

SAMOA General Meeting

October 8, 2009

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President Robin George opened the meeting at as usual and introduced the BOO: Mike DeLaurentis-vice-president, Jeanne George- Treasurer, Pam Hunt – Secretary, Ron Petrich – Media Director , Jack Parker–Events coordinator, and Bob Bacon- Technical Advisor and Mark Brooks – Newsletter Editor. He also introduced lifetime Dennis.

Photos from the Birthday party were being show on the screen and Robin had some fun narrating some of them. The water balloon toss at the picnic was again a big success and added \$100 to the previously \$340 collected this year for our designated charity - The Lupus Foundation. Windwalker owners Jim and Alana really got into the water balloons and awarded anyone who was willing to be a target two bottles of wine! Robin thanked the set up and clean up crew for making it easy to get this year's picnic done. They were Jeanne George, Bob and Teri Bacon, Jenn Sipe, Mike and Helen DeLaurentis, Randy and Pam Hunt and Diana Loo. Also thanked were Ellen and Rod for leading the runs to Windwalker.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

Not much to report. If there are any new members present tonight that haven't received their membership cards, Pam has them available tonight. Come and see here after the meeting. She also announced the arrival of her son Dylan at the airport on Saturday morning. He is coming home on leave after being in Iraq for the past year and several people have asked if they could be present at the airport when he comes in. The more the merrier and he will be in on Flight #366, Alaska Airlines at 9:17 October 9th.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

The collection for the Lupus Foundation is still rising. We are now up to \$490 and continuing to climb! There is also some clothing inventory still available. See Jeanne if you are interested. Also, please remember that the financial books are open to the members to review at any time. Just let Jeanne know and you can have access.

Technical – Bob Bacon

Tech day is coming up on October 17th. There is still room if you are interested. Bob also mentioned that Road and Track magazine had a really nice write up on Miatas in its recent edition.

Newsletter Editor – Mark Brooks

Mark is looking for a replacement at the end of the year. Please let him or Robin know if you are willing to take on this job for the club. Mark says if you can “copy-paste” then you can do the newsletter!

Events Coordinator – Jack Parker

The Scrabble Scramble was a great event this year. The weather cooperated and everything went as planned. When asked to comment on the event, coordinator Denise Correia said “It’s over!”

The club autocross was a while back, but participant Eric Vance hasn’t been here for a while either. Jack awarded him his 2nd place plaque for class three. Congrats Eric!

Remember that Ft Bragg is coming up this weekend - October 9-12. Meet at the McDonalds in Davis at 8am.

October 17- Tech Day. Remember to bring your own tools and fluids if needed. There are 25 people registered at this moment and the event will start at 9am. Lunch will be provided. It will be held on Mercantile Rd in Rancho Cordova. See Jack for directions.

October 24-Charles Schultz Museum tour - Mike and Helen DeLaurentis will lead a run to the Charles Schultz Museum in Santa Rosa. There will be a private tour and lunch is scheduled at the “Warm Puppy Café”. Meet at the Davis McDonalds at 8:15.

October 31- Halloween in Virginia City – Meet at Mel and Fayer Diner in Jackson at 9 am for breakfast and a 10 am departure. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage.

November 14th-Teddy Bear Run – 8th Annual. More to come soon.

December 5th-Christmas Dinner at the Lions Gate Hotel at McClellan. More to come soon.

December 12th-Wreaths Across America-Dixon Veterans Cemetery- more to come.

Long Term:

May 2010-Miatas In Moab- the Bacons will lead a pretrip to the desert Southwest prior to heading to Moab. The signups will be ready soon as the room blocks won’t be held for long. Keep an eye on the website.

This weekend-Mary Jo will be have an impromptu Fall Colors run through Hope Valley and South Lake Tahoe. Meet in Meyers at SLT at the Visitors Center at 10am.

Robin and Ron finally were here at the same time so Robin presented Rod with his very own talking catfish. Rods a “fish” guy for Fish and Games. Paybacks are tough!

Media Director – Ron Petrich

The password for October is “costume”. Ron has redesigned the photo area of the website to better access photos from our members. Although we have over 200 registered on the Forum, there are three

regulars there-same with the bloggers. They must like to talk to each other a lot! Then Ron had to have a “true story” for us –as usual.

Vice-President – Mike DeLaurentis

We are still sending out two packages a month to soldiers. Keep on bringing in items to keep the boxes filled. Check out the web for a list of needed items. Cash is also accepted!

Visitors tonight:

Steve Candrella is visiting with Mike and Helen tonight. He an old friend and never expected to get stuck here while visiting!

Jim and Willie Tenney are from Colfax and have their first Miata – a 2006 Marble White. This is for their second childhood. Willie sometimes shares the car with Jim.

Dennis Strassberger doesn't own a Miata – yet. He is looking for one and came to see how weird we are!

Remember the December BOO elections are coming up. See Rod if you are interested in running for an office.

Crazy Red didn't have much for us tonight. Just reminded everyone to get their cars ready for winter. Check items like tires, windshield wipers, battery, leaky tops and the like. He still has a set of leather seats for a 99-2000 available at cost and also some other items at the shop.

Mac was cleaning his garage and found 2 mufflers and a heat shield for a 2000 vintage Miata buried. Anyone who wants them can come get them!

Raffle

Towels – Diana

Bug Wash – Connie

T-Shirt – Margie

Tire Gauge – Dennis

Beer & mug – Mary Jo

Tote Bag – Jim & Willie

Fleece Throw – John

Handy Cart- Denise

Car Wax – Jim & Willie

Zip Wax – Jim & Willie

Wine – Glenn

T-Shirt – Jean

Bathroom Book – Teri

Beer & mug – Teri

Phone Charger – Wayne

Bug wash – Dennis

T-Shirt – Stan

Fleece throw – Ross

Towels – John

Paste Wax – Denis

T-shirt – Wendy

Wine – Eric

Tire Gauge – Stan

Fleece throw – Pam

Pumpkin Ale – Wendy

Zip Wax – Diana

Handy cart – Pam

Fleece throw – Ron

Beer & mug – Robin

Air Compressor – John

Champagne - Elaine

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

