

SAMOA General Meeting

January 14, 2010

Tex Wasabi

President Robin George opened the first meeting of 2010 with a quiet group in attendance. To the theme song of "Star Wars", the officers for 2010 wandered in and were introduced by Robin. They are: Jeanne George- Treasurer, Pam Hunt – Secretary, Jack Parker–Events coordinator, and Bob Bacon- Technical Advisor (absent) and Michelle Thomas, our new Newsletter Editor, Mike DeLaurentis- vice-president and Ron Petrich – Media Director.

Lifetime members present tonight were Dennis Swaney, Dave "Crazy Red" DeNuzzo and Richard and Dorothy McCamey. Also present was Ricardo Coto from Elk Grove Mazda.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

Nothing to report.

Technical – Bob Bacon

Absent

Newsletter Editor – Michelle Thomas

Michelle thanked everyone for all the submissions for her first issue. The due date for future issues will be about the 25th of the month.

Media Director – Ron Petrich

Registration for Bear Valley has opened and we already have more than 25 registered! Ron has just sent out a request for raffle donations to vendors. He did such a good job with Got Guts that we decided that he should do this too! He started to entertain us with some puns, but he couldn't go on because they were too bad! Please make your hotel reservations first to make sure you have a place to stay before you do your registration on line with the club. We will be having special articles each month in the newsletter about the history of the club. Diana Loo is creating a special souvenir program. The events scheduled so far are:

Friday afternoon: organized run to Bear Valley

Friday evening: social hour

Saturday morning: long run including lunch

Saturday evening: big buffet dinner and get together

Sunday morning: Funkhana

In October to celebrate the first meeting of the club, we will meet at Carmichael Park-the site of the very first meeting. There will be a picnic and other fun.

Events Coordinator – Jack Parker

Coming up runs:

Super Bowl Sunday –Sunday Feb. 7th. Take a run to Napa through Lake Berryessa and have lunch in Winters on the way back. Meet at McDonalds in Davis at 7:30 and leave at 8:00.

Presidents Run – Monday Feb 15th: Take a ride up to Windwalkers Winery to present the owners with a plaque thanking them for all their generosity. Wander through the hills and end up at Poor Reds for food. More info on the web site.

Club Autocross March 20th and 21st: Mather Field-practice runs on the 20 with the finals on the 21st. There will be four categories for varied experience levels.

Miatas In Moab and prerun May 8-16. Go the long way to Utah and visit the Grand Canyon, stay in a concrete teepee, visit Santa Fe and Taos on your way. See the web site for details.

RPM Raceway Go Carts- Tuesday Jan 19th. Meet at 7 pm at the raceway for some racing fun. Call Ken Johnson for details.

Other events in the future:

Poker run on May 29th and the Kirkwood Pancake run.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Since Jeanne knew I was out of town all week and got here just before the meeting, she graciously remembered to do the membership numbers: we currently have 127 memberships, 206 members and 134 Miatas registered!

Vice President – Mike De Laurentis

New members here tonight are Doug Neville and Dennis Wierzba. Doug likes sailing and Miatas and works as a State Investigator. He found his car on Craigs List and is an LA escapee. Dennis is self employed and bought his first Miata 13 months ago. He recently traded that one in on a 2008 titanium gray.

Crazy Red mentioned that many times he is able to diagnose problems over the phone. So, before you decide what to do, call him and see what he says!

Raffle

Elk Grove Shirt, hat and oil filter-Betty

Car soap – Ellen

Tool kit – Rod

Champagne-Michelle

Meguires Wax – Pam

Elk Grove Mazda oil change, inspection and nitrogen tire fill – Betty

Tool kit – Betty

Elk Grove Shirt, hat and oil filter-Diana

SAMOA backpack – Michelle

Car towels – Ellen

Elk Grove Mazda oil change, inspection and nitrogen tire fill – Margaret

Wine – Rod

Tire cleaner – Betty

Tool Kit – Dorothy

Valentine candy – Michelle

Elk Grove Mazda oil change, inspection and nitrogen tire fill - Dennis

Elk Grove Shirt, hat and oil filter-Joe

Jumper cables – Mary Pat

Wine – Dot

Heinekin Keg with SAMOA mugs – Doug

Super bowl asket – Jan

Car waxer/polisher – Bud

Champagne – Jack

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10

