

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 10, 2017, 7:00 PM

President Robin George called the meeting to order and introduced the founding members, past presidents and lifetime members present.

Welcome to tonight's visitors and new members.

So far this year, the club has sponsored 20 events with nine more in the works. We are a member driven club and are committed to supporting each other in organizing fun ways to enjoy the best little sports car around!

Regular Business

Newsletter – The newsletter was a great success this month, running to 31 pages of articles and photos. The CA Auto Museum will also be contributing articles to the newsletter every month, so be sure to check it out.

Newsletter Article Contest – Four members participated in the newsletter article contest by sending in an article for this month's newsletter. Their names were entered into a drawing and Norm Swanberg won. Congratulations to Norm and to all those who took the time to send in articles. The club appreciates your effort.

September Meeting at Elk Grove Mazda – Don't forget to RSVP for the September club meeting at Elk Grove Mazda. It will consist of a Show 'n Shine on Sunday, September 10th starting at 5:00pm. The dealership is providing food and beverages and the first 25 cars to sign up will be entered into a contest for prizes. See the website for all the information and to let us know you'll be there.

Birthday Party Payment Due – It's time to pay for the birthday party. If you're planning to attend (and we hope you are), please RSVP and see Jeanne about paying. We need a head count soon to ensure we have plenty of food for everyone.

Elections – Elections for next year's board of officers will be coming up in December. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, contact Robin for information.

Recent Events

What's Your Wentworth Returns was a success though the group did get rained on. Regardless, a great time was had by all.

Upcoming SAMOA Events

Reminder: Please RSVP for any event you will be attending. This is very important, especially if we are stopping for lunch where we need a head count. It helps the organizer know how many cars to expect and ensures you won't be left behind if you're running a little late. It also allows the organizer to contact you in case of a change of

plans, such as a change of meeting place or cancellation. Full details of all planned events are posted on the club website.

- 08/27 Down the River Run
- 09/10 Club Meeting “Show ‘n Shine” at Elk Grove Mazda
- 09/16 SAMOA Open (Miniature) Golf Championship
- 09/30 SAMOA Birthday Picnic
- 10/6-8 Mazdas at Mazda Raceway
 - This event is NOT just for racers! This is a full weekend of fun for everyone, so come on out and celebrate our favorite sports car.
- 10/6-9 Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run
 - DON’T WAIT! If you plan to attend this event, make your reservations and sign up for the abalone “judging” at the Abalone Festival NOW. Judging ballots are limited and sell out fast. Accommodations will also be filling up.
- 12/14 Christmas Party at the December club meeting
- 2018 Miatas on Display
 - The California Auto Museum is once again planning a display of Miatas during the winter of 2018 (Jan-Mar). If you would like to have your car on display, contact Robin for further information.

Other Events

- 08/20 Gold Country Time-Speed-Distance Rally
 - Sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Region Porsche Club of America (PCA), this event will take place in the foothills. Cost is \$20/car. Contact Richard Wetzel at rally@svr-pca.org or (530)304-6555 for information or to pre-register.
- 09/17 All Access Indycar Experience at Sonoma Raceway
 - Sponsored by the CA Auto Museum, this is an exclusive opportunity to see the season finale in style. Included will be: Turn 2 Seating, Humboldt Redwood Deck admission, Garage and Pre-Race Grid access during driver introductions and \$20 food/beverage credit. Cost is \$199 for CA Auto Museum members and \$299 for non-members. Deadline to purchase your ticket is 08/30. Go to calautomuseum.org/indycar for information and to purchase tickets.
- 10/14-15 Carrera de Sierra & Golden West Time-Speed-Distance Rallies
 - Sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Region Porsche Club of America (PCA) and the San Francisco Region Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), these all-day rallies will be held on Saturday and Sunday respectively and will take place on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. Both rallies will start and end in the Rocklin area and the clubs have reserved a block of rooms for participants. Cost is \$95/car for both events or \$50/car for a single event if paid in advance. Contact Richard Wetzel at (530)304-6555 or email R.L.wetzel@comcast.net for information.

Reminders

Club Logo Merchandise – The club has window decals as well as 6” magnetic decals available. Contact Michele Nanjo or Jeanne George for details.

Facebook page – The club has a private Facebook page for members only. The name is **Sacramento Miata Club** and all members are encouraged to join. This group is intended for car stuff only, so post stories or information that would interest other SAMOA members. Also, if you could use some advice about your Miata, someone on the page will probably be able to help you.

To join, please submit a request to jeanne@winfirst.com and give her your Facebook user name. One of our administrators will add you to the group.

Birthday Party – The birthday party will be held at the Windwalker Winery on Saturday, September 30th. Ron will lead the run to the winery starting from the Costco in Rancho Cordova. Details are on the website.

Christmas Party – This year’s Christmas party will take place at our regular meeting at the Black Bear Diner on December 14th. We will have a gift exchange in lieu of the raffle. All gifts should have a \$10 - \$15 value. If you bring a gift, you will receive a gift. No joke gifts, please!

Our next monthly meeting will be the Show ‘n Shine at Elk Grove Mazda at 5:00 PM on September 10th. Don’t forget to RSVP on the website.

Please contact Michele Nanjo if you have any corrections or additions to these minutes.

Happy driving!