



Reno Miata Club

Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2018

Meeting was started at 6 at the Black Bear Diner on So. Virginia. 22 members attended. Presiding was Terrie Schulte, president.

1. Our guest speaker was Tony Logoteta, COO/CFO of the Reno Air Racing Association. The National Championship Air Races is the last event of its kind, carrying on the tradition of the Cleveland Air Races of the 1920s, 30s and 40s. In 1964, Bill Stead organized an air race near Reno, Nevada, and the Reno National Championship Air Races were born. The event that Bill Stead started in the Nevada desert more than 50 years ago is still going strong. The event has only been interrupted once in September of 2001 when all aircraft in the United States were grounded following the terrorists attacks in New York and Washington.

In the past ten years, the event has attracted more than 150,000 spectators and generated more than \$70-90 million a year for the region's economy. The event features six racing classes, a large display of static aircraft and several military and civilian flight demonstrations. The six racing classes include Unlimited, Jet, Sport, T6, Formula One and Biplane, with speeds reaching over 500 miles per hour. Some of the performers are: Patriots Jet Team (some are ex-Thunderbirds), The "Screamin' Sasquatch" Jet Waco from John Klatt Air Shows, Smoke 'n Thunder Jet Truck, Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing, The Air Combat Command F-16 Viper Demonstration Team and F-16 Heritage Flight. Drones have their own area and races.

Wednesday, Sept. 12th is Nevada Appreciation Day. Nevada residents get \$5.00 general admission. Friday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> is Military Appreciation Day. All current and former Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard will receive free admission to the Reserved Seating area with a Military ID or proof of service.

The Air Races are celebrating NAHI's return to the STIHL National Championship Air Races. Visitors will be able to walk among this historical aircraft exhibit and talk with the owners and restorers at the very place it all began in 1999.

Mr. Logoteta expressed the need for volunteers at the ticket booths and checking the tickets to the grandstand. For more information, tickets or to volunteer, visit <http://www.airrace.org/>.

2. The Biggest Loser in the 50/50 Poker game was Rod Gordon. He won \$27.50. The other half went into the kitty for a total of \$143.50. Tony Logoteta's dinner was paid out of the kitty. We also gave him two tickets to the Reno Symphony for being our guest.

3. The 2018 Holiday Event will be at the Olive Garden on Saturday, December 1 from 6-8p. A menu choice of beef, fish, chicken and vegetarian was sent out to everyone. Terrie is taking your reservations and payment at every meeting. November meeting is your last chance to pay. If paying by check, make it out to Terrie Schulte.
4. We will be letting the Hot August Nights Assoc. that we will be interested in volunteering next year.
5. Remember the web address is [www.renomiataclub.com](http://www.renomiataclub.com) (not .org). The password is the same for members to view past minutes and member info. "Bookmark" it so you don't forget.
6. The up-coming Antelope Lake run for is scheduled for Sept. 22 and led by Dave Schulte. We will be leaving Bordertown at 9a. If you want breakfast, meet there at 8a. We will be going through Taylorsville, Indian Valley and stopping in Quincey for a picnic lunch then back down 70 to Hallelujah Junction.
7. Moonlight ride in October led by Jim Cordray is scheduled for Oct. 18. We will meet at Cabela's and leave around 5:30p. Drive up to Rainbow Bridge then back down for dinner at the Fireside in Squaw Valley.
8. It only takes 2-1/3 quarts to change your transmission oil so do it with a Miata buddy to save on the price of 3 quarts. You can get the full synthetic transmission oil at a Ford dealer or on line at Moss Motors.
9. Meeting adjourned at 6:30p to check out our cars. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 4, 2018.