

**Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association  
Minutes of General Meeting—Black Bear Diner  
April 14, 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 read the following quote: “Lead us not into temptation. Just tell us where it is; we’ll find it.”

Mike called attention to the new banner hanging in the front of the room that features the new Miata club logo. Robin is currently getting bids from vendors to produce the new badges, magnets and decals.

Mike put out the following poll question to the members: “Do you change the oil in your car yourself, or have someone else do it? He said he will check with the group for responses later.

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.

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

Founding SAMOA members:

- Skip Noyes
- Dennis Swaney

Past SAMOA Presidents:

- Mike DeLaurentis

Skip mentioned an interesting fact: He and Dennis have known each other since the seventh grade. Jeanne interviewed Skip and Dennis and wrote a nice article, which is available to read on the website.

Mike mentioned that Ron is no longer interested in being the webmaster, but will fulfill his web duties until the end of 2016. If anyone is interested and would like to take charge of the website, please let Mike and Ron know. Ron will gladly provide assistance to the person taking over the website.

Mike mentioned a few of the BOO were not able to attend:

- Jeanne George, Treasurer
- Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor
- Barry Cowan

### Jackie McClure, Vice President

- Jackie introduced a new Miata member, Mike Bagnell. Mike lives in Jackson and is married. He has owned a Corvette and a few other cars. Mike enjoys racing and motorcycle riding. Mike hasn't named his car yet, but his Miata is white with racing stripes.
- Jackie also introduced new Club members Steve and Yvonne Worrell. They purchased a 2016 black Miata Sidewinder. Steve and Yvonne relocated from Sonoma County to Roseville.

### Marlaina Wilson, Secretary reported there are currently:

- Memberships: 136
- Members: 223
- Miatas: 150

### Events

Norm Swanberg reported on his and Virginia's April 2 run to Lodi, which started in West Sacramento and ran along the River Road. Club members visited three wineries, and enjoyed a picnic along the way. Norm stated there were 11 members who attended, and a good time was had by all.

In Barry's absence, Mike Wilson encouraged the members to review the events handouts at tonight's meetings, which includes some of the following upcoming events:

April 24: Richard Derr mentioned the Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show in Half Moon Bay. World-Class Tricked-Out Cars and Trucks, Fantastic Flying Machines, Custom Motorcycles, Quirky Contraptions, and the Dream Machine of the Year Award Headline show. Check out <http://dreammachines.miramarevents.com/event-details/about-the-event.html> for more details.

April 29-30: San Joaquin Valley Miata Club Poker Run. The event will take place in Fresno, with refreshments on Friday, and a car show, poker run, dinner and silent auction on Saturday. Contact Tom Jarvis if you would like more information.

May 14: The annual "Hair in the Wind" run, which is the brainchild of SAMOA member Ralph Gingrich, is sponsored by the River City Chapter of National Federation of the Blind, Society for the Blind, the Antelope Lions Club, and SAMOA. We need the participation of 10 Club members and their cars. Contact Robin George at [robin@winfirst.com](mailto:robin@winfirst.com) to RSVP.

Mike DeLaurentis reported on the runs below that he and Helen have planned. Mike also encouraged members to attend the Hair in the Wind, as he has previously participated in this run and felt it is a very satisfying event. The Society for the Blind and other supporting groups are very appreciative of the Club's participation in this event.

May 24-25: Mike and Helen will lead a run to the Railroad Park Resort in Dunsmuir, 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 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.

June 3-5: Skip Noyes mentioned the Wings of Freedom Tour at McClellan Air Force Base. There are walk through tour times (no reservations needed). You can also take a flight before and after a tour, on a B-17 or B-24 for a cost of \$450 per person. A 30-minute B-25 flight is \$400 per person. Let Skip know if you are interested and more details can be worked out for a run. Contact Skip if interested, or check out <http://www.collingsfoundation.org/event/sacramento-ca> or call 978-562-9182 for info.

June 9: Join Jim and Jackie McClure for a run to the Bywater Hollow Lavender Farm. Bring your own picnic lunch and beverage of choice. The terrace will be set up for the Club with linens and flowers. Check the website or contact Jim and Jackie at [jamjackie@cs.com](mailto:jamjackie@cs.com) to RSVP.

June (Date to be determined): Jackie mentioned she and Jim would like to plan a cruise around the San Francisco Bay. The boat can take up to 20 passengers; cost is \$15 per person. This is not a run, but a destination. The cruise starts in Emeryville and will go around Angel Island. If you are interested, let Jackie know and she will make contact and set a date.

June 18: Join Mike and Marlaina Wilson for a run up and down the Sacramento River. Participants will enjoy a leisurely cruise along the river, and have lunch at the Freeport Bar and Grill. Stay tuned for more details.

June 26: Bob Castelli volunteers at the Sonoma Raceway and is looking for volunteers for a race on June 26. Those who volunteer also receive tickets to the race itself. Contact Bob if you are interested.

September 17: The SAMOA Birthday Party and Summer Olympics at Windwalker Winery. There will be faux Olympic games played with a twist, requiring little to no athletic ability to participate. Mark your calendars and 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.

Mike Wilson encouraged club members to provide their run information to Ron to include on the website.

Mike mentioned to all in attendance to contact Michelle Thomas about anything to submit for the newsletter. Mike issued a challenge to the club for articles: If you could drive your car anywhere in the world, describe what that would be and submit it to Michelle.

Mike stated he is providing a free raffle ticket tonight to those who can answer the following trivia questions correctly. Mike offered the following questions to the crowd:

1) What was the very first competition held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway?

Answer: Hot air balloon race

2) Whose picture is on the two-dollar bill?

Answer: Thomas Jefferson

3) What was the first state to enter the Union?

Answer: Delaware—it beat Pennsylvania by five days

4) What is the smallest country in the world?

Answer: The Vatican—less than one half kilometer square

5) In the song “Hot Rod Lincoln” where is Pappy being driven to?

Answer: Drinkin’

6) In the song “Little GTO,” what was the engine displacement?

Answer: 389

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 February meeting.

Mike asked if anyone would still like to purchase raffle tickets. The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned.