

SAMOA Member meeting 7/19/2012, Black Bear Diner

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm with a game of guess the tune. Rod got it correct, it was the theme song for the Three Stooges.

Robin then noted that the club suffered the loss of member Dennis Strassburger last month. In honor of his memory donations can be made to the Aerospace Museum of California, 3200 Freedom Park Dr., McClellan, CA 95652.

President George then introduced the Board of Officers, lifetime members, and past presidents. He encouraged members to please attend events, as leaders have taken the time to plan these out for our benefit.

Event coordinator, Diana, then asked for member help to discuss past events. Karen said the Lake Tahoe run was their first event, it was really enjoyable for them. Ralph thanked the Reno club for attending, including new SAMOA members Ray and Carole Bauer.

Greenhaven Estates run picked up 2 new members, Robert and Debbie Gibb, who were out running around in their Red Miata and joined in as the group passed.

Mike D discussed the Oregon run, it was fun, there were good roads, the Oregon club is speedy though, so it's tough to take in the scenery. Jenn reported next year is in the Columbia River Gorge. Chuck mentioned that the SAMOA members that went appreciated how well planned and run our events are, with good speed, sweeps, adequate potty breaks, they make drives enjoyable.

Chris told a true story, then Diana went on with new events:

State Fair, Wed. 25th, meet at 8:30 in the theater parking lot on Ethan Way, we will go in at 9am, all day event, attendees will sign up to stay with cars for one hour shifts.

Aug 7th, tech night at Paradyne, 1744 Fulton Ave. This will not be a sales pitch but an informational session with respect to car stereo, GPS, other peripherals. Get updates on the latest technologies.

Ron reported he will not be attending the Monterey Motorsports Reunion, details on the event can be found on the SAMOA event page however.

The Big Event is September 8th, in and around Nevada City, with a banquet at the Nevada City Inn afterward. This is an Olympic themed Fun-khana. There are other hotels in the area, but they are filling up.

SAMOA Birthday Picnic Sept. 23rd, Windwalker Winery, BBQ and balloon toss.

9/30 Breakfast at Kirkwood Pancake Run, meet at McDonalds on Whiterock by Costco, 8:30am.

10/5 – 8, Fort Bragg weekend run, meet at McDonalds in Davis, abalone judging tickets are available.

10/6 Fall Colors run to the Sierras, leaving from El Dorado Park and ride.

12/8 Christmas Dinner at Vince's in Elk Grove, Jason Carmel performing.

See additional details for events posted online at <http://www.sacramentoareamiata.org/calendar.html>.

The BOO held a meeting in June at Maita Mazda. They are interested in sponsoring a member meeting there.

Robin told a cute joke, then Treasurer Jeanne George reported we are doing fine financially, there are a few items still for sale, hats and a shirt.

Coupons for Maita Service center \$20 off, are still available, see Jeanne. Jeanne reported that since our official club name is SAMOA, as registered at the bank, we received a form from the IRS for foreign status withholdings.

Margie gave the member report: 226 Members, 132 Memberships, and 144 Miatas.

Ron told a bad joke, then Vice President Ellen introduced some new members and visitors.

Norman and Virginia Swanberg, '02 Silver, they are interested in track events, when not driving their Miata they are real estate appraisers.

Ray and Carole Bauer are members in Reno, they have homes in Tahoe City and Fair Oaks, both are retired, and their Miata is a 2011 Black.

Robert and Debbie Gibb, drive '01 Red', a 2001 Miata, they ran into SAMOA members during the Greenhaven Estates Run.

Brad Maryatt (wife Sharon), '99 Silver, bought it to have some fun, Brad is an insurance agent.

Chris Trapp and Ryan, '90 Blue, working out the bugs, discussed using aerosolized graphite in the speedometer cable, works fine since.

Mike gave a Tech Report, timing is everything he said. The timing belt is a critical component of the car, it works the crankshaft, water pump, dual cams, and has a tensioner pulley. The timing belt needs replacing about every 60,000 miles on older models (and tensioner pulley). '06 and newer have a timing chain that is not replaced.

Dave D gave a couple more comments on timing belts, '06 and newer have an accessory belt instead that requires replacing. You can't really tell on belts how used they are only if brand new or if used (but not how used.)

Robin reminded us there are elections in December.

Jenn mentioned that she needs stories for the newsletter, please submit all stories by the 25th of the month. All stories are welcome, no matter how long or short.

Raffle winners are: Olive Oil: Bob B; Beer and BBQ sauce: Chris B; Wine: Carole, Ellen, Virginia, Kathy B, Chris & Diana; Car Wash: Rod; Armor All: Terri; Coasters: Chris B; Beer: Bob P, Chris B; Chair: Renee; BBQ Sauce: Mike F; Bags from Oregon: Jim M, ; Maureen; Mazda Bag: Bruce C.