

SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – BLACK BEAR DINER  
04/08/2015

Open – President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone.

Robin provided an update on Ralph Gingrich. Jeanne and Robin George went to see Ralph in the hospital prior to the meeting. He is very ill and is still in the hospital. Ralph had a series of strokes last week and the prognosis is not very good. Keep him in your prayers. He also, talked about his accomplishments and his contribution to the club. The Hair in the Wind Event is still on and will be limited to 10 cars. The route will be the same at last year, down Interstate 5 to Freeport and back through Landpark. En lieu of flowers and balloons, JoAnn has requested that donations be made to the Antelope Lion's Club.

Robin wanted to know if everyone was nice and rested, waxed their car and ready to go on some runs.

Introduction of Officers. President – Robin George, Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis, Treasurer (absent)– Treasurer, Jeanne George, Secretary – Ellen Frosch (absent), Events Coordinator – Mike Sipe , Media Director / Newsletter Editor – Jennifer Sipe, Webmaster – Ron Petrich.

Recognition of Lifetime Members present at the meeting – Dennis Swaney, the McCameys, Joe & Carol Rainbolt and Robin & Jeanne George.

Recognition of past Presidents present at the meeting Robin George.

It is getting closer to the end of the year. We need members to step forward and be Officers for 2016. After 10 years in a roll, Robin wants to step down. People need to organize events and sign up.

#### Officer Reports

Treasurer Report from Jeanne George:

Asked 5 questions and gave out a deck of Special SAMOA Anniversary cards to the person who answered the questions.

1. When is the event?  
10/2 – 4, 2015
2. Where is the event?  
Black Oak Casino
3. What is the price of the hotel rate?  
Thursday, \$99, Friday/Saturday, \$109
4. Name 1 event that will be occurring during the three days.  
Special parking for our Miatas

Friday welcome reception  
Saturday breakfast  
Saturday dinner banquet  
Raffle/Silent Auction – proceeds to go to Fisher House  
Multiple Saturday guided tours  
No host cocktail bar  
Possible driving event on Sunday

5. What can you win.  
Prizes

Jeanne is asking for pictures, story, and memories of Ralph so that she can put together 2 memory books for JoAnn and their son, Mike.

New Member Introduction by Jeanne George:

Steven Cimini joined tonight. He has a white 97 NA. He has put a hard top and a roll bar on it. Got a Miata because he always had a weakness for them. Someone left a SAMOA business card on his windshield several years ago. He is a postal carrier.

Chris Hill came to the meeting to check out the club. He has a 93 LE Brilliant Black. The car's name is Raven. He is working on his car. He is a private investigator. His hobbies are video and photography.

Events Mike Sipe:

We are kind of light on events, please contact Mike to organize an event.

Upcoming Events

☞ 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. Need to Please RSVP for this event no later than Thursday, April 9th so we can get a proper head count for the restaurant. 15 Miatas, 1 Porsche 914 and 28 or 29 people attending. Space is limited. This will be a scenic run.

5-17-2015 May Driving Event – This will be a fun aggressive drive/run. This will be safe but a quick pace. This is a brisk drive at a start time, start location and route yet to be determined. This is not the typical trip to Napa. Details of this event will be posted on the website.

☞ 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. We meet in Rancho Murieta with a 9:30 departure. This will be a scenic and brisk run.

7-18-2015 Reif's Garage & Museum Run – Meeting in West Sacramento. Reif's Garage is located in Woodland.

☞ 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.

Check the website for future events.

☞ 10/2 – 4/2015 Silver Jubilee

The event will be great. There are 2 pages of raffle prizes. The dealerships are supporting the event. Jenn Sipe – polo shirts and hats will not be sold at the event. These items are only available through pre-sale. Hotel rooms for Sunday are sold out

Get your reservations in early because Hotel has blocked off a number of room for the event and once those rooms are gone we may not get any more rooms or the hotel will release the rooms to the general public after the cut-off date.

The committee is also soliciting donation items for the silent auction.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Must be present to win the raffle prizes. The raffle tickets will be given to you at the event.

Newsletter Notes from our Media Director, Jennifer Sipe: Pointed out that there are 156 people on our Facebook page. A lot of people are selling or looking for parts. The web page is also part of our social media. We want to reach as many people as possible

Robin suggested that we should go to webpage and look at the pictures and find an event and pick one out to redo.

Tech Advisor – Lee Galati recruited Norm Swanberg to share his experience on Suspension. Norm handed out a flyer with specs. Talked about springs, shocks, sway bars and alignment.

Secretary Report from Diana Loo: Announced the total number of 130 active memberships, 215 active members, and 144 Miata's in the club. Robin added that we are one of the largest car clubs in Northern California.

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