

SAMOA
November 13, 2008
General Membership Meeting

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Sacramento
Call to Order: 7:00 pm

President- Robin George called the meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed all with his verve and élan! He introduced the Board members in attendance: Mike DeLaurentis, Jeanne George, Pam Hunt, Ron Petrich, Mark Brooks and Jack Parker Life members introduced were Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney.

We welcomed Christine Endres, an executive assistant from the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home. The Children's Home has been the recipient of our Teddy Bear Run toys for eight years and this year the Home was selected as our charity that would be benefited at SAMOA's annual picnic. The profit from this fall's Scrabble Scramble was added to this, plus a little by the BOO, resulting in an \$800 check being presented to Christine to benefit the Home.

The Sacramento Children's Home is a premier agency and the only shelter of its kind in the Sacramento area. Approximately 1700 kids pass through its doors each in need of a safe haven. Most have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Many will get to return to their home at some point, but some will enter the foster care system.

Veterans Day was Tuesday in America and in England it is called Remembrance Day. We honored and introduced all our veterans present at the meeting-we had Army, Navy and Air Force, but no Marines!!

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We have 124 cars currently registered in SAMOA with 115 memberships and we're getting close to 200 individual members!

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Yes we have money! The treasury is doing better than most of us as it wasn't invested in mutual funds or stocks!

Jeanne brought up the Wreaths Across America Program. It was started in Maine with the goal of laying wreaths at Arlington Cemetery. It has expanded across the States and we are able to donate a wreath to be laid at the Dixon Veterans Cemetery. The cost of each wreath is \$15 –checks are payable to SAMOA. They will be laid on the graves in a ceremony on Dec. 13 in Dixon. We will meet at 7:45 at the McDonalds in Davis for the ride down there.

Media – Ron Petrich

There are many people who have links on our website to their own information. Much of this is out of date and Ron is available to update them if you send him the information. We are also still missing some birthday dates-check our website to see if yours is missing. Let Ron know what it is if it's not there.

Got Guts has been going for the last three years quite successfully. With the current economy, Ron feels that the cost is too high and instead will have two track days next year. They will be on April 20, and October 29, 2009. They will be priced to break even and there will not be a raffle. The cost should be down around \$160 instead of the recent \$240.

Events – Jack Parker

Past Events

The Georges sponsored an impromptu Full Moon Run and had 8 cars and 13 people show up. They met at Natomas and cruised the Delta in the light of the moon! They will do it again next month on December 12th!

The Teddy Bear Run had an incredible 23 cars show up and we loaded two cars full of toys for the Children's Receiving Home. We had a great run despite the weather with lunch at the Jack Russell Brewery in Apple Hill.

The Ft Bragg run was a great time again this year. Ralphs cooking is so impressive that even the Mayor of Ft Bragg showed up for dinner!

Coming Up

The Christmas Party will be on December 6th and Gundi mentioned that we still have only 25 sign ups-plenty of room for more. It will be held at Lions Gate at McClelland as it was last year. First come, first served!

Chili Cook Off-March 14th, 2009. Frank and Vi Nicholson will be hosting this tasty event. Get your recipes perfected by then.

OTM III- April 11th- It will be a run ending at the Towe Museum and will have a docent led tour of the museum.

Shriners Concours will be on May 17. Mark the date.

Vice-President – Mike DeLaurentis

Mike reflected on the Teddy Bear Run. Looking at the cars, the autumn leaves falling with all their beautiful colors and landing on the "arguably most beautiful color car" making such a contrast....he went further down the road into the realm of pure BS!

New Members and Guests:

Gary Neal is here for his first meeting even though he has been a member for a while. He is a retired teacher from Rocklin and does lots of “Honey do” work.

Clifton Shegog visited us for the first time. He is on his second Miata-a '91 White. He likes to do “sharp turns at high speeds”.

Elections – Rod Rodriguez

All positions are open. You must be a member in good standing for at least six months prior to the elections. Let Rod know if you are interested. We do have a slate of willing volunteers – the current board is willing to come back for another years with the exception of Technical.

Mark Brooks – Technical:

A discussion on the use of synthetic vs “dinosaur” oil ensued. Which one is better? Jack feels that the synthetic is better due to its longevity. He’s never had a problem with it and it doesn’t break down. Cheapest place to buy – Wal Mart!

Raffle:

CD-Diana

Travel Games – Ellen

Fuel Injector kit w/ towels – Margie

Leatherman type tool – Margie

Umbrella – Mark

First Aid Kit-Joe

Miata sunglasses and wipes-Joe

Windshield Repair kit – Pam

Radio-light & siren - Helen

Leatherman type tool – Ellen

Cleaner and wipes – Bob

Wine - Toby

Miata sunglasses and wipes-Rita

Car Care Kit – Clay

Small car clock – Ross

Fire Extinguisher - Rita

“Barbie” to go – Gundi

Engine cleaner and towels-Jerry

Wine – Skip

Tire clock - Ellen

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20