

SAMOA

September 13, 2007

Membership Meeting

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Sacramento

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

President – Robin George

Welcome to members to this month's meeting. To Miata owners the word *stock* means a group of cars. *Going straight* is not something they want to do and *going topless* is not against the law. Acknowledge presence of former President Cat Black and Skip Noyes who just keeps showing up and also a founding member. Present the BOO. VP Mike DeLaurentis, Secretary Fran Rowell who is taking down everything that is said. Ron Petrich " Oh S**t". Treasurer Jeanne George. Our tech guy, Jack Parker. Ron Petrich who does the newsletter, website, events and is also the President of the OTM club. Mark Brooks has taken a video of the Redwoods trip and has it on the forum. Bonnie Lutz broke her hip and had it replaced. We all know after market is better anyway. Mike DeLaurentis is 60 now and needs our help. Helen says he has been grumpy lately and needs to relax more. We all know how that is best done so Robin presented him with a lei. Elections coming up and not many volunteers. Remember the last one out of the room will be nominated.

Secretary – Fran Rowell

We are up to 158 members now and 103 Miatas. Thanks to all that keep their renewals current. Gave a dog up date – all the puppies have new homes.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Be sure you have signed up for the Birthday Party. The charge will be \$15 per person and you will get your check back when you show up. This is to avoid the club losing money on the catering for people who sign up and don't come. Donations will be taken for the Society for the Blind.

Robin – To save Mike's energy we have gotten him his own walker.

Technical advisor – Jack Parker

Congratulations to Rod Gonzales who is a champion in his class in autocross with his Kia. There are many recalls on 2006 and 2007 MX-5 models

1. The bolt attaching the steering wheel horn assembly
2. Poor radio reception due to faulty connection
3. Popping on radio due to wire crimping
4. Power steering failure in tight turns with braking

Question – How do you know if the timing belt has been changed on an older model. You don't but you should have it done to be sure.

Media – Ron Petrich

Toby Counter, Vince Weiss, Mike and Helen DeLaurentis, and Mike Sipe were asked to stand up so we could sing Happy Birthday to them. The forum is up and working. Please use it and give feedback.

Robin – Mike has been having a problem at night so we presented him with a toilet lid light. Be sure to lift the lid to light it.

Events – Ron Petrich

09-15 Zoo Zoom Moonlight Sweets Run – Denise Correia

09-22 Scrabble Scramble – Denise Correia. Great new polo shirts and logo.

09-29 Women in the Wine Country- BAMA

09-30 SAMOA Birthday Picnic – BOO

10-05 – 10-08 Fort Bragg weekend- Ralph Gingrich. Vince Weiss has planned a great route and Fran Rowell will be planning some activities. Ralph is cooking dinner Saturday for the party.

10-13 Woodland Museum Run – Adi Damania

10-21 - 10-22 Stockton Auto Cross – Jack Parker

Past events

The Historic Races had about 40 Miatas in the corral. The Black Hawk museum run was great. Doug Lockhart reports it was fantastic seeing so many beautiful cars. Jeanne George says she saw a 5 million dollar green car but she doesn't know what it was. Mark Brooks says the Redwood trip was wonderful and the hotel was great. There are lots of pictures on the web site. Helen DeLaurentis was worried about motion sickness but used a wrist band designed for it and found it worked.

Vice President – Mike DeLaurentis

Introduction of new member, Mike Dillon who is retired and has a 2005 Black Cherry. Introduced guest Ed Kilvein who has a 90 red.

Robin – Presented Mike D with a pair of rolling dice that will make decisions for him.

Crazy Red – Has been installing lots of new tops. The Robbins tops are far cheaper than the dealers have them. With glass windows they run about \$350.

Ken Johnson purchased a 92 white to use on the track and is putting the 2005 black cherry up for sale. Jack Parker reports that Radial Tire Service on Cottage is a good place to have tires mounted. They also have a good stock of tires. Denise Correia asked why her new tires have green valve stems. This is to denote that the tires are filled with nitrogen for better wear.

Raffle prizes have been selected by the Bacons. Good job!

Helen DeLaurentis – Value caps

Denise Correia – Tire Wet

Mark Brooks- Blade squeegee, digital gauge, tire spray

Ken Johnson – Micro pliers, lunch bag

Vince Weiss – Wine, wheel

Paula Zicker – Tire gauge

Doug Lockhart – Wiper blades, pocket ruler

JoAnne Gingrich – Car wash

Skip Noyes – Digital gauge

Mac Wright – Pocket ruler

Jennifer Sipe – Compact squeegee

Mike Dillon – Magnetic pick up tool

Pam Hunt – RainX

Jack Parker – Applicator pads

Ed Kilvein – Wash mitt, portable blender

Rita – Tire wipe and rags

Toby Counter – Car wash

Eric Vance – Wine

Jim McClure – Folding chair

Happy Birthday to Mike D and for taking all the ribbing on his 60th birthday in the spirit it was given.

Adjourn: 8:25 pm