

## **SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

**01/09/2014**

Open – President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm with a warm welcome for 2014. January is when we plan our events for the year. Robin showed a video tribute to Phil Everly, who recently passed away.

Board of Officers – The new Board of Officers (BOO) that was elected in December to serve the club for the 2014 year was announced. President – Robin George, Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis, Treasurer – Jeanne George, Secretary – Ellen Frosch, Webmaster – Ron Petrich, Events Coordinator – Mike Sipe, Newsletter Editor – Jennifer Sipe, Tech Advisor – Lee Galati.

Recognition of Lifetime Members and Past Club Presidents– Those attending the meeting tonight that are lifetime members and/or have served in the past as club President are: lifetime member Dennis Swaney, Skip Noyes and past Presidents Mike DeLaurentis and Robin George.

Treasurer Report from Jeanne George: We have money in our bank account. We did spend a bit more last year than we took in membership dues.

Secretary Report from Ellen Frosch: Announced the total number of memberships, members, and Miata's in the club as of that evening.

Upcoming Events announced by Ron Petrich

Super Bowl Sunday Run – Feb 2

Hair in the Wind II – May 17

Robin received feedback from attendees on the Hangover Run, mostly positive. He reminded club members that March will be SAMOA Miata Month at the Car Museum. We want club members to volunteer to display their Miata at the Car Museum.

San Joaquin Valley Miata Club will be hosting its annual Coastal Cruise Jan 25-26 weekend. See their website if interested.

Discussion of some additional runs that we could have in 2014. Greenhaven Estates wants SAMOA to return. Skip wants to do a Picnic Run in July to Audubon Canyon.

Ron conveyed information that was recently released on Mazda Miata 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will be the weekend of Sept 5-7 down at Laguna Seca. This is a big deal for Mazda and we want to have an excellent representation from SAMOA. Mazda is looking to break the Guinness World Record for number of Miata's gathered. As soon as there is more information available, it will be posted on our website and an e-mail blast sent. Also watch Miata Forum for any discussion on this.

Robin's vignettes: Robin read funny sayings by famous people.

Report of Vice President, Mike D: He is working on the "Affordable Car Act" and will have more at a later date. Oh, and if you like your insurance you can keep it. Period.

Vice President, Mike D. introduced "old" new members: Matt & Heather Huesbo. Their grandson Riley read us a "true story" and posed for a picture.

Tech Talk, Skip: Skip gave the tech talk tonight. It is a warning to those who have detachable hardtops. Sacramento area is having a crime spree with detachable hardtops being stolen and then a few days later a matching hardtop shows up for sale on Craigslist. Difficult to prove you own the hardtop because there are no identifying markings on a hardtop. Suggested that people take lots of photos of their hardtops, showing any identifying scratches or markings. Also recommend etching the VIN on the glass of the hardtop.

Robin asked everyone to bring ideas for events for the year to the meetings, and if you aren't comfortable leading an event enlist the help of a BOO member if necessary. Keep in mind that we also want ideas for the club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will be in 2015. Possibly Bear Valley again?

Mather may be holding/allowing Autocross Club Championships this year. Will keep everyone posted.

Webmaster, Ron Petrich: Told his "true story".

Raffle was held. Visitor/guest Riley drew the tickets for the raffle. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.