

SAMOA General Meeting

May 12, 2011

Celia's

Robin opened the meeting as usual, but then the BOO took control in order to celebrate Robin's birthday! We sang and celebrated with a cake that Mike and Jenn Sipe brought! Happy Birthday Robin!

At the last BOO meeting, the purchase of new club banners were approved. Robin got a great deal for 2 new 4' x 6' banners that look great. One was on the back wall at Celia's.

Ron led us through the location of the Easter Eggs for the first Easter Egg hunt on Samoa's web pages. There were 12 Easter eggs hidden on the Samoa's web and the challenge was to find and document all 12 eggs. Thirty three members tried, but when it came to the end, only three succeeded – Jenn Sipe, Robin George and Dennis Strassburger. They were awarded a certificate and a \$5 McDonalds card.

Jeanne, subbing for Jack Parker, then announced this year's SAMOA Autocross winners. For first place in the Novice category was Chuck Garvin, Class 1 first place went to Rich Kelley and the Class three winner was Ken Johnson. The overall fastest time winner was Rod Gonzalez.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

Pam reported the current numbers for the club: Memberships: 138, Members: 219 and Miatas: 147. She also had the membership cards for the most recent new members and handed those out. The rest will be mailed.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne mentioned that she has two hats and one long sleeve t-shirt left in inventory. Please let her know if you would like one of the items. She will order more when the prices are better. She also mentioned that we are still sending out two packages a month to the soldiers. Mike and Helen DeLaurentis coordinate this activity and are always in need of items to put in the boxes or money to purchase them. Please continue to support this project.

The BOO is currently working on plans for our Birthday party this fall, to be held on Sunday September 25th. As usual, it will be held at WindWalker Winery. This year, it will be catered by JR's Tex BBQ. IN the past, the cost for food has run us \$10-12 per person which the club has covered. With the expanded menu that JR's is offering us, the cost will be \$15 per person plus the additional cost the club has including renting chairs, balloons, etc. The BOO presented an offer to the club that each member contribute \$5 to the cost of the party and the club will pick up the other \$10. The vote was unanimously approved to do that. As normal, all reservations will require a \$15 deposit, paid ahead of the picnic. The day of the picnic, when you show up, \$10 will be returned. We will also be taking a collection for a charity, yet to be decided.

Events Coordinator – Diana Loo

On May 29th, Ellen and Denise will lead us to join up with Tom and Marna Wood, from Miata Fun, on the first part of their two week Lava and Water Tour. The tour will pass through Auburn, Grass Valley and the Feather River Canyon. Meet them in the parking lot of the Fairfield Inn, 10745 Gold Center Dr. in Rancho Cordova. See the web site for more information.

Adi will lead a run to Upper Clear Lake on July 18th. Meet at 8 am at the McDonald in Davis for a day of antiquing and shopping.

On June 25th, Mike Wilson will lead a group to the Murphys/Volcano area for a “Show and Shoot”. You will be visiting the fourth Annual Murphys Classic Car Show, among other places. Bring your cameras as the best pictures, voted on by the SAMOA membership, will receive gas cards as prizes!

Mt Lassen will be the site for some intrepid climbers and other easy hikers on July 30-31st. Ron Petrich will lead a group to Mt Lassen and an overnight stay at the Best Western in Chester. On Sunday morning, those more able bodied will do a climb of Mt Lassen. Others in the group will enjoy some of the other features of the Mt. Lassen Park such as Bumpass Hell.

Yosemite by Moonlight will be on August 13th. SAMOA is joining up with the San Joaquin club for a full moon run through Yosemite. On the way, there will be a stop at the Underground Gardens in Fresno as well as a stop on the way back at the Castle Air Force Museum. Make sure you get your reservations in Merced, our room block is full, but there are other places to stay.

The Scrabble Scramble is back this year, earlier than usual – August 26th-27th. The start will be in Sutter Creek this year, with the run winding through the Amador hills. Get your reservations in at the Days Inn in Sutter Creek if you plan to stay for the evening. The cost will be \$50 per person this year.

Remember to put the annual Ft. Bragg trip in October on your calendar.

Technical – Ellen Frosch

Ellen’s topic tonight was oil gauges. Most Miata drivers do not know that their oil gauge on the dash is just an indicator that there is oil pressure, not how much. Only in the “A” series was there a true oil gauge that accurately showed the pressure. If you desire to change your gauge to a ‘real’, there are parts available to do so. She also showed us nine low tech gadgets that are nice to have on/for your car, including a tire pressure gauge, power inverters, and lighting accessories.

Media Director – Ron Petrich

Ron will be collecting newsletter articles this month. Our editor, Michelle Thomas, will be unable to continue as Editor due to personal reasons. If you feel up to a challenge, let the BOO know.

Vice-President – Jennifer Sipe

We have three new members with us tonight. Dennis Weirzerba has been in the club for a little while, but this is his first meeting. He has a 2008 Grey Miata. Gary has a 1991 Red with only 79,000 original miles on it! He bought it new 20 years ago. He is retired. Craig and Carol Rossiter have a 2010 Copper Red. They are retired and like to travel, among other things. Craig was in law enforcement in Vacaville.

Raffle

Tool bag & light – Mike

Cleaner & light – Rich

Towel & light – Margaret

Wine & light – Dennis

Towels & light – Ralph

Beer & light – Chris

Car soap & light – Jeanne

Wine – Sally

Screwdriver set – Graeme

Beer – Ken

Wine – Randy

Pliers set – Doug

Wine – Doug

Air compressor – Kathy

Winter brew – Rich

Car towels & light – Vince

Rotary tool set – Margaret

Wine – Kathy

Brandy – Paul

Cheesecake – Helen

Cheesecake – Skip

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40