

SAMOA
April 10, 2008
General Membership Meeting

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Sacramento
Call to Order: 7:00 pm

We were called to order by our president- Robin George. He welcomed all to a celebration of the most fun car club. He said something about "pithy" comments, but he was all "pithed" out! Board members: Mike DeLaurentis, Jeanne George, Pam Hunt, Ron Petrich, Jack Parker and Mark Brooks was introduced as were prior presidents David DeNuzzo, and Mike DeLaurentis.

Robin also offered a roast to those officers who recently had birthdays: Jack, Mark and Pam. Appropriate gifts were given, including a pacifier for the baby of the BOO, Mark Brooks.

In June, Robin and Ron will be on an Auburn radio station KAHI from 10-11:30 doing a car talk show. Call-ins will be welcome!

El Presidente Robin presented Dennis Swaney with a lifetime membership award. Dennis is one of our founding members!

Officer Reports:

Secretary –We now have 98 paid memberships, 156 members and an amazing 106 Miatas!

Treasurer – Jeanne George - announced that the recent newsletter article discussing a purchase of a work car was an April fools joke. It appears that many had missed seeing the article in our wonderful newsletter.

Ron – Media – Got Guts at Thunderhill III has the most ever drivers participating-77 at this point! It also has over \$13,500 in raffle prizes donated! Way to go Ron!

Dennis Swaney also came across the 2004 issues of "Miatatudes" and those will be posted on our website purely for entertainment!

Events – Jack Parker

Upcoming Runs:

The club autocross was a success and the winners are: Class I - Nick Csik, Class 2 - Clay Cowan, Class 3 -Andrew and Class 4 –Russ Smith.

If any one is interested. The Willamette Miata Club of Oregon will be hosting a Tour of Oregon run in July. See our website for more information

Kirkwood Pancake run June 7th. We will be meeting in Rancho Murietta at 8:30.

Ferrari Challenge – Sunday May 4th. Infineon Raceway. Vintage and other Ferraris on display. We will meet at 7:45 at the Chevron in Winters. The meeting began to disintegrate at this point. A discussion ensued about Ron's underwear (whether he was wearing it or not) and Mark was concerned about the Ferrari challenge being on Mothers Day since he couldn't show up to the meeting on Valentines Day! At this point, Ron was speechless!

Shriners Autocross – May 18th at Mather Field Regional Park Rod is organizing the Miata Car Club Corral. Entry fee is \$40 per car and includes 2 lunches, goody bags and drink tickets. We need a minimum 10 cars to show up to the corral to qualify for the trophies that the Shriners donate. Send your entry to Rod but payable to Shriners. He will turn them all in together. We currently have 5 cars registered.

Raleys Field –River Cats Game. Date Monday June 16th Ron has guaranteed 30 tickets for the group rate but 19 are taken at this point! Better hurry up! The tickets are on the 3rd base line behind the dugout. They are \$12 each. See Ron for more information.

The Summer Olympics are coming on August 23rd and were announced by the entry of our own Olympic “torch”. Protesters made their voices heard and signs saying “Free Tibet” were paraded in the room! Even SAMOA is political! The event, protesters included will be held at the park and will cost \$10/person which will include the games, stadium fee and lunch.

Genny Paauwe announced details of their upcoming Scavenger Hunt. This will be held June 22nd with a meeting time of 12:30 at the park n ride at Whiterock and Latrobe. There will be a top secret list of items to gather with the day ending at Round Table Pizza in El Dorado Hills for dinner and awards. Don't miss it!

Graeme Kinsey had 2 ½ announcements to make. First was the 5th annual Stewarts Point run to be held the weekend of May 31st. It will start a 8 am in Davis. See the website for more details. The ½ run will be held this weekend and is a prerun for the Stewarts Point. The second announcement will be led by Sharon and will cover the Sacramento Delta and the Sutter Buttes. It will be held on April 19th. See the website.

Mike DeLaurentis: Guests:

New members Gary and Linda Pike were introduced. Gary is retired from Pac Bell and a couple of other places and they have a 1999 Red! They are in love with it-as we all are with our wonderful Miatas.

Mark Brooks – Technical:

Think about changing your brake fluid. Every so often the brake fluid should be flushed out and replaced as it breaks down over time and heat. This can affect your braking power! And just in time, Red will do it for you!

Skip Noyes, our first lifetime member, works for Clearwater Audio. They are offering SAMOA and Delta members a 25% off retail discount on audio systems.

Raffle

Pliers –Graeme

Bug and Tar remover-Frank

Detailer-Ton

Wheel and Tire Shine – Mike

Wheel and Tire Shine – Bob and Jean

Wheel and Tire Shine – Wes

Wine-Rita

More Wine – Graeme

TireShine-Margie

Steering Wheel Cover – Tom

Nano Wax – Mark

Pliers-Gary

Wax Kit-Tom

Nano Wax-Kathy

Wax Kit-Pauls

Telesoping Magnet-Fran

Stubby Tool Kit-Bob

Lunch Box – Bob

Tire Inflator-Jerry

Door Trim – Jerry

Sill Plates-Jim

If I messed these up, excuse me. I was laughing too hard!

Meeting was adjourned at somepoint in the evening