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Ray's Ramblings

I would like to extend an invitation to all "Miata Club of America" chapter members to attend any of our meetings or events. If you are traveling to the "Sacramento Area" on business or pleasure, drop us a line or give us a call and we will let you know what we have going on.

NEW MEMBERS

We have three new members, Jeffrey Freedman, Robert Marshall, and B. G. Walton. Jeffrey works for the Public Defenders office, and , are you ready for this.....he WON his Miata in a raffle! The Miata that he won was a base model, but he upgraded to a "B" package for the small extra cost. Some people have all the luck! Maybe not...he said that he got rear ended, resulting in approximately \$700 in damage, and is looking for a good body shop. Looking forward to seeing you at future Miata outings!

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The 15,000 mile check up.....From a woman's point of view...Bonnie

I called "Honey" Mazda for my regular oil change, and they said it was due for the 15,000 mile check up" which is suggested/strongly advised in the warranty book. Not to be pushed into something that I really did not need, I coursed the club "Techno-freak", Paul Kile, to come with me to look over the list.

You see, I come from the..."If it ain't broke, don't mess with it", school of thought. And the \$130 fee for this service was a bit hard to swallow too! Paul brought the service manual, and compared it to the recommended list at 15,000, and said

that it all looked worth while to him. My car would be worked on while we were at one of the 2 hour meetings held at the dealership. I went to pay the bill, half remembering of the 25% discount that Honey gives SAMOA club members, which brought it down to \$109.....nice discount Then as I got on the freeway to head down the hill, my little car felt like the first day I drove it home! The steering seemed more responsive, and she had a burst of quiet power that I unknowingly had missed lately. Definitely worth the \$109!!

I am not a mechanic, so I do not know what they did exactly, but my suggestion to SAMOA people, hike on up to "Honey" when the time comes!

Skip's Events

Apr. 28

The "Spring clean up" was attended by six Miata's. We all gathered at Bonnie's armed with everything from vacuum cleaners to Q-tips. The weather was perfect for what we were doing, we all got what appears to be our first sunburns of the season. After the clean up, we had a photo opportunity out in the pasture, (watching out for various Cow pies, and Nanny berries) Just Kidding! Afterward, we went on an impromptu dash through the foothills in the Auburn area to re-establish the bug guts on our spotlessly clean Miatas. Oh well, easy come, easy go.

MAY 19

We have a Picnic planned to go to Oregon Creek, which is on highway 49, between Downieville, and Nevada City. It will be about a 2 1/2 hour drive, so we need to get an early start. Meet at the Sierra College Parking lot, on Rocklin Road, in Rocklin at 8:30, a departure time of 9 am sharp! Bring your lunch, A FULL TANK OF GAS, perhaps a blanket, your camera, sunscreen etc. The picnic spot is very scenic, by the river, has tables, a wooden covered bridge, and even Potties!

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Please call Skip Noyes at 362-5871, if you plan to come with us, so he can snag us a spot big enough for our group.

JUNE 22-23

We have our first overnight/weekend Miata outing scheduled. It will be an exciting, and eventful, something for everyone, fun time. Plans to be firmed up, but, as of now will include: leaving Sacramento via highway 16 to Sutter Creek. Get on highway 88, (once named the most beautiful highway drive in the U.S.) on up through Kirkwood Ski area. We will have a picnic lunch at Caples Lake. Turning South on 89, we will tour the quaint village of Markleeville, and over Monitor Pass, (elev. 8314) down to highway 395. Turning North, we will go past Topaz Lake and into Gardnerville Nevada for an early dinner. Dinner will be at one of the Basque restaurants. Basque dinners are served "Family style", which means you have what ever "Mom" will be cooking that evening. Usually, a choice of Steak, or Prawns, sometimes Lamb.

They keep bringing you the food, so you can pig out on whatever strikes your fancy. The cost is about \$12 per person, that includes (cheap) red wine. That night we can hike over to Wally's Hot Springs, and soak our bones in natural hot springs of various temperatures, cost about \$8. Or you can gamble the night away, or take on a lounge show at the various casino's.

Sunday A.M. we will have a light breakfast and head up Jack's Valley road, through Genoa, (the oldest town in Nevada), watch for Buffaloes....and on into Carson City. From Carson city we will go East on highway 50, and turn off the road to Virginia City. This will be about lunch time, so we will just grab a bite somewhere there, and drive on into Reno for an afternoon tour of the Harrah's National Auto Museum. Cost \$5.00. This will end the organized part of the tour, allowing members to individually determine the length of time they wish to spend at the museum. From Reno, it is a quick, 2 hour drive on highway 80 back to Sacramento.

Total estimated cost of the trip, including Motel, purchased meals, \$125.00 per couple, or \$85.00 for Singles. Call Skip for further details and information.....362-5871

A reminder of the May meeting.....

May 14, at Rascals Pub, in Rancho Cordova.

Misc. Miata goodies for sale.....

Base model/type steel wheels \$50.00/ set of 4.
Call Bonnie 652-7408

European Fog Light Kit (like Paul Kile's) \$200.00
or Best Offer Call Rick 773-2022

"SAMOA" club sweatshirt, new, size "L" w/red car
Last One \$15 Call Bonnie 652-7408

Pigtail antenna for your Miata...\$24.95, in color to
match your car. Call Skip 362-5871

A National Miata Family?

Several weeks ago, I was sitting at home rotting my brain with the TV when I got a phone call. I answered the phone and I heard a far-off voice in a definitely non-California accent. About a week before I had sent out copies of our Club newsletter to 14 or 15 regional chapters around the country. As well as the clubs that had been sending us newsletters, I chose a couple of clubs that we had not heard from, but sounded interesting. Having grown up on Long Island, New York, I decided to send one of our newsletters to the Big Apple Chapter in New York.

The fellow on the phone turned out to be Howie Singer with the Big Apple Chapter in Flushing, New York! It seems that this chapter has about three members, but one of the problems is trying to start up a sports car club in the middle of winter in New York. Howie called me up since we are a rather young chapter, and our newsletter shows that we have come a long way in a short time. We talked for about an hour about starting up a chapter and planning events, as well as technical information. It was refreshing talking to someone from my old stomping grounds, especially someone enthusiastic about the Miata!

My phone call pointed out a trend that some of us have noticed about the Miata Club. What we have created here is a gigantic network of

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people who share similar interests and are not afraid to contact others with the same passion. I felt really good about helping another fledgling chapter all the way across the country with getting their club off the ground. I plan to stay in touch with this group, just as Bonnie is doing with the Florida groups (On a recent trip to Florida and Georgia, Bonnie attended several Miata Club events as a SAMOA Ambassador - see the last newsletter for details of her trip.) What we have here is turning into an extended Miata family! I hope to be able to visit the Big Apple chapter if I ever make it to New York, and I hope their people can do the same with SAMOA!

Paul Kile

Calendar of Events

- 19 May..... Picnic at Oregon Creek
- 22-23 June..... Trip to Reno Auto museum
- ? July..... Trip to Napa or the Coast
- 4 August..... Pool side B-B-Q at Bonnie's
- 16-18 Aug...MIATA'S at Monterey/Laguna Seca
- 14-15 Sept.....Gold Rush '91 Fun Rally
- 27 October.....SAMOA 1st Anniversary picnic
- ? Nov.....Officers Elections/Apple Hill
- ? Dec.....Christmas Party/Charity Toy Run

If you are going to the Monterey event with SAMOA in August and don't have a room reserved, call Skip ASAP or forget it.

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