

**Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association
Minutes of General Meeting—Black Bear Diner
May 12, 2016**

President Mike Wilson welcomed everyone to the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association (SAMOA) general meeting.

After reminding the group about the restaurant emergency evacuation procedures, Mike read the following quote: “There are no stupid questions, just stupid people.”

Mike thanked everyone for attending tonight, and asked the usual question: “Why are we here tonight? To celebrate the **people** who have chosen the Miata; the finest, most affordable sports car in the world, of course.

President Mike Wilson introduced the founding members, lifetime members and past presidents in attendance:

Founding SAMOA members:

- Skip Noyes
- Dennis Swaney

Lifetime Members

- Robin George
- Jeanne George

Past SAMOA Presidents:

- Robin George
- Mike DeLaurentis

Mike, in the style of Rodney Dangerfield, put out a few Rodney quotes:

Oh, I get no respect, no respect at all:

- When I was a kid, my Mom took me to a dog show, and I won!
- Speaking of dogs, I call my dog Egypt. In every room of the house he leaves a pyramid.
- I get no respect from my doctor. I called him the other day and said, “Every morning, when I get up and look in the mirror, I feel like throwing up. What’s wrong with me?” The doctor said, “I don’t know, but your eyesight is perfect.”

Mike mentioned the following BOO were not able to attend tonight:

- Marlaina Wilson, Secretary
- Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor

Mike introduced the BOO in attendance:

Jackie McClure, Vice President

- Jackie introduced new Miata members Adam Paul and Rebecca Callaway.

Barry Cowan, Events Coordinator

Barry mentioned the upcoming club events, including:

May 24-25: Mike and Helen will lead a run to the Railroad Park Resort in Dunsmuir, California. This is a two-night trip, one night in Fall River Mills, and the second night at the Railroad Park Resort. Check the website for details.

May 28: Mike and Helen have planned a short drive to the VA National Cemetery in Dixon, to help decorate graves prior to the Memorial Day Remembrance. Afterward, the group will take a run through the surrounding foothills and have lunch along the way. Refer to the website or contact Mike for more details.

June 3-5: Skip Noyes, Wings of Freedom Tour at McClellan Air Force Base. There are walk through tour times (no reservations needed). You can also take a flight before and after a tour, on a B-17 or B-24 for a cost of \$450 per person. A 30-minute B-25 flight is \$400 per person. Let Skip know if you are interested and more details can be worked out for a run. Contact Skip if interested, or check out <http://www.collingsfoundation.org/event/sacramento-ca> or call 978-562-9182 for info.

June 9: Join Jim and Jackie McClure for a run to the Bywater Hollow Lavender Farm. Bring your own picnic lunch and beverage of choice. The terrace will be set up for the Club with linens and flowers. Check the website or contact Jim and Jackie at jamjackie@cs.com to RSVP.

June (Date to be determined): Jackie mentioned she and Jim would like to plan a cruise around the San Francisco Bay. The boat can take up to 20 passengers; cost is \$15 per person. This is not a run, but a destination. The cruise starts in Emeryville and will go around Angel Island. If you are interested, let Jackie know and she will make contact and set a date.

Late June: Join Mike and Marlaina Wilson for a run up and down the Sacramento River. Participants will enjoy a leisurely cruise along the river, and have lunch at the Freeport Bar and Grill. Stay tuned for more details.

June 26: Bob Castelli volunteers at the Sonoma Raceway and is looking for volunteers for a race on June 26. Those who volunteer also receive tickets to the race itself. Contact Bob if you are interested.

September 10: Tom Tyer promoted the CruiseFest on Fulton Avenue: Benefitting The California Automobile Museum on September 10. Check out the California Auto Museum website for more details.

September 17: The SAMOA Birthday Party and Summer Olympics at Windwalker Winery. There will be faux Olympic games played with a twist, requiring little to no athletic ability to participate. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

October 7-9: The Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run is in honor of Ralph, who directed the run for many years. This is the Columbus Day holiday weekend, and the

Best Western is offering a special rate for the nights of October 7-9. Weekend highlights include the 2016 World Championship Abalone Cook-off and Festival on October 8. For more info about this fun run, check out the website or contact Wince Weis and Kathi Bell.

Mike Wilson asked those in attendance if they had any ideas for runs or events. He encouraged club members to provide their run information to Ron to include on the website.

Mike mentioned that Ron is no longer interested in being the webmaster, but will fulfill his web duties until the end of 2016. If anyone is interested and would like to take charge of the website, please let Mike and Ron know. Ron will gladly provide assistance to the person taking over the website.

Ron told one of his famous "true stories," which everyone looks forward to hearing.

Mike mentioned if anyone knows a club member who has not attended a meeting recently to contact the person and extend a personal invitation to them to attend the ~~February~~ June meeting.

Mike asked if anyone would still like to purchase raffle tickets. The raffle was held.

The meeting was adjourned.