

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 12, 2019, 7:00 PM

President Martin Boersma called the meeting to order. He recognized the founding and lifetime members.

Treasurer's Report

Our treasurer, Diana Loo, reminded everyone to please pay their dues. Also, she will be out of town in the next couple of weeks, so anyone planning to attend the club's birthday celebration on September 29th should send their check to Monte Hudock.

Website

Our web master, Monte Hudock, reported that the new website will go live on October 1st. Everyone should receive an email with the link to the new site. Anyone who does not receive the link by October 1st, should contact Monte. The initial rollout of the new website will include the following: events along with RSVP links, membership forms and our streamlined roster.

The archived newsletters and photos will not be part of the initial rollout. We have 14,000 photos on our old site and the board is still discussing the best way to make these archived materials available to members.

In the near future, we plan to add a list of runs (including route and run time) to the website along with streamlined instructions for conducting a run, so if anyone has a favorite run they would like to see listed on the website, let Monte know.

The club would also like to thank Ron Petrich who has served as webmaster since 2006. Without his dedication and hard work, the old website could not have been maintained to the high quality we have enjoyed all these years.

Visitors

Tom Tyler was in attendance and spoke briefly about "An Evening with Tom Matano, Father of the Miata" on November 2nd. In addition to the lecture by Mr. Matano, the evening will include a show 'n shine, food truck and beer. Mr. Matano will also be signing autographs for all those interested. See our website for more information.

Announcements

- The password for the new website will be changed quarterly instead of monthly.
- During the transition to the new website, emails will be sent out with information on upcoming events to avoid any trouble members might have in accessing this information or RSVPing for events.

- The board is working on implementing a system to take credit card payments. We will keep the club posted on developments.
- The 4th-Saturday breakfasts at Brookfields are being suspended due to low attendance. We still encourage all those who may be doing runs in the area, to consider including breakfast at Brookfields in their plans as the restaurant has been very accommodating to the club.
- It was recommended that club members be given a 3-month grace period to renew expired memberships. This should avoid the unnecessary work of removing members from our roster only to add them back again when dues are late.
- It was recommended that the club do away with free memberships for new members and instead charge half-price (\$12) for 1st year memberships.
- It was recommended that we look into ordering club pins. Many of our long-time members have the pins we bought years ago, but we are out of stock on these and our new members may want the opportunity to have one.

The board welcomes any and all feedback from members on the above changes and recommendations. Also, if you have any other suggestions for improving SAMOA, let us know. This is your club, so if you have an opinion, please email Martin Boersma or Frank Gontarski with your ideas.

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. **Be sure to have proof of insurance with you on all runs.**

- 9/27 Maita Mazda Show 'n Shine – Maita Mazda
Help Maita Mazda celebrate their grand re-opening
- 9/29 SAMOA Birthday Party
This will be held at Drakes: The Barn in West Sac. Pizza, games and good times for all. See website for further details. Cost: \$15/person
- 10/5 CAM CruiseFest – Rod Gonzalez
- 10/10 General Meeting at Black Bear Diner
- 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
- 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 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 contact Monte Hudock.

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.

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

Happy driving!