

## SAMOA General Meeting

September 8, 2011

Celias

“Welcome to Celias and the SAMOA Miata Club” was our opening from Robin at this month’s meeting. We were asked if we remembered where we were and what we were doing on 9/11 when the two planes hit the Twin Towers. Several members shared their experiences and memories and we observed a moment of silence. Officers were present and accounted for as were lifetime members – The McCameys, Ralph Gingrich, Skip Noyes, Dennis Swaney and Dave DeNuzzo. Past Presidents in the group tonight were Cat Black, Dave DeNuzzo and, of course, Robin George.

There have been many recent activities and a lot of fun was had by most...The Full Moon run was considered “bizarre” at best and a lot of strange and unusual things happened. Fortunately, all ended well and we all made it home in one piece! The Run around Tahoe was great. Lots of good food at Jakes on the Lake, miniature golf was a hit, except for Dennis, and the weather spectacular! The Full Moon Run had everything go wrong that could go wrong and was led by one of our past presidents and the Tahoe run was great and led by a blind guy, go figure....

The SAMOA Scramble wasn’t very SAMOA like, but the groups from Fresno and Southern California had a great time. Dinner at the Twisted Fork in Sutter Creek was great and the run itself was beautiful. The winning word was “backfire” and was worth 23 points! Nice one.

### Upcoming Events

This Sunday is the Washington Run led by Jackie and Jim McClure. It looks to be great, but it is already filled to the max. Sorry, no more cars can be added at this time.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Windwalker Winery again. We have a lot of fun planned including a lot of good food catered by JR BBQ, bocce ball and great times just being together. There will be a run leaving the park and ride at Latrobe and Whiterock in Eldorado Hills at 10 am to head to the picnic. Mike Sipe and Randy Hunt will be leading it. The cost is \$15, payable ahead of time. Ten dollars of this will be refunded when you arrive at the picnic.

October 1<sup>st</sup> will try and hold the oft cancelled annual Pancake Run. Between the weather and power outages, it has been hard to schedule this year, but hopefully Jack Parker will lead the group to the biggest pancakes ever seen on this favorite club run. Meet at Mar-Sha-Te’s in Rancho Murietta at 8: 15 for an 8:30 departure.

The following day, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be the Brunch at the Museum. The McClellan Aerospace Museum will be the site of a brunch and Museum tour. Bring your own lunch, favorite beverage and \$8 and come join the fun. Check the website for more details.

The annual Ft. Bragg trip will be led by Vince and Kathi and will be from Oct. 8-11. The Best Western is already booked up, so if you haven't already made your reservations, you will need to find another place to stay. Check the website for more information.

The annual Teddy Bear Run to benefit the Children's Receiving Home will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Jack Parker will lead this annual toy run. More information coming soon.

Our Christmas Party this year is taking a different direction that should be a great time for everyone. We will be eating at Vince's Italian Restaurant in Elk Grove. The food is wonderful and there will be entertainment, music and singing to keep us busy and having fun. The registration form is on the website and you need to sign up soon.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We currently have 127 memberships with 212 members and 138 Miatas. As Pam will not be at the next meeting, volunteers to take minutes were asked for and Ellen Frosch stepped up to the plate to assist. Thanks, Ellen!

Technical Advisor – Ellen Frosch

The Yosemite run was an eye opener for many of us for personal health and safety issues. Due to a car breakdown, several club members had to spend several hours in high 90's heat at the side of the road waiting for a non-existent tow truck to show up. Several first aid things were learned. First is, you can never have enough water with you; we had a lot, but it still could have been more –always travel with as much as you can squeeze in our little cars. Also, heat doesn't only dehydrate you; you can also get heat stroke and have electrolyte problems. Have some small packs of Gatorade power to add to your water to help prevent heat side effects. A small umbrella is also a good idea to keep in your trunk. It will help with a little shade; we didn't know how important that was until too late. A nice extra item is a little neck kerchief type thingy called "chill-its". They can be soaked in water and wrapped around your neck or wrists to help keep you cool.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

There are two SAMOA hats remaining in inventory for \$6 each. This past year we have had a lot of the new "free" members not renew their memberships. It has played havoc with our budget, but we are still hanging in there thanks to Jeanne's wonderful planning.

Vice-President – Jennifer Sipe

Jenn introduced two members tonight. Jim Smith is at his first meeting tonight. He and his wife Pat recently bought a 2010 Stormy Blue Mica to play in. They really enjoy the ride over Hwy 49 at Yuba Pass. Mike Carlson and his wife Sheryl of Elk Grove just purchased a 2011 Copper Mica Red. They are looking forward to club runs.

Don't forget the Elections are coming up in December! Run for an office-all are available.

Raffle

Ale – Wes

Pilsner – Skip

Wine – Dot

Wine – Craig

Popcorn – Ron

Car Soap – Dennis

Glass Cleaner – Sally

Olives – Mike

Wine “casket” – Jeanne

Travel mugs – Neil

Pretzels – Jack

Casserole carrier – Jackie

Ale – Jim

Wine – robin

Ale – Marie

Glass Cleaner – Jenn

Casserole carrier – Skip

Binoculars – Tom

Wine – Diane

Ale – Jeanne

Watch – Diana

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

