



The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



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From the Top Down "Celebrating 30 Years of the Miata" By: Mike Bailey, President

It's almost June and we are going into our 4th month of the Coronavirus pandemic, and the procedures which follow it. It has really affected our club a lot with us not being able to get together and enjoy each other's company like we normally do, but we are persevering and will get through this. In May we had quite a considerable group show up in Tooele for our monthly meeting, lunch, and drive. I hope the same is with our June luncheon and drive. We are working our way around the situations we are faced with and we are still a very strong group, especially through our social media venues like Facebook.

I thought this was a fitting photo for the front page as it depicts very well how our group has adapted. I called the May 2nd drive our "Commemoration of Moab VI" drive as it was done on the day that our final Moab events were going to take place. It was a day for face masks and elbow bumps. Although this photo does not show much social distancing, we still remained 'safe' as a group. Look for more about this drive in this newsletter.

Personally, I started off last month by purchasing a new (to me) Miata; a 25th Anniversary Edition on eBay. 'Like I need another Miata some people would say'. My wife, Lynn, has always loved this Special Edition MX-5 ever since she sat in the one that Mike MacDonald, owner of Bountiful Mazda, had. He was lucky enough to bid on, and won it, from Mazda's auction five years ago. Steve Beckstead was lucky enough to be the second owner when Mike and MJ decided to sell it. Steve's was a 5 year old brand new car with only 56 miles. Lynn was envious and loved looking at it. I loved watching Steve and Ronda drive it! Steve was nice enough to let me know about the auction on eBay on this one, and the rest is history. Thanks Steve! I must say, it was a pretty good month for me and one that I will always remember. Getting it to Utah was another story in and of itself, navigating the transportation through this pandemic. By the way, if anyone wants a real nice bright yellow Miata, I know a guy who has one for sale!

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We are now officially starting the Summer season and driving my, or our Miatas, is at the top of my list, and I know it is that way with many of our members who have told me so. We have changed the plan for June's lunch and activity since the Hill Air Force Base Museum and our reserved restaurant, Grannie Annie's, is also closed. But we will still meet and take a nice drive. The weather is supposed to be beautiful top down sunshine! Details on this in the newsletter so hope to see all of you come out and be with us. We will still follow the guidelines of safe distancing practices, and have fun while doing it. Zoom - Zoom!



June Luncheon & Drive Information

Date & Time: Saturday, 6th, 11:30AM

Location: Bountiful City Park

Address: 400 N 200 W, Bountiful (We will meet on the east side of the park at about 100 West. Pull in by the Jr. High School.)

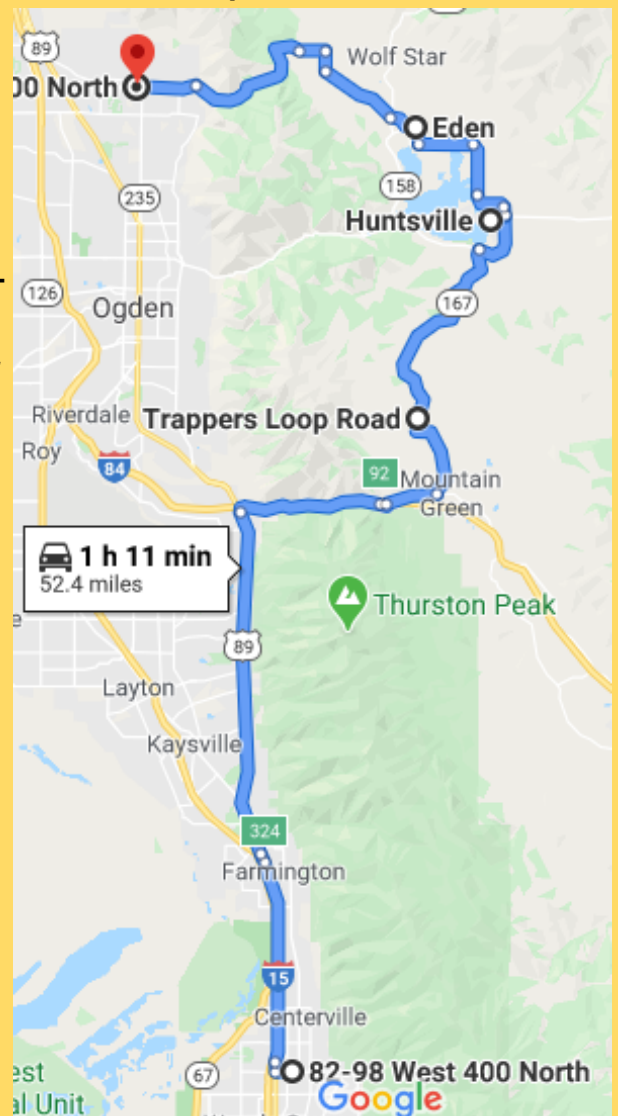
Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be held at the Bountiful City Park east side by the playground. The parking lot is on the east side of the park by Bountiful Junior High School. The pavilions were already reserved, so bring your folding chairs, blankets, and lunch or snacks as we will be on the grass in the shade. Take the Bountiful 400 North exit off of I-15 and go east. The park is on the corner of 200 West and 400 North. The Parking lot will be approximately 100 West on 400 North.

If you plan on buying lunch, I would recommend you get off the freeway at Parrish Lane in Centerville as there are more drive-thrus to choose from; McDonalds, Chic-filet, Toni-Burgers, In-and Out Burger, Subway, Etc.

After Meeting Drive Information:

For those who are taking the ride after the meeting, we will go North on I-15 to U.S. 89, up Weber Canyon to Trappers Loop, around the east side on Huntsville, with a 15 Minute POTTY STOP at the Huntsville City Park. From Huntsville, we will travel north to Eden and take the North Ogden Divide (the Old Indian Trail) to the Freeway and the end of the ride.

The ride is dependent on the weather on Saturday.



Birthdays & Memberships

REMOVED FROM ROSTER

NAME	EXPIRED
RYAN BETZ	2/28/2020

Expiring Soon: \$35 Dual / \$25 Single

NAME	EXPIRING
AMY BECKSTEAD	6/30/2020
JAMES FELIZ	6/30/2020
MICHAEL & DEBORAH FOSTER	6/30/2020
ROGER & PERLY HEATH	6/30/2020
ROBERT & GALE KLINSHAW	6/30/2020
MICHAEL MCFARLAND	6/30/2020
HANK & REXANNE POND	6/30/2020
GREGORY & NANCY VANZWEDEN	6/30/2020

Membership Expired: \$35 Dual / \$25 Single Membership

NAME	EXPIRED
BILL & JANET ANDERSON	3/31/2020
DAVID & MICHELLE ANDERSON	5/31/2020
ERNEST & NANCY BENTLEY	4/30/2020
TERRY BLACK	5/31/2020
GARY CHOU	3/31/2020
DAVE ENCHEFF	5/31/2020
BRIAN & ABBIE GERLACH	4/30/2020
MERLIN JUDKINS	3/31/2020
RICK & DAYNA KISER	5/31/2020
MICHAEL RHODES	4/30/2020
JEFF & ANDIE WIGHT	5/31/2020

NEW MEMBERS

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
MICHAEL & KELLY THOMPSON	2008	BRILLIANT BLACK
CLAUDE & ERLINE BROWN	2016	RED



NAME	BIRTHDAY
SHAUNA MILGATE	2 Jun
CHRISTY HEADEY	3 Jun
MARK MIDGLEY	3 Jun
MICHAEL THOMPSON	3 Jun
JANET CICHOCKI	7 Jun
TOM WHARRAM	9 Jun
SPENCE WOOD	9 Jun
HANK POND	14 Jun
SHAREE BECKSTEAD	15 Jun
JEFF MOON	19 Jun
SUSAN CHRISTIANSEN	20 Jun
KENT HOUSLEY	23 Jun
BILL ANDERSON	24 Jun
RICHARD KELLY	24 Jun
JIM BICKLEY	26 Jun
LORI STEED	30 Jun

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. **A Dual Membership (for yourself and a spouse, sibling or significant other) is \$35, and \$25 for Single. It is \$35 dual/\$25 single if you have the newsletter e-mailed to you, or \$45 if you would like a hard copy sent by standard mail.** You can also pay your dues online with PayPal on our website; www.utahmiataclub.org. This method is \$35 / \$25 (plus 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.

Club Officers

President: Mike Bailey
 Vice President: Hank Pond
 Board Members: Valerie Francis, Brian Christiansen, Ken Jaworski

Secretary: Jim Newson
 Treasurer: Margie Newson

May 2nd "Moab VI Commemorative" Drive By: Mike Bailey

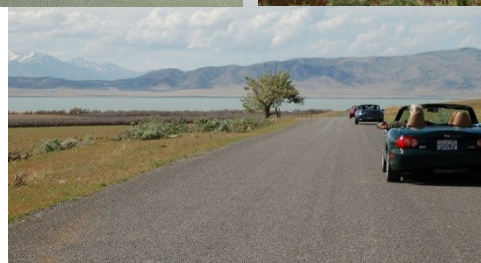
I like to call this drive, that took place on May 2nd, the *"Moab VI Commemorative Drive"*. The club did this drive to commemorate our Moab VI event that was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. We needed a fun day to get away as a club group and to remember all the work we put into planning the Moab VI event. But in my opinion it was important to also be together as a group, and to be with each other during these trying times.



The drive was excellently planned by a relatively new couple to the club, Bob and Kim Richards. Bob and Kim have taken the helm to plan and lead a couple drives for the club since they joined, and I must say they have become experts at doing this. We really enjoy having Bob and Kim in our club with their always shiny red Miata.

We met at the Old Dome Meeting House at the Riverton City Park with 9 Miatas. We took off for Saratoga Springs in Utah County to start our day road trip on Hwy 68 and around the west side of Utah Lake, as we have done many times before. We packed our picnic lunches and camp chairs in the back of our Miatas for the lakeside picnic which was to follow at our destination; the east side of Utah Lake by the little town of Genola. We made one stop in Elberta at the old Sinclair Station for our regular photo op. There were some bikers there as well and Sonny Jckowski, a new member just this month, talked with them along with Ken Jaworski, about what they were doing this day. It was about the same reason as we had; to get out in the sunshine for a nice drive, or ride, as bikers call it.

We then took off past Goshen and turned north towards the tiny country town of Genola. We turned on Lincoln Beach Road and stopped by a pasture where there were lots of horses, especially young colts prancing around. We took some photos and then headed up the road. It has been many years since we took a drive like this on the east side of the lake past farm lands. We stopped at a marina and had our picnic dinners on a nice shaded grassy area the Richards had selected for us. After visiting a while and eating dinner we headed over to I-15 and back to our respective homes. It was a real fun drive and day, and thanks to Bob and Kim for planning it.



May Lunch and Drive Report Drive Report By: Mike Bailey



We had a great turnout for our May luncheon, meeting, and drive on May 9th in Tooele. Steve and Kathy Nielsen were in charge of this event and did a spectacular job on arranging the venue for the picnic lunch at the Bowers close to their home in Tooele. We had a 'bring your own' picnic lunch at the pavilion or on the grass, spacing ourselves out accordingly while eating. It was a good turn out for our group, with at least 30 people.



After lunch we headed out for Johnson's Pass, a very fun, twisty, curvy road on the west side of Tooele County going to Dugway. I counted at least 16 Miatas on this drive. We stopped for a couple photo shoots at the end of the road by the Military Post out there, and then at the lookout area along the road on the way back.



We then headed to Ophir, an old mining town in the hills that boasted of 22 residents. I learned this when I asked a local resident. He came over to see all the Miatas as we parked for a break in the center of town. He mentioned that they did not get very many visitors so it was a treat to see all our nice cars.



We then headed back home past Mercur, another old mining town, Cedar Fort, and Eagle Mountain to Saratoga Springs. It was a fun day and good to see everyone again. We had a couple new member couples show up, the Thompson's and Stevenson's, who seemed to like our group and have since joined the club. Please welcome them to the club when you get a chance to see or meet them.



Remember When? By: Mike Bailey



Remember When will bring back some memories of Miata's in Moab IV, which took place on May 14 -16, 2010, ten years ago! It was our second to last Miata's in Moab event and it was the second largest event we have ever held as a club with 400+ people attending. *We had close to 250 Miata's there!*

It was a really fabulous event with people from all over the United States and Canada, and even a couple people from Europe dropped in. I can't remember where they were from, but I think Germany. We started with our host hotel at Canyonlands Inn in downtown Moab. But after a day and a half we moved it to Red Cliffs Lodge because there were too many people to host for the Saturday photo shoot, car show & shine, and the evening banquet dinner and awards program. It went off without a hitch!

Our Registration and checkout team was highly organized. Gordy was in charge of the drives, which were all well organized. People had lots of fun! Lou and Steve B. organized the Miata photo shoot and car show on the Red Cliff's lawn. We even had members from Mazda show up, namely Chris Hill and his photographer, who took a video of our event that got national publicity and circulated around the Miata circuit. It was produced by 'Road Flix'.

Two years later we had Moab V with even more people and cars which stretched the capacity of our club for putting on this event, but we did it just the same, and it was a complete success. The photos will show highlights of the Moab IV event and what some of us looked like 10 years ago. Zoom - Zoom!



Summer Picnic Head's-Up By: Mike Bailey

The **Utah Miata Club's Summer Picnic** will be held on **Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Western Springs Park in Riverton, Utah**. We have the picnic pavilion booked from **10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** It is a covered pavilion with 12 tables that will sit 8 comfortably or up to 10 people if necessary. We will have plenty of room in case the social distancing requirements are still in place at this time (but we hope not). It is located off 12600 South and 4750 West in Riverton just west of the Mountain View Corridor.



Steve Beckstead has made arrangements with **"South of the Border Tacos"**, the same Mexican Food Truck company we used at last summer's picnic, which was awesome. A meal will be paid by the club for each member in attendance as you will get a voucher for this meal at the park. We will have time to visit and have some fun with each other.

If anyone is interested in bringing some games to play, please let me know about this in advance so we can advertise it. Put this on your calendar for a very fun time together. Hopefully most of the Covid-19 will be behind us by then so we can be a little more relaxed. We would like to get a count in advance by the end of July or first week in August at our regular club meeting on who will be attending so we can let the vendor know the approximate count.



Miatas in Moab VI Hats Available By: Mike Bailey

I have a variety of ball caps with the **Miatas in Moab VI Logo** embroidered on the front of them. I had orders for about 20 hats from out-of-state people attending the event, and already had them in production before the club cancelled the event. I added **"CANCELLED Due to COVID-19"** embroidered on the side of the hats as they are now going to be what I think will be a *'collector's item'* due to the event being cancelled. It will also be a reminder of all the issues, changed, or cancelled events across the country, especially with Miata groups all over.

The hats cost \$20.00 each, which is \$3.00 less than the initial event price, and again includes the added 'Cancelled' blurb on the hats. I have received a very positive response on these hats. If you would like one, please contact me by email or phone to order one (email preferred): Mike@mikebaileyprinting.com. If you made your request (ordered) on the club Facebook page, no need to reorder unless you want another hat. Please specify color and I will try to get you what you want, but colors are limited and sometimes not in stock. Hat colors will be limited to what I can get from my supplier. The black type will not work or look good on black, dark navy or other dark colors so I prefer to do light colored hats. (see photo of dark colored hat). Also the Covid-19 Message blurb cannot be sewn on hats with mesh backs. Thank you in advance for your order. Please order by June 10th to get on my order list.



Miata Club Apparel By: Mike Bailey

If you are new to the Utah Miata Club or a longtime member who may need a new hat, shirt, club jacket, or set of car magnets, you can order them through me in basically whatever you want. Following are items with the cost:

T- Shirts: Long Live the Roadster Image silk-screen printed on front. \$15.00 **Long Sleeve T- Shirts:** \$20.00

Polo Shirts (Golf Shirts): \$35.00 each, various colors

Sweat-shirts: pullover, crew neck, 1/4 zip, or full zip. \$30.00 - \$40.00

Ball Caps: \$15.00 Official Club Logo or LLTR logo embroidered

Club Jackets: Official logo or Mountains Logo with color of your Miata. You name on left side. \$70.00 - \$78.00 (mountains logo)

Club Car Magnets: \$25.00 per pair of 2 magnets. Official or Mountains Logo

Thompson Automotive Hawaiian Shirts: \$65.00 See me for details or information

Most items will embroider or screen print UMC Official Logo or Mountains Logo or Long Live the Roadster Logo. Please specify logo. Please specify size, men's or ladies sizes available on most items. Color you prefer. Colors are limited on Jackets and Sweat Shirts. Can order most any colors you want on T-Shirts and Polo Shirts. **Contact me at 801-579-1456 or www.mikebaileyprinting.com**

Thank you, Mike, Miata Apparel Man



Miata Vanity Plates By: Mike Bailey

Featured Personalized Vanity Plates this month are **RF2GRUP** and **YGROWUP** owned by RoseAnn Whitaker and Ken and Jan Jaworski respectively. If you can't figure out what it means, especially on RoseAnn's plate, here are the answers; "Refuse to Grow Up" and "Y (Why) Grow Up". They both seem to have the right or same idea when it comes to driving their Miata.



Great Western Adventure II Cancelled By: Mike Bailey

Due to the Coronavirus the Willamette Valley Oregon Miata Club has decided to cancel the 'Explore Oregon' event. They are sad to have to cancel the event, and we are also sad as the entire Great Western Adventure II has also been cancelled. Many club members signed up to go on this trip, including several new Utah Miata Club members, which would have been their first major overnighter road trip. It is best that these were canceled due to all the issues of traveling at this time; uncertainty of staying in motels, eating at restaurants, and other concerns.

The Willamette Valley Club plans to reschedule their event next year so we may plan to do this event and trip at that time. If you registered to attend the rally in Oregon, you should have received an email from Chris McCarty, President of the club. So be sure to contact him by phone or email on your cancellation, and to get your refund back. Also be sure to cancel all your motel room reservations, including the Host Hotel; Mt. Hood Oregon Resort. This is also a Best Western Hotel so if you booked all your rooms with the BW Rewards program you should be able to cancel this with the rest of your rooms. If you have any questions or need contact information please contact one of the club officers or directors. A group blanket email from Steve Beckstead also went out to all UMC members on this.



2020 Calendar of Events



By: Steve Beckstead

- June 6th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, Bountiful Park, Trappers Loop) – Jim Newson
- July 11th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, Midway, Wasatch Back Drive) – Jan and Ken Jaworski
- Aug 1st:** Monthly breakfast and meeting (Early, Bear Lake Raspberry Run) – Steve & Ronda
- Aug 15th:** Annual Picnic and meeting (Western Springs Park Riverton, South of the Border Food Truck) – Mike Bailey
- Sep 12th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, Lunch TBD, Eden Drive) – Amy Beckstead
- Sep 24-27th:** **REGISTRATION CLOSED Buggies & Bridges III** - Refer to UMC website
- Sep 25-27th:** Torrey Weekend Trip (Details TBD) – Eric and Kathy
- Oct 3rd:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, Location & drive TBD) – Val & Doyle
- Oct 8-11th:** **RESCHEDULED to OCT 2021 Surf 'N' Safari, San Diego Club**, See UMC website or link below for information: <http://www.sandiegomiataclub.org/sns20/index.html>
- Oct 24th:** Halloween Party (Details TBD) – Ken and Jan
- Nov 7th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, Lunch TBD) – Mike Bailey
- Dec 5th:** Annual Christmas Party (Details & Location TBD) – Mike Bailey



Candid Camera

By Mike Bailey

This month's Candid Camera photos are mostly from Miatas in Moab IV which was in May 2010, ten years ago. A couple are from drives last month.

