

SAMOA
January 8, 2009
General Membership Meeting

Location: Plaza Hof Brau
Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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To the tune of “Hail to the Chief” our new board paraded into the meeting room with great enthusiasm! The Board of Officers for the 2009 calendar year are President-Robin George, Vice-President-Mike DeLaurentis, Secretary-Pam Hunt, Treasurer- Jeanne George, Media – Ron Petrich, Events – Jack Parker, and Technical – Bob Bacon. If this seems familiar, it is! With the exception of Bob, you got the same as you did last year!

Tonight is our first night at the Hof Brau. Please be open minded and see how it goes. It is a test, and if it doesn't work out well, we still have Cocos to go back to. Let Robin know what you think.

Robin introduced lifetime member Skip Noyes and also presented Denise Correia with her award for leading the Samoa Scramble that she missed at the meeting last month.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We currently have 186 members, 114 memberships and 120 Miatas and continue to grow! She also received thank-yous from the two soldiers we have recently sent care packages to – Dylan Hunt and Cameron Workman. She recently realized that new member cards have not been going out and will be working on those in the next month.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

There was an announcement of a big clothing sale by our supplier that we decided to take advantage of at the last minute. They were offering 40% off on sale items plus free shipping. A form is going around with what was ordered. If you are interested, sign your name by the item and size you want.

As for the treasury itself, we ended the year with a net profit of approximately \$275.00!

Media – Ron Petrich

Ron mentioned that there haven't been many people on the SAMOA Miata Forum. Although we have 175 subscriptions, only three or four people are usually on it. Use it!

Events – Jack Parker

Past Events

January's Hangover Run was a great success. There were 25 cars and 45 people who enjoyed the cruise up the Capay Valley to lunch at the Roadtrip Roadhouse.

Coming Up

The Super bowl run will be on February 1st. Ron will lead you on a drive to Napa. Meet at 8:00 at the McDonalds in Davis for an 8:30 departure. Details on the Web page

The Presidents Run will be on February 22nd.

March 14th will be the Chili Cook off, hosted by Vi and Frank Nicholson.

April 11 will be the OTM III ending at the Towe Auto Museum.

May 9-SAMOA Detail Clinic

Someone is also in the planning stage of a combined Poker Run, Wine Tasting and Chocolate run! This should be interesting.

The Coastal Cruise will be on January 24th –starting in Fresno. A group from SAMOA will be leaving on the 23rd and head down Hwy 49.

Several other big trips are planned this year including the Miata World celebration in May in Dallas Texas.

Vice-President – Mike DeLaurentis

New Members and Guests:

There were no visitors or new members tonight, so Mike asked Skip to tell us about himself in 2 minutes or less! Skip said he was a Miata-aholic. He had his first one in 1989 and the most recent is #11 and was bought on New Years Eve. Number 12 is on order and will be competition yellow!

US News and Report had a recent article on cars and their rankings. Miata ranks number ONE in small two-door coupes!

Al mentioned that he had two track days for his students in December. The kids from his shop spent time on the track to improve their driving skill.

Tech Talk –Bob Bacon

Tonight was Bobs first night and lots of stuff for us! One interesting note was while a new Miata fog light runs \$214 OEM, the Mercury Marauder light is identical and costs only \$65! What a savings!

Did you know that with the 42 billion deficit that the State of California has, you could buy 1.6 million Miatas!

Also, a warning on cable chains for Miatas, if they aren't real tight they can damage the wheels.

Raffle:

Tonight was the first raffle held by Jenn and Mike Sipe!

Beer – Skip

ClayBar-Fran

Car wash –John
Longnose pliers-David
Wine-Al
Wine-Betty
Polisher-buffer-Stan
Fleece Blanket and gloves- Rod
Wash Mitt-Bob C
Fleece Blanket and gloves – Bob b.
Wine Holder – Pam
Rechargeable flashlight-Frank
Bag of Rags-Ross
Black Magic Tire Shine-Denise
Quick wax-Samantha
Wash Mitt-Ross
Fleece Blanket and gloves –Skip
Wine Bag-Eric
Fleece Blanket and gloves – Eric
Wine bag- Jeff
Wine-Graeme