

SAMOA Member Meeting 4/12/12

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm, thanking all for coming in spite of the bad weather. Robin announced that we will be losing two of our members soon, as Pam and Randy Hunt are moving to Colorado.

Robin introduced the Board of Officers, lifetime members, and past presidents. He also introduced Terese Davis, noting that her book 'Just Miatas' is available for purchase, and she will do some book signings after the meeting.

Ellen gave us all an update on Graeme Kinsey, he had surgery in March, they were able to save both his eyes, extensive reconstruction, and he still has his beautiful smile. Ellen read a lovely note from him thanking SAMOA members for their kind words and support.

Robin mentioned he recently took and passed his test for driving a school bus, and told a cute bus joke.

Margie gave the membership report: 129 Memberships, 220 Members, and 141 Miatas in SAMOA, and announce that if you are a new member this year please pick up your membership cards at her table. If you don't have a membership card please let her know and she will bring you one at the June meeting.

Jeanne mentioned clothing and hat sales. She has items on the side table for sale.

It was discussed that we have collected funds for support our troops, there's still a link on the SAMOA website to donate. It was suggested to roll the donations over to the Wounded Warrior fund as troops are being brought home.

Robin mentioned that if you have a classic car you can now get the retro license plates (Black with yellow or blue with yellow letters).

Skip mentioned that front license plate tickets are \$10 if from CHP but city PD can be as much as a red light ticket.

Mike gave a tech report on catalytic converters, discussion the redox reaction that takes place. When the converter goes bad you get decreased performance and rotten egg smell.

Diana discussed SAMOA events, starting with past events. Rod reported on the OTM run which ended up being a Starbucks run due to weather.

4/20&21 is the SJVMC Spring Fling Poker Run.

4/21 is Adi's Lake Berryessa/Pope Valley run, ending at Cucina Italiana, will be at a leisurely pace to enjoy the scenery. Meet at 9am at the Chevron in Winters.

April 29 is the Ferrari Challenge, contact Ron if you are going.

5/3 – 6 is Miata's in Moab, Margie, Ellen, Skip, and Clay are going, maybe also DT.

5/20 is the Club Autocross Championships, fun, safe, and low key.

Rod discussed the changes to the former Concours d'Elegance; car clubs will be charged a corral fee, not allowed in concours, costly, no free lunch or drink tickets. There was not a lot of interest in pursuing attendance at this event under new requirements.

7/12-15 is Explore Oregon, Willa met Valley Miata Club, Cat mentioned they are a very nice club, & Ashland was much closer than Portland for this year's event.

8/18 Monterrey Motorsports event

9/8 the Big Event – FunKHana in Nevada City

Ken announced go-cart racing 4/17

Jenn asked about Laguna Seca, Don reported on track until dounpours, Skip spent Saturday under a leaky canopy, he had his car signed by Tom Matano, so did Terese Davis.

Elk Grove Mazda postponed the Grand Opening for now, no new date as of yet, June meeting will be there still though.

Ellen introduced new members and visitors. Mike has a '95 Montego Blue that he rebuilt from the ground up; he works at Firestone in the Sunrise Mall. Richard wants a Miata, he's retired, into motorcycles and sports cars. Bruce and Veronica have a 2011 Silver, it was on his Bucket List, Bruce is retired from DOJ.

Teresa discussed her book, and how it is about her experiences in buying and selling Miatas after reconditioning them.

Jennifer announced that there will be an opinion page on the newsletter for members to speak out about their Miatas and experiences.

Robin announced that the Tire Rack deal and benefit to SAMOA (link on the webpage) is expiring soon.

Raffle winners:

Wine – Terese, Chris & Diana, Bruce, Terese again; Vodka – Kathy, Ralph; Pretzels – Chris & Diana; Car wash – Ralph; Armor All & microfiber towel– Renee; Wine Cooler/Bottle Holder – Mike; Car wax and microfiber towel – Ellen; Wax and Dry – Maureen; Cutting Board – Margaret; Wine stoppers – Renee; Beer – Bruce, Mike D; Book – Maureen, Clark; Turkish Delights – Chris & Diana; Sprayer – Jim.