

SAMOA General Meeting

July 13, 2011

Logan's Roadhouse

Robin opened the meeting at Logan's Roadhouse, the site of this year's annual Swap Meet. Due to the swap meet, we are having a very short meeting tonight. With the exception of Ron Petrich, all officers were present. Robin tried to convince us that we were swapping Miata's tonight, but no one was really up for that!

A special thanks to Ellen Frosch for doing this month's SAMOA newsletter! It takes a lot of time and patience to get the whole thing out by the first of the month, but she did it! And is even willing to try again for August! Thanks Ellen!

Lifetime members were acknowledged as well as past presidents: Dennis Swaney, Skip Noyes, Ralph Gingrich, the McCamey's and Mike DeLaurentis and Cat Black.

Due to tax decisions made by the California Legislature, the Tire Rack is no longer selling to us on the web. It was a nice money maker for the club while it lasted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Events Coordinator – Diana Loo

Our annual visit to the State Fair is on July 17th. We will have several cars there on display for the entire day. See Robin for more details.

On July 23rd, Pam and Randy Hunt will lead a group to Calistoga to tour the Castello di Amorosa, a winery done up as a 17th century Tuscan style castle. Please check the web and RSVP if you are going.

Mt Lassen will be the site for some intrepid climbers and other easy hikers on July 30-31st. Ron Petrich will lead a group to Mt Lassen and an overnight stay at the Best Western in Chester. On Sunday, there are several activities planned, but the climb of Mt Lassen has been cancelled as the path is closed for repair work. One of the hikes will be Bumpass Hell, a hot mud pot.

Yosemite by Moonlight will be on August 13-14th. The day will start with a tour of the Forestiere Underground Gardens in Fresno, followed by a dinner and then the full moon run through Yosemite. Sunday will start late and will include a tour of the Castle Air Force Museum. Make sure you get your reservations in Merced, our room block is full, but there are other places to stay.

Ralph and Joanne Gingrich will lead a tour around the Lake on August 21st. They will meet at the Park and Ride in El Dorado Hills and have a nice drive up the West side of Tahoe, a special lunch at Jakes, some miniature golf and then completion of the drive through South Lake Tahoe. See more information on the web.

The Scrabble Scramble is back this year, earlier than usual – August 26th-28th. The start will be in Sutter Creek this year, with the run winding through the Amador hills. Get your reservations in at the Days Inn in Sutter Creek if you plan to stay for the evening. The cost will be \$50 per person this year.

Check out the Events site on our web for more activities coming up later this summer and fall.

Vice-President – Jennifer Sipe

Jenn introduced several new members and visitors tonight. Rick and Linda Gauthier are new members. Rick does architectural 3-D drawings. They originally had MG's, but since the kids are gone, they have upgraded to Miatas. They own a white 90 and grey 2006. Jeff Kilty is the owner of a 95 red named Rosebud. He is the original owner! He is trying to find the solution to "Tall Man Miata Desire Syndrome" for his friend Greg Scarlata who is also with us tonight. Greg was the one in the parking lot during the swap meet trying out Miatas for size! Mike and Jeannie Mulcahy are both retired and looking for a Miata to buy. (Secretary's note: they succeeded this weekend and will go on their first run on July 23rd!). New members Bill and MaryEdna Menezes are at their first meeting tonight with their new 2011 Stormy Blue Mica!

The meeting was adjourned around 8 p.m. and met back up outside for the Swap Meet and Raffle

The Secretary didn't get around to listing the raffle prizes due to the outside location! Better luck next time.