

**Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association**  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
**May 9, 2019, 7:00 PM**

President Martin Boersma called the meeting to order. He recognized the founding and lifetime members.

Announcements

- The officers went to Bank of America on May 4<sup>th</sup> and updated the signature cards.
- Anyone who needs a membership card, contact our secretary, Michele Nanjo.
- Roseville Mazda is closing!
- Elk Grove Mazda wants to host SAMOA for another show 'n shine.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in May is Memorial Day weekend. We will NOT be having a breakfast meeting at Brookfields that day.

Farewell to Robin & Jeanne

As many of you know, Robin and Jeanne George will be moving to Tennessee in a few weeks. Given their outstanding service to SAMOA over the last 22 years, the club is honoring them with a Memorial Day barbeque at Ron Petrich's house, 905 Sonoma Way, Sacramento. The party will run from 4:00-8:00PM on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. All food will be provided by the club. Bring your own drinks and a chair and make sure to **RSVP to Ron directly either by email or by text to 916-601-5338**. See you there!

Website Redesign

Ron Petrich, our longtime webmaster, will be shutting down his Yahoo account in October. This means the club will need to create a new website. Monte has volunteered to build the new site which he plans to have up and running in parallel with the old site in a couple of months. The new platform we will be using is BlueHost and will be cheaper than Yahoo. The site itself will be built using WordPress which will make the site easier to maintain as well. The old site will go offline in October.

Part of redesigning the website entails reviewing the information we post on the site. The board has noted that the club currently posts member information on the members-only page that we feel is no longer appropriate to make available, such as members' addresses. This issue was discussed and the members present came to the consensus that only members' names and emails should be posted on our site. Martin will be sending out an email to the rest of our members to determine if there is any disagreement with this. If not, then the new site will only contain this member information. All of the public content on our current site, such as past newsletters, will be moved over to the new site.

It was also agreed that member passwords will be changed only every three months instead on monthly as they are now.

Email

The club has a new GMail account. You should have received an email about it. If you have any questions, contact Monte Hudock.

### Future Modernizations

In addition to updating our website, the club hopes to provide other modern conveniences in the future such as the ability to renew memberships and pay dues or other fees online. Since credit cards and PayPal charge processing fees, it may be necessary to increase member dues to cover the costs of online payments. The board will keep the club updated on developments.

### Autocross at the Stockton Fairgrounds

The club has an opportunity to participate in an auto cross run at the Stockton fairgrounds. The date has not been set, but if anyone is interested, email any board member. The event will consist of a run to the Stockton fairgrounds followed by the auto cross which will consist of 6 laps. The cost for auto cross is as follows:

1-10 cars -- \$50/car

11+ cars -- \$40/car

You may also rent a Porsche 911, Ferrari, or Lamborghini for the race for \$90

### Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt

Another potential future event is a road rally/scavenger hunt. If you're interested, let the board know.

### Insurance

Our club insurance protects us in the event the club is sued. However, in most cases, if you have an accident on a club run, your own auto insurance will be what covers you. As such, all members are reminded to bring proof of insurance on all runs

### Upcoming SAMOA Events

**Reminders: 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. **Club members are strongly encouraged to bring radios when attending runs in case of emergency and to avoid anyone getting lost.**

- 5/12 Bel Air Cars & Coffee
- 5/18 Return to Gotts Roadside – Ron Petrich
- 5/27 Farewell to Robin & Jeanne – Ron Petrich
- 6/8 Zoom Zoom in June – Monte Hudock
- 6/13 Regular Meeting at Black Bear Diner
- 6/22 Monthly Breakfast & Run at Brookfields
- 6/23 Porsche Club Road Rally & Poker Run
  - All proceeds to benefit Paradise victims
- 7/5 Miatas at the Fountains in Roseville
  - **We need a minimum of 25 cars for this event!**
- 10/5 CAM CruiseFest – Rod Gonzalez

- 10/11-13 Miata's at Laguna Seca 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event
- 10/11-14 Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run – Weis/Bell
- 12/1 Rally for Kids – Rod Gonzalez
- 12/12 SAMOA Christmas Party
- ? Capay Valley Run – Adi Damania
- ? Down the River Run – Norm Swanberg
- ? Steve & Beth's Fun Run to Truckee – Steve Cimini

### Reminders

Anyone interested in **purchasing a radio** to use during club runs should see our website for information on recommended brands and prices.

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

**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](mailto: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 at 7:00 p.m., June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Black Bear Diner.**

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

Happy driving!