

SAMOA General Meeting

February 10, 2011

Celia's

Welcome! On behalf of the officers, President Robin George welcomed everyone present. He introduced the officers; all were present and accounted for. Also among the introductions were lifetime members Dennis Swaney, Skip Noyes, Ralph Gingrich and Dave DeNuzzo. Past presidents in attendance were Mike DeLaurentis and Dave DeNuzzo.

As SAMOA was celebrated Valentine's Day, Robin went around the room with the microphone soliciting stories from the members about how they met.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

Nothing to report.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne had several things to discuss. She had recently had tire leakage problems which, after many service visits, turned out to be a rim issue. She recommends "Quick Silver Rim Repair" for their excellent service. They were the only ones who figured out the problem! Also on tires, the club has earned over \$1,000 from The Tire Rack in rebates from members ordering their tires through our web site. Way to go! She has also picked up some new attire on sale and has new hats and shirts available. See her after the meeting. Finally, there was a gift card from Tex Wasabi's/Johnny Garlic for \$50 that was regifted from a member. Through a heads/tails lottery, Rick won the card.

Then, Robin had a story.....

Technical – Ellen Frosch

Ellen's topic tonight was maintenance on your Miata. Checking air filters, fuel filters and c.v. boots. Oops, Miata's don't have c.v. boots. But they do have tie rod and axle boots that need maintenance at 30k miles. It's easy to change an air filter, just pop the clips. The fuel filter should be changed every 30k miles. Crazy Red took over from here. He mentioned that c.v. boots are not on rear wheel tires. He went on to explain about how the boots should be maintained.

Newsletter Editor – Michelle Thomas

Michelle let us know that articles need to be by the 25th this month. She will be off for a while due to surgery and Ron will assist as needed. She also mentioned that there is a 2011 Special Edition Miata that is on the market now. It is Dove Grey with grey leather interior and lots of bling.

Events Coordinator – Diana Loo

The Super bowl run had 31 cars on it this year. It was a really nice day with two groups doing the run. Robin led the spirited group while Diana led the more leisurely drivers. A good time was had by all.

Mike D. is leading a run on March 12th. The Folsom Historic Run will meet at the Park and Ride at the corner of White Rock and Latrobe in El Dorado Hills at 9 a.m. They will cruise over to Lone for lunch and then end up in Folsom at the museum for a special exhibit on the underground tunnels in Folsom and then go over to the Folsom Power House.

The annual club Autocross will be held on April 4th at Mather Field. See Jack Parker or the web page for more information.

Ron Petrich is leading a run to the Ferrari Challenge on April 30th. You will drive down to Sears Point for the annual races. Every four or five years it is a bigger event and this year it will include special Ferraris not normally seen, especially as they are not street legal. Meet at the Winter's Chevron at 7:30 to be at Infineon Raceway by 9 a.m.

Long Term:

Laguna Seca Historic Races in August. See the web page for more information.

The San Joaquin club will be holding their annual Spring Fling run soon. See their web page for more info.

Yosemite by Moonlight will be on August 13th. SAMOA is joining up with the San Joaquin club for a full moon run through Yosemite. On the way, there will be a stop at the Underground Gardens in Fresno as well as a stop on the way back at the Castle Air Force Museum. See the web page.

Remember to put the annual Ft. Bragg trip in October on your calendar.

Media Director – Ron Petrich

The password for February is "shadow". Ron has been posting various surveys on the web. Make sure you check them out and let your opinion be heard.

As usual, Ron had some stories.....

Vice-President – Jennifer Sipe

We have two new members at their first meeting tonight. Sandra Stewart is a friend of Diana Loo's from work and owns a 2007 black with tan roof. She lives in Stockton and loves to drive her Miata to commute to work in Sacramento. She has two grown kids.

New member John Perkinson has already been on a run, but this is his first meeting. He has had his 2011 Copper Red for 1 ½ weeks. He is retired but used to work in the Sac DA's office.

Michael is a visitor tonight with recent new member Bruce T. He doesn't have a Miata yet but is looking for one.

Mike DeLaurentis let us know that we are still sending out two packages a month to soldiers. Keep on bringing in items to keep the boxes filled. Check out the web for a list of needed items. Cash is also accepted!

Raffle

Chocolate and Teddy bear – Margaret

Hose nozzle for car washes – Margaret

Armor All – Clay

Car Wash – Diana

Gift cert for Brew It Up Grill – Chris

Traveling mug set – Rod

Nuts – Chris

Champagne and candy – Randy

Vodka – Diana

Chocolate and Teddy bear – Paula

Gift cert. to Burr's Fountain – Michelle

Trader Joes Ale – Chris

Towels – Bruce

Wine – Hoffman's

HP Driving Day – Margaret

10 Piece LED light set – Jim

Wine – Clay

Nuts – Skip

Wine – Rod

NASCA Track day – Skip

Champagne – Vince

Screwdriver kit – Vince

Wine – Clay

Calendar - Rick

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40