

## SAMOA General Meeting

October 13, 2011

Black Bear Diner

“Welcome to the SAMOA Miata Club” and “So how do you like the Black Bear Diner?” was the opening from Robin George, President, at this month’s meeting. Robin pointed out all of the features of the Black Bear Diner (BBD) and the dining room. Tabitha from BBD was introduced. The group was asked to vote, by show of hands, if this meeting place is acceptable. Most everyone gave it a “thumbs up”, so BBD will be our meeting place. Officers present: Robin George, Jeanne George, Diana Loo, Ron Petrich, and Ellen Frosch; officers absent (on vacation in Ireland, the lucky devils): Jennifer Sipe and Pam Hunt. Also present were lifetime members – The McCameys, Ralph Gingrich, Skip Noyes, Dennis Swaney and Dave DeNuzzo. Past Presidents in the group tonight were Cat Black, Dave DeNuzzo and, of course, Robin George.

Robin mentioned the connection between all the things that went wrong on the Full Moon Run and on the Washington Fun Run. The consensus is that Mike DeLaurentis, who either led or helped with both of these runs, is jinxed. We had an unofficial ceremony whereby Robin dethroned Mike DeLaurentis by banning him from leading any more events, helping with events, or developing routes for events until his mojo improves. It was noted that Mike D. is on the books for leading an event in December, Wreaths Across America. Ken Johnson pointed out the obvious dilemma....is it OK to follow Mike to a cemetery? The answer “Yes, as long as Mike promises that it will not be a one way trip!”

Upcoming Events – Diana Loo

Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Charles Mitchell Winery Bottle Your Own – Diana leading group, meet at El Dorado Hills Park N Ride.

The annual Teddy Bear Run to benefit the Children’s Receiving Home will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Jack Parker will lead this annual toy run. Jack gave us the history as to how this came to be one of the charity’s he supports. He had a former student that “disappeared” from school and that same year he toured the home and ran into the young girl. Everyone was touched by the story.

Our Christmas Party this year is taking a different direction that should be a great time for everyone. We will be eating at Vince’s Italian Restaurant in Elk Grove. The food is wonderful and there will be entertainment, music and singing to keep us busy and having fun. The George’s and the Sipe’s checked out the DJ and gave positive feedback on the entertainment. The registration form is on the website and everyone is reminded that you need to sign up soon.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Wreaths Across America – Run to be led by Mike DeLaurentis. We meet very early at McDonald’s on Chiles Road in Davis so that we can get to Dixon VA cemetery before the seats fill up. Weather can be chilly; dress appropriately and bring lots of layers.

## OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Info presented by Jeanne George in Pam’s absence

We currently have 128 memberships with 218 members and 139 Miatas.

Technical Advisor – Ellen Frosch

Ellen pointed out Adi’s article in the September newsletter on the world’s rarest American car that is the showpiece at an auto museum in Gateway, CO. Note to everyone who goes to Miatas in Moab, Gateway is where we usually stop for a picnic lunch on the Run Around LaSalle Mountain loop, and we actually picnic on the lawn of the auto museum. On the next Miatas in Moab event be sure to take the auto museum tour and see this car. Ellen’s technical presentation was on the gasoline line leak detector at a fuel station, how it works, and why there is a “built-in 3 second delay” between the time you select your product and when the nozzle will actually pump. Please be patient, there is a lot of work going on during that three seconds!

Rico talked to group about Mazda’s new enhancements for 2012, for all models, called “Sky Active”. He had a few handouts for anyone who is interested and he had a 2012 Miata to show.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Scrabble Scramble raised \$345 for Support the Troops. Over 67 packages have been sent to someone serving overseas since inception of the program. We also raised money at the Birthday Picnic (\$324 in donations plus \$144 generated during the water balloon toss) totaling \$468.

Vice-President – handled by Jeanne George

Jeanne introduced new members tonight: Nancy and Chuck Selman, 1992 White; Mike and Karen Feuz, 1990 Silver; Christopher Bark and Lowell Brown, 2008 Black.

David DeNuzzo – reminders to everyone: check tire pressure and tire tread; roads will be slippery during first rains of the season (brings the road oils to the surface); during rainy periods is a great time to check behind your seats and feel the carpeting for wetness/dampness (if wet/damp, this is an indication that your rain rails are clogged)

Don’t forget the Elections are coming up in December! Run for an office-all are available.

## RAFFLE

Bourdeaux & Goblet – Karen Feuz

Travel bottles & case – Skip

Supersized Beer Mug/Stein – Diana Loo

Wine & Goblet – Rod Gonzalez

Solar Lights – Chris

Wine & flashlight – Doug Hoffman

2 passes Aerospace Museum – John Taylor

Popcorn Assortment – Tony M

Wine & Goblet – Renee

Binoculars – Kelly

Olives – Don Updegraff

Pumpkin Ale – Waitress Deb

Wine – Nancy Selman

Solar lights & poster – Renee

Travel Alarm Clock & poster – Ellen F.

Wine & poster – Clay

Guinness Draft – Paul

2 Passes Aerospace Museum – Doug Hoffman

Wine Goblet & poster – Mike D.  
Pocket watch & poster – Margie J.  
Pilsner & 4 glasses – John Taylor

Wet/Dry Vac – Jim McClure “hey Jim, it doubles  
as a defibrillator”  
Brandy – Don Updegraff

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.