

**SAMOA**  
**February 12, 2009**  
**General Membership Meeting**

Location: Coco's  
Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm. He thanked everyone for being here on this special night of cars and romance!! As he noted, we are here to enjoy the finest affordable sports car in the world! The Board of Officers were introduced: Vice-President-Mike DeLaurentis, Secretary-Pam Hunt, Treasurer- Jeanne George, Media – Ron Petrich, and Events – Jack Parker. Technical advisor, Bob Bacon, was out of town.

Robin also introduced lifetime member Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney.

Vice President Mike DeLaurentis discussed our Support the Troops program. He mentioned the need for more donations and more names. If you don't have time to shop, donate money and Mike will take care of it for you.

Officer Reports:

**Secretary – Pam Hunt**

We currently have 191 members, 117 memberships and 123 Miatas and are almost at the 200-member mark! She also handed out membership cards to those who were present and had joined this past year. Those who weren't present will get theirs in the mail.

**Treasurer – Jeanne George**

Jeanne announced that we have a great inventory of club wear items for sale. Due to a special offer from our dealer, we were able to purchase over \$2000 of clothing and accessories for \$1200!

**Media – Ron Petrich**

Ron asked if anyone has been having any problems with the web site, but didn't have much else to say for a change!

**Events – Jack Parker**

Pam Hunt announced that a week long trip to Glacier Park was in the planning mode. It will be from July 17-24 and will travel over 2200 miles! Sponsors of the trip are the Hunts, the Sipes and the Bacons. The trip will be posted on the web site by Monday.

The Presidents Run will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Leader Robin says he doesn't know where they will go, but will probably end up at Logans Roadhouse in Natomas.

March 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Chili Cook off, hosted by Vi and Frank Nicholson. Let them know if you will attend and what you will bring. They will provide water and soda, but if you want anything else to drink, bring it yourself. Mike and Helen DeLaurentis will lead the run prior to the cook-off.

The Club Autocross champs will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Stockton. There will be trophies in 5 categories and also a women's class trophy for the first time. There will also be time for fun runs.

April 11 will be the OTM III ending at the Towe Auto Museum.

The Ferrari Challenge will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sears Point. Plan to meet in Winters at the Chevron Station at 8 am. It will be \$20 to get and plan to bring your own lunch. No RSVP needed.

May 9-SAMOA Detail Clinic. You must RSVP by email to Ron Petrich if you are coming and want to get in on the drawing for the free detail job. We will be learning how to properly detail our cars by a professional detailer. Mose Auto Detailing will be present and will donate one free detail job to be done that day. It will be held at the bus barn on Arena Blvd (where Robin works). They have donated the space for our use. There will be a BBQ lunch free to members.

Shriners Concours will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Mather Field. Registration will be \$40/car and will include lunch, drink tickets, and goodie bags. It will be a daylong event. We need 10 cars pre-registered to qualify for the awards that the Shriners will give us. All proceeds will go to the Shriners Hospitals.

Next up was Mike DeLaurentis our illustrious vice-president. He led a group meeting (me, myself and I) to adapt Roberts Rules of Order to "Robins Rules". I tried to get all the new rules down but had much difficulty following his speaking due to all the laughter. The only one I got for sure was #10 – Rules Suck!

### **Vice-President – Mike DeLaurentis**

#### **New Members and Guests:**

We have several new members and guests tonight:

Bob and Camie King like to travel and play tennis. They recently bought a 2003 Silver Miata and named it Rok-It.

Valerie Seymour is a recent Stanford graduate who moved to Sacramento for work. She is a mechanical engineer and loves animals. She bought a 1990 White Miata.

Wayne & Michelle Thomas are new members and here for their first meeting. Wayne works for SMUD and Michelle is a nurse. They recently bought a 1992 Black and Tan with 227 k miles!

Alan and Tami Walter are from Woodland. They bought a 2001 British Racing Green and like to spend time gardening and washing their Miata.

Stew and Judy Lehman recently became owners of a 2008 Copper Red hard top. Stew doesn't get to drive it much as it's Judy's car.

Ken Johnson got up to announce that he loves kids and can't resist Miatas! Although he can't keep up with Skip, Ken recently bought another Miata-a 01 Emerald Mica.

Robin led us in a remake of last years "stories of how we met" Many members told how we met stories.

Red mentioned that another Mazda dealer went down the drain. There is now only one dealer in our area. He wanted to make sure that we knew that he is available to order parts as needed.

Raffle:

Wash Pad-Ross

Tie Gauge – Mario

Pedals – Diana

Brush and sunshade – Fran

Blanket – Rita

Wash pas a& cleaner – Jan

Six-pack cooler – Skip

Truffles-Samantha

Wash brush – Mark

Car soap – John

Tool – Jackie

Miata Books – John

Clay bar- Denise

Brush-Tami

Mazda jacket-Steve

Candy – John

Blanket- Samuel

Champagne-Samantha

Tool kit – Pam

Chocolates-Ellen

Champagne – Diana

Air compressor – Judy

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.