

## SAMOA General Meeting

July 8, 2010

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As usual, Robin opened the meeting. The members of the Board of Officers (BOO) present tonight were Jeanne George - treasurer, Pam Hunt – secretary, Mike DeLaurentis - vice-president, Ron Petrich – media director, Michelle Thomas - newsletter editor, Jack Parker- events coordinator, and Bob Bacon – technical advisor.

Also acknowledged were the members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Mike De Laurentis, Dianna Loo, Jennifer & Mike Sipe, Pam & Randy Hunt, Rob & Terri Bacon, Robin & Jeanne George, Jack Parker, Ron Petrich and Ellen Frosch.

### **BITS AND PIECES**

Past presidents in attendance tonight were Cat Black and Mike DeLaurentis.

Remember the election is coming up in December – “run for it”

We had a real SAMOA “health minute” tonight. The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue. It also only takes 20 seconds for a red blood cell to take a tour of the human body.

The Show and Shine, sponsored by Elk Grove Mazda, will be held this Sunday, July 11, 2010 from 10 am to 3 pm. There have been 16 cars signed up already and room for more. Elk Grove Mazda will be providing cash awards for first and second place of \$100 and \$50, respectively and will also be holding a raffle. They will be providing lunch and drinks for all the attendees. Come on down and have some fun with the group.

Bob Bacon was “re-awarded” two plaques he won at Miatas in Moab. He managed to win the “People’s Choice” award and also the “Best in Show” for his 2006 Marble White Miata. Way to go, Bob!

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **Secretary – Pam Hunt**

Pam finally talked tonight for a change. We currently have – 143 memberships, 237 people and 148 Miatas and are still growing.

#### **Treasurer – Jeanne George**

Mike Wilson, one of our members, is a docent at the Towe Auto Museum. He is here tonight and will talk a bit about the museum. Jeanne also mentioned that there is some attire and hats left. Please see

her if you are interested. The Bear Valley Lodge for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party is sold out. 84 members have signed up for the event.

Jeanne has been writing up the club history and is doing a wonderful job. Read the next installment in August's newsletter.

#### **Technical Advisor – Bob Bacon**

Bob's topic tonight was driving gloves. Why you ask? It's really not crazy. They keep the hands from slipping on the steering wheel and also keep them cooler. He tried regular gloves but they were too hot. Finally went out and bought a pair of driving gloves and was amazed at how comfortable they were. No cramps, no slipping and no over-heating. Give them a try!

#### **Newsletter Editor – Michelle Thomas**

Michelle had nothing to say.

#### **Media Director – Ron Petrich**

Not much to report tonight! That's amazing for Ron! The newsletter password for July is mahogany. The River Cats game is on August 20<sup>th</sup>. So far there are 29 Samoans attending. He has mailed out or delivered the tickets, depending on your request. Raley Field has given us \$30 in script for us to spend that night. That might buy a beer or two.

#### **Events Coordinator – Jack Parker**

The State Fair car corral will be on July 30<sup>th</sup>. We have participated the past three years. It is an all day event and the car must be there the whole day. See Robin for more details.

August 6<sup>th</sup>- Jack is leading an "all out" run on his favorite roads north of Yosemite in the Sierra. This will be a full speed run for 53 miles on Cherry Lake/Cottonwood Rd. between Yosemite and Sonora. Meet at 8:30 at MarShaTes in Rancho Murrieta.

M & M Run: On August 12<sup>th</sup>, right after our next club meeting, Ellen will lead an evening run to go out and watch the Perseid meteor showers. Meet in the parking lot after the meeting.

Progressive run - August 21<sup>st</sup> - Mike and Helen DeLaurentis will lead a "progressive" run starting at 6:30. It will start at persons home, and then travel to the next home to pick up another car and so on. There will be several groups, depending on attendance. They will all end up at an ice cream parlor! Contact Mike by the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ken Johnson will lead a go cart racing night again on July 20<sup>th</sup>. They will meet at RPM Racing at 6:30 pm. Come have fun going in circles with your friends!

Put Ft. Bragg on your calendar for Oct 8-11. Vince and Kathy will be leading it. More to come.

Past runs:

Last month the Kirkwood Pancake run took on a new meaning. A nice run to Kirkwood stopped when the Kirkwood Inn was closed when they got there due to a power failure. The group improvised and ended up with a great meal at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Pollock Pines. It turned out great.

### **Vice President – Mike De Laurentis**

The October meeting will not be on a Thursday night. It will be on a Saturday at Carmichael Park- the site of the first SAMOA meeting. Bring your own lunch to help celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We have several new members tonight. Ed Arakelyan lives in Sacramento and has a 2010 liquid silver that he has named "Sparky". Jeff and Dawn Nichols bought a blue '95 last week. Jeff just completed EMT school and is a computer junkie. Tom Lochrie and Robin Fischer just bought a white '94 Miata. He is retired and drowns worms. Robin manages a spa. Kathleen Mitchell is a business owner and recently purchased a silver 2009.

Mike Wilson is a docent at the California Auto Museum. Their current car club cavalcade is showing Vipers! They show off different cars on a rotating basis and are open from 10 am to 6 pm.

Last minute note: we are looking for a new place to meet. Please be on the lookout for a room that holds 50-75 people, separate from the main dining and one that will do separate checks for us.

Raffle

Bug wash – Gary

Stubby tool kit – Randy

Wine – Jeff

Towels and Mitts – Tom

Champagne – Cat

Wine – Robin

Bean bag toss game – Rod

Detailer – Tom

Ale & Glass – Cam

Towels and mitt – Tom

Wine – Helen

Car wash – Clay

Champagne – Jeff

Beer keg – Tom

Ladderball game – Cam

BBQ Basket – Ron

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.