

Samoa Members Meeting 05/10/2012

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm, welcoming the members and guests to the May meeting. He discussed our loss of two friends, Pam (former SAMOA Secretary) and Randy Hunt. Jenn asked Pam and Randy to come up front to receive some gifts for their new home at 10,000 ft elevation in Colorado, an ice scraper which they will likely need often, and for those rare days in which they need air-conditioning, a hand fan.

As our VP, Ellen, was still vacationing, Jenn introduced some visitors, John, Karen's son, who is looking for a hand-me-down Miata, as well as some new members:

- Lee Galotti drives an '07 Galaxy Grey (arguably the most beautiful color... in the opinion of the secretary). Lee is from So-Cal, and has only lived in the area since December. Lee is formerly a professor at the University of Phoenix, enjoys photography, and is looking forward to many events, including the upcoming trip to Oregon.
- Joe Conely drives a '90 Red, acquired through his son who races Miatas, it was a mix of two cars; Joe is retired.
- Grant Conely drives a '95 White Miata, and races Spec Miatas.

Robin then introduced the BOO, the attending Lifetime members, and former BOO. He indicated you can become a Lifetime Member after 17 years of paying dues.

He then introduced Rachael Van Cleave, the Social Media Coordinator for Maita Mazda and Subaru. Rachael announced Maita is building a new Mazda dealership, which they will invite us to the open house when they have one, and let us know Maita's interest in helping us out with future events. She also handed out some \$20 off Coupons and suggested we 'Like' them on Facebook for more coupons.

Graeme is in his second week of chemo treatments, no major side effects yet. He thanked everyone for their emails and well wishes.

Jeanne mentioned the Miata products for sale, including hats and shirts, and passed on that Margie said to tell everyone if they would like a new membership card or decal to let her know.

Robin asked that we RSVP for the next monthly meeting which will be held at Elk Grove Mazda.

Routes for the Big Event (Sept. 8th and 9th) are in progress. Mike D is newly retired and so is away on vacation, but will post details when available. Be sure to book a room ASAP.

The SAMOA Birthday Picnic (Sept. 23rd) is still in planning stage but info will be posted when available.

Mike gave his Tech Report – asked us to read the newsletter article on wheels, size really does matter.

Renee gave the membership report 125 Memberships, 137 Miata's, and 212 Active Members.

Diana reported on events:

- Pope Valley Run: 15 cars, 28 persons, nice, easy beginner run. Dinner was enjoyable, beautiful scenery.
- There will be a Mystery Run put on by the Delta Club this Saturday, May 12th, bring a light jacket and toll, there will be sunshine, and prizes awarded. See their website for more info.
- Club Autocross is May 20th, see website for more info, 12 registered so far.
- Run around Tahoe, Ralph Gingrich is putting on this run again, June 24th, meet at Whiterock park and ride; 8:30 departure, Lunch at Jakes on the Lake, @ 11:30, miniature golf game as well.
- Explore Oregon, July 12 – 15th, Willamette Valley Miata, see SAMOA website for more info.
- Aug. 18th is Monterey Motorsports, this year they celebrate the Shelby Cobra.
- Oct. 5 – 8th, Fort Bragg Weekend, see website for more info.
- Dec. 8th is the Christmas Party, hosted by Jenn and Mike Sipe again at Vince's in Elk Grove, featuring Jason Carmel.

Let Diana know if you are planning an event or would like to put one on.

Tire rack sponsorship ends in September.

Dave discussed his trip to New Orleans, and his Mooata sighting (accessorizing to the extreme.)

Skip mentioned everyone who didn't go missed a great run to Moab. (Thanks honey for rubbing it in.)
The next run in 2 years will NOT be to Moab, but to Zion and Bryce Canyon instead.

Raffle Prizes:

Sake: Bruce C and Jeanne (who traded Skip for his Winter Brews)

Armor All: Ken

Margarita and Bloody Mary Mixers: Renee

Car Wash: Karen, Jim S

Wine Rack: Rachael

Casserole cozy and chocolate bar: Doug

Wine: Clay, Rod, Jim, Renee, Veronica, Doug; Wine in a gift bag: Don U

BBQ sauce: Don U

Jordan almonds: Yahoti

Mazda book and bag: Clay; Mazda book and Lanyard: Jim S

Beer in a basket: Doug N

Olives: Maureen