

SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING– BLACK BEAR DINER

11/12/2015

Open –President Robin George welcomes everyone to the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA) meeting, where we celebrate the finest most affordable sports car in the world....the Mazda Miata.

Next month is when we have our official business meeting and we will be electing the club officers for 2016. Some members have expressed an interest in running: Mike Wilson for President, Jackie McClure for Vice President, Marlana Wilson for Secretary, Jeanne George for Treasurer. Other offices include Events Coordinator, Technical Director and Media Director. Anyone interested in running or helping with the club in 2016 let Robin George or any club officer know.

Mike Wilson, candidate for 2016 President, spoke to the group about the club and its officers. The officers are like each key component of a car: the accelerator, the brake, the shift knob, the steering wheel.....but the club members are the engine. It is the members who make the club successful and determine what the club events and activities will be. The engine drives the club forward.

Robin gave a review of our 25th Silver Jubilee event:

- Everyone agreed it was a fun event
- Great support from community for raffle prizes
- Everyone had a good time
- Event raised approximately \$3,705 for Fisher House Charity.
- Out of town people said they really liked the event.

Jennifer Sipe gave out Silver Jubilee hats to committee members and those that helped with the event.

Robin asked all the veterans in the club to come forward. Each was asked to state their name, rank, branch of military and in what area/theatre they served. A big round of applause as we said “Thank you for your service.”

Jack Parker won an autocross championship in his 1990 NA 5MT. Classic Red (Has a 2000 1.8l motor built by Rebello in Antioch, CA. Runs in DP class SCCA solo competition. Mods are way too many to list. Car is not street legal or licensed. Plans this winter will include front fender flares and a mild service. Future plans for the car could include turbo charging or supercharging, resulting in a new competition

class. The car has won national competitions before Jack purchased it in June 2015. He plans a somewhat full schedule of national and local races in 2016.

Robin shared a surveillance video from his house. It is his front driveway with his Miata sitting parked under protective cover. Around 2:20am one morning, you see a vehicle drive passed his house. Minutes later you see someone approaching from the street, with his shirt wrapped around his head and face. Only thing visible is his eyes. He walks right up to the security camera, grabs it off its mount, and runs away with the camera. Thank goodness that was all he took. Robin replaced the security camera the very next day.

Introduction of Officers: Treasurer, Jeanne George; Secretary, Ellen Frosch; Media Director, Jennifer Sipe; Events Coordinator, Mike Sipe; President, Robin George. We have our webmaster, Ron Petrich, to thank for all he does to keep our website current and relevant.

Recognition of Lifetime Members present: Dennis Swaney, the McCamey's, JoAnn Gingrich, and the Georges.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer: 25th Silver Jubilee raised \$3,705 for Fisher House. Add this to last year's \$850 donation to Fisher House (which the check has not been cashed to this date) bring a total of \$4,555 for Fisher House.
- Secretary: 145 Miatas, 215 Active Members, 131 Active Memberships

Events Upcoming - (RSVP on the SAMOA website)

- 11/13/2015 – Totally Total Wine – Wine tasting experience at Total Wine and More. Two tickets are still available.
- 12/4/2015 – SAMOA Christmas Party. Jackson Catering & Events, 1120 Fulton Avenue, Suite N, Sacramento, CA 95825. 6:00 PM NO HOST cocktails * 7:00 PM dinner. Cost per person - \$41.00. DINNER INCLUDES salad, iced tea, lemonade, coffee and dessert. CHOICES: * Flat Iron Steak with House Demi-Glace * Grilled Fillet of Salmon with Lemon Buerre Blanc * Vegetable Lasagna with White Wine Cream Sauce. Each selection includes seasonal vegetables & potato. Payment must be received by November 22, 2015. Send your check payable to SAMOA, to 1864 Bridgescreek Drive, Sacramento, CA 95833.
- 12/6/2015 – Rally 4 Kids Once again SAMOA has been invited by the EuroSunday organization to support the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2425 Stockton Boulevard, and the Rally 4 Kids program. The event will take place, rain or shine, on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Our club has been assigned a 9:30AM arrival. What that means is that, starting at the appointed time, each Miata will drive across the stage in front of the hospital to present an unwrapped present and have a photo taken. After the photo, we will proceed to the indoor parking garage. We are all

invited inside the hospital lobby for refreshments and socializing. Free guided tours of the hospital are also available. Meet at the McDonald's Restaurant, 5525 Folsom Boulevard, at 8:30AM, for a 9:00AM drive to the hospital. Afterward, for those interested, we will depart the hospital grounds at 11:00AM for a short drive to Suzie Burgers, 2820 P Street, for lunch. Please advise on your RSVP response if you are participating in the lunch. Click on the link through the SAMOA Events tab to see a list of suggested toys by age group.

- 12/12/2015 - Attend the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Sacramento Valley Veterans Administration Cemetery in Dixon, California. Help decorate veterans' graves and, optionally, purchase one or more wreaths. On December 12 we will meet at 7:00 AM at the McDonalds at 4444 Chiles Rd, Davis, CA 95618. In order to donate a wreath(s) and learn more about this nation-wide program go to <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>. You may designate this, or any other VA cemetery, to receive the wreath. Wreaths are only \$15.

Introduction of New Members and/or Visitors:

- Mark Woodward – 2015 Jet Black
- Frank Gontarski – 1990 Red and 1999 Blue

Media Director Jennifer Sipe spoke to the group about the SAMOA Facebook page. It is NOT an official SAMOA site, rather it is a place where anyone with any Miata interest may post. Lots of people are parting out Miata components and/or requesting parts. The 2016 Board may want to talk about the Facebook page and discuss its future.

Webmaster Ron Petrich told a true Donkey Story.

Raffle was held. Meeting adjourned.