

SAMOA
May 10, 2007
Membership Meeting

No BOO meeting this month

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Sacramento

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

President – Robin George

Robin thanked everyone for attending the meeting even though the price of gas is so high. He asked what the highest people are paying. Someone said \$3.87, Adi says \$3.75 in Davis, and Mark Brooks says over \$6.00 at Thunderhill. Aren't we glad that the Miatas are affordable to drive? Introduced Crazy Red with new baby boy. Red has been doing more than just working on cars. He now needs a Miata station wagon. Everyone needs to start thinking about running for office next year. Per the bylaws, members can only be in the position for two years. This means Robin, Mike, Fran, and Jack will all need to be replaced. At next month's meeting, we will have a swap meet in the parking lot so bring in those spare parts. Robin asked people what members have added to their cars. In the category of 2006 & 2007 models, four members have added air horns. In 2000 to 2005 two members added grills and sway bars. In the 1990 to 1998 models, you name it, they have added it with the exception of Adi who has no accelerator, and Mike who added a GPS for Thunderhill. Ha Ha.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne broke down the expenses for the club. We have an income from dues of \$2000 and expenses of \$1000 including insurance and Towe Auto Museum membership. In 2005 we spent \$1082 on events and in 2006, \$2846.

Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis

Ron Petrich sent out an email asking for help for the Leiningers in shuttling their son back and forth to the airport. Thanks to all those that responded and there is also a signup sheet going around the room. Bob and Teri Bacon although not here tonight, have provided items for the raffle along with some items left over from the Thunderhill event. Introduction of new members Frank and Vi Nicholson who bought the Zicker's 2002 yellow. Guest – Marshall Walden who purchased a 91 red from Craig's List and is retired from Budweiser. Ryan Grow who has a 91 red and owns a racing shop.

Events – Mario Lavoie absent Ron Petrich reporting

The Thunderhill event had 65 drivers. No accidents. A Porsche blew an engine and Jack Parker broke a wheel. The event made \$9200 which will be donated to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America at the June meeting. Some Got Guts raffle winners are Denise Correia, who won a Southwest airline ticket and Robin George who won a \$50 gift certificate, wine, and a Got Guts hat. Kathi Bell won a DVD racing movie.

Kathi Bell and Vince Weiss will be leaving on May 15 for the Miatas in Moab event. Jack Parker is doing a Hot Cakes at Kirkwood on June 10 and the Auto Cross Championships on June 2. The rules are the table in front and if you have questions, call Jack. The Shriners Concours on June 3 will have no Miata corral since there have only been two sign ups and not the 10 required. Denise Correia will be leading a group to the Moaning Caverns on June 16 but the

prices have increased. Darrel Huckabay is doing a tour rally from Livermore to Sacramento on June 2nd and 3rd. Good chance to try out a true rally for first timers. Sharon Howe and Graeme Kinsey will be doing a Stewarts Point event on July 14th. Beat the heat! Mike DeLaurentis doing the Mt Shasta event on July 4th. Ron is still working on setting up a new forum. The September 30th SAMOA Birthday Picnic will require a \$15 a person RSVP and will be returned when you show up. This way the club is not out money for the caterer when members don't come.

Secretary – Fran Rowell

Active members at 144 and still growing. Divide Garden Club is having a Garden Tour of 5 spectacular gardens in the Georgetown area on June 9. Tickets are \$12 and include a box lunch. Good opportunity to drive your car and enjoy seeing what folks do in the foothills. Also have King Charles Cavaliers for sale. Reminder to have car tagging flyers in your glove box. I was caught without one on a recent encounter with a prospective buyer. Robin reminded everyone Fran is the Martha Stewart of SAMOA. Someone asked if that was because she served jail time. Ha Ha.

Technical Advisor – Jack Parker

Jack related his incident at Thunderhill and showed us the broken wheel he got on Turn 5. The spoke part broke from the wheel and sent him spinning into the grassy area. Quite an adrenaline rush! He likes light weight wheels but make sure they are forged and not cast. He got his from Brian Goodwin and does not recommend him anymore since he made no offer to make good on the wheel. This month's *Grassroots* Magazine has 3 good articles on Miatas. Jackson Racing has a June special on superchargers. Super chargers are less to maintain and kick in faster but the turbo chargers have more power. The question has been if they are smog legal. Jack found a great cordless torque wrench on Ebay and recommends the DeWalt 18 volt.

Mike DeLaurentis had a bubble wrap popping contest. Two contestants tied so there was a pop off and Toby Counter won.

Raffle

Ron Moe – 2 wax with towels kits and window polish
Vi Nicholson – wheel cover
Darrel Huckabay – wheel cleaner
Skip Noyes – DVD LaManns, wine
Joe Rainbolt – *Grassroots* subscription, family radios, sunshade
Mark Brooks – license plate cover, Goop and rags
Helen DeLaurentis – *Grassroots* subscription
Kathi Bell – Turtle wax shampoo, fuel injector
Doug Lockhart – brake hose kit
Sharon Howe – wine
Mac Wright – wine
Jeanne George – got guts hat, flashlight
Mila Spengler – got guts hat
Bob Carlson – wash mitt
Wes Zicker – wash mitt

Adjourn: 8:20 pm