

**Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
Minutes of General Meeting—Black Bear Diner
March 10, 2016**

President Mike Wilson welcomed everyone to the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA) general meeting.

After reminding the group about the restaurant emergency evacuation procedures, Mike mentioned today is Middle Name Pride Day.

Mike asked Michelle Thomas to come up to the front of the room. Michelle showed the new Miata club logo that received the most votes.

Mike put out the following poll question to the members: “Do you feel that there is too much “fluff” in the newsletter? Fluff meaning too many non-article type items such as graphics. He said he would revisit the question later in the meeting.

Mike thanked everyone for attending tonight, and asked the usual question: “Why are we here tonight? To celebrate the **people** who have chosen the Miata; the finest, most affordable sports car in the world, of course.

In the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day, Mike created and read the following limerick:

She once bought a car called Miata
As soon as she drove it off the car lot-a
She stepped on the gas
And took off in a flash
Exclaimed “this is the greatest car I ever bought-a”

Former President Robin George stepped up to the microphone to read a golf joke and also to present Miata gifts to the following members for their runs and participation in the club in 2015 who were not able to attend the December meeting:

- Tom Tyer
- Don and Kathleen Updegraff

President Wilson introduced the founding members, lifetime members and past presidents in attendance:

Founding SAMOA members:

- Skip Noyes
- Dennis Swaney

Lifetime SAMOA Members:

- Robin and Jeanne George
- Joe and Carol Rainbolt

Past SAMOA Presidents:

- Mike DeLaurentis
- Robin George

Mike informed the group that due to an oversight on the California Museum's part, SAMOA is unfortunately not on the museum's 2016 calendar.

Mike introduced the Board of Officers:

Mike DeLaurentis who filled in for Jackie McClure, Vice President

- Mike stated he was not aware of any new members in attendance tonight.

Barry Cowan, Events Coordinator

- Barry mentioned members have some upcoming runs planned, including:

April 2: Norm and Virginia Swanberg will lead the crowd on a Lodi wine tour. There is still one space left. See Events on the website or contact Norm for details.

May 14: Robin mentioned the upcoming "Hair in the Wind" run. We will need the participation of 10 club members and their cars. Stay tuned for details.

May 24-25: Mike and Helen DeLaurentis will lead a run to the Railroad Park Resort in Dunsuir, California. This is a two-night trip, one night in Fall River Mills, and the second night at the Railroad Park Resort. Check the website for details.

May 28: Mike and Helen DeLaurentis have planned a short drive to the VA National Cemetery in Dixon, to help decorate graves prior to the Memorial Day Remembrance. Afterward, the group will take a run through the surrounding foothills and have lunch along the way. Refer to the website or contact Mike for more details.

September 17: Mark your calendars for the SAMOA Birthday Party and Summer Olympics. Details are still in the works for the 26th SAMOA birthday celebration. There will be faux Olympic games played with a twist, requiring little to no athletic ability to participate. Stay tuned for more information.

October 7-9: The Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run is in honor of Ralph, who directed the run for many years. This is the Columbus Day holiday weekend, and the Best Western is offering a special rate for the nights of October 7-9. Weekend highlights include the 2016 World Championship Abalone Cook-off and Festival on October 8. For more info about this fun run, check out the website or contact Wince Weis and Kathi Bell.

Jeanie George, Treasurer

- Jeanne mentioned the California Auto Museum cruise. We are now again CAM members. Jeanne reminded the crowd that SAMOA members are entitled to one free visit to the museum per year.
- A total of eight members have renewed their memberships since the first of the year.

Marlaina Wilson, Secretary

- Marlaina reported that currently there are:
 - 149 Miatas
 - 135 active memberships
 - 222 active members

Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor

- Michelle thanked everyone who voted in the logo contest.
- Out of the 98 people who voted, the winner was the #9 logo, which was a logo designed by Michelle.
- Ron will post the new logo on the SAMOA website.

The club will look into the cost and determine what items we may want to include the new logo on.

Mike thanked Ron and Michelle for doing a great job on the logo contest.

Mike again said he would give out a free raffle ticket for each correct answer to the following trivia questions:

- 1) On the 60s sitcom "My Mother the Car," what kind of car was it?
Answer: 1928 Porter
- 2) Maxwell Smart drove what kind of car in the beginning season of Get Smart?
Answer: 1965 Sunbeam Tiger
- 3) On the series Knight Rider, the 1982 Pontiac Firebird was named KITT. What did KITT stand for?
Answer: Knight Industries Two Thousand
- 4) In an alphabetical listing of states, what state comes before California?
Answer: Arkansas
- 5) What was the first state entered into the Union?
Answer: Delaware
- 6) How many stars make up the constellation Big Dipper?
Answer: Six

A few other trivia questions related to TV series them songs:

- 1) "Who can turn the world on with her smile?"
Answer: The Mary Tyler Moore Show
- 2) "Boy, the way Glenn Miller played"
Answer: All in the Family

- 3) "I bet we been together for a million years"
Answer: Family Ties
- 4) "Thank you for being a friend"
Answer: The Golden Girls
- 5) "Meet Cathy, who's lived most everywhere"
Answer: The Patty Duke Show
- 6) "Baby, if you've ever wondered, wondered whatever became of me"
Answer: WKRP in Cincinnati

Graeme Kinsey shared a tech story about Sharon's car having problems and turning sharply.

There were two new members tonight, Matthew and Melissa Lee. The crowd welcomed them to the club. They have a 2015 Grand Touring Cobalt Gray Mica Miata.

Rene informed the crowd that she and Skip recently purchased a 2016 ND GT 6MT, in Reflex Blue. Congrats on your new Miata!

Mike mentioned if anyone knows a club member who has not attended a meeting recently to contact the person and extend a personal invitation to them to attend the next meeting.

The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned.