

SAMOA
July 10, 2008
General Membership Meeting

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

Robin started with his usual opening speech, welcomed all attendees, and announced it was "show time". He told the group that Secretary, Pam was in Nebraska and Jeanne was filling in for her. He indicated that Events Coordinator-Jack, Tech man-Mark were missing and Media man-Ron was ill. So it was up to Mike, Jeanne and I to entertain you tonight.

Robin introduced Life-time members, Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney, and past Presidents Mike DeLaurentis and Dave DeNuzzo. Robin indicated that due to a severe ear infection he has had for several months he was unable to hear very well, so if he ignored them it was for that reason.

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Jeanne reported for Pam, that the current membership was 110 memberships, consisting of 177 people and 118 Miatas.

Treasurer: Jeanne talked about past recognition awards for members contributing to the Club in various ways. Recently I celebrated my Birthday, and always being diligent about my Treasurer duties, I bought myself a new tool, an 8 ½ x 11 inch calculator!

Members were reminded of the September 21 Birthday Picnic at the Windwalker Winery and were told that they can order name badges from the SAMOA web site.

Vice-President: Mike introduced new members Mike McGuire, who has a 1990 Red and Richard Holland from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada who has a 1997 Green. Both men were attending their first meeting. Brenda Murray who has a 2000 black talked about her Miata.

Events: Mike talked about upcoming events: his July 12 Quad Counties Run, the July 26 Loon Lake Run by Pam and Randy Hunt, and the August 23 SAMOA Faux Olympics. Kathi Bell invited all to attend the 1950's Bash and BBQ that she and Vince were hosting on July 19 at their Bethel Island home. Robin indicated he was looking for a group of members to display their vehicles at the California State Fair on August 24. Fair planners are organizing car club displays by the Grandstand area. Robin indicated members did not have to stay with their cars the whole time, but would be expected to take turns watching fellow owner's vehicles. Skip Noyes spoke about the October 4, Scrabble Scramble 2008 event. He has been working on a route and thinks attendees will enjoy it. He told the group that Denise had received the \$1000 check from Mazda. (This sponsorship check helps fund the Awards banquet dinner.) Larry Penfield talked about an event he just added to the calendar, August 2 for a drive to the Preston Castle in Ione and picnic after a tour of the castle.

Tech: Robin introduced the Crazy Red Italian, Dave DeNuzzo. Dave stepped up to remind owners that with the high temperatures to watch for overheating and air conditioning problems in their Miatas. He answered some tech questions and indicated he is now listed in the Yellow Pages under Miata Specialist. Dave thanked the members for their business and indicated his appreciation of their trust. He will not be at next month's meeting but you can contact him by email or phone.

Media: Robin asked "How many read the newsletter?" and "How many look at the website on a regular basis?"

Raffle

Root beer-Richard Holland

Cleaner & rags-Brenda Murray

Cleaner & rags-Mario Lavoie

River Cats CD donated by Mike D-Mario Lavoie

Combo tool-Diana Loo

Combo tool-Jeanne George

Cleaner & rags-Richard Holland

Tire inflator with light-Frank Nicholson

Wine in a box-Jenn Sipe

Emergency chocolate-CeCe Myers

Cleaner & rags-Kathi Bell

"Complete shower set for 2"-Kathi Bell

Windshield chip repair kit-Kathi Bell

Cooler and ice pack-Jeanne George

Glass cleaner and rags-Mike McGuire

Root beer-Diana Loo

Boxed wine-Larry Penfield

Boot cover donated by Ralph Gingrich-Skip Noyes

Robin thanked Bob and Terri Bacon for obtaining the monthly raffle prizes.

8:02 pm meeting adjourned