

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
General Meeting
Black Bear Diner
October 13, 2016

President Mike Wilson welcomed everyone to the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA) general meeting.

Mike reminded the group about the emergency exit procedures.

Mike said that he really didn't like morning people...or mornings...or people. And some other amusing anecdotes.

Mike thanked everyone for attending tonight, and asked the usual question: "Why are we here tonight? To celebrate the **people** who have chosen the Miata; the finest, most affordable sports car in the world, of course.

Mike introduced the following founding members, lifetime members and past presidents in attendance:

Founding SAMOA members:

- Skip Noyes
- Dennis Swaney

Lifetime SAMOA Members:

- Robin George

Past SAMOA Presidents:

- Robin George
- Mike DeLaurentis

Mike introduced the Board of Officers:

Jackie McClure, Vice President

Jackie introduced the following new SAMOA members:

--Harley Dabler and Linda Johnson

Robin George filled in for Jeanne George, Treasurer

- We have money in the treasury
- Robin reminded members to please pay their dues on time
- SAMOA raised \$151 for the American Red Cross during the birthday picnic. If you would like to contribute additional money to the fund, please see Robin.

Barry Cowan, Events Coordinator

Barry mentioned there are no upcoming runs, and encouraged members to think about planning a run.

Members reported on the following past runs and upcoming events:

SAMOA Holiday Party

- Jackie informed the crowd about the upcoming December 3 holiday party, which will be held at Jackson Catering. There is a 50 person maximum, so please RSVP early since it is first come, first served.

The SAMOA Birthday Party—September 17

Mike Wilson and Jackie McClure reported that the picnic was a success. They thanked everyone for attending the picnic—had a great turnout with 80 people in attendance. Weather was warm, crowd was fun, and the food was great.

Covered Bridge Run--October 7-9

Mike DeLaurentis reported that he had a nice group and beautiful weather for the covered bridge run. Mike mentioned he had previously led this run, and encouraged members to plan runs, even if the run has been previously done.

The Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run—October 7-10

Kathi Bell reported that the Fort Bragg run was great, and they had more people attend than in previous years. The weather was lovely, and had a nice dinner. Many members attended the 2016 World Championship Abalone Cook-off and Festival on October 8. Kathi mentioned Jennifer Sipe made a great casserole for dinner. Also the attendees visited Westport, and the Pacific Star Winery in Fort Bragg where they had a nice picnic lunch.

Graeme Kinsey talked about his “Drop the Clutch” run and mentioned that you can plan a simple run to a lot of places. Graeme encouraged members to plan runs; it doesn’t need to be anything fancy.

Valerie Harper mentioned that she would like to plan a run, but doesn’t feel comfortable leading the run. She will be glad to organize a run, just does not want to be the leader.

Mike Wilson encouraged members to talk to the BOO and other members about previous runs, and go on the website where there are 25 years of past runs you can read about. Learning about previous runs may give you the inspiration to plan a great run.

Kathi Bell gave some examples of simple runs members can plan.

Mike mentioned that he and Marlaina visited Yosemite National Park for the first time a few weeks ago. The weather was great and they had a wonderful trip.

Marlaina Wilson, Secretary

- Marlaina had nothing to report during tonight's meeting.

Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor

- Michelle was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Mike Wilson encouraged club members to provide their run information to Ron to include on the website.

Mike mentioned that the entire SAMOA Board of Officers is vacating their positions at the end of 2016. All 2017 positions are available, and Mike encouraged members to step up to fill those spots. Please let Mike or the BOO know if you are interested.

Norm Swanberg mentioned that he is interested in the Events Coordinator position.

Renee Araiza said she is interested in the Vice President position.

Before beginning the trivia game, Mike asked if anyone would like to share true stories or jokes.

Chris Christainson told a joke about a burglar in the house. If you haven't heard the joke, it's a good one. Ask Chris about it the next time you see him.

Mike offered the following trivia questions to the crowd for a chance to win a raffle ticket per correct answer:

- 1) How many sides does a dodecagon have?
A: 12
- 2) What is the largest freshwater lake in the world?
A: Lake Superior
- 3) What is another word for lexicon?
A: Dictionary
- 4) What kind of baked pudding contains apples, raisins and spices and is named after a dark woman?
A: Brown Betty
- 5) The Baby Ruth candy bar was named after whom?
A: Ruth Cleveland, daughter of President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland
- 6) Who was the original host of the TV game show Jeopardy?
A: Art Fleming
- 7) Who was the original host of Wheel of Fortune?

A: Chuck Woolery

8) In what city was Christopher Columbus born?

A: Genoa, Italy

9) This organ in the human body, about the size of your fist, is located behind the stomach. Its most important function is filtering foreign substances from the blood, as well as helping the body fight infections. What is the name of this organ?

A: The Spleen

10) What is the three-word motto of the Olympic Games?

A: Faster, Higher, Stronger

Mike mentioned if anyone knows a club member who has not attended a meeting recently to contact the person and extend a personal invitation to them to attend the next meeting.

Mike closed the meeting with this old Irish proverb: "Go in peace, and live the awesome life you pretend to have on Facebook."

The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned.