

SAMOA General Meeting

January 13, 2011

7 p.m.

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President Robin George opened the New Year welcoming the greatest sports car ever-the Mazda Miata! He introduced the new Board of Officers for 2011-Vice-President, Jennifer Sipe, Treasurer – Jeanne George, Secretary – Pam Hunt, Media Director – Ron Petrich, Events Coordinator – Diana Loo, Technical Director – Ellen Frosch and Newsletter Editor – Michelle Thomas.

He also introduced some of the lifetime members present: Skip Noyes, Dennis Swayne, Ralph Gingrich, Dave DeNuzzo and Richard and Dorothy McCamey. Past presidents Cat Black, Dave DeNuzzo and Mike DeLaurentis were also introduced.

BITS AND PIECES

Robin announced that our library (all one book of it!) is available for checkout. He went on to torture our minds with some brain teasers, none of which I will repeat here.

Some of our members were absent in our December meeting when annual awards were given out. Acknowledged for various contributions to the club were Dave DeNuzzo and Rod Gonzalez.

Mike DeLaurentis will still be handling our packages for our troops. He and Helen prepare and send out two packages each month to selected servicemen throughout the world. Donations of items or money are always accepted. See our website for a list of what is needed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We currently have – 153 memberships, 243 people and 160 Miatas and are continuing to grow. Please let her know if you have any changes in addresses, phone numbers or emails.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne let us know that we have 3 hats left in our inventory-\$6.00 each. First come, first get them! Each December a financial audit is conducted of our books and budget by our Finance Committee – Wes Zicker and Rod Gonzalez. They have said everything is in order and we ended the year \$10.43 in the red. This year's budget has us \$14.25 to the plus side. Jeanne also told us the BOO approved the renewal of our membership in the California Auto Museum. If you want to go, each member gets one free entry per year to the museum. Just present your SAMOA membership card or I.D. and your name will be crossed off the list.

Technical Advisor – Ellen Frosch

Mazda recently posted their sales numbers for 2010. They sold 6,370 Miatas in all of 2010, down 19 ½% from 2009. Mazda also has posted the dates for the 2011 MX5 Cup races. Check out their web site if you are interested.

Ellen then asked how many of us suffer from hot feet when they are in their Miatas. A number of hands went up. Apparently, over time, a cowl gasket between the hood and the dash of the Miata begins to deteriorate-near the firewall. This is a hollow gasket and the seal can be restored by buying some ½ inch “backer rod” and snake it through the gasket. This will “fill” up the gasket, allowing a tighter seal so heat doesn’t leak through to the interior of your car.

She also mentioned a tech bulletin that anyone with an NB series (1993-2003) with a six-speed tranny should take a look at. It involves emptying the “gear fluid” and not removing a specific 8mm hex nut. Check with Ellen or Mazda’s web site.

Newsletter Editor – Michelle Thomas

Michelle wants to thank everyone for all the articles that have been written for our newsletter-Miatatudes. There are lots of great stories-make sure you go out and read them!

Media Director – Ron Petrich

Ron was missing in action tonight!

Events Coordinator – Diana Loo

Diana and Robin will be leading the Super Bowl run on Sunday February 6th. The group will meet at McDonalds in Davis at 9 a.m. There will be two groups going –a fast one with Robin, and a slower, more leisurely one with Diana.

A tour of Historic Folsom is on the calendar for March 12th. This will be led by Mike DeLaurentis. He will take you on a tour of the Powerhouse and the Historic Folsom Museum. More details later.

The San Joaquin Miata Club will be having their Eighteenth annual Coastal Cruise on Jan 29-20th. Check out their website for more information.

The hangover run was held on January 2nd and had 22 cars and 38 people in attendance. They had lots of fun, lots of good food, and lots of rain!

Vice President – Jennifer Sipe

Jennifer introduced four new members tonight who were at their first meeting. Justin Lakin recently got a 1990 grey (previously red) NA series Miata - his second one. He had sold his first one, a 1991, but just didn’t like not having a Miata around! Justin works at Folsom Prison.

Gene Barlow spent a lot of time looking for the car he wanted – a 2001 green with tan top. He finally found one on-line in Prescott Arizona and flew down to drive it back.

Bruce Thao is a full time student studying Sociology and Business at Chico State. He has a 1996 Black Miata.

Martha Reynolds is the proud owner of a 2010 Midnight Blue Miata. She was serving overseas when she bought it on-line. She is now retired from the Army after 32 years and is enjoying driving her Miata everywhere.

Raffle

Wine – Wes

T-shirt- Dennis

Extendable car brush – Tom

High Performance Driving Assoc. Gift Cert. – Sally

Flashlight – Randy

Peanut brittle – Mike

Wireless thermometer – Dennis

Tool bag – Tom

Car brushed – Frank

Rainx and car wash – Sally

English beer – Keith

Wine – Tom

Air pump – Mike D.

Wine – Frank

Rotary tool set – Sally

Wine – Mike D.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.