

SAMOA General Meeting

January 12, 2012

Black Bear Diner

SAMOA President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm. He introduced the new Board of Officers, Ellen Frosch – Vice President, Margie Jurach and Renee Araiza – Co-Secretaries, Jeanne George – Treasurer, Diana Loo – Events Coordinator, Media Director – Ron Petrich, and Newsletter Editor – Jennifer Sipe.

Robin reminded everyone to check out the SAMOA website, www.sacramentomiata.org.

Two members of the club are retiring from their day jobs, Diana Loo and Jennifer Sipe.

Jennifer gave a thumbs up to Adi for his article in this month's newsletter regarding taxes and beer. Please submit articles to Jennifer for the next newsletter. This includes pictures, discussion of events, cars, etc.

Robin introduced lifetime members in attendance Dave DeNuzzo Dennis Swaney, and Skip Noyes. Past presidents Mike D and Cat Black. Ralph sent along a flyer for an art showing benefit for the Society for the Blind, artist Paula Douglas, a blind artist who paints from her memories of when she was sighted. The showing is this Thurs – Sat, 11 – 3pm, at Park Fine Art Gallery, 2673 21st St. near Broadway in Midtown.

Robin presented some awards for members who missed last month's meeting: Denise received an emblem for leading the Scrabble Scramble and Feather River runs last year, Dennis received an emblem for the Air Museum brunch, and Dave, aka Crazy Red, received a mug for all his tech advice over the year. The decals should be affixed to your car during events/runs to show your SAMOA pride.

Robin reported on two recent events, first the Hangover run, a mild 'bob-sled' run used for training members on being sweeps, leaders, and how to move as a group, in all a nice day out.

Ken reported on the Go-Kart racing, this was the 4th time at the track for us, 10 persons attended, 4 members plus families. Your start time doesn't matter, as you are clocked as you go, lap time matters. Out of 366K racers, SAMOA members are in the 99th percentile for time. Next outing is Tuesday February 7th.

Officer Reports

Renee reported on SAMOA membership: 212 Active Members, 123 Memberships, and 133 Miatas.

Jeanne reported on hat orders, coupon to buy \$90 worth for \$45, waiting for a big order to submit. Treasury report: we have lots of \$\$.

Crazy Red gave thanks for all the business, call for any help with upgrades, etc. just call.

Adi asked why batteries run down in the cold winters. Response from Dave: Miatas have a small battery and they require use from time to time rather than just letting sit. The more you drive your Miata the longer it stays charged, drive more = more battery life. A triple charger should be ok to leave on but not a big charger. Best is to drive regularly. Ken added that you can get a 9v that plugs into the cigarette lighter, saves your presets if you unhook your battery. A battery tender is also a good investment as it monitors your voltage.

Ron Petrich told some bad jokes, and reminded us of the monthly member password.

Diana Loo, our events coordinator, told a cute joke and lead discussion on Events updates:

Skip will send in details about the pre-Coastal Cruise.

Ron reminded us to look at the posted sheet for the Super Bowl Run on 2/5/12, meet in Winters at the Chevron, it will end at Black Bear Diner in Davis.

See sheet for tentative information on Autocross and Shriners. Please contact Diana or Robin if you want to organize an event.

Vice President Ellen Frosch introduced an old/new member, John Crabtree, John is an ex Marine, retired Air Traffic Controller, and drives a 97 Black Miata.

Ron P is looking to buy a used Miata, please contact if you know of any for sale (94-97 1.8 liter NA in good to excellent condition).

Robin asked if the club was happy with our current meeting location, this was met with applause. He asked if the format of the meetings were agreeable, nods and agreement all around. Sally commented that she appreciated the Hangover Run going over the rules and practicing how to drive in a group and be sweeps, leads, and how to pull out together, as it makes the drives more enjoyable and safe.

There was discussion of Miata Olympics, looking for suggestions; Cat said she was interested in the blindfold driving event. A member (name withheld) was chided for pointing directions to the blindfolded driver, laughter all around. Gymkhana events were discussed, and we then moved on to the Raffle.

Winners:

Wine (PeenoMore) – Steve

Robin tried to give away Access 97, no takers!

Wine: Sally

Wine and Flashlight: Karen F

Car wash liquid: Renee

Calendar: Hoffman

Pickled vedgies: Karen

BBD gift card: Karen

Wine: Skip

Drink mixers: Ron

Multi-tool knife: Randy

Rechargeable Wine opener: Randy

Wine: Tabitha

Drink mixers and beer: Jackie M

Wine: Hoffman

Wine and Knife: Skip

Wine: Ron

Wine and Knife: John C

Spiced Nuts: Skip

Chocolate & Peanut Butter Bark: Paula

Stainless Steel Cork and wineglass charms: Pam

Beer: Randy H

Sausage: Tabitha

Sausage: Hoffman

Randy and Maureen gave away lemon/grapefruit hybrids.

Meeting adjourned.