

SAMOA General Meeting

November 10, 2011

Black Bear Restaurant

Robin opened the meeting in honor of all veterans present and past. He also “mentioned” that we were here to celebrate, honor, enjoy, discuss etc. the most affordable sports cars in the world – The Miata! Officers were announced and all were present with the exception of Ron. The lifetime members in attendance tonight were introduced– The McCameys, Ralph Gingrich, Skip Noyes, Dennis Swaney and Dave DeNuzzo.

All veterans were asked to stand and a rousing round of applause was given in honor of their service.

Mike DeLaurentis was asked to come forward and accept a “group leader” certificate. He has been reinstated in the finest SAMOA tradition. Now what’s up with that?

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne asked Maureen and Randy Morris to come to the front of the room. She wanted to make it known that they have been doing a great job on the raffle prizes and last month the largest income from the tickets was received in SAMOA history - \$225! Great job Maureen and Randy!

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We currently have 128 memberships with 216 members and 138 Miatas. Pam apologized about the email request for money that was sent out when her email box was hijacked while she was on vacation. She really didn’t have an accident in the UK-she wasn’t even there.

Technical Advisor – Ellen Frosch

Ellen mentioned an interesting site to visit for those going on the Miatas in Moab trip next May. Twenty-three miles outside of Moab is a very unusual dinosaur track site. Check out the Copper Ridge Dinosaur tracks online before you head out next spring.

She then presented us with a technical quiz. We will receive the answer at next month’s meeting. Mike has a problem with his mahogany Miata. The car acts like it misses – it lugs and chugs at times-not always. What is the problem? Several ideas were thrown out by members including a loose nut behind the wheel. Stay tuned until next month – Red will have the answer.

Upcoming Events

Want to bottle your own wine? Diana Loo will be leading a trip on November 12th to the Charles Mitchell Winery where you will have a chance to bottle Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot wine. Check the web site and RSVP to Diana.

The 11th annual Teddy Bear run will be on November 19th. Jack Parker will lead the annual event for the benefit of the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento. Meet at Mar-Sha Te's in Rancho Murrieta. See the web site for more details.

There is still room available for our Christmas Party. It will be held on December 3rd at Vince's Ristorante in Elk Grove. There will be live music to listen and dance to and a best Christmas sweater contest. Go to the web site and download all the information you will need.

Mike DeLaurentis will lead a group to Dixon to lay wreaths on the Veteran's graves as part of a nationwide program. Please RSVP for the December 10th event.

The annual Hangover Run will really be a hangover as it will be held on January 1st! More to come.

Ken Johnson is organizing a go cart event for Tuesday January 10th. It will be at 6:30 at the racetrack near Bradshaw. See the web for more info.

Vice-President – Jennifer Sipe

Jenn introduced our most recent new member tonight. Chuck Hoffman (wife Margaret not present) just purchased a 2012 Copper Red three weeks ago. It's a "that time of life" car! Chuck and his wife are both retired.

Don't forget the Elections are coming up in December and it is also the annual business meeting where all things financial are revealed. We already have several members running for various offices -Diana for Events Coordinator, Ellen as VP, Ron as Media Director and Jenn has volunteered to do the newsletter. We still need more. Please consider running.

Mazda finally sent the promised money for the Scrabble Scramble. Apparently there were internal problems and the check got lost in the shuffle. They also sent 3 boxes of goodies for the club to hand out.

Raffle

Alarm clock – Skip

Wine – Jackie

Travel mugs – Clay

Wine – Maureen

Olives – Robin

Beer – Diana

Champagne – Wes

Olive oil – Chuck

Black Bear Gift Cert – Dave

Chocolates – Deb

Wine - Sharon

Chocolates – Diana

Wine – Ellen

Pumpkin Spice Coffee – Vickie

Olive oil – Jim

Black Bear Gift Cert – Sally

Wine – Sally

Flashlight-Alex & Jace

Truffles – Jack

Wine – Graeme

Cookies – Jan

Wine – Pam

Sangria – Jeanne

Cookies – Jan

Wine – Diana

Wine - Mike

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