

SAMOA General Meeting

September 10, 2009

Tex Wasabi

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm with the score tied at 7-7 going into halftime. "It's showtime. Welcome to the Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association. Why are we here?" Robins opening line led to half-hearted response. So after another try, he finally got the group wound up enough to make some noise.

Robin introduced the "people behind the scenes" – the current Board of Officers: Mike DeLaurentis-vice-president, Jeanne George- Treasurer, Pam Hunt – Secretary, Ron Petrich – Media Director, Jack Parker–Events coordinator, and Bob Bacon- Technical Advisor and Mark Brooks – Newsletter Editor. He also introduced lifetime members Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney and past presidents Dave DeNunzio, Cat Black, and Mike DeLaurentis.

It is really quite amazing that this club is going into its twentieth year in existence! Most clubs don't make it that long and it's all due to the wonderful car we drive and perseverance of our members.

Robin had two additional items to bring up tonight that make us think. The first was to remember the great tragedy, eight years ago tomorrow-9/11. The repercussions are still ongoing and it is very important for all of us to stop and cherish what we have. The second was a sad day for our club. Long time member Toby Counter died on September 1st. He had been ill most of the summer. He will be missed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We are still climbing in our membership counts. Currently we have 208 active members, 126 actual memberships and 136 beautiful Miatas accounted for. Please let her know if you have any membership updates.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne mentioned the Birthday picnic coming up and reminded everyone of the \$15 refundable cost to attend. Please get a check to her soon. There will also be a big selection of new attire arriving that will be available for purchase at the picnic. What better way to spend the \$15 you just got returned!

Media Director – Ron Petrich

Ron apologized for missing the last meeting and not being able to provide us with any true stories. He thought that it really had to have been a letdown for us....He reminded us that the password for September is "equinox". SAMOA has now added a blog site to the SAMOA website for its members use.

There is a link on the webpage and you are encouraged to write about whatever you want. Anyone is welcome – just ask Ron to get you signed up. We also have a Facebook account! Check out SAMOA Miata. Pictures from some of the latest trips have been posted-don't forget to get them to Ron if you want to share them with the club. And then there had to be a story.....

Newsletter Editor – Mark Brooks

Mark would like to remind everyone to send in articles for the newsletter. Anything about a road trip, car issues, fun times, whatever-just write it up and send it in.

Technical – Bob Bacon

Motor Trend just posted a new listing of the top rated sports cars and Miata was #3! The lowly corvette trailed at #5. A lot of activities are planned for the Tech day coming up. Make sure you sign up-we are getting near capacity.

Events Coordinator – Jack Parker

Scrabble Scramble – September 19: Denise said there are 29 cars signed up-a lot from out of town. The Hospitality suite will be open Friday evening from around 5pm-come down and pick up your registration packets and have some food and drink. The Scramble starts Saturday morning with a car show at 8:30.

September 26-27 – Stewarts Point run. This run is being set up by the Delta club and our own Graeme Kinsey. It involves a great run to the coast and wonderful company. See the website for the link and more details.

October 4 – 19th Birthday Party- Windwalker Winery. Cost of \$15 which is refundable when you show up. Be prepared for lots of fun. See Jeanne and the website for more information

October 9-12. Ft Bragg Run. Vince and Kathy will lead this annual run Please let them know if you will be going with them. White Oak Winery will be the location for lunch and they are requesting a head count, even though they aren't providing lunch. A dinner at the Mendo Bistro is planned for Friday night and maybe a meal on Saturday at the cottage. The room block is good through 9/17.

October 24th: Charles Schultz museum in Santa Rosa. Mike and Helen DeLaurentis will lead a day trip through the coastal range ending at the museum. Be ready for a private, docent led, tour. Meet at McDonalds in Davis at 8:30.

October 31- Halloween in Virginia City. The Hunts will lead a fun run to Virginia City for a costume party and lots of food. Right now, all the rooms are taken at Edith Palmers, but there are other locations to stay at if you check with the Hunts.

Tech Day: There will be all sorts of projects worked on and lots of help. Let Jack know if you will be attending; enrollment will be closed by the end of this month.

Long term:

Got Guts is returning in April 2010. Got Guts IV will be a benefit for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

May 2010-Miatas In Moab- the Bacons will lead a pre-trip to the desert Southwest prior to heading to Moab. The current plans include the Grand Canyon, Santa Fe and Durango. They are working on the room blocks and more will be announced soon.

Past Events

The State Fair was a lot of fun. The club got to be in the parade and Mario got to have Cinderella ride on the back of his Miata!

The drivers' trip to Lake Topaz was 225 miles of wonderful twisty roads and adventure.

Vice-President – Mike DeLaurentis

Visitors tonight:

Chuck Leninger, son of Jan, is here visiting us tonight before he goes into the Marines. He is an attorney and has a background with the music industry. He will be entering the Judge Advocates program after he goes through basic at Quantico.

Gertrude Lavois, Marios mother, is visiting from Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She came down to keep Mario company during his recuperation from surgery.

Steve Wales is a new member from Folsom. His first Miata is a 1990 blue.

Pam and Tom Hudspeth like to drive topless around Rocklin. They have a 2006 Charcoal. Tom drives it but the license plate say "Its Pams"!

Steve and Gale Hughart are from Sacramento and are the proud new owners of 1997 Montego Blue.

Raffle

Chair - Jeanne

Tire gauge – Jan

Wash Mitt – Betty

Back rest – Rita

Car Wash - Wes

Tire brush – Cat

All purpose tool- Neil

Wine –Debra

Car wax –Austin

Towels- -Neil

Wine - Bob

Gift Card for Tex Wasabis - Pam

Wine for Dummies - Doug

Car wash – Gertrude

Bocce Ball Set – Jack

Car brush-Tom

Wine – Jack

Gift Card for Tex Wasabis – Austin

Chair – Doug

Champagne - Frank

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10

