

**Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
Minutes of General Meeting—Black Bear Diner
September 8, 2016**

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

Mike reminded the group about the restaurant emergency evacuation procedures.

Mike shared this humorous saying: “Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.”

Also, Mike shared the following:

- “Talk about microphone techniques. This is a microphone, unlike a spouse, it will let you talk. It does not bite, and for the most part, you can’t catch anything from it.”
- “It’s said that the number one fear of man is to speak in front of a group. The number two fear is death. So if you’re at a funeral, hope that you’re in the box and not giving the eulogy.”

President Wilson

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
- Skip Noyes

Lifetime SAMOA Members:

- Jeanne George
- Robin George

Past Presidents:

- Robin George
- Mike DeLaurentis

Mike introduced the Board of Officers:

Jackie McClure, Vice President

Jackie stated that there were no new members at the meeting tonight.

Barry Cowan, Events Coordinator

- Barry mentioned members have some upcoming runs planned:

September 10: Tom Tyer encouraged members to attend 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. Contact Tom for further information.

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.

September 23: Robin mentioned he is visiting the Corvette Factory and invited members to join him. Please contact Robin for more information.

October 1: Join Mike and Helen DeLaurentis for a drive to the South Yuba River State Park to see what is believed to be the longest single span bridge in existence. Afterward, the group will drive to Nevada City for lunch. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Newcastle Denny's, for a 9:15 a.m. departure. RSVP no later than September 23. Please contact Mike or visit the website for more information.

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.

Jennifer Sipe informed members that the World Championship Abalone Cook-Off and Festival is on Saturday, October 8, at Noyo Harbor in Fort Bragg. Visit <http://mendoparks.org/annual-abalone-cook-off> for more details.

December 3: SAMOA Holiday Party

Jackie informed the members that the SAMOA holiday party will be held at Jackson Catering, 1120 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento. Stay tuned for more details.

Joe Conley asked the crowd if anyone would be interested in attending a poker run. Mike Wilson mentioned that members in past year had planned and lead this type of run and encouraged members to plan and go on a poker run.

Jeanie George, Treasurer

Jeanne reminded members who plan to attend the picnic about the following items:

- September 9 is the last day to sign up

- Denise will lead the pre-run to the winery. Those interested will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the El Dorado Park and Ride, and will depart for the winery at 9:30 a.m.
- Bring lawn chairs
- There will be parking attendants to show members where and how to park
- Members will be asked to drop off any passenger first and then proceed to the parking lot
- Members will back their car in and close to the car next to them
- Member are asked to exit their vehicles carefully
- There will be no attendants on duty for exiting the picnic, but same rules apply
- Be careful of other car doors when getting in and out of your car
- There are two handicap spots available, which parking attendants will guide members to if a handicap spot is needed
- There will be a donation jar available for those who wish to contribute to the Red Cross relief fund
- There will be plenty of food--Please allow everyone to go through the line once and the servers will dish up the food
- We will invite Jim and Alanna Taff to join us for food and cake
- Afterward, members will be allowed to return for more food
- Bean bag and two bocce ball sets will be available for anyone who would like to use them

Marlaina Wilson, Secretary

- Marlaina reported that currently there are:
 - 145 Miatas
 - 131 active memberships
 - 218 active members

Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor

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

Robin thanked members for the great well wishes during his surgery and convalescence. Robin very much appreciated the members' thoughts and prayers.

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 stated Ron is continuing next year as Webmaster, and he encouraged members to consider running for other BOO positions.

Mike Wilson mentioned he is providing six raffle tickets tonight, one ticket for each correct trivia 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.

The meeting was adjourned.