

Opening remarks –

Roger opened the meeting welcoming members and guests to the 3rd monthly membership meeting of the Mountain Miatas club.

Briefly covered were:

1. MEMBER LISTS - With each new member to MM, all members will receive updated abbreviated membership list via email. There is one attached to these minutes, or you can access the current list online at <http://www.mountainmiatas.com/mmmc2009/index.html> (mmmc2009 stands for 'mountain miatas membership corner' 2009 - then just add 'index.html' to it). Members can use their membership list to find a passenger or possibly a driver for an upcoming event; as well as arrange ad-hoc spur of the moment drives with other members.
2. STOREKEEPER BOARD POSITION - A new Board of Director position was announced for a club storekeeper to manage the inventory, ordering, and distribution of club artifacts. Jean Nelson promptly volunteered to fill this position and was accepted by the membership. **NOTE: all Board positions are open for election at our June 29th membership meeting; please consider volunteering for a position.**
3. SUPPLEMENTAL BOARD MEETING - In addition to our regular Board meeting at 6PM preceding the monthly membership meeting, the MM Board of Directors will also meet monthly at 7PM on the 3rd Friday of the month (5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21, etc.) using a telephone conference call. The call will be performed via the internet on SKYPE. SKYPE is a free download from skype.com and only requires a microphone for your computer (existing computer speakers are used). ALL members are welcome to join this conference call provided the following 2 conditions are met:
 - a. Member has Skype properly installed and working beforehand on their computer (contact James Deane if assistance needed). This is a one-time set-up
 - b. Member notifies Roger two days before (on Wednesday) of their desire to participate. Roger and member will run a test call the day before (Thursday) to ensure member's skype setup is compatible with the MM Board skype distribution list. NOTE: notifying Roger needs to be done by Wednesday each month you wish to participate in the 3rd Friday teleconference Board meeting. .
4. BLOOD MOUNTAIN CABIN RESERVATION – Cabin reservations need to be made immediately for our overnight run to Blood Mountain GA. on Saturday May 30th, returning Sunday May 31st. In addition to two great drives on separate routes going and returning, there is a short hike planned Sunday morning, a group dinner and breakfast and other club building activities. See the MM website for information and go to www.goosecreekcabins.com for cabin reservations)
5. CLUB BUSINESS CARDS – anyone wanting these can design and get them on the internet for free except for shipping. For example, www.vista.com allows you several card designs for 250 cards at \$5.95 shipping. I chose the black and yellow checkerboard pattern with other members free to design their own MM cards if wanted.
6. SPECIAL PROGRAMS – contact Georgiana Deane to schedule or propose a program our members might be interested in at a future monthly membership meeting.

7. NASHVILLE TRACK DAY – time is running out to register by May 15th for either Friday 5/22 or Saturday 5/23. Competitive driving experience is not needed. All you need is an approved SNELL 2005 or later helmet (either closed or open faced), a desire for fun, and a car that passes technical inspection. A registration form is on our web site. I will be attending Friday's session and staying in Lebanon Thursday night at the Comfort Inn Suites (on right as you come off Lebanon exit ramp). THIS IS A BLAST AND ANY OF YOU CAN DO THIS.
8. MAGNETIC SIGNS – orders are now being taken for round 12 inch club magnetic signs to display on your Miata during club events (if you choose). Contact Georgiana if you are interested. Once we have enough pre-paid orders we will order them. Also contact Georgiana for ordering club T-Shirts.
9. MM CLUB MIATA ID CONTEST – members were asked to submit ideas for how our cars can be easily identified from both the front and rear when doing everyday driving (non-event). Please submit all ideas to any Board member no later than May 15th. At the Skye Board meeting that evening a winner will be chosen and receive a free club artifact of your choice.
10. SPONSOR - Announced that Twin-City Mazda is a club sponsor and that an MM brochure that will go in all new Miatas and the dealership will fund and present new buyers with a MM Certificate entitling them to one year free membership in MM. Thanks to Lesley Collins for developing the brochure and certificate.
11. Recognized the new members Debbie and Fred Ellis and provided them with the 1-page welcoming letter that includes pertinent club information and the location on the web site for finding information, and announced all new members would receive club window stickers and lanyard/name tags, hopefully by the next membership meeting.
12. The clubs 'minutes book' is available at all monthly meetings where any member can view meeting minutes of past Board and Membership meetings, the Club's bylaws, Charter and other incorporating papers.

Visitors were introduced and members were reminded of the upcoming June elections of all Board positions.

Board Reports:

Present Board members each gave brief reports, including James Deane highlighting our completed April events and our planned May club events; Gail reported our financial status; Georgiana talked about available club artifacts and order acceptance; and Roger discussed the upcoming Mitty at Road Atlanta starting April 30th and Nashville's Track Day in late May