

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 13, 2019, 7:00 PM

Vice-President Frank Gontarski called the meeting to order. He recognized the founding and lifetime members.

Ron and Jeanne George thanked Ron Petrich for hosting their going away party and Robin spoke briefly about their years with SAMOA.

Announcements

Frank showed a video of the Lemons race he participated in last year and suggested the club might want to outfit a car we could use to participate in future races. Lemons races consist of a 4-person team racing over two days and the car must have an initial value (before upgraded breaks and safety equipment) of no more than \$500. For more information on Lemons racing, contact Frank.

Track Masters and other organization can teach you how to drive on a track and give you the experience you need to participate in track days. For anyone interested in this sport but not sure how to get started, this is a good place to begin.

The June 22nd Saturday breakfast and run at Brookfields is cancelled.

The Porsche club is having a poker run on June 23rd. All proceeds will go to the High Hand Nursery to benefit the victims of the Paradise fire. Information can be found at rally@svr-pca.org.

The club is looking into going to CAM for one of our 4th Saturday breakfast runs. The run would start at Brookfields and include admission to the museum.

Tom Matano will be giving a lecture at CAM on November 2nd. Frank will check on getting tickets.

Other Suggested Future Events

SCCA Track Night in America. Participants in this event would need a helmet, but NC/ND owners would not need an additional roll bar for their cars.

Go cart racing in Rancho Cordova. This event would entail driving electric go carts on an indoor track. This might be a fun event to hold during the winter.

If you're interested in any of these possible events, please let one of the officers know so we can judge whether or not there is enough enthusiasm to hold the events.

New Members

No new members this month.

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.**

- 6/23 Road Rally and Poker Run by SVR, Porsche Club
- 7/5 Miatas at the Fountains in Roseville
 - **We need a minimum of 25 cars for this event!**
- 7/18-21 Explore Oregon run through the Mid-Willamette Valley –
 - Willamette Valley Miata Club
- 7/28 Return to Gotts Roadside – Joshua Fryer
 - This is a charity run to benefit Happy Tails Pet Sanctuary. All monetary donations appreciated.
- 8/30 Miatas at Thunder Hill 4.8 Mile Track – Ron Petrich
- 10/5 CAM CruiseFest – Rod Gonzalez
- 10/11-13 Miata's at Laguna Seca 30th Anniversary Event
- 10/11-14 Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run – Weis/Bell
- 11/2 “An Evening with Tom Matano, Father of the Miata” – CAM
- 12/1 Rally for Kids – Rod Gonzalez
- 12/12 SAMOA Christmas Party
- ? Capay Valley Run – Adi Damania
- ? Down the River Run – Norm Swanberg
- 2020 Steve & Beth's Fun Run to Truckee – Steve Cimini
 - **We won't be holding this event this year, but are planning for 2020**

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 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., July 11th, 2019 at Black Bear Diner.

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

Happy driving!