

**SAMOA**  
**October 11, 2007**  
**Membership Meeting**

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Sacramento

No BOO meeting this month

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

President – Robin George

Welcome to this month's celebration of the finest sports car in the world, the Miata.

The amount of people at this meeting demonstrates that we are an active, growing, and fun club.

Introduction of the "behind the scenes slaves"

#1 Vice President, Mike DeLaurentis

#2 Secretary, Fran Rowell

#3 Treasurer, Jeanne George

Absent Mario Lavoie who is whatever, Jack Parker who is at a car auction looking for a Z-28, Ron Petrich who was here but left feeling ill. That is 180 years of experience missing but we still have 240 years of experience to draw from.

Welcome to Skip Noyes, a founding member, David DeNuzzo, a past president, and Kaitlyn Lydell, the BAMA president.

The donation box is available for any not at the picnic that would like to donate to The Society for the Blind.

There is a sheet going around for your ideas for next year. What would you like to add, change or improve upon for next year?

Kudos for our waitress who is doing an excellent job taking care of us tonight.

Jackie McClure gave Kudos to the BOO for putting on a great Birthday Picnic for the club. Round of applause.

Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis

Introduction of guest, Greg Williams who has a 99 Red and works for Placer County Superior Court. Mike wants to know if he can fix tickets. Wes Zicker works for Placer County and couldn't do it. Ha-ha.

*US News and World Reports* did the latest auto comparison and calls the 2008 Miata the best car in the affordable sports car category. There is a Miata on the cover.

There is going to be a wreath laying ceremony at the Dixon VA Cemetery on December 15 at 9 am.

Introduce new member Kaitlyn who is the president of BAMA. Kaitlyn says she went to the Scrabble Scramble and enjoyed it immensely. She liked the feel of the club. She has done several modifications to her car and says the car is now a "screamer". Robin says he just heard "feel" and "screamer".

New member Rita Houghton says she enjoyed Scrabble Scramble and is driving Skip's 91 BRG.

#### Secretary – Fran Rowell

We had a lot of new member since last months meeting. We are up to 162 members and 107 Miatas. Why are there not more Miatas on events? Let's get everyone out there and enjoy our cars.

#### Treasurer – Jeanne George

At the picnic, we had 52 people attend and that was the amount we paid for the catering so it worked out well to have everyone and pay and then get their check back when they arrived.

Although Robin didn't think the word puzzles would be a good idea, everyone seemed to enjoy them. The Cowans thought they had it made with 240 points, alas, Genny and Bob Paauwe won with 360 points.

Four of the new members from last year have renewed this year and we have had 35 new members this year.

#### Past Events

Denise Correia reports the zoo run was fun and everyone got a kick out of the desserts given to the animals.

The Scrabble Scramble was enjoyed by all and not too many people were lost. We had 45 registrations and 80 people.

Fran Rowell reports the Fort Bragg event was enjoyed by all that attended. We had perfect weather, a great route led by "in pain" Vince Weiss, and a wonderful dinner prepared by Ralph Gingrich on Saturday night. We did the Skunk Train to participate in an Oktoberfest in the redwoods. There were some "Life's Lessons" learned on the trip which she has submitted for the newsletter.

#### Up Coming Events

Oct 13 Woodland Museums by Adi Damania. This will be his first run so let's all support him.

Oct 20 The GTO club is calling on all car clubs for a benefit porker run for a needy young lady. Tickets are \$30.

Nov 11 Chili Cook-off by Fran Rowell. If you don't make Chili Fran will help you decide on a side dish.

Nov 17 Teddy Bear Run by Jack Parker to benefit the Sacramento Children's Receiving home.

Dec 1 SAMOA Holiday Party at Lions Gate Hotel, Williams Air Park. Get in your reservations. We need to fill up the room.

#### Robin

SAMOA does not endorse any organizations but we have several members that have organizations that are having events.

Denise Correia A cancer walk on Oct 20

Darryl Huckabay Stockton Autocross Oct 20-21 and BAMA LaManns

Jackie McClure Kiwanis dinner \$30 Nov 4

Paula Zicker Benefit concert

You can contact these people for more information .

#### Technical

Skip reports that if you hear water splashing around in your car you need to clean out the drain plugs that are located under the top hinge mechanism. They get plugged with debris and the water goes into the frame.

Crazy Red says watch out for transmission rebuilds, you could be getting anything and pay up to \$1000. He has done the rebuild and it took 10-11 hours of labor but it was a challenge.

Raffle. Thanks to the Bacon's for picking out the raffle prizes.

Donna Carlson – popup trash can, wine

Gary Bechthold – tar remover, Swiss Army knife

Fran Rowell – wine

Jackie McClue – glass cleaner

Rita Houghton – travel coffee maker

Toby Counter – glass cleaner, folding chair

Pam Hunt – window cleaner

Kevin Wise – micro light glasses

Randy Hunt – micro light glasses

Rod Gonzalez – wine, Swiss Army knife

Bob Carlson – fire extinguisher

Eric Vance – Miata hat, electric polisher

Adjourn: 8:08 pm