



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

Already summer seems like a distant memory, and fall is almost over too! Luckily for those that were able to join the October driver over Nebo loop, the weather was perfect for top down driving. Even though the leaves were just starting to turn we enjoyed lots of beautiful scenery all the way down the west side of Utah Lake, through Goshen Canyon, and over Nebo Loop. Also look at all articles of the fun trips that were taken in September and October. Different groups that basically covered areas of the east coast, west coast and the south.

Before we know it, 2020 will be here! It is exciting that we already have several events listed on the Calendar of Events page for 2020, including Miatas in Moab VI, and the Great Northwest Adventure/Explore Oregon trip, along with other possible adventures.

But before we jump ahead, we have our November lunch and our fabulous Holiday Party to finish of 2019 (refer to articles in this newsletter for details). And the annual Election and Planning meeting is in January... so lets just put the word out now that it is time to consider running for office. Please reach out to me or any current officer if you are interested in being nominated for President, Vice President, or a Board Member.

Looking forward again to 2020, I am excited to hear of your ideas of the “places we’ll go” Zoom Zooming next year!



November Monthly Lunch Information

Date & Time: Saturday, November 2, 2019 **11:30 AM**
Location: Leatherby's Family Creamery
Address: 1872 West 5400 South, Taylorsville
Phone: (801) 967-2566



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.

After Meeting Drive Information

Weather permitting, we can decide on an impromptu drive afterward. Please bring your ideas of a fun afternoon drive.



Miata Christmas Holiday Party

Date: Saturday, December 7th

Location/Address: 4908 Fish Hook Road, South Jordan 84009, at the home of Jim and Marilyn Bickley (located in the Daybreak area of South Jordan).

Time: 5:30 pm until we are all tired, stuffed with food, have completed our annual "White Elephant" gift exchange, and eaten our desert.

All dinner items except dessert will be provided by the club, including items such as turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, salads, rolls, water, and soft drinks. If you want other beverages to drink it will be 'BYOB'.

Feel free to bring a small dessert to share. Don't forget to bring a "White Elephant" gift to exchange at the party.



Please plan on coming. This is one of the very best parties of the year and it will be a great way for us to wrap up 2019!

Birthdays & Memberships

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

NAME	EXPIRING
JON & VICKIE DAY	11/31/19
ROBERT FRANSSEN	11/31/19
CHRISTY & AINSLEY HEADEY	11/31/19
LEONARD & SHAUNA MILLGATE	11/31/19
JAMES & HILLARY VREDEVELD	11/31/19

Membership Expired: \$35 Dual / \$25

NAME	EXPIRED
THOMAS & LAUREL DRYSDALE	8/31/2019
RICHARD & JUDY DYSON	8/31/2019
KENT & DIANA HOUSLEY	10/31/2019
MARK & SHAUNA MIDGLEY	9/30/2019
CHERYL SCHAEFER	10/31/2019
TYLER STARK	10/31/2019

NEW MEMBERS

NAME	YEAR	COLOR
ROSEANN WEBER	NO MIATA YET	
SCHUYLER WHITE	1991	BLUE
LYNNE AOYAMA	2019	RED
MARK CRABB	2019	RED



REMOVED FROM ROSTER

NAME	EXPIRED
JUSTIN & CHRISTA JACKSON	7/30/2019



NAME	BIRTHDAY
JANET JAWARSKI	1 Nov
STEVE BECKSTEAD	2 Nov
MARGIE NEWSON	6 Nov
VICKIE DAY	11 Nov
NANCY VANZWEDEN	12 Nov
DOYLE STURM	15 Nov
GEORGE CHASE	17 Nov
JIM NEWSON	25 Nov
JANET ANDERSON	28 Nov
DAVID ANDERSON	29 Nov
AMY CHRISTOPHER	29 Nov
JOYE CARLSON	30 Nov

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.

October Luncheon and Nebo Loop Drive Report By: Mike Bailey



We had our October Club Luncheon at Jim's Restaurant in Riverton. Attendance was great as I counted 46 members in attendance. Our new members Richard and Gail Kelly featured in the September "Member Spotlight" article were in attendance so we welcomed them to the club.

We had a great lunch and the room was so packed we had to bring in a few extra tables and scrunch up around the large tables to fit everyone in. Attendance has been real good at most all our luncheons this year. We like that!

After lunch we gathered in the parking lot for a destination drive to Nephi and the Mt. Nebo Loop to see the fall colors. Val and Doyle planned and led this drive which was spectacular. We drove down Redwood Road and around the west side of Utah Lake. We had 14 Mi-atas on this drive.



We stopped at the old Sinclair station in Elberta for our standard photo op and to take a 10 minute stretch break. Then we headed down Goshen Canyon Rd. for a few twists and turns. A few members new to this canyon drive remarked to me how fun it was and didn't even know this existed.

We stopped to regroup at the Phillip's 66 gas station in Nephi for a potty break and get some drinks and snacks, and then headed up the Mt. Nebo Loop road. We stopped at the Devil's Kitchen to walk the trail and for a group photo on the platform there. We then headed down the mountain to Payson where we said our good-byes and headed home separately.

It was a great afternoon and drive, and probably one of the last ones for the year. And the weather was perfect. Thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy it.



Fall for New England Trip Report By: Mike Bailey

Our Fall for New England Trip was one of the most enjoyable long Miata trips I have ever done. The group of club members that participated in this were lots of fun, and will testify that we all had a great time. The group was made up of the Bailey's, Mechling's, Nicholl's, Beckstead's, Sturm's, and Vredevel'd's (Lou and Carol Lynn). After the Mass Club event Vredevel'd's kids, James and Hillary and Landon and Elisa (who live in Texas) joined our group for the second week.



It was also very special to me and to all of us from Utah that we were able to join all of our east coast members, travel with them and, enjoy their company. We were joined by other club members; Donn & Janet Cichocki from New Hampshire, Bill & Janet Anderson from North Carolina, Robert & Gale Klinshaw from New York, Gary & Kathy Collings from Indiana, and George and Patty Chase from New Hampshire. All of our driving, activities and events outside of the 4 day Mass Miata Club's event were planned by Janet and Donn. They had every day planned and scheduled with a few options of detours or other options available. It was truly an excellent planned and executed trip, and an adventure which we will be talking about for years to come.



We arrived at the Manchester, New Hampshire airport on day one and rented our convertible Mustangs and Camaros, an equal mix between all of us. Donn and Janet drove their new bright Racing Orange 30th Anniversary Miata as the lead car so they were very easy to see and spot for any of us in the 'back of the pack' or as 'sweep' for the drives. We took turns with positions in front and back of the group through our two weeks on the road.

We spent two days before the event and a week after the event traveling to different New England states to enjoy the scenery and tree lined roads. First day we traveled to Maine and saw a few lighthouses along the coast, including the Nubble lighthouse, which was awesome. We also had fresh Lobster rolls and seafood for our lunches and dinners which was yummy!



Day two was to the North Shore of Boston, Mass. and to Salem, Gloucester and Rockport, coastal cities. In Salem and got passes to the 'hop on/hop off' trolley and did a scenic tour of Salem. Some of us then went to one of the Witch Museums of several to choose from.

The next four days was at the event in Westford, MA. It was lots of fun at the event and I personally met many Miata friends from all over, but mainly the east part of the country and Canada. We did some awesome drives on back roads with hilly tree-lined roads. Fall leaves were starting to turn but it was just before the peak season. There are so many amazing trees and forests back there. I took 1,992 photos on this trip. I shipped our club Flag banner there to put on display with other clubs. The Mass Miata Club put on a really great event and was well organized. I made a special event Pin with the Event logo on it and gave a lot of them away to others who were there. I collected about 15 pins from others at the event by trading some of them for my collection. I also gave away several shirts and hats to organizers.

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Thursday was our next to last day without Donn and Janet as Donn had to go to a doctor, and they probably needed a rest from our group. Val and Doyle planned out and led a drive to Hampton Beach where we got to put our toes in the Atlantic Ocean, then to Plumb Island, past Rockport again where we had lunch, and then to the old Hammond Castle which we toured before heading back to the hotel. This was also a very fun day.



We left the event on Sunday and traveled to Boston to do the Duck Amphibious Boat Tour that Cichock's arranged for us. Everyone loved this and we had lots of fun. We visited the Charleston Naval Yard and saw the Historic Constitution Ship, touring it and the visitor's center. The next day we drove to Vermont and to South Royalton to the birthplace and homestead of Joseph Smith. Lynn was surprised as the Mission leaders there were good friends of hers from high school, and they also lived by us in Cottonwood Heights. She had not seen them since high school. We did lots of scenic back roads.

On Tuesday we went to northern New Hampshire along tree lined roads and saw tons of fun things before having dinner in Woodstock, NH. Wednesday we hooked up with Mass Miata Club members, Bill & Marlene Walker and Bob & Teri Lannin. They led us on a beautiful coastal drive to lighthouses, harbors, to Cape Cod, Weymouth, and then to Portsmouth (home of the Mayflower ship). We went in different groups for dinner. This was a wonderful day. We want to thank the Walker's and Lannin's for guiding us on a very fun drive. At the start of the day they gave us goodie bags with detailed drive instructions, treats and other items. It was very generous of them to do this for us.



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Friday morning after checking out of the hotel we took a drive to The Budweiser Brewery and farm but it was a little off season so we didn't get to see the horses, and then it was off to the airport. A huge rain storm came in just before our plane landed in Chicago, and our connecting flight was diverted to Detroit. The lightning, wind, and torrential rain closed down the airport and all flights were cancelled. We spent Friday and Saturday nights in Chicago at expensive hotels in drizzly weather. Lynn and I were the last ones to get home but we did get to see "Hamilton" at a Broadway theatre sold-out show Saturday night. We were able to get excellent stand-by tickets on the 7th row from the stage. This was a highlight to us and made up for the delay.

This was an excellent trip which we planned for a year and a half with the Chicocki's. Thanks goes to Donn and Janet for making this trip so wonderful!



Bryce Canyon / Torrey Trip Highlights: Photos By: Ken Jaworski

A group of five cars explored Bryce Canyon, Highway 12 to Boulder, then on to Torrey and Canyonlands National Park. Enjoy this small sampling of this adventurous group and the beautiful sites they encountered.



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2019 Texas Miata Round Up By: Susan Vaughn

Sunday, September 15, 2019, Mark and Susan Vaughn departed for the Texas Miata Round-up. We left early afternoon as Susan had a commitment for church. We drove to Monticello for the first night. The second day was a wonderful drive to Santa Fe. From there we traveled to Sweetwater, TX. A visit to the Women's Air Service Pilots (WASP) museum was in order. From there we were just three hours from Fredericksburg.

During WWII, between November 1942 and December 1944, 1,074 women were trained to fly first in Houston and then moved to Avenger Field in Sweetwater, TX. Nancy Love and Jacqueline Cochran founded the two programs (Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron and Women's Flying Training Detachment) that became the WASP. The women were necessary to keep the men at the war front. The museum is a great piece of history to visit.

The arrival in Fredericksburg was warm as members of the Bluebonnet Miata Club from San Antonio were on hand to greet the guests. Everyone was so helpful getting us to the registration, rooms, and general information. We were made to feel like one of the group.

The Bluebonnet Club hosted a dinner Friday night at the Woodrose Winery. The dinner was a Passport Dinner Italian buffet. Each course was accompanied by a choice from two different wines from their vineyard. This was a wonderful way to meet up with old friends and make new ones. No one was in a hurry to leave.

Saturday, brought on the drives. Starting early at 7:30 a.m. drives going to the Twisted Sisters or Regency Bridge, to 1:30 p.m. for shorter drives, there were 22 different times to leave. For our first drive we chose the Chisholm Trail. The Chisholm Trail was a trail used in the post-Civil War era to drive cattle overland from ranches in Texas to Kansas railheads. The trail was established by a Delaware scout and cattle rancher, Black Beaver and his friend Jesse Chisholm, who was a merchant. The southern terminus was a trading post near the Red River and the Northern terminus was a trading post near Kansas City, Kansas. Chisholm owned both trading posts.

The second drive was to Medina. Medina has been named the "Apple Capital of Texas" due to its abundance of apple orchards and the fact that they have hosted the international Apple Festival each year. The drive was full of hills and twist and turns. Just right for a Miata Drive.



Saturday night we were treated to a wonderful dinner at the Pacific Showroom in the Hanger Hotel. A Pacific theme was just the thing for the Thompson Miata Hawaiian print shirts. There were many in the crowd as well as old military uniforms and muumuus. The entertainment was a step back in time where legends entertained and sang. Oldies like Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Elvis the King was presented by singer Ben Stewart. The Bret Mullins Band provided the perfect dance music.

What better way to end a great day of Texas Hill Country driving than a mingling with friends, drinks, dinner and dancing? Thank you for the memories.



Miata's 30th Anniversary at Laguna Seca

By: Susan Vaughn

Susan and Mark Vaughn were off to Laguna Seca on October 9th for the 30th Anniversary of the Miata. This is the last year for Moss Motors to sponsor the Anniversary at Laguna Seca. Next year we will be visiting a new track. This was just the pressure to encourage a visit to the event. Although the Vaughn's have made this trip for the last five years something was greatly missed. We kept looking in the rearview mirror for the Newson's as that is where they have been with us each year. Margie's surgery kept her and Jim home this year. Although the trip was very fun, it was not the same.

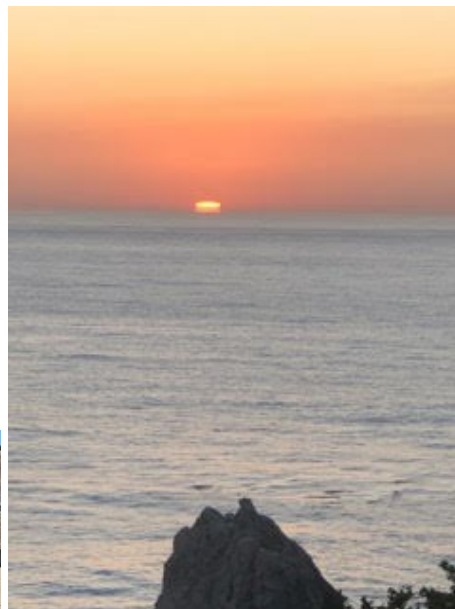
Saturday morning, 2000+ Miatas were at the raceway for the parade lap. Line up was at 10:00 a.m. Watching all the cars line up was interesting as the parade lap was led by about 100 of the 30th Anniversary edition orange Miatas. The first lap was rather quick as it took only 3 minutes to circle the track. The second lap was slower as cars were still entering the track when we looped. This was a first, as we have not taken advantage of the parade lap in the past.

We also ran into Josh And Tanya who were also enjoying the event.

The sunset was calling so we bailed on the picnic. It started at 5:00 p.m. and the new track was announced at that time so we missed the announcement.

The vendors were less this year. Most of the vendors were gauged for the racing cars. Moss did bring Tom Matano to the event and he stayed busy signing hats, posters and shirts. It was nice to see him again.

Our favorite part of going to the Laguna Seca was the drive down Highway 1. I can never get enough of the ocean. Each evening found us on the coast watching the sunset. It is one of the most spectacular things to see. I would encourage anyone who has not has this opportunity to put it on your bucket list. You don't need Laguna Seca to bring you to the California coast.



Halloween Party Recap By: Valerie Francis

The fun Miata Halloween Party was held at Ken and Jan Jaworski's home on Saturday, October 26th. The weather was great for getting to their lovely home in Park City, with even a couple of Miatas showing up. There were 24 people in attendance and as always there were many great costumes.



After enjoying lot of yummy food, we played a "game" where each couple talked about the strangest thing they had put in the trunk or passenger seat of their Miata. This was very entertaining and eye-opening on what you could fit in a Miata. Responses ranged from Debbie holding a floor lamp on a cold day with the top down, Amy holding a full length mirror, and a large teddy bear that rode home from Washington state between Lou and Carol Lynn. Additional responses included Steve leaving Ronda at a store so he could take home a large cabinet that she had purchased on sale, Jan having a chair so large in the passenger seat that she couldn't get the shifter into reverse and had to have the store owners push her out so she could leave, and Susan bringing a dead cat home from nursing school dissection class each night for a week.



We also held a costume contest where it was hard to determine winners because of so many good ones to choose from. The winners were: Steve and Ronda as "Doc Brown" and



"Marty" from "Back to the Future" as Most Creative costume, Amy as "Superwoman" for Best Female costume, and Hank as "Bob Ross" for Best Male costume.



Again, this was a fun night and we really appreciate Ken and Jan opening their home to us and being such fantastic hosts!





Great Western Adventure 2 - With/ Explore Oregon

July 12th thru July 23rd 2020 By: Lou Vredeveld

Join us for what is destined to be one of the premiere Bucket List Trips for 2020. The Willamette Miata Club is putting on the Explore Oregon Mount Hood event in July of 2020. Anyone that has attended an Explore Oregon event in the past knows what a great job they do planning the event and drives, so why not include it in the GWA2.

The GWA2 will take us on new adventures and roads that we have not been on in the past. Stops will include:

- Thermopolis Wyoming, with its Hot Springs and unbelievable scenery.
- Cody Wyoming, spending the day in museums and its western style atmosphere.
- Butte Montana, via the Chief Joseph Byway, Beartooth Highway and Northern Yellowstone.
- Clarkston Washington, via Highway 12 and the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest.
- Mount Hood Village Oregon, Explore Oregon with the Willamette Club.
- Coos Bay Oregon, via the Oregon Coast road.
- Gold Beach Oregon, spending the day on the Rouge River Jet Boat Tour and the Beach.
- Chico California, via Highway 299 the Trinity Highway.
- Reno Nevada, Via Highway 70 spending the day enjoying the National Automobile Museum and River Walk, maybe even a little gaming.

As you can see this is a GREAT trip with tons to see and do. We would like to see you for all or part of this AD-VENTURE. The Explore Oregon event is limited to the first 100 cars... So don't delay. **For any questions or information contact Lou Vredeveld.**



2019 Calendar of Events



Monthly Lunch Meeting Schedule and Additional Drives/Events:

- Nov 2nd:** Monthly lunch and meeting (11:30 am, Leatherby's) – Mike & Lynn Bailey
- Dec 7th:** Holiday party and meeting (5:30 pm, Jim & Marilyn Bickley's home), Refer to page 2 – 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 30th:** Miatas in Moab VI —Mark Vaughn
- July 12th-23rd:** Great Western Adventure (combined with Explore Oregon) --- Lou Vredeveld
- July 16th-19th:** Explore Oregon 2020 (combined with GWA) --- Willamette Valley Miata Club
(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 www.pacemiataclub.org - Pace Miata Club

Candid Camera

By Mike Bailey

This month's Candid Camera shots are photos from various trips this year. Enjoy!




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