



The Convertible Chronicles of the Utah Miata Club



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From the Top Down “Oh, the Places We’ll Go!” By: Valerie Francis, President

Where did summer go? Here it is already the middle of fall, which unfortunately means winter is coming too soon. Before we know it, our Miatas will be tucked away in garages dreaming of new top-down adventures next year. However, before we tuck them away, I hope you can join our possible last drive for this year—over Nebo Loop road via the west side of Utah Lake, through Goshen Canyon, to Nephi, then over the beautiful Nebo mountain road. The fall leaves should be perfect on this drive.

And of course, Miatas in Moab VI will be one of the first on our list for 2020 driving adventures, since this event is being held April 30—May 2nd. As of early September, 220 of the 250 maximum openings have been reserved. This means there are only 30 available openings left before registrations will be closed (or less by release of this newsletter). As a Utah Miata Club member, we are hoping that you will be part of this fun event. So if you have not reserved your spot yet, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, you can cancel as late as February 29, 2020 if something comes up. But by not reserving your spot, you may lose out on the chance to enjoy this event.

In the meantime, let’s get a few more top-down drives in before the cold snow season starts. Oh the places we’ll go Zoom Zooming!



October Monthly Lunch Information

Date & Time: Saturday, October 5, 2019 **11:30 AM**
Location: Jim's Family Restaurant
Address: 1728 Park Ave, Riverton, UT 84065
Phone: (801) 446-7670

Jim's Family Restaurant is located on the west side of Redwood Road just before 12800 South. We will be in their private room.



After Meeting Drive Information



Just in time for fall colors, the planned drive is "Gordie's Special". Weather permitting, we will leave the restaurant heading south on Redwood Road, continuing along the west side of Utah Lake, through Goshen Canyon, through Mona and Nephi, then up over Nebo Loop south to north. The official drive will end at Payson. I know that those going on the Torrey Drive will be going over Nebo Loop on the way to Bryce Canyon the week before, but hopefully it was beautiful enough that they will want to go again. Planned stops are the abandoned gas station in Elberta, a pit stop in Nephi, and Devil's Kitchen and other possible overlooks on Nebo Loop. Depending on weather conditions, the route may be shortened.



Birthdays & Memberships

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

NAME	EXPIRING
KENT & DIANNA HOUSLEY	10/31/2019
CHERYL SHAEFER	10/31/2019
TYLER STARK	10/31/2019

REMOVED FROM ROSTER

NAME	EXPIRED
NITAYA CHIV	6/30/2019

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

NAME	EXPIRED
KAREN CHRISTIANSEN	8/31/2019
JUSTIN & CHRISTA JACKSON	7/31/2019
MARK & SHAUNA MIDGLEY	9/30/2019

New Members

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
TOM & PAMELA WHARRAM	2019 RF	MACHINE GRAY



NAME	BIRTHDAY
BRIAN CHRISTIANSEN	1 Oct
JAMES FELIZ	4 Oct
LENNY MILLGATE	5 Oct
MICHELE RIDING	5 Oct
RICHARD MUELLER	15 Oct
DAVID CHRISTENSEN	16 Oct
PERLY HEATH	19 Oct
DONN CICHOCKI	20 Oct
DIANNA HOUSLEY	20 Oct
DARWIN STEED	28 Oct



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.

September BBQ and Drive Report By: Mike Bailey

It was a very nice day for the Fall BBQ at the Vaughn's home. The weather was perfect, considering it had rained the day before, and just after I washed my dirty Miata. Upon arriving at Mark and Susan's home through the back gate, Mark was very busy cooking delicious looking Brat's. I couldn't wait to eat one (which I did)! Susan was busy in her kitchen bringing out all the food. I wish I would have asked Mark to have about three brats to take home with me for later, as they were so yummy! It seemed there was enough food to feed an army. Susan and Mark really go all out for the BBQ, and their hospitality makes it so nice for everyone.

We gathered on their deck which was overflowing with members, with others down below at tables set up on the backyard grass. We had some good chats and talks with each other before eating. The food was excellent and very delicious (did I say that already?). The Utah Miata Club loves to eat and gather together, and we always have lots of fun.



Val conducted our monthly meeting. Then after lunch and the meeting, we lined up for a drive to one of our favorite places, the Alpine Loop in American Fork Canyon. Val and Doyle were leading us on the drive. Traffic was not that bad and the toll booth was closed so we drove right through. We enjoyed the twisty roads and stopped at one of the rest stops for a break and photo op, then continued up and over the Loop. After passing Sundance we headed up towards Midway to take the Charleston cut-off and to Wasatch Mountain State Park. Ken led the way to that point. Then we went up the canyon headed to Park City and took the left fork on Guardsman's Pass to the top of Brighton.

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The Jaworski's headed home on the Empire Pass/Park City turn off. The Guardsman's Pass road, newly paved is so nice now because it was absolutely terrible for many years in that section. Once over Guardsman's we headed down Big Cottonwood Canyon to our respective homes. We stopped at the bottom to give our hugs goodbyes to each other until next time.

This is one of the best and closest roads to us with fewer miles but lots of twists and turns. It's always been one of my favorites. Thanks to the Vaughn's for the BBQ and the huge delicious Crumble cookies after lunch, and for Val and Doyle for planning the drive.



Personalized Vanity Plate By Mike Bailey

This personalized vanity plate belongs to Janet and Donn Cichocki for their new 2019 30th Anniversary Racing Orange Miata. The plate really fits the description of the Miata. Their number is 381/3000 made. Congratulations to them on their new Miata.



Halloween Party By: Jan Jaworski



The Miata Halloween Party will be held at Ken and Jan Jaworski's home on Saturday, October 26th at 5 PM. The address is 3740 Wagon Wheel Way in Park City. We suggest you use the Jeremy Ranch/Pinebrook Exit off I-80. We live up hill from Billy Blanco's restaurant and the grocery store. We ask that you carpool if possible. Our driveway holds about 8 cars and we suggest that you park on our side of the street if possible. Our house is on a steep hill on the bend with a flat driveway. (Note after they repaved our street during the summer there is now a good size drop off on the other side of the street.)



We ask that you be Moose smart as they roam and have right of way in our neighborhood. Cody our friendly dog will probably greet you as you arrive.

Ken and Jan will provide the main course, guests are asked to bring a pot luck dish like salad or dessert. This is BYOB and if you wish for a soft drink please bring it (Jan has been carbonated free for 20 years). We will have bottled water. There will be prizes for costumes so now is the time to get creative.



Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 23rd. You can do this at the October lunch meeting, thru the club Facebook page or contacting Ken & Jan or the newsletter editor. We hope to see you at this fun event!



November Monthly Luncheon Information By: Valerie Francis

Head's up on the November luncheon. This is scheduled for November 2, at Leatherby's (1872 W 5400 S, Taylorsville). We will be in the banquet room on west side of restaurant., and we will order off the menu. Depending on the weather, a drive may be planned.



Miata Christmas Holiday Party By: Mike Bailey

The annual **Miata Club Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 7th**. We are once again returning to a club member's home. Jim and Marilyn Bickley will graciously be our hosts. Their beautiful home is located in the Daybreak area of South Jordan. The party will begin at 5:30 and go until we are all tired, stuffed with food, have done our annual "White Elephant" gift exchange, and eaten our desert.



The address and more information will come closer to the event but we want to mention it now so you can put this on your calendar. It is one of the very best parties of the year!

You are welcome to dress up in your favorite holiday attire. *We may even have a contest for the best Christmas sweater, socks, hat, etc.* Stay tuned for more information about that. We would like each person to bring a "White Elephant" gift to exchange at the party, as this is a very fun thing that we do.

The dinner will be a "pot luck" with the meat usually provided by the club, along with bottled water. If you want other beverages to drink it will be a 'BYOB'. More details will be posted on the club website and other newsletters. Please plan on coming to this party as it will be a great way for us to wrap up the 2019 year.



Moab IV Memories By: Mike Bailey

I wanted to share some memories of **Miatas in Moab IV** held in 2010. We started out at the Best Western Canyonlands Inn, our host hotel, in the center of downtown Moab where we held Miatas in Moab I, II, and III. We soon outgrew this venue and actually only had our opening social there. Then half-way through the event we moved to the Red Cliff's Lodge because of the amount of people we had, which was 380-400 people.

Canyonlands did not have a conference room or space to host us and would not accept our deliveries that were arriving from Mazda or other sponsors. I immediately contacted Red Cliffs as I had worked with them on a few Harley Davidson Rally events. They graciously accepted us and our deliveries. We held the rest of the event's festivities there, including our Saturday Dinner and Program, which was on the lawn in front of the Colorado River with very scenic views.



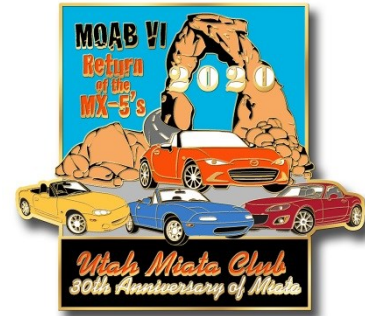
You will notice how young some of us looked back then. We had a tapestry of our Mountains Logo made and it was a hit and sold out quickly. Remember the green dinosaur named Wilson? He was a good mascot. We still have him around, and he has asked if he can attend with his friend. Do you remember her name?

Enjoy these photos of this event and hopefully it will get you excited for Moab VI, "Return of the MX-5's".



Miatas In Moab VI - April 30-May 2, 2020

Register Now and book your room! Rooms are sold out at Red Cliff's lodge but other accommodations are available. [See Accommodations Page on Moab VI Website.](#) 220 registered guests as of end of August with a limit of 250 people, so [Register NOW](#) if you are planning on coming!



Go to www.utahmiataclub.org. Click Moab link to Register \$140.00/person Fee.

Check Accommodations Page for your Lodging! Your registration fee includes the following: Participation in all event activities and drives, Event lanyard & name badge, Event Goodie Bag, Event Pin commemorating 30th Anniversary of the Miata and Commemorative Logo T-Shirt, Welcome Social, Grand Prime rib Dinner Buffet banquet Saturday night, participation in Miata photo Shoot and Car Show & Shine, Event Prize Drawings, etc.

Experience Scenic Drives in beautiful Red Rock Country, State & National Parks, Fabulous Meals, Group Photo Shoot, Car Show, Games, Parties, Pin Exchange, Prizes, Give-Aways, Commemorative Logo Apparel for Sale, Goodie Bags. Thursday Evening Welcome Party & Socializing. Make new Miata Friends

___Recognizing Miata's 30th Anniversary at this Event with a Special Moab VI / 30th Anniversary Pin___



Miatas In Miataland, Italy: August 20-26, 2020 + 8 Day Italian Sojourn Cruise + 3 Days in Rome, Italy Experience



Contact Karen Christiansen for details and to register at 801-483-5233 kchristiansen@morrisrismurdock.com





2019 Calendar of Events



Monthly Lunch Meeting Schedule and Additional Drives/Events:

- Oct 5th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, Jim's Restaurant Riverton, Nebo Loop), Refer to page 2 – Doyle & Val
- Oct 10th:** Laguna Seca, Miata 30th Anniversary, Monterey, CA, –Tonya & Josh Ashment
- Oct 26th:** Halloween Party, Refer to page 5—Ken & Jan Jaworski
- Nov 2nd:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, Leatherby's) – Mike & Lynn Bailey
- Dec 7th:** Holiday party and meeting (Time 5:30 pm, Jim & Marilyn Bickley's home), Refer to page 7 – Mike & Lynn

2020 Meetings and Events

- Jan 4th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, TBD) - Valerie and Doyle
- Jan 18th:** Election and Planning meeting (5pm, Bountiful Mazda)
- Feb 1st:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, TBD) – New President
- April 30—May 2:** Miatas in Moab VI —Mark Vaughn
- Great North West Adventure (June/July 2020 Tentative)** - Lou Vredevel
- Explore Oregon 2020 (July 16—19, 2020)** Info to come, Willamette Miata Club <http://www.oregonmx5.com>
- Canada's Capital Miata Meet—2020 (August 13—16, 2020)** - <http://ottawamiata.net>
- Miataland Italy (August 20—Sept 2, 2020)** —Mike Bailey, Karen Christiansen
- Buggies & Bridges III (Sept 24—27, 2020)** Refer to UMC website or www.pacemiataclub.org - Pace Miata Club



Candid Camera

By Mike Bailey

This month's are photos from various trips over the years. Enjoy!

