

## SAMOA General Meeting

May 14, 2009

Tex Wasabi

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm. As usual he raved about our wonderful cars and reminded us that we have the best sports car ever! Robin then introduced the Board of Officers: Mike DeLaurentis- vice-president, Pam Hunt – Secretary and Jack Parker–Events coordinator. The following board members were absent: Jeanne, Ron, Bob and Mark. He also introduced lifetime members Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney and past presidents Cat Black and Mike DeLaurentis.

A special thanks goes out to new members Leonard and Connie Gaetz for their write up on the Spring Run. They “volunteered” at the drivers meeting and did a great job!

On a more serious note (yes we do get serious-rarely) Robin asked the members to please honor their RSVP's to events where numbers need to be known-like when food is being provided. Over 50 people had responded to the Detail Clinic and food was bought for that amount. With only 34 showing up, there was a lot of food left, and money wasted. Please honor your commitments.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Secretary – Pam Hunt**

We are growing faster than I can type! We now have 214 members, 130 memberships and 137 Miatas!

#### **Treasurer –Robin for Jeanne George**

Robin mentioned, despite the current economy, that the club has money! We currently have over \$11,000 in our various accounts! There is still apparel available for sale – let Jeanne or Robin know what you want.

#### **Events Director – Jack Parker**

The Shriners Concours will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Rod Gonzalez is coordinating for SAMOAWWE have 19 cars signed up for the event- a record for us! Remember to bring your fire extinguisher!

Robin and Jeanne will be sponsoring a “Meet, Greet and Eat: get together on May 31<sup>st</sup>. This is going to be a lunch at Logans Roadhouse and will be a general meeting for those who can't make it to general meetings!

There will be a Full Moon Eve Run on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It will start at Duckhorn and Arena Blvd Starbucks, 3230 Arena Blvd, Sacramento at 7 pm. Bring your chairs and champagne to howl at the moon.

The Farmland Trail Run will be hosted by Mike and Marlaina Wilson on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be exploring the small farms and nurseries in the Sebastapool area.

The annual Kirkland Run will be held on June 27. Instead of breakfast, there will be a lunch this year. More to come.

Glacier Park in Montana will be the destination of this week long run from July 17-24. Check it out on the Samoa Website.

The Annual Scrabble Scramble will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, starting in Folsom. The hotel we used last year, the Marriott, has lowered its rates this year for us and it should be another fun day. Denise Correia is the sponsor of this run. The cost will be \$30 per person which includes lunch and dinner. T-shirts are also available for an extra \$20 each. Skip is working on routing the run for this event.

Also coming up this fall will be the annual Fort Bragg run on Oct 9-12, a "Tech" day on Oct 17, and a Halloween Run on Oct 31-Nov.1 to Virginia City. Check out the web for more information on all of these, and many more from other clubs in the region.

There was an informal Web page poll on Samoa's website for voting on a new logo. There were several choices plus the option to stay with the one that we currently use. Surprisingly, 42% chose to stay with our current logo!

We will be starting shortly on planning our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Samoa. Our birthday is next September and we will be coming up with some fun ideas. Stay tuned.

Last and almost forgotten....

### **Vice-President – Mike DeLaurentis**

There are several important birthdays to celebrate tonight. Skip Noyes, one of our founding members turned 60 this past week and president Robin George has #62 today! The BOO gave Robin a card and gift certificate to Hooters and we all sang to both of them.

We have two guests tonight visiting. Erick Ackroyd just bought a '91 Silver and swears it's the ugliest car around. He has plans to fix it up. He is retired from a Marketing and Sales job.

Jim Lobsitz and Linda Smallwood have a '95 red. Linda works for the State and Jim is retired from State Farms Insurance. Their purchase has a story. Jim was unable to find a Miata online to buy. He checked the yellow pages for Miata repairs and such and came upon our very own Crazy Red. Red referred him to our founding father Skip, who didn't have any cars to sell right now. Skip referred them to Therese (with SJVMC) who restores and fixes up Miatas to sell and a deal was made! Now that's a referral!

Raffle

Windshield washer – Judy

Corkscrew – Patrick

Wine –Bob

Starbucks gift card – Randy

Wine –Judy

Cooler-Connie and Bob

Umbrella-Robin (Happy Bday from Denise)

Wine for Dummies – Pam

Car wash clothes- Connie

McDonalds Gift Certificate – Eric

Wine -Skip

Detailer and cloth – Robin

Windshield Washer Fluid – Laina

Corkscrew - Skip

Starbucks gift card – Mario

Chair – Neal

Car Protector and cloth – Laina

Wine – Skip

Detailer and cloth - Patrick

McDonalds Gift Certificate – Kathy

Wine- Linda

Chair – Mac

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

