

SAMOA General Meeting

December 8, 2011

Black Bear Restaurant

Robin opened the annual Christmas and Business meeting at 7 PM. Almost immediately, a “large” group of protesters entered the room carrying signs and marching around in circles. It appeared that their goal was to “Occupy SAMOA” and disrupt our meeting! Welcome to SAMOA and the Circus!

Officers were introduced and all were present. The lifetime members in attendance tonight were also introduced— The McCameys, Skip Noyes, Dennis Swaney and Dave DeNuzzo. Past presidents in attendance were Mike D. and Cat Black.

Also present tonight was Chuck from Oregon, a past member.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Jeanne George

This year, our income has covered events and we have not needed to go into reserves. We have also received \$360 from the Tire Rack this year by having their logo and link on our Website. We get a percentage of every purchase made through our site. Since we have been in the program, we have earned over \$1000 in rebates.

Secretary – Pam Hunt

We currently have 125 memberships with 213 members and 135 Miatas.

Technical Advisor – Ellen Frosch

Last month, Ellen presented us with a technical quiz. 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? Tonight we learned the answer – it was bad spark plugs and also the idle needed adjusting.

Ellen mentioned that there are many different applications for Smart Phones out on the market. One interesting one for car people is a maintenance reminder app. You enter your basic car info and after that, it will remind you when you need to change oil, rotate tires or whatever parameters you enter. Pretty cool!

Media Director – Ron Petrich

Ron mentioned that the December password is tanzanite.

Past Events

Jenn did a wonderful job on the Christmas party this year! We all had a great time. The Teddy Bear run was also a wonderful success. The timing for the fall colors this year was perfect and they were phenomenal.

Upcoming Events

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.

Ken Johnson gave us some information on the Autorama coming up in February, 2012. There will be an opportunity to participate if anyone is interested. See Ken for more information.

The San Joaquin club will be hosting its annual Coastal Cruise from Jan. 28-29 and the biannual Miatas in Moab will be May 3-6.

Vice-President – Jennifer Sipe

Jenn introduced a new member tonight and a "old" member attending her first meeting. Kerry Arnold is attending her first meeting tonight. She has a Montego Blue and is a graduate student in plant pathology. The new member tonight is Jan and Rosemarie Blitzgen. They have had several Miatas over the years.

The goodies from Mazda that were sent last month were handed out to those members present. We all got something-from t-shirts to coffee mugs to pens. Thanks Mazda!

December is also the month when SAMOA thanks all the members that have made it possible to have such a wonderful car club. The following were acknowledged for leading events, chairing events, writing about car stuff or general assistance: Kathi Bell, Vince Weiss, Denis Correia, Adi Damania, Mike and Helen DeLaurentis, Ralph Gingrich, Sharon Howe, Jim and Jackie McClure, Skip Noyes, Jack Parker, Dennis Strassburger, Mike Wilson. Davis DeNuzzo, Rod Gonzales, Randy and Maureen Morris, Wes Zicker, Ellen Frosch, Pam and Randy Hunt, Ron Petrich, Diana Loo and Chris Christensen, Mike and Jenn Sipe, and last, but not least, Robin and Jeanne George. All of the foregoing members receiving either event decals or flash light kits from Mazda

Elections for next year's officers were held. Robin George will continue to be El Presidente by unanimous approval, Jeanne George will continue as Treasurer, Diana Loo as Events Director, and Ron Petrich as Media Director. New officers elected were Ellen Frosch as Vice-President, and serving as co-secretaries will be Renee Araiza and Margie Jurach. Jenn Sipe has volunteered to do the newsletter.

Raffle

Wine – Mary Pat

Wine – Mike S.

Peppermint Bark – Skip

Vodka – Jackie

Wine – Mike D.

Chocolates – Wes

Wine - Steve

Pretzels – Jan

Wine – Vince

Nuts – Margie

Wine – Ron

Truffles – Richard

Chocolate liqueurs – Kathi

Wine – Wes

Wine – Rod

Chocolate cookies – Debbie

Wine – Cat

Wine – Skip

Wine – Mike S.

Gift Cert for Black Bear- Renee

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Chocolate cookies – Jim

Wine – Diana

The meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:30.

