

SAMOA Member Meeting, August 9, 2012

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7 pm to the Olympic theme song, with a welcome and reiterating why we are here, to celebrate the Miata, the most affordable and reliable convertible sports car. Robin reminded us to watch the website regularly for new events and updates.

Robin introduced the Board of Officers, the lifetime members, and past presidents. He inquired if any members had any interest in becoming an officer for next year.

Jennifer (filling in for Diana) presented first the past events:

Robin discussed the state fair, we were given less provisions than before, but we did get a few interested parties stopping by, so it does get our club into the public eye.

The Tech night at Paradyme was discussed by Ron. Paradyme put out a good deal of effort to make us feel welcome, they provided pizza and drinks. The talk was less on stereos however, and more on other peripherals such as alarm, GPS, and radar detectors.

Jennifer then led the discussion on upcoming events:

Monterrey Motorsports is the next weekend, Ron isn't planning on going this year as it is too difficult to get a room.

Mike D got up to discuss the Big Event (cue Olympic theme song). This will be Sept. 8th, starting at the McDonald's in Rocklin, cars will be leaving from there individually, not all at the same time. Please RSVP by Aug. 25th. There will be Olympic themed events. It is not required to have two parties per car, this can be done as a single driver. As Mike went to sit down the Olympic theme song played and members flashed his scores (ranging from 5's to 10's for his presentation.)

September 23rd is the SAMOA birthday picnic, \$15 per person, at the Windwalker Winery.

Sept. 30th is the pancake run, Breakfast at Kirkwood.

Oct. 5 – 8th is the Fort Bragg trip, there will be abalone judging tickets available.

October 6th is the Fall Colors run in the Sierra's led by Ellen.

Skip got up to discuss a run in late October, the Zoombie Run, attendees are encouraged to dress like zombies, it will be a short drive around the Delta, and we will end at Miner's Leap Winery for a picnic lunch.

Mike D discussed a run to New Clairvaux Winery in the Chico area, to tour the chapel which is being built from stones imported from Spain. The trip will include lunch at the Lassen Steakhouse, and a stop in Corning for olive tasting and tour.

Dec. 8th is the Christmas Party, Jenn and Mike are hosting, please RSVP online, send money to Jeanne, we need at least 40 persons attending to get the room to ourselves again. Jason Carmel will be entertaining us.

Jeanne discussed the SAMOA foreign status issue she is having with the bank, they considered SAMOA NRA (non-resident alien), she issued BofA an ultimatum if they didn't clear it up ASAP.

Renee gave the member report: 141 Miatas, 221 active members, and 130 memberships.

Ellen announced we added a new member and Miata. Ryan Saville, has an '02 Titanium Silver Miata that he is fixing up. When he's not driving his Miata he works for a bio-pesticide company in Davis, and likes to do autocross.

Mike W, our tech advisor, discussed air induction, eg. super chargers or turbo chargers. A super charger has a belt system that runs off the crank shaft. A turbo charger uses exhaust gasses forcing air into a combustion chamber, super condenses the air, exploding from the increased pressure. Robin discussed his super charger, and Ron mentioned there are no legal turbo or super chargers for 3rd generation Miatas.

Crazy Red (Dave D) discussed air bag modules, as these will go bad over time. He recommends buying new, or sending an older one in for service and testing it before installation.

Jenn mentioned the Newsletter, where you can checkout expanded event articles. She wanted to also let everyone know that photos are printed with permission of the persons in the photo.

We then went on to the raffle awards, and the meeting was then adjourned. Winners were:

Wine: Veronica, Judd, Margaret, Christopher, Betty, Kathy B (x2), Vince (x2)

Extra Virgin Olive Oil: Jeanne

Jalapeno and lemon pepper seasonings: Kathleen

Hot Sauce: Dawn

Flashlight: Vince

T-shirts: Sally, Kathleen

Serving spoons: Terri and Bob

Candle: Rod

Beer: Tabitha

Retractable 2nd gen Antenna: Norm

Chair: Christopher