

SAMOA Meeting
June 9, 2011
Celia's Restaurant
By Jeanne George

7:00 pm, following several advance warnings, Robin opened the meeting with "It's meeting time". He announced that the meeting would be a shorter one with few Officer Reports so that members could convene in the parking lot to look at the Miatas. A round of applause followed and he asked "Are you clapping because we are finally getting started or because we will have a shorter meeting?"

The Crazy Red Italian, David was introduced early so he could meet his family at a school program. He indicated he would not be able to attend the July meeting but could be reached at his shop. He presented several items of Miata "electronic gremlins" and described various heat related problems for the Miata cooling system accompanied with his personal sound effects.

Robin quickly introduced Vice-president Jen Sipe, Treasurer Jeanne George, Events Coordinator Diana Loo, Media and Webmaster Ron Petrich. He indicated that Secretary Pam Hunt was under the weather and Ellen Frosch was detained at work and both were unable to attend. He introduced SAMOA Lifetime members: Skip Noyes, Dennis Swaney and David DeNuzzo.

Events Coordinaor: Diana Loo introduced the leaders for upcoming events

June 18: Run to Upper Clear Lake, Adi Damania gave details of his event

June 19: Kirkwood Pancakes, Ron Petrich indicated there may be some diversion because of the snowstorms last week

July 30-31: Assault on Mount Lassen, Ron indicated that the summit trail was closed and other activities were being planned. Although the deadline has passed, there are still rooms available and the discount rate is still good. Check the web page for updates and phone number

June 25: Show & Shoot, Mike Wilson talked about this event and gave details regarding the photo contest and voting, car show in Murphys, food options and that the event was a "go" since gasoline prices were dropping.

July 17: SAMOA at the State Fair, Robin indicated this year our spot will be the first Sunday of the fair and show attendees will get free admission. There will be a sign up sheet to "watch the cars" for 2 hours otherwise you can wander the fair grounds.

Diana announced two recently added events: Castello di Amorosa Winery Event to a Tuscan Castle by Pam and Randy Hunt on July 23 and the SAMOA Christmas dinner on December 3 which Jen Sipe is organizing. Jen indicated the event will be at Vince's Ristorante in Elk Grove and will be Italian food.

Oct. 7-10: Ft. Bragg trip, Kathi Bell talked about the event and indicated there is an abalone festival that weekend also. A group drive is planned and rooms are still available.

Member Paula Zicker announced she will be singing at free concerts in Auburn Park on July 1, 2 and 3 and all were invited to attend.

Aug. 26-27: Diana mentioned the SAMOA Scrabble Scramble will be held in Sutter Creek and registration forms are on the web page

Sep. 25: SAMOA 21st Birthday will be held at Windwalker Winery

Vice-President-Jennifer Sipe

Jen amused the group with several short comments then introduced newest members Bob and Lynn Wiedman. Bob talked about their recently purchased 2008 Silver Miata and indicated he was retired and enjoyed bike rides and golfing while Lynn was a “hard working nurse”.

Mike Wilson shared some upcoming events being held at the California Auto Museum where he is a docent and that Father’s Day all Dads are free.

Raffle

Robin announced there were lots of prizes and many tickets purchased. He thanked Maureen and Randy Morris for their hard work on purchasing the prizes each month

Beer - Bob & Lynn

Compass & watch - Bob & Lynn Wiedman

Wine stoppers - Christy Barden

Jar of Olives - Bob & Lynn

Wine - Betty Hoffman

Party Mix - Jim McClure

Popcorn party kit - Bob & Lynn

Travel light bag - Ellen Cutler

Car wash - Sweetness (Ron)

Wine – Betty

Insulated travel carrier for hot foods – Paula Zicker

Big Boy binoculars – Diana Loo

Homemade apricot jam – Susan Neville (made by Maureen and Randy)

Party mix – Kathi Bell

Wine – Robin

Insulated travel carrier for hot foods – Kathi

Wine – Dennis Strassberger

Wine – Elaine Mackey

Travel light bag – Vince Weis

Blueberry Ale – Betty

Miata Chair – Vince

Bottle of Sangria – Clay Cowan

8:06 pm meeting adjourned to the parking lot