

## SAMOA General Meeting

April 14, 2011

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Robin opened the meeting....and the rest was history! The usual introductions of our illustrious BOO were done. Those present were Vice-President-Jennifer Sipes, Secretary-Pam Hunt, Treasurer-Jeanne George, Media Director-Ron Petrich, Events Coordinator-Diana Loo, Technical Advisor-Ellen Frosch and Newsletter Editor-Michelle Thomas. Several of our lifetime members were also present tonight, including Skip Noyes, Dennis Swaney, Dave DeNuzzo, Ralph Gingrich and the McCameys. Past Presidents in attendance were Mike DeLaurentis, Dave DeNuzzo and Robin George.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Secretary-Pam Hunt**

There is nothing really new. We currently have 238 members, 150 memberships, and 158 beautiful Miatas in our club.

#### **Treasurer-Jeanne George**

We have money coming in from new members on a regular basis. Some attire is available-see Jeanne if you are interested.

#### **Technical Advisor-Ellen Frosch**

Ellen reviewed some data about the possibility of radiation from the Japan earthquake affecting the production and output of cars and parts coming from overseas car makers. Due to rotating outages, there has been an impact on production Japanese cars, parts and semi-conductors for electronic parts. Mazda temporarily restarted production on March 22 for only their best selling cars, but stopped again on April 28<sup>th</sup>. All car production in Japan was stopped then until further notice. There may be more information available in mid-June. The reports of cars or parts being radioactive have been denied. Testing has been done on both and reports say they are clean, but as not everything is being tested, it is really hard to prove.

#### **Events Coordinator-Diana Loo**

A nice group showed up for Whale Watching last weekend, but everyone was pretty much blown off Bodega Head. There was a very nice drive over to the coast, followed by a great lunch, but the wind didn't cooperate. No whales could have been seen through the waves!

On April 16, Delta is having a Wildflower Run through the foothills, with lunch planned in Volcano. Please meet behind the Chevron Station at 8501 Bond Rd. in Elk Grove at 8:15 for an 8:45 departure.

Sunday, April 17 will be SAMOA's annual Autocross Championship. It will be held at Mather with access to the track starting a 7 a.m. and racing starting at 8.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Ron is leading a group down to Infineon Raceway for the Ferrari Challenge. Meet at Winters for an 8a.m. departure.

The San Joaquin club will be holding their Spring Fling Poker Run on April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see their website for more details.

Skip Noyes will head over to Bolinas to the Audubon Canyon Ranch to view the Snowy Egret and Heron nesting site there on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the McDonalds in Davis at 9 am.

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Adi will lead a group up to Clear Lake. More information to come. Please see the website.

The Show and Shoot to the annual Murphy's Car Show will be led by Mike Wilson on June 25<sup>th</sup>. An award will be give to the best picture submitted to the website after the show. More information will be posted soon.

Mt Lassen will be the destination of a group led by Ron Petrich on July 30-31<sup>st</sup>. A nice drive on Saturday and a stay in Chester Saturday night will be followed by an attempt for the Lassen summit on Sunday morning. For those less crazy, a trip down to Bumpass Hell, a bubbling mud pot, will be hiked in place of the summit. Check the website for more information.

On August 13-14, Mike DeLaurentis will lead SAMOA to Yosemite National Park to view the full moon under the stars. Along the way will be a stop at the Underground gardens in Fresno and on the way back will be a stop at the Castle Air Force Museum. The group reservation is already full, but reservations may still be found at other locations. See the website for a link to other places to stay.

The Scrabble Scramble is being planned, tentatively for September 17<sup>th</sup>. Denise Correia will get us more information as the plans firm up.

SAMOA's annual birthday party will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Windwalker Winery. Hold the date for more information.

Also, finally, don't forget the Annual Fort Bragg trip on Columbus Day weekend, October 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available later this year.

### **Media Director-Ron Petrich**

Ron had another true story for us!

### **Newsletter Editor-Michelle Thomas**

There have been many really true stories in the newsletter lately. Keep them coming!

### **Vice-President-Jennifer Sipe**

We have two new members with us tonight – Christy Barden and Paul Y’Barra.

Paul is a baker by trade and had his first run last weekend. He own a 2000 Midnight Blue Miata

Christy owns a 2000 Special Edition-Mahogany. He has to list it as Maroon as the DMV does not acknowledge Mahogany as a color for cars! He used to be a commercial pilot.

Crazy Red had a word of advice for all us Miata owners concerning keeping your car water tight. Make sure everything stays dry by checking your drains and rain rails. Your car can end up with mold and mildew problems if leaks are not paid attention to.

### **Loose Items**

Ralph wanted to thank all those that contributed to his National Federation for the Blind bike-a-thon.

Ellen wanted to warn people to get insurance when you purchase any of the new generation cell phones. She dropped her new SMART Phone 4 days after buying it and it was not covered....

Denise wanted to remind everyone to have an extra key available outside your car. She had problems at Yosemite last week and was unable to start her car because of the keyless lock.

Mike Wilson let everyone know that he works at Americas Tire. He said that make sure your tires are in shape and that if you need new ones, let him know-he can get you a deal. Also, Mike is a docent at the California Auto Museum. They recently had Gov. Browns old Plymouth Fury on display next to Linda Ronstadt’s Porsche Targa. There were a lot of memories in that display!

Raffle

Wine-Ellen

Wireless outdoor thermometer – Vince

Car wash – Maureen

Wind rack – Kathy

Winter Brew Beer – Skip

T-shirt and car care kit – Rick

Wine – Paul

Winter brew – John

Travel mug set – Kathleen

Flashlight – Elaine

Wine – Robin

Snack mix – Elaine

Dark ale – Rod

Beer – Sharon

Ratchet set – Ron

Tshirt and car care kit – Graeme

Wine – Dick

Winter brew – Don

Wine – Bob

Adjourned at 8:25.