

## SAMOA General Meeting

August 13, 2009

Tex Wasabi

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm with his usual exciting spiel. He thanked everyone for being here and then asked, "Why are we here"? Of course the answer was to celebrate the finest sports car in the world!. Robin asked that if there are any problems or concerns with Tex Wasabis, please let him know so that they can be addressed.

Robin introduced the current Board of Officers: Mike DeLaurentis- vice-president, Jeanne George- Treasurer, Pam Hunt – Secretary, Jack Parker–Events coordinator, and Bob Bacon- Technical Advisor. Not present were Ron Petrich – Media Director and Mark Brooks – Newsletter Editor. He also introduced lifetime members Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney and past presidents Dave DeNunzio, Cat Black, and Mike DeLaurentis. Also with us tonight is Bob Gallegos and John from Elk Grove Mazda.

Robin went on to lead a "town hall" type meeting. The "questions" were made up by Robin ahead of time and provided the membership an opportunity to skewer the officers. It was quite interesting to hear some of the answers.

### OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We are still around the 200 mark for members. She also reminded the membership to let her know if anyone had any changes in their membership information during the year. Things like email addresses, phone numbers and such need to be kept up in the database of members.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne mentioned the Birthday picnic coming up and reminded everyone of the \$15 refundable cost to attend. Please get a check to her soon.

In the meantime, Robin demonstrated the singing catfish he got as a present for Rod Gonzalez. Unfortunately, Rod was not present to enjoy it!

Technical – Bob Bacon

Bob had nothing to report tonight and Red was caught off guard and both were amazingly quiet!

Events Coordinator – Jack Parker

Pam talked a bit about the great time that was had on the Glacier National Park trip. They covered 2500 miles, six states and 2 provinces while enjoying the beauty of the area.

August 22-23- Drivers Weekend. They will leave Rancho Murietta at 9 am for a special weekend of high speed driving. See Jack for questions.

August 28 – Miatas at the State Fair. We will once again show our wonderful cars at a corral at the State Fair. We will share a spot with the Mustang Club. Please let Robin know if you plan to attend the all day event.

September 19. – Scrabble Scramble. There are currently 24 cars signed up for the Scramble. T-shirts are still available for \$20. There will be a hospitality room the night before at the host hotel-the Marriott in Folsom. You will be able to pick up your registration and enjoy some food and drink with some of the out of town participants. Saturday morning there will be a car show before the run with prizes being awarded at the dinner Saturday night. There is a great new route to enjoy this year. The cost is only \$30/person which includes lunch and dinner. See Denise for more information.

September 26-27 – Stewarts Point run. This run is being set up by the Delta club and our own Graeme Kinsey. It involves a great run to the coast and wonderful company. See the website for the link and more details.

October 4 – 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party- Windwalker Winery. Cost of \$15 which is refundable when you show up. Be prepared for lots of fun. See Jeanne and the website for more information

October 9-12. Ft Bragg Run. Vince and Kathy will lead this annual run. More information to come.

October 31- Halloween in Virginia City. The Hunts will lead a fun run to Virginia City for a costume party and lots of food. Reservations required at the Edith Palmer Inn. See the website or the Hunts for more information.

Long Term:

May 2010-Miatas In Moab- the Bacons will lead a pretrip to the desert Southwest prior to heading to Moab. The current plans include, the Grand Canyon, Santa Fe and Durango. More to come

October 2010- SAMOA's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party-Plan on a week full of fun and celebration. Watch for news to come!

Vice-President – Mike DeLaurentis

We are sending out two packages a month to soldiers now. Keep on bringing in items to keep the boxes filled. Check out the web for a list of needed items..

Visitors tonight:

Dennis and Rosemary Best from Lincoln CA. This is their 3<sup>rd</sup> Miata and it's a 2002.

MaryJo Kapaun - from Orangevale. She has a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sapphire Blue special and just moved here from Lake Tahoe. She always wanted a Miata, but her husband didn't, so she divorced the husband and bought the car!

Debra and Vic Shepherd – this is their first Miata. Debra works for the State and Vic is retired.

John and Kathleen Castillo are returning members. They now have 2007 cream colored Miata.

Scott and Mary Schleeter are from Carmichael and just bought a '91 British Racing Green Miata to have some fun!

Raffle

Drying Towels – Debra

Super Protectant – Clay

Wine –Ken

Back rest – Mac

Towels- -john

Cleaning foam for tires – Judy

Moose Grub Beer Bread-Fred

Car Soap – Jean

Tire Gauge – Dot

Wine –Tom

Liquid wax – Joe

Super protectant – Tom

Wild Huckleberry cake mix – Deb

First aid kit –Randy

Wine – Jim

Battery Booster – Fred

Back rest – Dot

Mazda speed hat – Bob

Tshirt – Diana

Mazda speed hat – Debra

T-shirt – Randy

Car inspection from Elk Grove Mazda – Gary

Oil change and filter from Elk Grove Mazda - Gary

Oil change and filter from Elk Grove Mazda – Diana

Nerf football – Warren

Tote bag with goodies from Elk Grove Mazda - Denise

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20