

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
General Meeting
Black Bear Diner
November 10, 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 he doesn't know how to act his age—he's never been this old before.

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 and Jeanne George

Past SAMOA Presidents:

- Robin George

Mike introduced the Board of Officers:

Jackie McClure, Vice President

Jackie stated there were no new members to introduce this evening.

Jeanne George, Treasurer

- The birthday party was a success--thanks to everyone who attended.
- Food was great, hopefully everyone had a good time.
- We had 9 no-shows the day of the picnic.
- We have sodas left over from the picnic for purchase tonight.

Barry Cowan, Events Coordinator

Barry mentioned the following upcoming event:

- December 3 SAMOA Holiday Party at Jackson Catering. See Jackie McClure for details and to RSVP.
- Barry encouraged members to plan runs.

Graeme Kinsey stated he was leading a run to Volcano on November 11. He plans to visit wineries in the area and have lunch. Anyone interested, please contact Graeme.

Rod Gonzalez asked members in attendance if they would be interested in going on a toy run on December 4. Members indicated interest. Rod said he would put together the info and Ron will post it on the website.

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 since it is first come, first served.

Marlaina Wilson, Secretary

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

Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor

- Michelle encouraged members to think about taking over the Newsletter editor position.

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. The following members indicated interest in these positions:

- Renee Araiza: Vice President
- Norm Swanberg: Events

Robin asked all of the veterans in attendance tonight to come forward. A big round of applause as we said "Thank you" for your service.

Robin stated he received a letter from Cat Black and Ken Johnson, stating that after many years of involvement with SAMOA they have decided not to renew their SAMOA membership.

Robin encouraged members to plan runs and to take on a BOO position.

Mike also recognized the veterans and thanked all of them for serving in our armed forces.

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

SAMOA member Madalene Ransom told the crowd about a drive she took awhile ago to Deadhorse, Alaska, which proved to be quite a trip.

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

- 1) What two continents have never been the site of a major military conflict?
A: Antarctica and Australia
- 2) What opportunistic country declared war on Japan, five days before it surrendered in 1945?
A: Russia
- 3) What was the first war in which one jet plane shot down another?
A: Korea
- 4) What was the name of the physician in the Incredible Hulk?
A: Dr. David Banner
- 5) In the TV version of Superman, who was Clark Kent's boss?
A: Perry White

Famous TV and movie cars—name the TV show or movie and the make/model of the car:

- 1) The Monkees: 1966 Pontiac GTO
- 2) Thelma and Louise: 1966 Ford Thunderbird
- 3) Green Hornet TV show: Chrysler Imperial
- 4) Family Matters Erkel's car: BMW Isetta
- 5) Ron Howard's car in American Graffiti: 1958 Chevy Impala
- 6) Rain Man: 1949 Buick Roadmaster

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 these words of advice: "Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes."

The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned.