



The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



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The Journey is the Destination

By: Mark Vaughn, President

First off, Happy New Year to everyone! 2018 was a year of exciting adventures for club members who participated. From Canada to Texas there was something for everyone. Ending the year was the Christmas party.

The club has a big Thank You for Cheryl Shaffer who provided us the most delicious dinner for our party. There were 65 members in attendance. The Benvengu Center was large enough to accommodate our crowd. Thanks to everyone who stayed after to help clean the center. We received a very nice compliment, "The center usually is not as clean as we left it." We will not have a problem if we ever want to rent it again.

Mark you calendar for January 19, 2019, for the Utah Miata Annual Business meeting. The start time is 5:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Bountiful Mazda in a private meeting room upstairs. This is the annual business meeting where we will elect new officers and start to plan drives and trips for the coming year. Please think about serving in the capacity of an officer. It is a very rewarding way to get to know the entire club members and help direct club functions. Dinner of pizza and drinks will be provided. You can bring a dessert to share.

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I would like to thank everyone who supported me as president of the UMC this past year. Susan and I have wonderful memories that we will cherish. Each trip we took with different members strengthened the bonds of friendship.

As always, whether it is rain or shine, daylight or dark, top up or down, in a Miata MX-5 the journey is the destination.



January Monthly Luncheon Information

Date & Time: Saturday, January 5, 2019
11:30 am
Location: Leatherby's Family Creamery
1872 West 5400 South, Taylors-
ville, UT 84228



We will meet in the private dining room on the west side of the restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

We will order of the regular menu. Sandwiches and many items to choose from. Also they have the best Ice Cream desserts in town. Be sure to save room for dessert. We will have our regular club meeting and discussions. Hope you will all attend.

To "My Miata Family"

From: Margie Newson

I'm taking space in the newsletter this month because I'm still here and I can. I want to Thank Everyone at the Christmas Party for the Beautiful flowers and Thoughtful cards that all of you contributed to for me.

I am usually a giver not a receiver type person, and you all know I would usually say, "Spend No Money". But in this case, instead of saying "You Shouldn't Have", I have chosen to say: "Thank You all so very much"!! When the doctor tells you all your organs are shutting down, it's very mind altering.

I received your "gifts" at a time in my life when I really needed re-assurance that I'm still here and kicking.

"Happy and Healthy New Year" to all and Thank You So Much!
Margie



Birthdays & Memberships

New Members

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
EARL E. GREEN	5 MIATAS	NA, NB, NC, ND launch, ND RF launch
BRUCE BILODEAU	2017	CERAMIC
STEPHEN LOFTUS	2019	RED

Removed From Roster

JOSEPH & JENNIFER EAMES	7/31/2018
JARED & KRISTI SMITH	7/31/2018

Expiring Soon

ERIC & PAT ACHTER	1/31/2019
GEORGE & PATTY CHASE	1/31/2019
GARY & KATHY COLLINGS	1/31/2019
DOYLE STURM & VAL FRANCIS	1/31/2019
ERIC & KATHY KANKAINEN	1/31/2019
SCOTTY MEDINE	1/31/2019

Membership Expired

JOHN & CINDY COX	9/30/2018
DAVE & BRENDA ENCHEFF	12/31/2018
WAYLON & VALERIE GOEBEL	9/30/2018
RICHARD & CHARLENE GREGOR	9/30/2018
ROGER & PERLY HEATH	9/30/2018
WAYNE & SUZANE HERGET	9/30/2018
KENT & DIANE HOUSLEY	10/31/2018
JOANN JACOBSON-WELLS	12/31/2018
JOE LEVERICH	12/31/2018
MARK & SHAWNA MIDGLEY	9/30/2018
WILLIAM PAYNE	8/31/2018
DARWIN & LORI STEED	12/31/2018
JAMES & HILLARY VREDEVELD	11/31/18



BRIAN GERLACH	2 Jan
TONYA ASHMONT	3 Jan
TYLER BECKSTEAD	4 Jan
JAMES FELD HACKER	9 Jan
LACEY OWENS	10 Jan
PAUL KLOER	12 Jan
THOMAS DRYSDALE	17 Jan
EARL GREEN	26 Jan
ROGER HEATH	28 Jan
JACKIE NICHOLL	30 Jan

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. 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.treasmc@icloud.com.

Elections & Planning Meeting 2019

By: Mike Bailey

Our annual **Elections and Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Bountiful Mazda** in the upstairs Conference Room (2815 S. Main, Bountiful, UT). **It begins at 5:00 p.m.** Mark Vaughn will conduct the meeting and we will first have our nominations for new Officers and Directors for our 2019 year. We will select a new President, Vice President and vote on two new Directors (and Mark will become a Director).

We are hoping that Jim and Margie Newson will want to continue to be our club Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, as they have had these same positions for several years. It would be hard to replace them and the outstanding job they have been doing. The Utah Miata Club is very financially sound and the club rosters and membership is very well organized and kept track of by these two fine, dedicated members.

Once the new officers are nominated and selected by majority vote of members in attendance, then the new President will take over the meeting to discuss our General Events Calendar for 2019. This is where we will come up with ideas for trips and events for the coming year. Please come with several ideas to discuss on things of interest that you would like to do for the year. We rely on input from club members, especially new ones.

I will also like to take a few minutes to hand out club *"Anniversary Pins"* to those who have been club members for 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25 years. This has become an annual tradition for handing out club Anniversary pins at this event. We have not discussed what we will be eating but Pizza has been very successful the past few years so we may have that. We will try to finalize this at the January club meeting on January 5th.



Holiday Party Report

By: Mike Bailey

The Holiday Christmas party this year for the UMC was excellent. It was arranged by Susan and Mark Vaughn, and dinner was cooked by member and professional chef Cheryl Schaefer. The dinner was very tasty with an wonderful assortment of items to eat and appetizers to munch on. Thanks goes to Cheryl for providing such a great meal and to the Vaughn's for a real nice venue and place to hold this event!



By my account we had about 65 members attend. Steve Beckstead brought a video screen and had some fun games to play for those who wanted to do that.

One of the things that we look forward to doing each year is the annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. This year did not disappoint with some real nice gifts and also some crazy ones too. Also as usual, many gifts got taken and passed around three times before finding a permanent home.



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There was a real crazy holiday Christmas hat as an example and several other gifts that were quite popular. I forgot my camera so most of these photos are from Doyle. Also be sure to check out the Candid Camera article in this newsletter for White Elephant photos. The tables were nicely decorated including a Christmas button at each table setting. Thanks to the Vaughn's for putting together a good party, one we will long remember!



Christmas In Color Event

By: Mike Bailey

The Christmas in Color drive through event was a lot of fun with a good attendance by club members. We met at the Astro Burger Restaurant in South Jordan and had dinner together. Then we bundled up with warm coats and got in our Miatas and cruised on over to the South Jordan Equestrian Park for Christmas in Color - with over one million twinkling lights to drive through.

Some like myself this year had our SUV's because our Miatas were tucked away in our garages for the Winter with trickle chargers on them. Others brought grandkids to enjoy this event with. All the Miatas went "top down" for a fun run up and down the lanes at the event park. It was lots of fun. Again I forgot my camera (the second event in a row that I have done that, guess I will call it an Alzheimer's moment) so I had to take photos on my cell phone. But I know Amy Beckstead got some good photos and videos that she posted on Facebook. This is about the third year in a row we have done this event and it is always fun at Christmas time.



2018 Year in Review By: Mike Bailey

This page is a small review in photo form of our club's 2018 Year. It does not cover all our events by any means but some highlights of a couple trips and drives. Can you guess where they were taken at and what month? Included are events from April, May, June, July, September, and October.



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2019 Calendar of Events



January 5th:

**Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am at Leatherby's Family Creamery
1872 West 5400 South, Taylorsville, UT 84228) – Mark Vaughn**

January 19th:

**Planning and Election Meeting - BE THINKING of rides and events for the 2019
year! (5:00 pm, Bountiful Mazda, 2815 S. Main, Bountiful, UT) – Mark Vaughn**



Miata of the Month

By: Mike Bailey

The Miata of the Month is the "30th Anniversary Limited Edition MX-5" which will celebrate the "World's Favorite Roadster". It will come in an all bright Orange exterior color that is a new color for Mazda, specifically for this Special Edition.

Rumor has it that only 30 examples of this MX-5 will be produced and all for the Aussies! Yes, Miata enthusiasts only in Australia will get them. They are supposed to be produced and available in this country only, and for sale only in the first quarter of the new year.

his will be a GT version ragtop (or soft top) only with the standard 2.0 litre engine. A special numbered badge will be applied to the console and each new owner will receive a matching custom watch. It is mentioned that this Miata will also come with a special price tag, rumored to be \$48,340. Not sure if this is Australian or US dollars? Pretty pricey for this roadster!

There does not seem to be anything special about the interior as it is black with red stitching. (Someone needs to talk to the Mazda designers about this). I personally think the Saddle Tan with an orange stitch would be better, but I'm just a consumer. Anyway, this is a color that I would like but I am sure many Miata people would not be too excited about.



Candid Camera

by Mike Bailey

Photos taken at the "White Elephant Gift Exchange" 2018 Holiday party!

