

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 13, 2017, 7:00 PM

President Robin George called the meeting to order and introduced the founding members, past presidents and lifetime members present.

Guests

Welcome to tonight's visitors: George Gold, Lynda Farrall, Carol and Joanne Arens, and John Gedeon.

New Lifetime Member

Congratulations to Jack Parker, our newest lifetime member!!

Regular Business

- The September club meeting will NOT be on the 2nd Thursday. Instead, we will meet at Elk Grove Mazda on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00pm for a Show 'n Shine. The dealership is providing food and beverages and the first 25 cars to sign up will be entered into a contest for prizes. (And no, we don't know the judging criteria, but there will be multiple categories.) You need to RSVP for this event as you would a regular club run. See the website for all the information and to let us know you'll be there.
- One of our newest members, Norm Hom, suggested a new activity for our meetings: "What have you done for your Miata lately?" The idea is to share the latest upgrades we've done to our cars. This evening, we had a number of members share their new – and often creative – upgrades:
 - Mounted a cell phone to the rollbar to take video on the racetrack
 - Added a trailer hitch
 - Installed a rollbar
 - Added a "Cool Breeze" air scoop (\$44 in the Moss catalog)
 - Robin got a "Boot Bag" for his 2017 and had to make his antenna movable in order to make it fit.
 - Meanwhile, George from Chico created a custom luggage rack for his car.
- Reminder: Please RSVP for any event you will be attending. This is very important, especially if we are stopping for lunch where we need a head count. It helps the organizer know how many cars to expect and ensures you won't be left behind if you're running a little late. It also allows the organizer to contact you in case of a change of plans, such as a change of meeting place or cancellation.

Recent Events – Robin's Flight and the Georgetown run were enjoyed by all who attended. Unfortunately, the Moonlight run had to be cancelled.

Upcoming Events - Full details of all planned events are posted on the club website.

- 08/05 What's Your Wentworth Returns
- 08/27 Down the River Run

- 09/10 Club Meeting “Show ‘n Shine” at Elk Grove Mazda
- 09/16 SAMOA Open (Miniature) Golf Championship
- 09/30 SAMOA Birthday Picnic
- 10/6-8 Mazdas at Mazda Raceway
 - This event is NOT just for racers! This is a full weekend of fun for everyone, so come on out and celebrate our favorite sports car.
- 10/6-9 Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run
 - DON'T WAIT! If you plan to attend this event, make your reservations and sign up for the abalone “judging” at the Abalone Festival NOW. Judging ballots are limited and sell out fast. Accommodations will also be filling up.
- 12/14 Christmas Party at the December club meeting
- 2018 Miatas on Display
 - The California Auto Museum is once again planning a display of Miatas during the winter of 2018 (Jan-Mar). If you would like to have your car on display, contact Robin for further information.

The meeting adjourned.

Reminders

Club Logo Merchandise – The club has window decals as well as 6” magnetic decals available. Contact Michele Nanjo or Jeanne George for details.

Facebook page – The club has a private Facebook page for members only. The name is **Sacramento Miata Club** and all members are encouraged to join. This group is intended for car stuff only, so post stories or information that would interest other SAMOA members. Also, if you could use some advice about your Miata, someone on the page will probably be able to help you.

To join, please submit a request to jeanne@winfirst.com and give her your Facebook user name. One of our administrators will add you to the group.

Birthday Party – The birthday party will be held at the Windwalker Winery on Saturday, September 30th. Ron will lead the run to the winery starting from the Costco in Rancho Cordova. Details will be provided on the website.

Christmas Party – This year’s Christmas party will take place at our regular meeting at the Black Bear Diner on December 14th. We will have a gift exchange in lieu of the raffle with a \$15 maximum value per gift. If you bring a gift, you will receive a gift.

Our next regular, monthly meeting will be August 10th.

Please contact Michele Nanjo if you have any corrections or additions to these minutes.

Happy driving!