

## SAMOA General Meeting

March 11, 2010

Tex Wasabi

President Robin George opened the March meeting of SAMOA and welcomed all in attendance. The current Board of Officers (BOO) were introduced: Jeanne George- Treasurer, Pam Hunt – Secretary, Jack Parker–Events coordinator, and Bob Bacon- Technical Advisor, , Mike DeLaurentis- vice-president, Ron Petrich – Media Director and Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor.

### **BITS AND PIECES**

Lifetime members present tonight were Dennis Swaney, and Dave “Crazy Red” DeNuzzo. Past presidents in attendance tonight were Cat Black., Mike DeLaurentis and Dave DeNuzzo. Dylan Hunt, son of Randy and Pam Hunt, was recognized for his military service. He recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq and has left the service to start college. Longtime member Ralph Gingrich was recently in Washington DC to be recognized as an advocate for the National Foundation for the Blind. He met with many congress folks and spent fourteen days on the “Hill”. He is also the Coordinator for the Consumer Advisory Committee for the Society for the Blind. Tex Wasabi is having a special party this Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate Guy’s new show “One in a Million”. Check with the restaurant for more details.

Mike explained some issues that recently came up for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. Apparently our hosts at Bear Valley double booked the weekend we had scheduled for the party. In exchange for many concessions, we are rescheduled the party to the weekend prior to our original date – September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. All rooms will be reduced to \$75 and we are receiving a credit of \$500 towards food and beverages for the event.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **Secretary – Pam Hunt**

Jeanne reported for Pam tonight – 125 memberships, 207 people and 132 Miatas!

#### **Technical – Bob Bacon**

No questions from the floor.

#### **Treasurer – Jeanne George**

Jeanne mentioned that there is some attire and hats left. Please see her if you are interested.

#### **Newsletter Editor – Michelle Thomas**

Michelle thanked everyone for all the submissions for her first issue. The due date for future issues will be about the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

### **Media Director – Ron Petrich**

The current password for the newsletter is “Irish”. He is selling tickets for our Charity Raffle in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. He has already received over \$7,400 in prizes for the raffle.

### **Events Coordinator – Jack Parker**

Coming up runs:

Spring Fever Run: Join Ken Johnson and Cat Black for a run to Napa. They will meet Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> at the McDonalds in Davis.

Club Autocross March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>: Mather Field-practice runs on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Shriners Concourse with the finals on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be four categories for varied experience levels. There are 26 cars signed up so far.

Ferrari Challenge May 2 – Ron Petrich will lead a group down to Infineon to view the Ferraris. Cost will be around \$15-20 per person. No reservations needed.

Miatas in Moab and prerun May 8-16. Go the long way to Utah and visit the Grand Canyon, stay in a concrete teepee, visit Santa Fe and Taos on your way. You need to make reservations soon if you plan on going as the room blocks are going to be released. There are currently 9 cars going on the trip.

Other events in the future:

Ken Johnson asked if anyone was interested in having a go cart racing night at All American Speedway. See Ken if you might be interested.

Mike DeLaurentis will be leading a historic tour of Placerville and the Gold Bug Gold Mine on May 16<sup>th</sup>. More to come.

### **Vice President – Mike De Laurentis**

The latest new Miata joining the club is Cat’s new 2010 Grand Touring black retractable hard top. Vi and Frank posted their 2001 on the SAMOA site and sold it in less than a week and Skip sold his last Miata on Craig’s list.

Mike and Helen are still sending out care packages to our service members in Iraq and Afghanistan. Either bring in items from the list on the SAMOA site or donate cash to purchase them if you don’t want to shop.

New members and guests tonight are: Steve and Susan who are looking to buy a Miata, Tom Wilson of Elk Grove who has a 2001 Red, Steve & Louise Casio from Lodi who also have a 2001 Red and Kevin and Robin Guthrie who have a 94 White and also and 94 Blue.

Robin recognized Mark Brooks for putting together the plaque we gave to Windwalker Winery for all their support and generosity the last few years. The plaque was presented to them on the Presidents Run.

Raffle

Irish whiskey basket – Clay

Bailey's Basket – Kevin

Guinness – Dennis

Bushmills – Dennis

Irish Cream – Frank

Red Blanket – Marsha

Blue blanket – Rod

Car care kit – Skip

All wheel care – Marsha

Wet & Protect – Fran

Wet & Protect – Vince

Meguires Hot Shine – Clay

Wine – Margaret

Car wash – Rich

Meguires Gold class wax – Michelle

Tool kit - Dennis

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10

