

SAMOA General Meeting

August 11, 2011

Celias

Robin opened the meeting at Celias tonight with gusto and quite loudly! We held our annual Swap Meet last month at Logan's Roadhouse the members present tonight would like to do it again next year-somewhere! Officers were present and accounted for as were lifetime members – The McCameys, Ralph Gingrich, Skip Noyes, Dennis Swaney and Dave DeNuzzo. Past Presidents in the group tonight were Mike DeLaurentis, Dave DeNuzzo and, of course, Robin George.

There have been lots of activities lately – The Castle tour, Mt Lassen, a BOO meeting, a visit to a retirement home and several others. The winners of the Show and Shoot were announced- all two of them. Jenn Sipe won the first place \$30 gas card and Maureen Morris received the second place \$10 card.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We currently have 128 memberships with 211 members and 140 Miatas. We have also received some information about touring New Zealand in Miatas! If anyone is interested, contact Pam.

Technical Advisor – Ellen Frosch

Ellen's topic tonight was torque wrenches. They are used to fasten bolts with perfect tightness, according to manufacturers' specifications. The last thing we want is for a part to fall off one of our wonderful Miatas.

Media Director – Ron Petrich

The web page has been updated with Ellen Froschs' email for the time being. She has stepped in as Newsletter Editor for the time being.

Events Coordinator – Diana Loo

Recent events included our annual visit to the State Fair on July 17th. We had 10 cars on display! On 7/23 we also had 10 cars go on the tour to Castello di Amorosa. Then we had Mt Lassen on 7/30-31. There was a hike to Mill Creek Falls and we also found over 12 feet of snow at the 8600 foot level! Wow! Kathi and Vince led the "old folks" to visit the old folks at a retirement home. It was probably the shortest run ever-all of 1 ½ miles! They really loved the "cute cars" Sorry Robin....

Yosemite by Moonlight will be on August 13-14th. Plan to meet in Galt at 8:15 for an 8:30 departure.

Ralph and Joanne Gingrich will lead a tour around the Lake on August 21st. They will meet at the Latrobe Park and Ride in El Dorado Hills and have a nice drive up the West side of Tahoe, a 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.

Jackie and Jim McClure will lead a special run to their favorite small town, Washington, California on 9/11. Washington is a small town on the Yuba River. After running the back roads to get there, a lunch at the historic Washington Hotel on their deck overlooking the river will be enjoyed. You must RSVP to order lunch. See more information on the web page.

On 9/25, SAMOA will hold their annual birthday party at Windwalker Winery. There will be an upfront cost of \$15 per person with \$10 of that refunded at attendance. A run is in the planning phases to get to Windwalker.

Dennis is planning an event on October 2 at the McClellan Aerospace Museum. There will be more information soon.

Please RSVP on these or any of the clubs trips, to let people know how to plan.

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. Dennis Baer and his wife bought their Emerald Green Mica a year ago. They are both retired. Tony and Jan Massara found a 2004 Velocity Red Mazdaspeed through member Rod Gonzalez.

Raffle

Wine – Don and Kathleen

Wine – Mike D

Wine – Jackie

Tool bag – Dennis

Wine – Renee

Travel case – Dennis

Wine - Dennis

Solar Light set – Lynn

Wine – Mike M.

Sacramento Rail Museum tickets – Jan

Travel light – Doug

Wine – Chris

Coleman folding knife – Clay

Wine – Clay

Folding chair – Paul

Wine – Dennis

Wet/dry vacuum – Dorothy

Wine - Maureen

The meeting was adjourned around 8:40 p.m.