



## Halloween

by Mark Brooks

Absolutely my favorite holiday of the year. The chance to put fog machines in the front yard, strobe lights in the trees, skeletons along the walkway, and blood all over my face.. and of course, the payoff - making small children cry and run away. Isn't this what the holidays are truly all about? Not to mention all the chocolate - that's just the icing on the cake! Of course, when I put this much effort into scaring little children to the point that they'll need therapy into their teen years, I make sure I give out the good candy to make it worth their visit. I remember going out trick-or-treating as a kid, and going to that house that gave out the cheap candy - you know, Good-n-Plenty's, Nerds, Smarties, and lollipops.. the stuff that no kid wants in their bag. I go all out with my decorations, and I make sure the kids get a good reward in exchange for their tears of terror - they get Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Snickers, Milky Ways, and other chocolate covered goodies. If I'm going to scare the bejeesus out of little kids, I don't want my house getting egged because I only gave out Tootsie Rolls. I figure they'll look back years later, and remember that crazy guy who scared the heck out of them every year with something different. Fortunately, Halloween falls on a Friday this year, so I'm hoping to get a really good turnout for the fright-fest.

Let the carnage begin.



## Robins' Nest

by Robin George

Hello everyone. The summer is almost over and the club has made it through another season. We recently had our 18th birthday party at the WindWalker Winery. The weather was fantastic. It was in the low 80's with a slight breeze. The owners of the winery give us the run of the grounds so we can decorate to our hearts content. They have recently made improvements to those same grounds. They built a new larger gazebo and leveled

the lawn. This leveling of the lawn was very important because we were able to carry on two Bocce Ball games at the same time. We had at one point we had 16 members enthusiastically vying for utmost closeness to the pallino. Talk about a rough contact sport.

Another aspect of the birthday party was the opportunity to donate to a chosen charity if so desired. And a challenge was thought up by Mike D. on the spot. For one dollar a participant could try to throw a water balloon through the hole in the roof of the small gazebo. And at the bottom of that hole was the target, our President. When this event was announced, people ran to get in line. Out of maybe 20 throwers, 5 were able to find the hole. After stepping back 10 feet, Mark Brooks was the finalist. The owner of the winery watched our endeavors and not only donated a bottle of wine to the winner of this contest but a bottle for each finalist. Very generous of everyone. Over 400 dollars was raised for the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento. InCahoots restaurant provided the BBQ tri-trip sandwiches with all the trimmings. Frank and VI Nicholson provided our Birthday cake. No one left hungry. Thanks again for helping us celebrate another year of this fantastic club.

When you read this article, Scramble Scrabble will be starting. Denise Corriea has once again organized and developed a showcase event for the club. Many Miata owners from the western states will be at the SS to have a great time. If you haven't registered already you are missing a great event.

If you have been at our last General Meeting you may have noticed that we are growing. We have run out of room at Coco's. Our latest count was 52 in attendance with standing room only. Coco's has been an excellent place for us the past several years. They don't charge us for the facilities, let us decorate the walls, we have secure ample parking, separate checks, and decent food. The manager has noticed that we are bursting at the seams and is wondering what we are going to do. We will stay till the end of the year, but are scouting the area for new facilities with the same amenities. Any ideas?

Don't forget about elections coming up for the club. If you're interested in an office contact Rod Gonzales at [rodnoid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rodnoid@sbcglobal.net). See you on October 9th.

## Treasure Trove

by Jeanne George

### WELCOME to these new members joining in September

Doug and Betty Hoffman  
Phil and Genell Csik  
Kit and Genise Syn  
Kimberly Lusenhop and Paul Pouliot  
Laurin and Linda Langhofer  
Norman and Lori Utley

### Memberships Expiring October 1

Benzel, Cliff & Lois  
Parker, Jack & Sally  
Penfield, Larry & Barbara  
Somplack, Jon & Alice

### Memberships renewed in September

Stewart, James  
Isett, Gregg  
Watters, Peter  
Campbell, Sandi  
Crawford, Ron  
Houghton, Rita  
Vance, Eric & Ann  
Tyer, Tom & Cameron  
Jurach, Margie

This year 37 new memberships consisting of 57 members have joined SAMOA. This is one short of the total memberships that joined in 2007. Our club has grown to 111 memberships with 182 members owning 120 Miatas.

## October Birthdays

by Ron Petrich

Congratulations to the following members for surviving another year:

Glen Boire – 24th  
Ross Donner – 7th  
Merril Emelio – 15th  
Larry Hamilton – 31st  
Ron Moe – 21st  
Mary Pat Pauly – 1st (of October as Dr. Seuss would say)  
Mac Wright – 5th

All of these folks will receive brand new MX-5s at the meeting on October 8th, at least until supplies run out. We are still missing birthdays for 29 of you (out of 179). If you don't see your big day listed on the PDF roster at our website, drop me a line and I'll add yours to the database. We like birthdays!

## Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento

by Jeanne George

The Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento will benefit from our Club's celebration of its 18th year in existence. The generous donations received from members attending the celebration, two members unable to attend, and the water grenade toss totaled \$415.

## 18th Birthday Celebration

by Jeanne George

This year the weather was great for the picnic at Windwalker Winery. The owners, Jim and Alanna had made considerable changes to their facilities. The old pavilion had been torn out and replaced with a larger covered area, the front gazebo was replaced, and the lawn area improved.

Upon our early arrival, Robin began hanging banners and decorations. Later with the help of Helen and Mike DeLaurentis and Emily and Mark Brooks we covered tables and cleaned chairs. When the work was done, we had a few minutes to rest and relax before early members began arriving. As we surveyed our efforts, we saw several deer running behind the pavilion area and go into the vineyard area.

At 11 o'clock the wine tasting area opened up. We headed to taste wines and talk with Jim. After selecting some wine, we were able to take advantage of the discount the owners offered our members. It was time for us to get back to work.

Members began arriving and the days activities got under way. After checking in at registration many headed to the wine tasting room. Others visited with people they hadn't seen since last year's picnic. Incahoots employees arrived and set up the food and drinks. The food was good and plentiful. When Robin was told the food was ready to be served, he looked around to find few people nearby. He found the majority up at the wine tasting room. Robin announced that lunch was ready and the members rushed to finish their tastes, make their purchases and go eat.

After lunch, members were advised that an opportunity was available for them to test their ability to throw a water grenade into the roof hole of the gazebo. For a \$1 donation to the charity fund 12 could attempt this fete. There was a mad dash of people running to the Gazebo with dollar bills in hand. Windwalker owners had donated a bottle of wine for the winner. The crowd convinced Robin to stand in the gazebo for extra incentive. Soon we had more people with money in hand wanting to try the task. Mike headed to fill more balloons and several members helped him by providing relay support. Twenty-three people took turns and \$24 was collected. Robin was doused by the many balloons that crashed at the peak of the roof. Five individuals successfully got their balloon through the hole. A semi-round of the five resulted in Mark Brooks being the winner. Alanna was laughing and enjoyed watching the activities and decided to donate four more bottles of wine to the semi-winners.

A competitive game of Bocce Ball began with two groups of eight players competing. Spectators lined the field watching, laughing, cheering and chicken clucking for the players. Robin's group seemed more relaxed as Mike's group was subjected to the tape measure to determine who was closest.

Robin, Mike, Mark and I wish to thank the many people that helped us with the clean up and taking down the banners afterwards. You saved us a great deal of time and work. We heard many positive comments from those in attendance and many members have asked us to return to this facility again next year.

## Events.. .more or less

by Jack Parker

The car season is winding down, although the Miata season never seems to end. Which in most cases is why we bought our cars to begin with. The idea that our cars are popular to use throughout the year is the reason many of us own them.

The club activities are slowing down a bit and traditional year end activities are now the focus. The annual October 10-13 Fort Bragg event, sponsored by Ralph Gingrich and Fran Rowell is approaching. Groups are departing Sacramento on both Friday and Saturday with a miniature golf event scheduled for Saturday. Rumor has it that it is men against the women. For more information check the website ([www.sacramentoareamiata.org](http://www.sacramentoareamiata.org)) or call Ralph at 712 4499. You can also call Fran at 530 344 1913. Email works well at [rkitman@sureswest.net](mailto:rkitman@sureswest.net) for Ralph or [franrowell@aol.com](mailto:franrowell@aol.com) for Fran.

November 8 is the 8th Teddy Bear Run. This year the event starts at the usual place, Mar Sha Tes in Rancho Murieta. Start time is 9:30 with coffee and socialization with a drivers meeting at 9:45 and 10:00 for a drive. The Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento is the recipient of this event. All participants are asked to bring a teddy bear for the home and an unwrapped item for the Christmas drive they have for the kids at the home. Details of the drive have not been worked out yet but it will involve another run in the foothills and a stop of interest for all. For more information contact Jack at 698 2006 or [culdad@svics.com](mailto:culdad@svics.com).

The Chistmas party is scheduled for December 6. You can contact Gundi Bechthold at [gundib@gmail.com](mailto:gundib@gmail.com) or 784 3123 as no details are available at this time.

No events are scheduled for 2009 as of yet but we surely can expect the usual events that seem to be annual affairs. Amongst them are the Club Autocross Championship which more than likely will not have the defending champion participating, the Got Guts at Thunderhill charity event, the Kirkwood Pancake Run and the Presidents Day Run. Suggestions are always accepted and new events are certainly encouraged.

## Upcoming SAMOA and Local Events

- Sat Oct 4 - Scrabble Scramble 2008
- Thurs Oct 9 - SAMOA Club Meeting
- Fri-Mon Oct 10-13 - Weekend in Ft. Bragg
- Sat Nov 8 - Teddy Bear Run
- Thurs Nov 13 - SAMOA Club Meeting
- Sat Dec 6 - SAMOA Christmas Party
- Thurs Dec 11 - SAMOA Club Meeting

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*Mark*

## How to speak Chicago-ese

by Mike DeLaurentis

Grachki (grach'-key): Chicagoese for garage key as in "Yo, Theresa, waja do wit da grachki? How my supposta cut da grass if I don't git intada grach?"

Sammich: Chicagoese for sandwich. When made with sausage, it's a sassage sammich; when made with shredded beef, it's an Italian Beef sammich, a local delicacy consisting of piles of spicy meat in a perilously soggy bun.

Da: This article is a key part of Chicago speech, as in 'Da Bears' or 'Da Mare' -- the latter denoting Richard M. Daley, or Richie, as he's often called.

Jewels: Not family heirlooms or a tender body region, but a popular name for one of the region's dominant grocery store chains. "I'm goin' to the Jewels to pick up some sassage."

Field's: Marshall Field, a prominent Chicago department store. Also Carson Pirie Scott, another major department store chain, is simply called 'Carson's'.

Tree: The number between two and four. "We were lucky dat we only got tree inches of snow da udder night."

Over by dere: Translates to 'over by there', a way of emphasizing a site presumed familiar to the listener. As in, "I got the sassage at the Jewels down on Kedzie, over by dere."

Kaminski Park: The mispronounced name of the ballpark where the Chicago White Sox (da Sox) play baseball. Comiskey Park was renamed U.S. Cellular Field (da Cell).

Frunchroom: As in, "Get outta da frunchroom wit dose muddy shoes." It's not the 'parlor'. It's not the 'living room'. In the land of the bungalow, it's the 'frunchroom', a named derived, linguists believe, from 'front room.'

Use: Not the verb, but the plural pronoun 'you!' "Where use goin?"

Downtown: Anywhere near The Lake, south of The Zoo (Lincoln Park Zoo) and north of Soldier Field.

The Lake : Lake Michigan. (What other lake is there?) It's often used by local weathermen, 'cooler by The Lake.'

Braht: Short for Bratwurst. "Gimme a braht wit kraut."

Goes: Past or present tense of the verb 'say'. For example, Den he goes, "I like this place!"

Guys: Used when addressing two or more people, regardless of each individual's gender.

Pop: A soft drink. Don't say 'soda' in this town. "Do ya wanna canna pop?"

Sliders: Nickname for hamburgers from White Castle, a popular Midwestern burger chain. "Dose sliders I had last night gave me da runs."

The Taste: The Taste of Chicago Festival, a huge extravaganza in Grant Park featuring samples of Chicagoland cuisine which takes place each year around the Fourth of July holiday.

Jeetyet?: Translates to, "Did you eat yet?"

Winter and Construction: Punch line to the joke, "What are the two seasons in Chicago?"

Cuppa Too-Tree: is Chicagoese for 'a couple, two, three' which really means 'a few'. For example, "Hey Mike, dere any beerz left in da cooler over by dere?" "Yeh, a cuppa too-tree."

588-2300: Everyone in Chicago knows this commercial jingle and the carpet company you'll get if you call that number -- Empire!

Junk Dror: You will usually find the 'junk drawer' in the kitchen filled to the brim with miscellaneous, but very important, junk.

Southern Illinois: Anything south of I-80. This is where Smothers' is from....

Expressways: The Interstates in the immediate Chicagoland area are usually known just by their 'name' and not their Interstate number: the Dan Ryan ('da Ryan'), the Stevenson, the Kennedy (da 'Kennedy'), the Eisenhower (da 'Ike'), and the Edens (just 'Edens' but Da Edens' is acceptable).

Gym Shoes: The rest of the country may refer to them as sneakers or running shoes but Chicagoans will always call them gym shoes!

*To take up some empty space, here's a couple photos from the last SAMOA meeting... everyone listening so intently to Robin... it almost looks like we were paying attention to what he had to say!!*



Photos from the Birthday Picnic at Windwalker Winery



*Thanks to Adi Damania for all the photos on this page!!*



