

SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – BLACK BEAR DINER

03/12/2015

Open – President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone. The weather is just right for Miata runs in the country side, yet we have few runs on our calendar. Let's remedy that. We need members to volunteer to put their Miatas on display at the Auto Museum for the month of April. Let's get them "show" ready (cleaned and polished).

Robin showed a video homage to Leonard Nimoy. "How many of you can do the Spoc salute?" Many raised their hands. "How many of you are planning on going to the Silver Jubilee. Lots of you." Some raised their hands. Robin and Lee Galati have been canvassing for door prizes. Mike DeLaurentis and Jack Parker are preparing runs. Get your registrations in. Black Bear will be donating door prizes, too. Jennifer Sipe has registration forms on hand for the Silver Jubilee if anyone needs them.

Introduction of Officers. President – Robin George, Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis, Treasurer – Jeanne George, Secretary – Ellen Frosch, Tech Advisor – Lee Galati, Events Coordinator – Mike Sipe (absent), Media Director – Jennifer Sipe.

Recognition of Lifetime Members present at the meeting – Dennis Swaney, Skip Noyes, the McCameys, Ralph Gingrich, Robin and Jeanne George. Recognition of past Presidents present at the meeting – Mike DeLaurentis andRobin George.

Be thinking about next year. We need members to step forward and be Officers for 2016.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Report from Jeanne George:

- a) Jeanne said we still have some coupons for \$20 off the price of a smog test.
- b) We have a couple of T Shirts remaining in inventory and available. They are on display at the front table
- c) Jubilee registrations to date statistics: 28% registered are not SAMOA; 35% of hotel bookings are not SAMOA.

Secretary Report from Ellen Frosch: Announced the total number of 130 active memberships, 216 active members, and 144 Miata's in the club.

Tech Advisor – Lee Galati. For this meeting, Bob Castelli agreed to share his experience of putting cold air induction system into his Miata. Bob explained what the cold air induction system does for the car (faster throttle response, more horsepower, improved gas mileage, engine runs cooler which can extend the engine life). Bob held a Q&A session immediately following his talk and many members asked questions. (Which brand did you install? Did you install it yourself? Which system could I use on my Miata?)

Events Jennifer Sipe (filling in for Mike Sipe):

Upcoming Events – (Be sure to RSVP through the SAMOA website)

- Month of April – Need volunteers to display their Miatas. Contact Robin if you are willing to do this.
- 4-12-2015 Into the Crater run to Volcano
Meet at the McDonald's Restaurant located at the intersection of Sunrise Boulevard and White Rock Road in Rancho Cordova (please park just outside of the McDonald's lot toward the Costco) at 10:00Am and depart at 10:30AM sharp. The route will take us east on White Rock, through Plymouth and Fiddletown, past Daffodil Hill and down Ram's Horn into Volcano. Once again reserved Miata parking will be directly in front of the Inn. Sadly our host Brad has moved on, but we have been promised a warm welcome by the new manager, Ed Tracey. Ed has promised to tailor a menu similar to last year that should satisfy everyone in our group. Please RSVP for this event no later than Thursday, April 9th so we can get a proper head count for the restaurant.
- 5-16-2015 Hair in the Wind – This is an event where we take an individual from the Society of the Blind in a short ride in our Miata. SAMOA Member Ralph Gingrich coordinates this event. Ralph is legally blind. Before he lost his sight, he and his wife loved going on drives in their Miata. Ralph shared the personal story of his situation. His wife, JoAnn, now has to do all the driving. Ralph has recently been doing runs and races in his new motorized widget race wheelchair. He loves it. More information to come on this event as we get closer to the date.
- 6-13-2015 Kirkwood [Not] a Pancake Run – This is a run led by Jack Parker up to the Kirkwood Inn, where we stop and have lunch.
- 8-2-2015 – Wine Tour – Norm Swanberg will lead us on a wine tour through Lodi. We will start at South Port in West Sacramento, go down River Road and stop at a winery for a BYO picnic lunch. Then the drive will stop at two more wineries after lunch. Watch for more information.
- 10/2 – 4/2015 Silver Jubilee

Registration is \$80 per person through August 1, 2015, \$100 per person thereafter. Registration includes:

- Friday welcome reception
- Saturday breakfast
- Saturday dinner banquet

Charity raffle/Silent Auction
Multiple Saturday guided tours
Event bags
Name badges
Other event handouts

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the resort by phone. Please book your rooms before September 1, 2015 to guarantee these rates. Please tell the agent to use the reservation code **Sacramento Miata Club**. Room rates are as follows (deluxe king or double queen): Thursday \$99 - Friday/Saturday \$109. An occupancy tax of 10% will be added to each night's stay. Discounted rates will also be offered for the 3 days prior and post the event. The hotel and event center is 100% smoke free. The hotel is a separate building from the casino. Nearby attractions are: Columbia, Jamestown, and Yosemite.

- Plenty of room on the calendar, so let's get some Miata runs going. Watch the website for news and events.

Newsletter Notes from our Media Director, Jennifer Sipe: Pointed out that the last page of our newsletter lists other websites relative to the Miata Club. Jennifer also shared with the group that there is lots of activity on our Facebook page, lots of people parting out their cars.

New Member Introduction, Mike DeLaurentis: Mark Alcorn is one of our new members. He doesn't have a Miata (yet) but he likes the car. Mark is a lawyer whose hobbies include woodworking, metal work, brewing, and playing the guitar.

Mike announced that he and Helen sold their 2000 Mahogany Mica, as he wiped the tears from his eyes. Buyer is an 82 year old man who lives in Meadow Vista. Mike checked up with him shortly after the purchase and he said he loves the car. (Of course, it is a 2000 Mahogany Mica!)

Raffle was held. Following the raffle the meeting was adjourned.