

SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING– BLACK BEAR DINER

07/14/2016 7:00pm

Open –President Mike Wilson welcomes everyone to the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA) meeting, thanking everyone for coming out in this heat to our meeting. SAMOA lives matter, Mike jokes. Safety Note: In Case of Emergency, the emergency exit is that way (points to Exit sign). *Why are we here?* We are here to celebrate the people who have chosen the Miata; the finest, most affordable sports car in the world.

Introduce Founding members, lifetime members and past presidents in attendance. Also any visiting members from other clubs or organizations

- a. Founding members: Dennis Swaney
- b. Lifetime members: Robin and Jeanne George (Robin is on the mend, and returning to normal); Richard and Dorothy McCamey; Joanne Gingrich.

Guest Speaker: Delta Pick Mello, Executive Director of the California Auto Museum. Delta gave a talk to the group. Her information included background and general information of the Auto Museum, review of recent, current and upcoming exhibits, and information on the Capital project for the new roof. The museum also has summer camp for kids and a road crew outreach program. There will be a fundraiser event “CruiseFest on Fulton Avenue” on September 10, 2016 from 4:00p to 8:30pm. All proceeds benefit the California Auto Museum. SAMOA member Tom Tyer encourages everyone to attend this event. Check it out on the SAMOA events page.

Officer Reports

Vice President Jackie McClure introduced new members:

- Raul & Susie Guzman, 1999 Black Miata
- Dave & Sally Detmer, 2016 Soul Red
- Mike Langley, 2016 Artic White
- Michael Dillon, 2016 Soul Red

Treasurer Jeanne George

Recognize Rod Gonzalez, newly retired.

Club magnets with our new logo are available, \$1/each.

Club decals with new logo are available, 1 per member.

Club Birthday Party is Saturday, Sept 17, 2016. This will be the 26th Anniversary of the club. Party to be held at Windwalker Winery with catering provided by Dickie’s BBQ. Cost is \$10/member; each membership is allowed to purchase two tickets at the \$10 price; additional attendees and non-member

cost is \$24 per person. Deadline for payment is Sept 9, 2016. There will be a group drive to the winery. (see more information in Events).

Mike Wilson thanked Ron Petrich for all the work he does on the SAMOA website, especially the recent work related to our "RSVP" feature on our site. And speaking of our website, Ron Petrich will not be doing the website next year. We need a member to step forward and take over the webmaster duties. If anyone has any interest, please let a board officer know.

Events Upcoming - (remember to RSVP on the SAMOA website for each event you want to attend)

- **7/26/2016** Preliminary Run to Windwalker Winery, Denise Correia leading. Denise has agreed to lead the group run to Windwalker Winery for our birthday bash. On July 26 she is doing a pre-run to determine the route details and timing. Anyone wishing to help Denise please see her at the end of this meeting.
- **8/13/2016** Slide That Clutch Event, Graeme Kinsey leading.
This event is being held to help one of our newer SAMOA members become comfortable handling the clutch in her new ND. We will have a group discussion for a few minutes, Q&A, then head into the foothills with curves and hilly portions. A rest stop may bring additional opinions and comments to the fore. Event may include some ride-along sessions for in-car training. Pace will be gentle...the focus will be fun. We will conclude with an (optional) lunch in Volcano, at the Volcano Union Pub.

Meet by 9:30 AM, Saturday August 13, 2016 at the Park and Ride lot, 4640 Post Street, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762, which is at the intersection of Latrobe and White Rock Roads. There are a McDonalds and a Chevron station within walking distance.

- **8/27/2016** (tentative), Bob Castelli leading. Currently in the planning stages, this run will go up Hwy 16, then Capay Valley. Lunch will probably be in Williams with the run ending in Wheatland. Watch the Events Page for more information.
- **8/3-7/2016** Flyin' Miata Event. Dennis Swaney let the membership know that Flyin' Miata has an event coming up in Colorado. Every year, Flyin' Miata welcomes Miata lovers from all over the world to a celebration of fun sports cars and great people. It started in 1998 with a simple BBQ, and has grown into a five-day extravaganza of track time, driving schools, technical seminars, product demos, drive-in burgers, door prizes and more. The most important part, of course, is the chance for Flyin' Miata to thank customers in person for their support over the years.

Flyin' Miata 19th annual Summer Camp will take place from August 3-7 2016 in Grand Junction, Colorado. Two days of track time, technical seminars, fun people, great roads - all the stuff you've come to love about one of the longest-running Miata parties out there.

Registration is now open online and over the phone.

<https://www.flyinmiata.com/2016-summer-camp.html>

- **9/17/2016** SAMOA Birthday Picnic

Twenty-six years ago on October 13, 1990, a group of 13 Miata enthusiasts from the Sacramento area gathered at Carmichael Park. That group organized SAMOA (the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association). This year SAMOA will celebrate its 26th anniversary with a BBQ lunch and wine tasting at the Windwalker Vineyard and Winery. Owners Jim and Alanna Taff have again graciously offered us the use of their facilities at no cost to our Club. This will be our ninth year at their winery.

Activities will include: wine tasting, a catered BBQ lunch, lawn games, and having fun. Or you can sit in the shade and just watch. This is a great chance to meet the Officers and other members. Please bring folding Miata chairs if you have them.

Dickey's Barbecue Pit will cater our lunch and the menu will be: Sliced Beef Brisket, Chicken breast, BBQ beans, Coleslaw, Potato salad, relish tray, Ranch Rolls and barbecue sauce. SAMOA will provide sodas, waters, and Birthday cake.

The day will begin with an organized group drive to the winery, which is in the planning stage. Or you can drive there on your own: Windwalker is located at 7360 Perry Creek Road, Somerset (530 620-4054). Plan to arrive around 11 am for registration and to receive your wrist band. Wine tasting starts at 11 o'clock and lunch is scheduled for noon.

The cost is \$10 per SAMOA member, payable in advance. Each membership will be allowed two attendees at the \$10 per person price. Additional attendees and non-member cost is \$24 per person.

RSVP for this event is required by Friday, September 9th. You can order tickets by mail, by using the RSVP button on the website, or by contacting Jeanne George at (916) 359-2627 or at jeanne@winfirst.com. Make checks payable to SAMOA and mail to 1864 Bridgecreek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833. Payment in full must be received by Saturday, September 10th. You can sign-up and pay at the July, August or September meetings.

If you pay for tickets, but find yourself unable to attend, please notify Jeanne by phone (916) 359-2627 to cancel your attendance by September 9th for a full refund. No refunds issued after the caterer is given the final count on September 9th.

The BOO (Board of Officers) look forward to seeing you there.

- **10/7-10/2016** Ralph Gingrich Memorial Ft. Bragg Run

This annual event is a big favorite. This will be the Club's 26th year making this run. Last year, the run was renamed the "Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run" in honor of Ralph, who directed the run for many years. We will make a run to Fort Bragg on Friday, October 7th, 2016 for a weekend

stay. Those of you who cannot leave on Friday may also get together to organize a run starting on Saturday, October 8th, or just come on your own. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Best Western. This is the Columbus Day holiday weekend so our special rate will be available the nights of October 7th to October 9th (checking out the 10th).

This event allows you to either find your own fun in this beautiful coastal area, or participate in various events we will organize or attend such the 2016 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ABALONE COOK-OFF & FESTIVAL on Saturday Oct. 8th, which is great fun. People who want to taste abalone will need to purchase a Judging Ticket from <http://mendoparks.org/annual-abalone-cook-off/> after June 1st for members of the Mendocino Area Parks Association and after July 1st for non members. The Festival itself has free admission for folks who choose not to buy a Judging Ticket.

The Friday run will leave from the McDonalds off of the Mace Blvd exit in Davis. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. This will be a leisurely drive with several rests stops. We will stop at the Napa Valley Olive Oil Manufacturing Company to buy picnic lunch supplies and stop again for a picnic along the way at White Oak Wine.

Telephone the motel directly at (707) 964-4776 to make your reservations (\$95.99 plus tax for 2 queen beds). Because this is both a holiday weekend, as well as the weekend of the Abalone Festival it is a good idea to reserve well in advance. Be sure to mention you are with our group. The proprietors of the Best Western know us as "The Miata Club". Please either call or email us as you make your reservations for the trip so we will know how many cars/people are coming. Vince Weis & Kathi Bell, vlweis@sbcglobal.net (916) 747-4627

Raffle was held. Meeting adjourned.