

SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

07/10/2014

Open – President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm. Why Are We Here? – To celebrate, honor, learn about the finest affordable sports car in the world, the Mazda Miata!

Introduction of Officers. President – Robin George, Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis, Treasurer – Jeanne George, Secretary – Ellen Frosch, Webmaster – Ron Petrich, Events Coordinator – Mike Sipe, Newsletter Editor – Jennifer Sipe, Tech Advisor – Lee Galati.

Recognition of Lifetime Members present at the meeting – Dennis Swaney, Skip Noyes; Recognition of past Presidents Mike DeLaurentis and Robin George.

Robin discussed the last club run, 75% of the drivers got lost. Reviewed the protocol, use of radios for leader and sweep; keep group together, keep car in front of you within sight and keep car behind within sight; follow and obey all laws; do not overtake cars in front of you; do not leave a large gap between cars. Discussed ways of pulling over to regroup and pulling out into traffic.

Secretary Report from Ellen Frosch: Announced the total number of 129 active memberships, 217 active members, and 141 Miata's in the club.

Newsletter Editor Jennifer Sipe: Please send in your newsletter articles.

Treasurer Report from Jeanne George: History of the free membership program. Gave away \$20 smog check coupons. Club is \$306 in the black. Gave away a \$100 gift certificate for wheelwood brakes, given to April Haliday. We have SAMOA T-Shirts and hats for sale.

Webmaster and Media Director Ron Petrich: Gave an update on the Miata 25th Anniversary celebration coming up in Monterey. The next generation Miata, ND, will be rolled out at this event. This will be a huge/important event for Mazda. Event attendance is now too great for the Guinness World Record attempt. There will be a big group photo taken on that Friday. Registration location not yet finalized. T-Shirts that were pre-ordered will not be shipped to recipients, they will be held for pick up at the event. Parade laps will be available on both Saturday and Sunday. A food drive to benefit Monterey County Food Bank is part of the event, barrels will be set up for collection of canned food items. The host hotel is sold out but SAMOA website has links to B&Bs and hotel rooms in Monterey County.

A video of Miatas at NY auto show was shown.

Events Coordinator Mike Sipe:

Review of past events (Greenhaven Estates, the shortest Miata run on record, Pilots Peak Winery and Picnic)

Upcoming Events

Fountains at Roseville II – July 11, 2014 (36 cars will be on display)

Kirkwood Pancake Run – July 12, 2014

USS Hornet Tour – July 19, 2014

Miatas at Mazda Raceway – Sept 5-7, 2014

Fall in the Vines (Club Birthday Picnic) – Sept 14, 2014

Indian Grinding Rock

Fort Bragg Trip – Oct 10-13, 2014

SAMOA Christmas Party – Dec 6, 2014 at Vince's in Elk Grove

VP Mike DeLaurentis introduced guests/new members: April Haliday 1990 Miata, 1991 Miata, 1992 Miata; James Lai 1999 Emerald Green; Michael Sim 2007 Green; Ken Sutton 2003 Blue; Leo & Hillary Macias 2014 Silver; Harry & Susan Nestor 2015 Red.

Raffle was held. Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.