. Let me know how you like it or if you have any suggestions on the logo.



## Texas Miata Roundup 2018

by Bruce Gibson

Thanks for your patience. We have been working hard to put on a great event at a fair price. We have a Friday night Barbeque planned, that is optional for \$10 a person. Participants will have the choice of a T-shirt that is included with registration or a Nike golf shirt for \$25. Saturday night's banquet, that is included in the registration, will be feature Filet Mignon and Chicken, plus sides. We have a Track Day event on Friday and worked to keep this cost down to \$85 per car. We will have car games and of course multiple different guided rides through historical and scenic parts of Texas, twisty roads (maybe not as good as the Twisted Sisters but fun), wine runs with real Texas wines, and great places to eat lunch on the all day rides. And Historical Granbury is a great place to explore the old west.



The barbeque will be in a park across the street from the Hilton Garden Inn. The banquet will be held in the Resort Conference Center right next door, actually across the parking lot, to the Hilton Garden Inn. The dates are Thursday October 11 (registration starting at 1:00 PM) to Sunday October 14.

Also, the State Fair of Texas will be going on from the end of September through mid-October and Sunday is a great time to attend. If you have not been to it, it is one of the largest state fairs in the US (Iowa is the other biggest). We are attempting (no guarantees) to get the Car Corral for Sunday, which will provide free entrance and parking for those attending. But, whether it is free or not it is a great time.

For information and registration please go to following website:

<http://www.internetcarclubs.com/Events/TexasMiataRoundup2018.aspx>

## New Club "ND" Magnets

By Mike Bailey

New this month are the "New" Utah Miata Club car Magnets for the Mountains Version of our club logo. They will feature the ND 4th Generation Logo on them in the ragtop version and also the RF version. You can also specify the color of Miata that you want on them either Soul Red, Machine Grey, or the new 2018 color Eternal Blue. I also have one in a new Green color, and a Yellow color, not actually colors for the ND yet. We can also do White if you prefer but I have not drawn up any artwork yet for that color. The cost is the same at \$25.00 per pair. Order through the Miata Merchandise man, Mike Bailey by phone 801-597-1456 or preferably by email at [mike@mikebaileyprinting.com](mailto:mike@mikebaileyprinting.com).





# 2018 Calendar of Events

submitted and updated by **Steve Beckstead**



- May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Monthly lunch and meeting (Cantina Grill-Sandy) – Mark Vaughn (Drive TBD)
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Monthly lunch and meeting (Tooele LDS Pavilion bring your own) – Steve and Kathy
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Mark and Susan's 2 Week Canadian Adventure – Vaughns for Info
- July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Monthly lunch and meeting (Kaysville Lunch TBD) – Bear Lake Raspberry run (Steve)
- August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Monthly lunch and meeting (Probably Mark and Susan's home) – Mark Vaughn
- September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Picnic/Meeting (Morgan Park) – Food TBD
- September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Hot Lava Event (Hood River, OR) – Mount Hood Miata Club
- September 28<sup>th</sup>:** Eric and Kathy's Torrey Weekend Scenic Drive (3 Days) – Kankainens
- October 6<sup>th</sup>:** Monthly lunch and meeting (Location TBD) – Mark Vaughn
- October 11<sup>th</sup>:** 2018 Texas Miata roundup (Lone Star Miata Club) – Mike Bailey Info
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Monthly lunch and meeting (Location TBD) – Mark Vaughn
- December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Party with Utah Miata Club (Location and Date Tentative)

## Canada Trip Shirts

By Mike Bailey

The Miata trip to Canada is only a month and half away. Be sure to get your reservations for hotels for this trip. A handout on the itinerary and hotel information is available through Susan and Mark Vaughn. Please contact them for details and information. We will be printing up some shirts with the new **Miata Canada Adventure II** trip logo with the slogan "*Exploring Far West Canada*". The shirts will be the normal cost they have been in the past. Polo shirts will print one sided with logo on front left chest. I'm not sure what color the shirts will be but will know soon after consulting with Susan. We will also have T-Shirts with the same logo on the front and our traditional Map of the Route on the back. This event will truly feature your "*Miata on a Cruise*" with the ferry rides we will be taking. We also have an option of Sweat Shirts or Sweat Pants with logo on them for the cool early mornings and evenings up in the Northwest Canada area. Ball caps will also be available.



MIATA CANADA ADVENTURE II  
"EXPLORING FAR WEST CANADA"  
JUNE, 2018



**Pricing is as follows:** Polos: \$35.00 each. T-Shirts: \$15.00 each. Sweat Shirts: \$30.00 - \$40.00 each (Options: Pullover Hoodie, Crew Neck Pullover, 1/4 Zip, Full Zip). Sweat Pants: \$20.00. Ball Caps: \$15.00 Military Cap: \$20.00. Note; Size on shirts S-XL for prices above. For each size over XL price is \$2.00 more per size. Please let Mike Bailey, Miata Merchandise Man know what you want with Size you need.





## Exploring Far Western Canada

Taking your Miata on a cruise by: Mark and Susan Vaughn

For further details please check out the posting on our website: [www.utahmiataclub.org](http://www.utahmiataclub.org)



### The Great Canadian Adventure, Part 2

by Susan Vaughn

#### Exploring Far Western Canada...

#### Taking your Miata on a cruise...

This Miata adventure explores western Canada via Mount Rainer National Park in the state of Washington. The United States will be left via ferry from Port Angeles, Washington, to Victoria, British Columbia. The adventure will continue to the northern end of Vancouver Island to Port Hardy, British Columbia. A second ferry ride of 318 miles will begin from Port Hardy through the inside passage to Prince Rupert, British Columbia. From Prince Rupert, the adventure will wind its way back to the United States at Grand Forks, British Columbia, at the Washington State border.

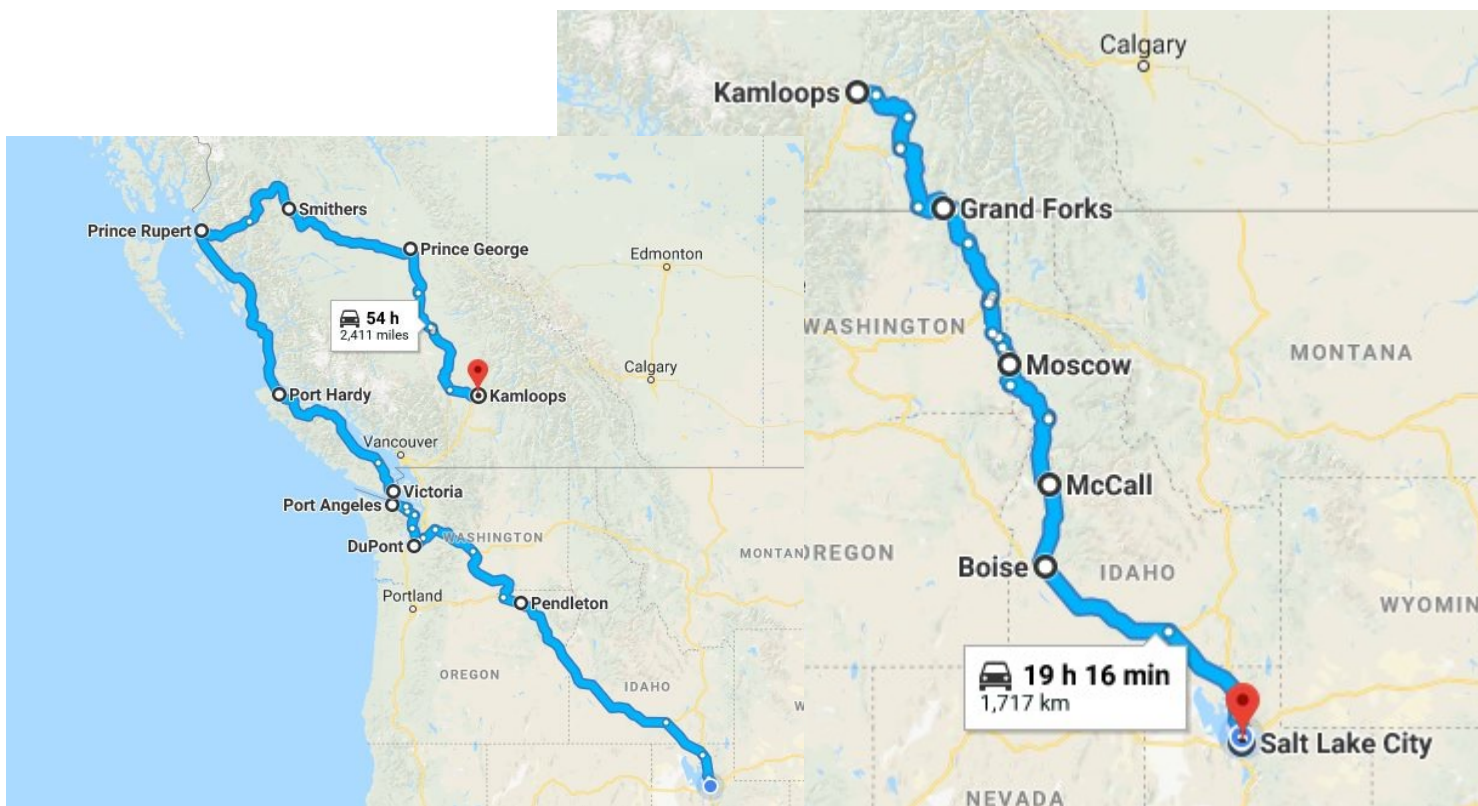
Total estimated driving miles: 3,276

Total ferryboat miles: 340

This trip does require a current passport.

Travel Dates: June 22<sup>nd</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

If you are interested, please contact Mark and Susan Vaughn for further information.





# Candid Camera

by Mike Bailey

Some Candid Camera shots on last Summer's Viking River Cruise. Can you guess where the others were taken at?

