



## 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

Summer is now in full bloom and so far we have had the opportunity to not only go on several drives, enjoying some twisty roads and local sites, but to also connect with our fellow Miata friends.

Speaking of great drives, did you know that there are over 2,200 miles of Scenic Byways winding through Utah? And because of these designated Byways, we can relish the beautiful scenery and interesting sites up close from our Miatas. Did you also know that Utah actually started The Scenic Byway program? Back in the mid-1980’s, tourism organizations in Utah brainstormed on how to lure back some of the travelers and tourists taken away by the interstate highway system. The Utah Scenic Byways program was the result of this brainstorming. Then in 1991 the National Scenic Byway Program was established. These roads receive their distinction because of their archaeological, historical, natural, recreational, and scenic attributes. But as we all know, they also provide some of the best twisty road driving experiences for us!

Currently there are twenty roads designated as State Scenic Byways. Eight more have been designated as National Scenic Byways. And one of those eight, **Scenic Byway 12** from Panguitch through Escalante to Torrey, carries a unique honor as Utah’s only **All-American Road**.

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The eight National Scenic Byways include: **Dinosaur Diamond National Scenic Byway** - in eastern Utah and western Colorado, and includes Dinosaur National Monument, the Utah Fieldhouse of Natural History, The College of Eastern Utah Prehistoric Museum, Fruita, Moab, and Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry. **Patchwork Parkway National Scenic Byway** - from Parowan to Panguitch taking you past Brian Head and Cedar Breaks National Monument. **Energy Loop** - from Huntington to Fairview & Eccles Canyons past Scofield State Park. **Flaming Gorge-Uintas National Scenic Byway** - from Vernal north to Manila at the Wyoming border. **Scenic Byway 12 -Utah's All-American Road** goes through Red Canyon, Bryce Canyon National Park, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and over Boulder Mountain. **Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway** - from Logan to Garden City at Bear Lake. **Nebo Loop National Scenic Byway** - Crosses the Uinta National Forest between Nephi and Payson, past the 11,928 foot Mount Nebo. **Trail of the Ancients National Scenic Byway** – winding through the ancient Puebloan (or Anasazi) country of southeastern Utah via Blanding, Bluff, and Mexican Hat.

How many of these wonderful National Scenic Byways have you driven? Next month, I will talk about the State Scenic Byways. Off the top of your head, how many can you list? These Scenic Byways literally pave the way to the best Miata driving, sights, and scenery in the state. Oh the places we have to go Zoom Zooming!



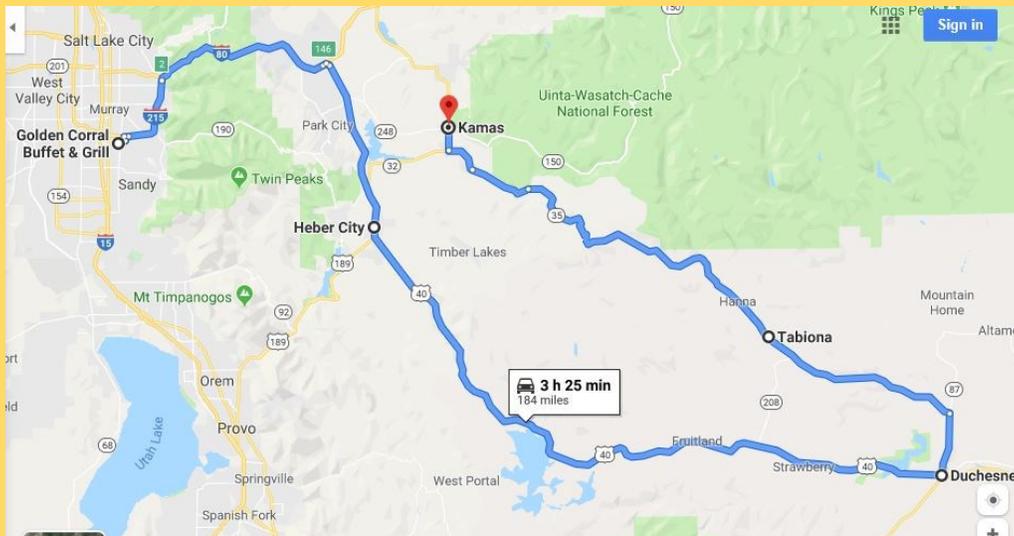
### August Monthly "Breakfast" Information

**Date & Time:** Saturday, August 3, 2019 **10:00 AM**  
**Location:** Golden Corral in Midvale  
**Address:** 655 East 7200 South (801) 562-4332  
We will be in a seated in a reserved section.



### After Meeting Drive Information

After the meeting we will do the Wolf Creek Pass drive going via Parleys Canyon to Heber and HYW 40 first, and then over Wolf Creek east to west - so by the time we get to Kamas, we'll be hungry for fritters! Yes, this ride will end with a stop at the Kamas Chevron for their famous fritters. We need to pre-order the fritters and got an initial count at the picnic. If you were not at the picnic, going on this drive, and want to order a fritter, please contact Val Francis or Steve Beckstead.



# Birthdays & Memberships

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

NAME	EXPIRING
BRIAN & SUSAN CHRISTIANSEN	8/31/2019
KAREN CHRISTIANSEN	8/31/2019
THOMAS & LAUREL DRYSDALE	8/31/2019
RICHARD & JUDY DYSON	8/31/2019
LOU & CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	8/31/2019

## REMOVED FROM ROSTER

NAME	EXPIRED
WOODY & ELLEN COLLETTE	4/30/2019
JAMES FELDHACKER	4/30/2019
BRIAN & ABBIE GERLACH	4/30/2019
RONALD & JACQUELINE WARRINER	4/30/2019
MITCH & MICHELLE WADKINS	4/30/2019

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

NAME	EXPIRED
PAUL & CINDY ASHCRAFT	5/31/2019
JOSH & TONYA ASHMENT	7/31/2019
JAMES & SHANA BULLOUGH	5/31/2019
NITAYA CHIV	6/30/2019
DONN & KATHY CICHOCKI	7/31/2019
JUSTIN & CHRISTA JACKSON	7/31/2019
BRYON & JOY MASTERS	5/31/2019
ROBERT OLSEN	5/31/2019
DREW & LISA WILSON	5/31/2019

## New Members

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
DEVIN & KELSEE BROWNING	2019	MACHINE GRAY
HEIDI THORNOCK	2019	MACHINE GRAY



NAME	BIRTHDAY
KEN JAWARSKI	1 Aug
LISA WILSON	3 Aug
LINDSAY BLOCK	5 Aug
DEBORAH FOSTER	7 Aug
GARY CHOU	10 Aug
KATHY COLLINGS	12 Aug
ANDIE WIGHT	18 Aug
MICHAEL RHODES	20 Aug
GREGORY VANZWEDEN	20 Aug
CAROL LYNN VREDEVELD	24 Aug
STEVE NIELSEN	26 Aug
AMY BECKSTEAD	27 Aug

## 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](http://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](mailto:sec.treasumc@icloud.com).

# July Summer Picnic Report By: Mike Bailey

Our annual Summer BBQ Picnic was at Murray Park this year where we had a nice pavilion for us to eat at. It was quite overcast this day and even sprinkled a little, but it was ok. We had a good turnout as I counted about 48 people. The "South of the Border" Taco truck was a real hit that Steve and Ronda Beckstead lined up with the owner Luiz. They were real friendly and had excellent food... actually one of the best food trucks I have eaten food from.



We had a great meeting with Val conducting and we even had birthday cake as it was Val's birthday this weekend. Susan Vaughn brought a great little 'watermelon' cake complete with a couple ant decorations on top and it was yummy for dessert. There were plenty of chips and dips, and desserts and cookies to go around. We had a good time socializing with each other and I feel this was one of the best picnics we have had. Some brought a few games like corn hole but most spent time talking and visiting with each other.



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We also had a couple show up, Christoph and Sarah, who just got a new 30th Anniversary Edition Racing Orange Miata. They sat in at the end of our meeting and we introduced them to the group. They then drove their new car down to the circle where we were at so our group could get an up close look at the latest MX-5 in person. It was awesome and received well by the huge crowd of club members checking it out. It's Badge number is 0051/3000. They are from Lehi and got their Miata at Orem Mazda. It was real exciting for them to come to our Summer Picnic at Murray Park and bring their Miata. We hope they will be joining our club and that they will come out to our events and drives as they are a real nice young couple. The picnic was really nice and thanks again to Steve and Ronda for setting this up!



# Cheryl's Farewell Drive to Ogden Valley Recap By: Mike Bailey



Cheryl Schaefer will be missed by our club. She joined in about 2011 and studied at culinary school in Salt Lake to become an accomplished Chef, which she is! She moved away back east to New England area around where Cichocki's live, and then came back and rejoined our group a few years ago. She has at least 8 years with the club according to Jim (our expert record keeper). She lived right across the street from the Nicholls in Cottonwood Heights .

We have enjoyed having her back with us. She has now moved back to Florida with her brother, Todd, and we will miss her. She planned this drive up to Pineview Reservoir area and to the summit of Powder Mountain as her last hurrah with us. We first drove up to Ogden and met others at the Burger King, including a new couple, Brian and Abbie Gerlach. They have been members since April of 2018 but this is the first time they have been on a drive with us. They live in Layton and own a 2018 Soul Red RF MX-5. We were glad they joined our drive! Then we all drove up Ogden Canyon to Liberty and Eden around the reservoir. Then it was on to Powder Mountain where we took an excellent group photo. Ken Jaworski and Doyle Sturm climbed the mountain



side to take some group photos. Lynn wouldn't let me do that, especially in sandals, since I have had mishaps before in doing that to both my body and camera (remember the hillside on Alpine Loop Dr.) We made a few other stops up on top of Powder Mountain for photos. My '02 Miata was overheating on the way up the very steep grade but survived ok without boiling over.



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Then we went down to Eden where Cheryl had organized a tour of the New World Distillery, the owners who were friends of hers. We then headed to Huntsville to the Shooting Star Saloon where we had burgers for lunch. The Shooting Star is the oldest continuous run bar in the state of Utah having started up when the pioneers were here. At least this is what I have been told! We then headed over Trapper's Loop then to Morgan where most of us took a drive up and over East Canyon Reservoir and on home. Several members from the north headed home via Weber Canyon.

It was a very fun drive and a good turnout of Miatas, including members which were new to our group, Brian & Abbie. We wish Cheryl and her brother a safe trip to Florida and hope she stays in touch with us.



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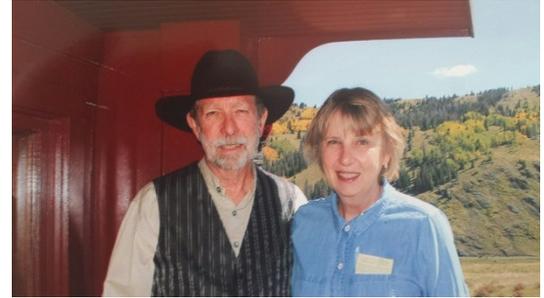




## Member Spotlight By: Carol Lynn Vredeveld

*Our spotlight couple for August is Mike and Debbie Foster*

*Once in a while we see some of our past Miata Club friends return after being away for a while and it seems to be happening more often recently. Lucky for us, whenever a Miata is purchased from Bountiful Mazda, it comes with a one year Miata Club membership! Even Steve and Ronda Beckstead showed up as new members when they bought Steve's dream car straight off the showroom floor last month. We were pleasantly surprised recently to see Debbie and Mike Foster show up for our "Wasatch Back" drive lead by the Jaworski's after the recent purchase of their beautiful Soul Red 2019 Miata. They were members when Lou and I first joined the club and we bought a set of luggage for our classic red '99 from them when they bought their '06. We still have it and use it often! They still have many friends in the club and are certainly a part of its history. Mike has been a past Club President, a Newsletter Editor and was involved with Mike Bailey in the Team Zoom and Auto-Crossing events, also designing logos and club apparel from back in the early days. We're happy to welcome them back to the club especially since it has been about 10 years since we had seen them last!*



*Enjoy Debbie's story below that gives you a little insight into their lives and why they love their Miata's.*

This is our third Miata. The first was a 2001 Crystal Blue named Carrita. She was absolutely beautiful, but one day on a club ride she lost a fog light to a rock. When Mike took her to Bountiful Mazda for repair, Scotty Medine let him test drive a 2006 Limited Edition in Velocity Red. This became our second Miata, Rojito (Little Red).



This June we took my CX5 back to Bountiful Mazda for servicing. Parked in the showroom just outside Scotty Medine's office was a 2019 MX-5 Miata Club car in Soul Red Crystal Metallic. Of course, we just couldn't leave it there, so it became our third Miata. We kept the personalized plates, ROJITO, on the new car.



We found the Utah Miata Club while cruising on the internet and joined in 2002. Richard Teasdale was club President at the time. We met many friendly, enthusiastic club members who welcomed us to the club. We really enjoyed the monthly club luncheons which generally included a group drive afterward. There were many longer club drives which included overnight stays. But the best of all was in 2003 when Wanda and Bill Bates created the first Miata's in Moab event.

What a spectacular time we had with Miata owners from all over the U.S., Canada and even Europe!

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I was born in Brigham City and grew up in Poulsbo, WA. Mike was born in Santa Cruz, CA, and grew up in Ontario, CA. After graduating from high school, he studied for a year at Whitworth College in Spokane, WA, before enlisting in the Army in 1967. Mike and I met in 1970 while he was stationed in Kingston, WA. We were married in May, 1971, and lived in Seattle. In August, Mike left the Army to attend Seattle Central Community College for two years earning an AAS degree in Chemical Technology.

We moved to Brigham City in June, 1973, where we both were employed at Thiokol. Our first daughter, Natalie, arrived in 1976 and I became a stay-at-home mom. Fifteen months later Andrew came along. Another fifteen months passed and Rebecca showed up. Three kids in diapers! And I put them all in cloth diapers, so one can imagine how many loads of laundry I did each day...

Once the kids were all attending school, I started working as an aide in an intellectually handicapped classroom. I attended USU evenings and after ten years I quit my day job and went to the university full time to finish my BS degree in Elementary Education. I worked for Ogden City School District 19 years teaching second and third grade, and retired in 2017.

Mike worked for Thiokol for thirty five years before retiring in 2009. He started in the Research & Development Laboratory. After three years he transferred to Minuteman Quality Engineering. After the Space Shuttle disaster he went to work in the Flight Readiness section of Engineering. For the remainder of his time at Thiokol he was a database manager for Engineering.

Over the last forty eight years we have enjoyed many varied interests and hobbies including; back-packing, fishing, skiing, camping, ATVs, sewing, painting rocks, cowboy action shooting, model airplanes, model railroading, and many arts and crafts. Now that we are retired our focus is on vacationing throughout the western U.S. with kids, and six grandkids, and cruzin' topless in our Miata!

*Please take time to introduce yourselves to Debbie and Mike if you don't already know them. You will never meet two nicer people. Welcome Back!!*



## Alpine Wyoming Car Show (and/or Bear Lake Raspberry Shake) Drive

**August 17, 18, 19, 2019** By: Valerie Francis

**Last chance to join us! Update on an alternative way and date home for those going on, or interested in joining this drive:**

*Rather than driving straight over to Idaho Falls after the car show, spending the night and driving home the next day, at least one couple (Lou & Carol Lynn V.) has set up the following:*

*Staying in St. Anthony on Saturday night the 17th at the Henrys Fork Inn (208-624-3711). Then on Sunday morning will be heading up to Mesa Falls for a visit. After the falls going up to Island Park and possibly over to Dubois. Then working our way back to Rexburg, staying Sunday night at the Super 8 in Rexburg (208-881-9772). Maybe even checking out the Potato Museum in Blackfoot ID when driving home Monday.*



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**Everyone is welcome to join this extended day/route or to find your way home on Sunday. The alternate route information has been added below.**

Please join us on a scenic drive to Alpine Wyoming to visit a car show put on by the Idaho Hot Rod Association. Following is the information so you can add this to your calendars.

### August 17th

- 9:00 am meet at I-84 (Weber Canyon) rest stop just before the Mt. Green exit, drive Trappers Loop and up Monte Cristo Canyon, then to Bear Lake
- Garden City/Bear Lake for lunch and raspberry shakes; For day trip—head home via Logan Canyon. We will be spending about 1 hour for lunch before heading on to Alpine.
- For overnight trip—head to Alpine WY Car show via Hwy 89, arriving by 3:00
- Idaho Falls about 6:30 PM. **Hotel Best Western Driftwood Inn (575 River Pkwy, Idaho Falls, 208-523-2242)**
- **Alternate hotel: St. Anthony, Henry's Fork Inn (115 S Bridge St, phone 208-624-3711)**



**August 18th Option 1:** Return via several options listed below;

- Jackson WY then return the way we came up, or Jackson WY down Hwy 189 through Kemmerer and Evanston, or straight down the freeway with stops along the way.
- **Alternate – north to Mesa Falls then home**

### August 18<sup>th</sup> Option 2:

- From St. Anthony drive to Mesa Falls, Island Park, Dubois, end in Rexburg.
- **Stay at Rexburg Super 8 (Hwy. 20 & Hwy. 33 Exit 333, phone 208-881-9772)**

**August 19<sup>th</sup>:** Return to SLC

## September In Torrey Drive by Eric and Kathy Kankainen

### SCENIC BYWAYS to BRYCE and CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARKS

Itinerary for Sept 27-29: Target - Peak Fall Foliage for Aspens

**Motels fill up early, so book your rooms for Friday & Saturday ASAP. Pick our own hotels!**

**Friday:** leave SLC at 9 am from Harmon's in Draper – take I-15 to Payson, then Mt Nebo Loop to Salina for lunch at Mom's Café, then Gooseberry to Fish Lake to Bryce Canyon (approx. 7.5 hrs + lunch (320 mi)). Check in to Motels, then optional (on your own) park drive before dinner at Ruby's Inn 7:30 pm.

**Saturday:** Meet 9 am at Ruby's Inn. Drive through park to end and back for lunch at Bryce Canyon Lodge. Next All-American Highway 12 thru Escalante to Boulder (optional Burr Trail Drive) to Torrey (approx. total 4.0 hrs + overlooks + lunch) (160 mi); early dinner (5 pm) at Rim Rock then Capitol Reef Scenic Park Drive for 1.5 hrs.

**Sunday:** Meet at Junction of State Road 12 & 24, take State Road #24 west to State Road #72 to Fremont Junction on I-70 then up State Road 10 to scenic, side trip to & back Sufco Mine, then to Ferron for lunch at Millsite Golf Course, then Huntington Canyon to Fairview, then State Road 89 and I-15 to SLC (approx. 5.5 hrs + lunch (260 mi)).



## Miatas at Leguna Seca 2019 By: Tonya and Josh Ashment

Dates: October 11-13, 2019

**Please contact the Newsletter Editor or Tonya and Josh Ashment if you are interested in traveling with them!**

**Josh and I have designed a 'budget friendly' route for this event, however the cost for this trip will be \$1,500+. See below for our travel itinerary.**

### **Day 1. October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

8:00 – Rally at I-80 Exit 99 Flyin J Parking Lot (Lake Point, Tooele). Hotel in Reno: Best Western Plus Boomtown Casino Hotel (\$98/night) 2100 Garson Road

**Day 2. October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019** 8:00/8:30 – Reno Breakfast (location TBD), 9:30 – Museum tour: National Automobile Museum (Cost = \$14/each), Hotel in Monterey: Hotel Abrego (~189-239/night) 755 Abrego Street

**Day 3-5. October 11-13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Event** – Miatas at Leguna Seca

**Day 6. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019** 9:00/9:30 – Monterey Breakfast (Location TBD), 10:00 – 17 mile-drive at Pebble Beach (Cost = 10.25/car), Hotel in Reno: Best Western Plus Boomtown Casino Hotel (\$98/night) 2100 Garson Road

**Day 7. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019** 8:00/8:30 – Reno Breakfast (location TBD), 5:00 – Arrive back in Tooele

For more information on the event, visit: **Website** – <https://miatareunion.com>, Facebook – Miatas at LS, Forum – Miata.net. **Registration begins: 15 June at 9AM Pacific Time** (Event agenda will be released at this time as well)



## 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. Approx. 200 registered guests as of end of July.**



Go to [www.utahmiataclub.org](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at this Event with a Special Moab VI / 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event Pin\_\_\_\_



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



**Relax and Enjoy Miataland. Drive Miatas in Italy's North Central Scenic Mountains.**

**Contact Karen Christiansen to book this trip: 801-483-5233 [kchristiansen@morris-murdock.com](mailto:kchristiansen@morris-murdock.com).** Photo of Andrea Mancini (Miataland Owner, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Right) and Tom Matano, (center) at Parco Valentino Moto Show in Italy. This event in Italy included the introduction and honoring the 30th Anniversary Miata.



## September Monthly Luncheon Information By: Valerie Francis

Just a head's up: For our September monthly lunch and meeting, Mark and Susan Vaughn will be hosting an "Octoberfest" BBQ at their home on Saturday, September 7th. They have hosted BBQ's in previous years, and their hospitality is always wonderful, and the food delicious! The club is requesting a \$5 per person contribution towards the food. Doyle and I are exploring a possible drive for after the BBQ. All details on the BBQ and drive will be provided in the September newsletter and via email.



## 2019 Calendar of Events



### Monthly Lunch Meeting Schedule and Additional Drives/Events:

- August 3rd:** Monthly **Breakfast** and meeting (**10:00 am** Golden Corral, Wolf Creek Pass drive) Refer to page 2 – Amy Beckstead
- Aug 17-18:** Car show in Alpine, WY, Refer to page 10 – Doyle and Val Sturm
- Sept 7th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am BBQ at Vaughn home, drive TBD (Doyle & Val)) – Mark & Susan Vaughn
- Sept 16-27:** Fall For New England, Mass Miata Club - Mike Bailey
- Sept 20-22:** Texas Miata Roundup, Bluebonnet Club - Mark & Susan Vaughn
- Sept 27-29:** Torrey and Bryce Canyon drive, Refer to page 11 - Eric & Kathy Kankainen
- Oct 5th:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, TBD) – Doyle & Val Sturm
- Oct 10th:** Laguna Seca, Miata 30th Anniversary, Monterey, CA, Refer to page 11, –Tonya & Josh Ashment
- Oct 26th:** Halloween Party— Ken & Jan Jaworski
- Nov 2nd:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, TBD) – Mike & Lynn Bailey
- Dec 7th:** Holiday party and meeting (Time TBD, Jim & Marilyn Bickley's home) – Mike & Lynn Bailey

### 2020 Events

- Miatas in Moab VI (April 30—May 2, 2020)** —Mark Vaughn
- Miataland Italy (August 20—Sept 2, 2020)** —Mike Bailey
- Buggies & Bridges III (Sept 24—27, 2020)** Refer to UMC website or [www.pacemiataclub.org](http://www.pacemiataclub.org) - Pace Miata Club



# Candid Camera

By Mike Bailey

Candid Camera this month are photos from Cheryl's Ogden Valley Drive and from the Summer Picnic at Murray Park



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