

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 12, 2018, 7:00 PM

President Robin George called the meeting to order and introduced the founding members and lifetime members present.

Announcements

The club will be participating in the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Program designed to recognize veterans who served during the war. If you served in the armed forces between November 1st, 1955 and May 15th, 1975, you are eligible to be recognized through this program regardless of whether or not you served in Vietnam. To be recognized, please send you name to Robin George by **May 15th**. Each veteran will be honored with a pin, certificate and flag.

The club's birthday picnic is scheduled for September 8th this year at the Windwalker Winery. We hope all club members will attend.

The latest edition of the newsletter is up on the website. The next issue will be published July 1st. If you have articles or photos you would like to appear in the newsletter, please send them to Jennifer Sipes.

SAMOA Needs You! -- It's not too early to start thinking about running for a club office. Some of our long-serving officers will be retiring at the end of this year, so we need new members to step up and help lead our club. If you are interested – or just want more information – please contact Robin George.

Any member who needs a SAMOA decal for their car or a membership card, contact Michele Nanjo.

Presentation

Madalene Ransom gave a presentation on her 7000-mile round-trip drive to Deadhorse, Alaska with her buddy, Ed. Deadhorse is the northern-most place you can drive to in the U.S. and the last 300 miles were fraught with challenge. But, Madalene and Ed's plucky Miatas made it through – much to the astonishment of all the locals they met. We thank Madalene for sharing her adventure and offer many kudos to her and Ed for making the arduous trip up into the Arctic Circle.

Past Events

“Miatas on Display” at the California Auto Museum is over now, but was very well received by all the museum goers. We look forward to participating in this event again in the future.

Upcoming SAMOA Events

Reminder: Please RSVP for any event you will be attending. This is very important, especially if we are stopping for lunch where we need a head count. It helps the organizer know how many cars to expect and ensures you won't be left behind if you're running a little late. It also allows the organizer to contact you in case of a change of plans, such as a change of meeting place or cancellation. Full details of all planned events are posted on the club website.

- 04/14 Angwin/Gotts II – Jack Parker
- 04/14 Delta Miata Spring Fling Run – Denise Correia (vavi@cns4u.com)
- 05/12 Number 30 Run – Jack Parker
- 06/16 Down the River Run (tentative date) – Norm Swanberg
- 06/30 SAMOA at the Rivercats – Ellen Frosch
- 07/15 Steve & Beth's Birthday Fun Run – Steve Cimini
- 09/14-16 Miata's at ~~Mazda~~ Laguna Seca Raceway – Rick Weldon
 - This event has been confirmed!
- 10/05-08 Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run – Vince Weis/Kathi Bell
- 10/16-21 SCCA National Championship Runoffs – Ron Petrich
- 12/13 Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party

Reminders

Club Logo Merchandise – The club has window decals as well as 6" magnetic decals available. Contact Michele Nanjo or Jeanne George for details.

Facebook page – The club has a private Facebook page for members only. The name is **Sacramento Miata Club** and all members are encouraged to join. This group is intended for car stuff only, so post stories or information that would interest other SAMOA members. Also, if you could use some advice about your Miata, someone on the page will probably be able to help you.

To join, please submit a request to jeanne@winfirst.com and give her your Facebook user name. One of our administrators will add you to the group.

SAMOA Member Discounts – Our members enjoy free admission to the California Auto Museum and also a 15% discount at Elk Grove Mazda. Be ready to show your membership card and if you don't have one, please contact Michele Nanjo and she'll get you one.

Our next monthly meeting will be May 10th, 2018.

Please contact Michele Nanjo if you have any corrections or additions to these minutes.

Happy driving!