

**Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
Minutes of General Meeting—Black Bear Diner
August 11, 2016**

President Mike Wilson welcomed everyone to the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA) general meeting.

After reminded the group about the restaurant emergency evacuation procedures.

Mike stated he had to apologize, he is in a bad mood today. Someone took the cork out of his lunch.

Mike thanked everyone for attending tonight, and asked the usual question: “Why are we here tonight? To celebrate the **people** who have chosen the Miata; the finest, most affordable sports car in the world, of course.

Mike introduced the following founding members, lifetime members and past presidents in attendance:

Founding SAMOA members:

- Dennis Swaney

Lifetime SAMOA Members:

- Jeanne George

Mike introduced the Board of Officers:

Jackie McClure, Vice President

Jackie introduced the following new members:

- Karmen Kortie and Jon Law: Purchased a silver Miata, with camel leather interior.
- Richard and Janet Kashiwada: Purchased a 2016 Soul Red Miata. Richard is retired and drives part time for Nissan.
- Jawal Ali and Lauren Gambill: Purchased a black 2016 Sport. Moved to Sacramento two weeks ago.
- Greg Williams: Purchased a 1992 yellow Miata.

Barry Cowan, Events Coordinator

- Barry mentioned members have some upcoming runs planned, including:

August 13: Graeme Kinsey has planned a run to help on of our SAMOA members become comfortable handling the clutch in her new ND. Will have a group discussion

and then head into the foothills with curves and hilly portions. The event may include some ride-along sessions for in-car training. See the website, under Events, for details.

August 27: Join Bob Castelli for a run into Capay Valley, stopping at the Cache Creek Casino for a pit stop, then on to lunch at Granzella's Deli in Williams, and then a short ride to Colusa Rancheria. Check the website for details.

September 8: SAMOA monthly club meeting at 7:00 p.m., Black Bear Diner, located at 700 El Centro Road, Sacramento.

September 10: Don't miss the CAM Cruise Fest. The Cruise will take place on Fulton Avenue, between Marconi and Cottage, with a car show to follow. The car show will have food trucks, bands, awards, and more. There are currently 10 SAMOA members signed up to attend the event. Contact Tom Tyer for further information.

Tom invited Alan Vargas, with the California Auto Museum, to attend tonight's meeting to encourage SAMOA members to attend the Cruise Fest.

September 17: SAMOA Annual Birthday Celebration at Windwalker Winery. Activities will include: wine tasting, a catered BBQ lunch, lawn games, and having fun. 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. The cost is \$10 per SMOA member, payable in advance. Contact Jeanne George to purchase tickets. RSVP is required by Friday, September 9. Denise Correia is planning a pre-run to Windwalker Winery. See website for more details.

October 7-9: The Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run is in honor of Ralph, who directed the run for many years. This is the Columbus Day holiday weekend, and the Best Western is offering a special rate for the nights of October 7-9. Weekend highlights include the 2016 World Championship Abalone Cook-off and Festival on October 8. For more info about this fun run, check out the website or contact Wince Weis and Kathi Bell.

Jeanne George, Treasurer

- Jeanne reminded the SAMOA members to get their RSVPs in for the birthday celebration by September 9.
- Jeanne informed members why they pay \$24 per year for a SAMOA membership.
- Jeanne mentioned it has been five weeks since Robin has had surgery. Robin is doing well and walking about three quarters of a mile daily. Keep Robin in your thoughts.

Marlaina Wilson, Secretary

- Marlaina reported that currently there are:
 - 146 Miatas
 - 132 active memberships
 - 219 active members

Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor

- Michelle was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Mike mentioned if anyone has a newsletter article to submit it to Michelle by the 25th of the month.

Mike Wilson encouraged club members to provide their run information to Ron to include on the website.

Mike Wilson mentioned he is providing six raffle tickets tonight and at future meetings. Members can also win a free raffle ticket by being the first person to answer a trivia question correctly.

Mike offered a free ticket for each correct trivia question answer.

Mike mentioned if anyone knows a club member who has not attended a meeting recently to contact the person and extend a personal invitation to them to attend the February meeting.

The raffle was held. Mike mentioned the raffle ticket sales was exceptional tonight and thanked everyone for their support.

The meeting was adjourned.