

SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – HELD AT ELK GROVE MAZDA

10/9/2014

Open – President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm. Welcome to our meeting at Elk Grove Mazda. Why Are We Here? – To celebrate, honor, learn about the finest affordable sports car in the world, the Mazda Miata! Robin introduced the club officers and the lifetime members who were in attendance. No officer reports were given at this meeting.

Robin gave a report on the club's birthday party at Windwalker Winery. SAMOA raised \$685 for Fisher House. Thank you to all who attended and generously gave to this charity.

On behalf of the club, Robin thanked Elk Grove Mazda for hosting the meeting and to John Driebe for his support.

Elk Grove Mazda General Manager Matt Bassett spoke. He gave us background on himself, including being a Mazda salesman way back when the Miata was first introduced. Who could have predicted its' popularity and loyal owners? And Elk Grove Mazda is the #1 Mazda dealer.

Matt gave us some info on the 25th Anniversary MX-5 Special Edition. Only 100 were made available to North America. It is very special that one of these cars is right here in EGM showroom. And then Matt walked over to Mike DeLaurentis to hand him the keys to the car, stopped and turned to Helen DeLaurentis and said "I think I should give these to you. Congratulations on your car and on your anniversary." Mike DeLaurentis had purchased the car. We are so happy for them. The big question everyone asked "What is going to happen to the Mahogany Mica?" To which Mike replied, "The Mahogany Mica, arguably the second most beautiful car, is going up for sale."

Johnny Garcia, Mazda Factory Representative was at the meeting and talked to the club.

Upcoming Events:

Fort Bragg Trip – Oct 10-13, 2014

SAMOA Christmas Dinner – Dec 6, 2014

Hangover Run – January, 2015

SAMOA 25th Club Anniversary Weekend – Oct 3-4, 2015

Robin announced that our officer elections are coming up in December. If anyone is interested in running for office please let a current officer know.

VP Mike DeLaurentis introduced new members:

Michelle Nanjo, 1997 Red; Belinda Johnson & Mike Leary, 1997 SE Green.

Mike DeLaurentis told us about how he came to have one of the 25th Anniversary Special Editions. He signed up on the Mazda North America website back in May, 2014 to be on the short list of potential

buyers. He was surprised that he made the cut. He and Helen have had the car since mid-September and they love it.

Thank you to Elk Grove Mazda's Corie Hall for organizing the meeting event at the dealership.

Raffle was held. Meeting adjourned.