

SAMOA Member meeting 11/08/2012

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm by welcoming everyone on behalf of the Board of Officers. Robin reminded us that Monday we celebrate our Veterans, and he asked all our members who have served or still serve our country to stand at the front of the meeting room, and each introduced themselves, including branch of military and rank. The members applauded our veterans and thanked them for their service to our country, it was a wonderful tribute.

Ron read a letter that he and Robin drafted which will be sent along with our Wounded Warriors donation of \$700.

Robin announced that Saturday the 10th there will be a memorial for Dennis Strassburger at the Air Museum, starting at 1pm.

President George then introduced the Board of Officers, Lifetime Members, and past Presidents of SAMOA.

He mentioned there will be some upcoming events in the new year including the annual Hangover Run, and the Superbowl Run. In April there will be Miatas displayed at the Automobile Museum. He also mentioned you can get dyno-testing and learn how to wash and wax, supported by Maguire's.

Jeanne gave the treasurer's report, yes, we have money. Also, hats are here for \$6 each, she will continue to watch for the sales from the vendor.

Margie gave the member report: there are Miatas, 134 active Memberships, and 224 current Members.

Robin then noted that he had exhibited his Jag at the auto museum recently, and other clubs were surprised at our activities, even the Euro-Sunday group, who invited us to join them on a toy run to Shriner's in early December, watch the events page for more info.

Mike gave the tech report on oil, saying to follow the owner's manual. Period. The thinner your oil, the better it is for the car. Use the thinnest acceptable oil for the car. Synthetics do flow better and don't break down as quickly. Additives are not necessary in today's oil if you change it routinely. At least twice yearly is best. Another member mentioned that you can get a SOAP analysis from a laboratory, such as Blackstone labs, this is a spectral analysis. Another member mentioned that Caterpillar does this as well. This tells you of any impurities in the oil such as if gaskets or rings are wearing.

Diana discussed the Events. The Zoombie Run only had two cars, 4 people, and 4 stops, including 3 wineries and the pumpkin patch, it was a beautiful day for a drive down the delta roads, everyone else missed out.

Mike D noted that New Clairvaux can accommodate more cars, we may split into two groups to tour the chapel, and the do tasting, and Lucero will definitely split us into two groups.

The Christmas Party on the 8th, we need more people to attend so we can get the room to ourselves. We'll learn the Cupid Shuffle, Electric Slide, and you can do sing-a-long with Jason Carmel. There will be cheesecakes from John and Jill's as well.

Ralph G reported that he, Joanne, Mike, and Kristin went to the Melodrama and had a great time at the dinner theater. He recommends it for next year, they will do another in spring and fall.

Ralph then asked if members would be interested in doing a run where each driver takes a blind passenger, we all thought that was a great idea, they could experience the top down effect of the wind whipping by.

Don then reported that he rewired his '06 to have foglights on without headlights, done by Crazy Red. Ray added that you can get HID fog lights for even better safety visibility by other vehicles on the road.

Ellen introduced new members: Karen Defoe, '04 Black Cherry Miata, this is her second Miata, Karen is retired, and has recently read "Unbroken", she recommends this book. Robert Castelli, he has an '02 Sunlight Silver Miata, he auto-crossed in the early 90's, and currently drives truck. Wes Watson has a 2000 Mahogany Mica (arguably the best color) he is a Chemistry student and a tutor.

Robin reminded us that at the general meeting next month we will hold our annual officer elections. We have persons ready to run, but we welcome any others that would like to run as well, if anyone is interested please let Robin know.

Graeme is doing great according to Ellen, he says he's got it beat.

SAMOS has a Facebook page, with 30 friends currently. We then proceeded to the Raffle:

Wine: Tabitha (+ coasters & chocolate) Bruce x2 (+ olives & chocolate), Margaret Counter (+ coasters & chocolate) , Mike S (+ chocolate), Jeanne (sparkling + coasters & chocolate), Paul Y (+ coasters & chocolate), Veronica (+coasters & chocolate), Bob R (sparkling + coasters & chocolate), Margaret C (+olives)

Olives: Bruce

Candle: Jenn S

BBQ sauce: Tabitha (+olives and tapenade)

Chocolates: Jackie M, Joe H

Decanter: Veronica

Cocoa and Tazo basket: Karen D

Sausage: Chris B