

SAMOA
October 9, 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 with his usual spiel and a lot of class! We have over 50 members in attendance tonight! We are an energetic growing car club and may soon break the 200-member barrier! We have been in existence for 18 years. He introduced the Board members in attendance: Mike DeLaurentis, Jeanne George, Pam Hunt, Ron Petrich, Mark Brooks and Jack Parker. Ex-Presidents Mike DeLaurentis and Dave DeNunzio were introduced as was Delta President Graeme Kinsey and lifetime member Dennis Swaney.

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Officer Reports:

Secretary – Pam Hunt

Not a thing to offer except to mention the Miatas In Moab for 2010. Reservations are being accepted and are filling up fast. Check the Utah Miata Club site..

Jeanne: We registered the 38th new member for 2008 tonight! We have 180 members with 110 memberships. The picnic was a success with all showing up who signed up! The Scrabble Scramble also paid for itself.

Events – Jack Parker

Past Events

The Birthday picnic was a success –thumbs up from all who attended. There was great food, donated wine, free use of the picnic area-what else could you want? Vi and Frank brought the cake and there was a nice run to get there.

The Scrabble Scramble was also a success. There were 48 people attending with the farthest traveled being Tom and Marna Wood from SoCal. Even though there was some rain, we had a great day.

Coming Up

Ralph mentioned the annual Ft. Bragg run starting tomorrow the 10th. They will leave at 8:30 from the McDonalds in Davis on a run to the coast led by Vince and Kathy. Some new places for food are being tried this year. Fridays dinner will be at the Mendo Bistro. Saturday there will a mini golf tournament held with the guys against the gals.

The Teddy Bear run, led by Jack Parker will be on November 8th. It will start at Mar-Sha-Tes in Rancho Murrieta. A list of toy items wanted by the kids was handed out.

Jack gave us a background on the Sacramento Children's Home who has been the recipient of the Teddy Bear run since it was started. This will be our 8th years and over 100 teddy bears have been donated.

The Christmas Party will be on December 6th and Gundy will be posted information soon. It will be held at Lions Gate at McClelland as it was last year. There is only room for 59 people, so first come, first served!

The SJVMC's annual Coast Cruise will be starting on January 24th. Keep an eye out on their web site for the final announcement.

Next years calendar is still open for lots of runs, new and old. A few in the planning are the Hangover Run, the Super bowl Run, the Presidents Run, the OTM Run, a club autocross, and the Shriners Concourse.

New Members and Guests:

Don and Kathleen Updegraff came visiting us from the Delta club. They got their first Miata as a fathers day gift for Don- a black 1992.

John Folsom is from Oroville. He got hooked on Miata when a buddy showed up with a broken down one and wanted help fixing it. The rest is history.

Al Angulo is an auto shop teacher in Auburn. He had his kids working on a spec Miata for the shop, decided to keep it for himself and got another one for them to work on! He now has seven, but has had 15!

Mark M. is an auto shop teacher at Colfax High. He originally bought a Miata with a blown engine and had the kids rebuild it. He currently has them working on a spec Miata for racing.

John Soltesz found us on the Internet and thought it would be fun to have a Miata. He bought a 99 Mahogany and wants another.

Ellen Frosch just bought a 2000 Mahogany-Mikes most favorite color! She flew to Tucson with Fran to look at it with her and drive it back it since she is still learning how to drive a clutch! While she was down there, it was recommended that she have the engine checked out. Since it was a Sunday, there wasn't a commercial place open, but leave it to another Miata Club in the Tucson are to come to the rescue. One of the guys responded to her request for assistance and spent a few hours of his own time checking the car out for her. He also negotiated a lower price! What a guy! But what do you expect from another Miata owner? Only the best own Miatas!

Mark Brooks – Technical:

Mark mentioned the auto shop teachers here tonight and was glad to see that some schools still had an auto shop available. He also commented on the changing weather and reminded everyone to check wiper blades for wear and to check your tires for proper

air pressure. Ellen had a question about removing hard water spots from her car. There were lots of responses and some were quite interesting. Some of the ideas were using a clay bar or glass polish, fine sanding paper, or BonAmi.

Red asked everyone to check their car tops and drains to make sure everything was draining properly. He also mentioned the slick roads with the first rains and to be careful.

There was a reminder that the December elections are coming up. Rod is the election committee and it was mentioned that 4 officers will be “termed out”. They are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Media Director.

Raffle:

Zoom-Zoom Decal – Mac

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Zoom-Zoom Decal – Jenn

Zoom-Zoom Decal – Jan

Wine – Betty

Wine - Jeanne

Wine – Ron

Wine – Jenn

Wine – Fran

Mazda Speed Decal – Rod

Stubby Tool Kit – Jan

Fuel Injector kit w/ towels - Mark

Fuel Injector kit w/ towels - Jean

Fuel Injector kit w/ towels - Ellen

Power Inverter - Graeme

Cool Flashlight - Doug

Cool Flashlight - Clay

Cool Flashlight Fran

Miata Fun Ball Cap – Mac

Zoom Zoom license plate frame-Bob

Wheel Polish – Mark

Mini 303 and wax – Pam

Might Vac – Rod

3 day pass to racers expo - Mac

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.