

SAMOA
August 14, 2008
General Membership Meeting

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Sacramento
Call to Order: 7:00 pm

President- Robin George called the meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed all to the best car club around! We are here to honor our interest in the Miata! He introduced the Board members in attendance: Mike DeLaurentis, Jeanne George , Pam Hunt, Ron Petrich, Mark Brooks and Jack Parker.

He introduced lifetime members Skip and Dennis.

In honor of 9/11, a moment of silence was offered to reflect on the sacrifice of those who lost their lives on that day.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Pam Hunt

Not much to offer. The club is growing.

Jeanne: Her arm is improving and will soon be able to swing at Robin again! So far this year we have had 50 renewals, 18 new paid members, and 14 free members. In all of 2007 we had 38 new members, already this year we have 32!

The picnic is \$15 in advance, your money will be returned when you arrive. The 15th is the deadline to let the caterer know how many are coming. Ron will lead a short run starting at 10 am at the McDonalds at the corner of Sunrise and Whiterock in the Costco parking lot. You can also drive by yourself. The picnic starts at noon.

Ron had a few Got Guts raffle prizes to give to their winners and managed to deliver 2 out of 4.

Events – Jack Parker

Jack brought up the topic of the picnic on September 21st. What does everyone think about it? Are there any ideas for changes or whatever? Skip mentioned that he didn't like it at the winery for several reasons. First was that he felt it encouraged people to drink and drive and also SAMOA members felt obligated to purchase wine there since we were using their facilities at no cost. He thought a public park would be better. He also thought a pot luck would be better than a caterer. Kathy brought up that she liked it because of the winery and location.

Another question posed was Why are you not going to the picnic this year? Jim said it was because he was tired of it being at the winery. Other places mentioned to have the picnic at were Chucky Cheese and Hooters. The board will take this under consideration!

The charity donation for the picnic was brought up to vote. The winner was the Children's Receiving Home with 13 votes.

Denise mentioned that the Scrabble Scramble was going well and that we have 29 cars registered.

Ralph mentioned the annual Ft. Bragg run October 10-13. Make sure you make your reservations by September 15th to get the club rate. The run on Friday will be led by Vince and Kathy and will meet at the McDonalds in Davis at 8:30 am. Saturday night will be the wonderful group dinner prepared by Chef Ralph. There will also be special activities led by Fran. One will be miniature golf with the men pitted against the women

Scrabble Scramble: Car show and Scramble is on October 4th. August 29th is the deadline for responses. There will be a new route this year. Friday Oct 3rd will be the hospitality suite at the hotel in Folsom. See the web site for more details.

Past Events:

Olympics: they were awesome! Thanks to those who organized them. Frank and Vi for their cooking and especially Helen and Mike.

There is no chili cook-off scheduled this year. Is anybody game to host it?

The State Fair was quite an experience. It was a nice setup and we will probably do it again next year. We had the largest turnouts of all the clubs that participated. It was interesting to watch the public and listen to their discussion on our "Hondas and Toyotas"!

Lake Topaz: we had a wonderful time. Ten cars participated and it was mentioned that "What happened in Topaz stays in Topaz"! We wonder what happened???

Future events include the Christmas party on December 6th, the Teddy Bear run on November 8th and the Chicken Festival on September 20th!

Our Vice-president had a special award tonight. Ron Petrich was being honored for service above the call of duty. He fills in everywhere and is always helping. Mike singled him out with a special prize....a new curling brush for Ron's luxuriant "hair"!

New Members:

Astrid Gibbon and Erik Ringleberg: Their first Miata was bought for their 16 yr old daughter. The 96 wasn't in the best shape but it was a good starter vehicle for her. Astrid works at UC Davis and Erik is a consultant.

Kit and Jenise Sim bought their 96 as a project car and it needs some work. Kit is the exec director of CASE.

Betty and Doug Hoffman bought a 2001 baby blue Miata last Tuesday! Doug is retired and Betty hopes to be retired soon. It took them two months to track down the vehicle they wanted and they ended up in the middle of a bidding war between two dealerships!

Mark Brooks – Technical:

Not too much on technical tonight. Mark is also doing the news letter and is looking for a replacement. Please let Mark know by email or phone. He also gave up his 20th high school reunion to be here tonight! Way to go Mark!

Also, is anyone interested in picking up the responsibility for the raffle? Terri and Bob Bacon need a break! Please let Robin know.

Robin also mentioned our forum-get into it! There is lots of back and forth banter and information shared. A lot of impromptu trips are scheduled from there and also lots of pictures and stuff for sale.

Reminder: December is the business meeting. Be ready to run for office and review the books.

For Sale: Sharon has her yellow 2000 Special Edition for Sale. It has 53k miles and is residing in her garage. Jack has his souped up 97 black for sale. It is set up for racing. Fran has a hardtop for sale for a Montego blue but it can be painted. It is an aftermarket top for a NA body. It has a defroster. See it at Reds.

Raffle:

Seat Cushion: Jackie

Seat Cushion: Kit

F-21 Super Protectant – Steve

Tool kit-Steve

Tool kit-Sharon

Fuel Inj. Cleaner – Toby

Wine – Pam

Wine – Kit

Wine – Rita

Clothes and wheels and tire cleaner-Eric

Emergency first aid kit – Ron

Glass wipes w/ towels – Ross

Shine glove and towels – Fran

Wheel & tire cleaner w/ towels – Mike

Leather wipes w/ towels – Jack

Wheel & rim cleaner – Pam

“Broad Jump” poster - Joe

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.