

**Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
Minutes of General Meeting—Black Bear Diner
June 9, 2016**

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

Mike reminded the group about the restaurant emergency evacuation procedures.

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

Lifetime Members

- Jeanne George

Mike told the following story: “I went into a bookstore and asked where they had books on paranoia. The guy said, ‘They’re right behind you.’”

Mike mentioned the stickers with the new Miata design and magnetic decals are available tonight. Please see Marlaina for your sticker (one free sticker per Miata), and the magnetic decals cost \$1 each.

Mike mentioned his frustration with the club’s lack of participation in planning runs, and encouraged members to get some runs on the calendar.

Kathi Bell mentioned she recently was in contact with Jan Leninger, who club members may remember, along with her husband Gene. Kathi wanted to pass along to members that Jan is doing well and she is moving to Texas. If you are interested in staying in touch with Jan, please contact Kathi for Jan’s contact information.

Graeme Kinsey reported on Mike and Helen DeLaurentis’ caboose run. Doug said everyone had a great time. He encouraged members to plan future runs.

Jackie and Mike stated that Ron is retiring as Webmaster after December 2016 and encouraged anyone interested in being Webmeaster to see the BOO or Ron.

Mike introduced the BOO in attendance:

Jackie McClure, Vice President

- Jackie introduced new Miata member Larry Simmonds.
- Also attending tonight's meeting is Valerie Harper, who said she purchased a red 2016 Miata. Valerie lives in Sacramento and is having fun driving her new car. She is thinking about joining the club.
- Joe Conley mentioned his son Grant purchased a newer blue Miata.

Jeanne George, Treasurer

- Jeanne mentioned that Robin was not in attendance tonight because he has been having issues with sciatica pain. Robin will see a surgeon tomorrow to discuss next steps. The club wished Robin all the best and hope he feels better soon.
- Jeanne encouraged members to purchase decals for \$1 each.
- Jeanne stated she started to write a Hair in the Wind run article, and sent Michelle the wrong article. Look for Jeanne's article to appear in the July newsletter.

Marlaina Wilson, Secretary

- Marlaina reported there currently are:
 - 132 memberships
 - 218 members
 - 144 Miata

Barry Cowan, Events Coordinator

- Barry mentioned the upcoming club events, including:

June 25: Join Mike and Marlaina Wilson for a run up and down the Sacramento River. Participants will start the run at the California Auto Museum. Afterward, the group will leave and enjoy a leisurely cruise along the river, with lunch at the Freeport Bar and Grill. Contact Mike at mikenmar@sbcglobal.net or (916) 331-3670 for more info.

September 10: The CAM Cruise Fest is one of the largest fundraisers for The California Automobile Museum. The cruise will take place on Fulton Avenue, between Marconi and Cottage, and a car show will follow. The car show will include food trucks, bands, awards and more. Contact Tom Tyer at tom.tyer@colliers.com or (916) 563-3027 for more information.

September 17: Mike mentioned the SAMOA Birthday Party will take place on Saturday this year, rather than Sunday, at Windwalker Winery. Unfortunately, the faux Olympics did not receive a good response, and therefore the Olympics are canceled. Mike said if anyone is interested in taking over the Olympics, to please contact him or one of the BOO. If anyone is interested in planning a run to Windwalker or helping to set up or clean up, to please let him or the BOO know.

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.

Adi mentioned he would like to plan a run to a destination that he and Parvin came upon one day as they were on a drive between Esparto and Winters. They discovered a beautiful bed and breakfast inn, named Park Winters. Adi stated he would like to plan a run to the inn, but would need to work out details. Adi hopes his story is inspiration for members to plan runs.

Jackie reported on the run she and Jim led to the Bywater Hollow Lavender Farm on June 9. She said there were nine cars in attendance, a great group of people, nice weather, and the lavender farm was wonderful. Jackie thanked those in attendance who went on the run.

Graeme Kinsey mentioned that he is planning an easy drive through the foothills that will take place within the next eight weeks. Stay tuned for more details.

Zoe mentioned the Overton, Oregon run. If anyone is interested in going on the run, please contact Zoe Hargrave.

Richard Derr encouraged members who have a new Miata to visit Dan DeNuzzo's shop.

Mike Wilson asked those in attendance if they had any ideas for runs or events. He encouraged club members to provide their run information to Ron to include on the website.

Michelle encouraged members who have articles to please provide them to her by June 25.

Mike asked members the following trivia questions for a chance to win a free raffle ticket per correct answer:

- 1) What is California's motto, and what does it mean?
Answer: Eureka! And it means "I have found it."
- 2) What baseball player was the first ever to have his number retired?
Answer: Lou Gehrig
- 3) In 1885, what did Canada sell to the United States?
Answer: Niagara Falls
- 4) In total numbers collected, not used, what is the most popular U.S. postage stamp?
Answer: Elvis Presley
- 5) What is the oldest registered trade mark still being used in the United States?
Answer: Red Devil Underwood devilled ham.

- 6) What was America's first organized sport?
Answer: Horse racing in 1664
- 7) What was the first food consumed on the moon by the Apollo 11 astronauts?
Answer: Turkey
- 8) What item was first introduced in cars by Chrysler in 1949?
Answer: Ignition key

Theme song trivia included:

- 1) Baby, if you ever wondered, wondered whatever became of me....
Answer: WKRP in Cincinnati
- 2) Just the good ol' boys, never meanin' no harm....
Answer: Dukes of Hazard
- 3) The end of the Civil War was near, and quite accidentally, a hero who sneezed abruptly seized retreat and reversed it to victory....
Answer: F Troop
- 4) Through early morning fog I see, visions of the things to be. The pains that are withheld for me, I realize and I can see. (This song was never actually sung on the TV show)
Answer: MASH

Mike thanked our server Andrew, who always provides the club with great service.

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.