

**SAMOA**  
**August 9, 2007**  
**Membership meeting**

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Sacramento

No BOO meeting this month

Call to order: 7:01 pm

President – Robin George

Welcomed everyone to this month's celebration on the ownership of the finest car in the world, the Miata. Our club has grown in the last two years from a membership of 63 to 93 with a diversity of people.

Introduction of Board members

Absent – Mario Lavoie and Ron Petrich

Acknowledge former Board members present: Rod Gonzalez, David DeNuzzo, Margaret Counter, Bob Carlson, Denise Corriea and founding member Skip Noyes.

Introduction of special guest speaker Heather Frank who is the fund raiser from The Society for the Blind. Since the Society has aided long time member Ralph Gingrich who is losing his sight, we will be taking donations at our annual picnic. Heather explained that only 25% of donations go for overhead and the rest goes to their five different programs.

White cane training

Braille training

Computer

Living skills

Youth programs that have no grants or federal funding aid.

Robin says that since the Society for the Blind has helped Ralph so much he will soon be driving again. Ralph says no, Joanne would kill him.

Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis

Before asked, Mike stated he is standing. Ha Ha

Introduction of new members

John Coleman from Fairfield who is a retired teacher and has a 91 red that he found on Craig's List. He previously had a 90 model.

Gerry Garner, who has a 07 maroon, was a former drug salesman and also a musician. Yeh, you got it, drug-dealer musician

Andrew Melicharek who has a 93 white turbo.

Mike says he did some research on the most popular colors for cars and they are silver and then white.

Robin reports the budget is right on target thanks to our Treasurer Jeanne George.

Secretary – Fran Rowell

Our club count is 100 Miatas, 151 members, and 94 memberships. Thanks to all those members that have paid their renewals on time.

Fran passed around a page from the *Georgetown Gazette* newspaper show pictures from the Garden Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. There was a picture of Fran and Joanne Gingrich's cars.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

We have had 24 new memberships since the first of the year. Most of the free memberships we gave out last year have not renewed this year.

Jeanne explained how the Birthday Picnic will work. With your RSVP you will submit \$15 per person and when you arrive at the picnic and you will get your money refunded. This will cut down on the no shows and wasted catering cost. Donations will be taken for the Society For The Blind.

Technical Advisor – Jack Parker

There has been many recalls on the second generation 06 and 07 models. Jack brought in several bulletins and will continue to do so in coming months.

Jack has been working on the Scrabble Scramble route and says it is great and everyone should enjoy it

Events

Blackhawk Museum on August 25 by Jack Parker

Redwood Weekend on September 8-9 by Ron Petrich

Zoo Zoom on September 15 by Denise Correia

Scrabble Scramble on September 22. It will be on Mike Sipes Birthday so we will have to think about something special to do for him.

SAMOA Birthday Picnic on September 30 celebrating our 17<sup>th</sup> year.

Ft Bragg weekend on October 5-8 by Ralph Gingrich. This is an event we have had every year since the club was formed. Ralph is planning a dinner for Saturday evening and Fran is planning some activities. Vince Weiss and Kathi Bell are planning the route to the coast. Fran suggest that anyone who dreads the early morning commute traffic, stay in Davis overnight.

Woodland Museums run on October 13 by Adi & Parvin Damania. This will be a slow run but the first one for them so let's all support them.

Chili Cook-off on November 11 by Fran Rowell

Teddy Bear Run on November 17 by Jack Parker to benefit the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento.

Robin reminded everyone that elections will be in December. The last person out of the room will be president Ha Ha

Crazy Red is available for any questions you may have. He can not do recall or warranty work since that is pretty much limited to dealerships. He says that some times recalls are for silly things like the one Ferrari did because the logo was wrong on the horn.

#### Raffle

Gerry Garner – wash mitt, wine.

Toby Counter – wheel brush, 303, tire wet

Eric Vance – voltage meter

Gary Winney – window washer, top cleaner

Mark Brooks – window wipers

Kevin Wise – car wash

John Coleman- polish applicators, tire wet, armorall, wash mitt

Tom Jurach – wine

Fran Rowell - wine

Jeanne George – wash mitt

Denise Correia – tire gauge

Rod Gonzalez – blender

Jennifer Sipe – chair

Skip Noyes – chair

Adjourn – 8:15 pm