

SAMOA General Meeting

November 12, 2009

Tex Wasabi

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm with his usual gift of gab. He asked “why are we here” and got blank looks. I think everyone was lost this week.

Robin introduced the “people behind the scenes” – the current Board of Officers: Jeanne George- Treasurer, Pam Hunt – Secretary, Jack Parker–Events coordinator, and Bob Bacon- Technical Advisor and Mark Brooks – Newsletter Editor. Missing in action are Mike DeLaurentis- vice-president and Ron Petrich – Media Director. He also introduced lifetime members Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney.

Robin also introduced our new Newsletter editor – Michelle Thomas. Michelle will be taking over from Mark Brooks at the first of the New Year. Welcome Michelle.

All the Veterans present tonight were acknowledged and each one introduced themselves and their service and years served. Thanks to all of you from all of us!

This year the club selected the Lupus Foundation as the recipient of our Birthday party charity collection. SAMOA came up with \$550 to donate and Shante Davis was present tonight to accept the check on behalf of the Lupus Foundation. Shante is on the Board of Directors and was diagnosed with lupus at age 19. She explained a little bit about lupus and told us how hard it is to diagnose.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

No secretary’s report tonight but talked about the great time we had on the Virginia City run over Halloween and how creative the costumes were.

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne is walking tonight! She is also covering for VP Mike! Wreaths Around America is coming up on December 12th. Check out our web page for more information and be sure to order your wreath by Nov.20th for the December 12th ceremony. The group will meet at the McDonalds on Mace in Davis at 7:45 and leave by 8 am to get there in time.

What inventory we have left is on the back table. More will be ordered after the first of the year.

Another topic brought up tonight was the abundance of no-shows at club activities. Please remember when you RSVP to an activity, food will be ordered for you and paid for by the club. When you don’t show up, a lot is left over and goes to waste. This costs the club a lot of money and wastes the time of

the people setting everything up. If this continues, we may have to start charging a fee like we do at the birthday party. Please honor your commitments.

New Members: Staven Noble owns a 2000 silver and this is his second Miata. He drove his first one to death so he had to another one. He loves small cars and is retired.

Kevin Overholt had Miata envy so had to go out and buy himself a 2001 silver. His first car was a 70 TR6. He works as a liquor distributor.

Karen is here tonight because she wants to buy a Miata. She just happened to be at Tex's tonight and joined in on the meeting. She had a Miata at one time, but had to get rid of it. She wants to buy another loaded Red one!

Newsletter Editor – Mark Brooks

Mark took Rons place tonight and led a talk on penguins!

Technical – Bob Bacon

Not too much to say. Jack was thanked for running the Tech Day-there was a good turnout and lots of work was completed.

Events Coordinator – Jack Parker

Jack wants to thank Eric Vance for helping at the Tech day. He was involved in lots of the work and was a great help as was Crazy Red.

He also mentioned how good a club we have. Many clubs have a hard time getting runs set up, some struggle to get even one a month. We have had 51 runs this year! We are one of the best organized clubs in the US.

Saturday November 14 is the 7th Annual Teddy Bear Run. The group will meet at Starbucks at 4332 Watt Ave. at 9am. Bring your toys and teddy bear donations.

Past Events

Jackie mentioned how great the Charles Schultz Museum run was. We had beautiful weather, 14 cars and a great run. We even had wannabes join up with us as we cruised down the road. Thanks to Mike and Helen DeLaurentis.

Rod mentioned that next month is our annual business meeting and election. No one has been knocking down his door to run for office. We may end up with the same slate if no one else volunteers.

Raffle

Tire foam and towels – Judy

Fleece throw – Doug

Wine – Staven

Bug wash – Jack

Tshirt - Paula

Miata tote bag – Jan

Wine – Jeanne

Towels – Judy

Walkie talkies – Fran

Wash mitt-Jack

Bug wash – Randy

Champagne – Betty

Food carrier – Margie

Fleece throw – Teri

Miata shirt – Fran

Miata tote bag – Clay

Wax & towels – Rod

Miata tote bag – Pam

Towels – Judy

Wash mitt – Fred

Zipwax –Neil

Inverter & towels – Doug

Wild Turkey – Betty

Snoopy spaceman – Jan

At the very end of the meeting, Robin did a tribute to Soupy Sales and his many escapades. From the tickets in the raffle drawing a name was drawn to be the one to throw a pie at Robin. Jack, to his glee, won the drawing and faked Robin out and got a great shot at Robins face!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10