

SAMOA Member meeting 4/11/2013

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7 PM with a tribute to Annette Funicello. He then welcomed all to the meeting, and reminded us why we are here. Robin introduced the Board of Officers, Lifetime Members, and Past Presidents. He then encouraged members to run for office in the next election.

The prior weekend several Miatas went to the California Auto Museum, along with a display of Miata and SAMOA memorabilia. Member Jackie McClure commented that the display was awesome, and encouraged others to go see it. Evil Genius Racking put in a race car and also offered a tech day with dyno at their shop. Robin thanked the members who gave up use of their cars for the month. Renee gave the member report, 125 memberships, 207 members, and 140 Miatas. She also mentioned she sadly gave up her own Miata. Good news though is that the McClures added a new Miata, a white '06.

Jeanne gave the treasurers report, she has hats ordered and available at \$6 each, SAMOA etched wine glasses (4 left) \$4 each, magnets for \$1 each, more sweatshirts and other items can be ordered if needed. SAMOA filed taxes, and random gifts were given out to members. They were (nearly) empty boxes, as the club really didn't have any left over money.

Ron discussed with the members some website issues, including the current password, an issue you may see with the event page if your browser doesn't automatically refresh to new information (you may need to do a manual refresh), and he mentioned there are some issues when viewing the website with your smart phone, sometimes there are pictures but no words, as some browsers don't display the site correctly. There is a mention in the Nov. 2010 Miatatudes that goes over these issues.

Diana discussed past events: The Peanuts Museum tour was nearly cancelled, but then another member stepped up to lead it. Ellen reported that it was a fun run, they saw a cool hologram as well.

Future events were then discussed; please see the Events page on the website for more details of these fun events:

Sonoma Historic races, the Dammed Run, Hair in the Wind, Autocross, Kirkwood pancake run, Greenhaven Estates run, Bethel Island 50's Bash, Fountains Car Show, the Oregon run, and the Lassen run.

We all then sang Happy Birthday to Diana, and cake was served.

Jack gave the Tech Talk, he asked us to send questions by email before meetings and he will be happy to then discuss them at the meeting. He mentioned some new tires good for auto-crossing.

Ellen introduced new member Dave Elsner, who has a 2001 SE Nardi Touring, 34K miles, British Racing Green with tan.

Jenn already got 1 sign up for the Christmas Party, please sign up, it's never too soon.

Dan, of Grease Monkey/Crazy Red Italian, gave some vintage Miata shirts for the raffle.

Raffle prizes: Candle – Lee; Coffee flavorings – Margaret; Wine opener set – Graeme; Beer – Bob R x2, Bob B; Armor all and Invisible Glass – Bob C; Coffee and tea – Lee, Dot; T shirts – Margaret; Bob R, Bob B; Totes vacuum – Robin; WD-40 – Bruce; Wax & cloths – Rod; Wine & coffee: Carole, Jackie, Karen; Wine & Olives – Bruce; Wine – Skip & Renee; Tapenade & Bruschette – Barbara; Car wash & cloths – Bob B; Tire foam & Armor all – Jim; Liquor – Kathy; Mikes Hard – Karen.

Meeting adjourned.