

SAMOA General Meeting
December 10, 2009
Tex Wasabi

President Robin George opened the annual Christmas/Business meeting with a singing trio of hats worn on the heads of Jenn Sipe, Diana Loo, and, of course, Robin. The meeting was officially called to order with his gavel, used once a year at this meeting! Robin led us enthusiastically through a number of flash cards with the words "communicate", "commemorate", "appreciate" and other words meant to describe why we were here at the club meeting.

At some point in the meeting, Robin introduced the current Board of Officers: Jeanne George- Treasurer, Pam Hunt – Secretary, Jack Parker–Events coordinator, and Bob Bacon- Technical Advisor and Michelle Thomas, our new Newsletter Editor, Mike DeLaurentis- vice-president and Ron Petrich – Media Director. We had over 50 scheduled events this year and a lot of fun to go with them! Many of our members, a total of 27, took the time to coordinate a run or other event and we would like to acknowledge them now:

First Time Leaders receiving a decal for their cars were Cat black and Ken Johnson – Spring Fever run...Vi and Frank Nicholson – Chili Cook Off...Mike and Marlaina Wilson – Picnic D'Art Winery, Farm Trails of Sebastopol

Other Leaders receiving a memory card and reader were Terri Bacon – Birthday party helper, Detail clinic helper, Glacier Lake Tour...Gundi Bechthold – Christmas party for past 3 years...Mark Brooks- newsletter editor and photographer at events...Denise Correia – Scrabble scramble Chairperson...Adi Damania – news letter contributor...David DeNuzzo – tech assistance at meetings, Tech day installer, and club discounts for service...Rod Gonzales- Shriners Concourse organizer, Election Committee, Birthday party drive leader, Finance committee...Graeme Kinsey-Stewarts Point run...Rob and Genny Paauwe – Ice Cream run...Vince Weis and Kathy Bell – Ft Bragg...Wes Zicker – Finance Committee...Diana Loo – helper at the Birthday party and detail clinic...Ellen Frosch – Birthday party drive leader...Jennifer Sipe – Helper at the Birthday Party and Detail clinic, monthly raffle and co-leader of Glacier Lake Tour...Mike Sipe – Detail clinic helper, and co-leader of Glacier Lake tour...Bob Bacon – Birthday party helper, detail clinic helper, tech day helper and co-leader of Glacier Lake tour...Mike and Helen DeLaurentis – Spill the Beans Run, drive and Skate, Birthday party run, Charles Schultz Museum. Wreathes Across America, Troop collection and mailing...Pam and Randy Hunt - co-leader of Glacier Lake tour, Halloween at Virginia City, Birthday party helpers...Ron Petrich – Super Bowl run and Organized the detail clinic...Jack Parker – Club Autocross Championship, OTM Run 3, Kirkwood Pancake RunIV, Topaz Drivers Weekend, Samoa Tech day, Teddy Bear Run...Robin and Jeanne George –Really Hung Over Run, Lunch at Strikes-President run, Meet, Greet and Eat and Full Moon Run, Detail clinic, Miatas at State Fair and Birthday party.

Special honors went to the Board for putting up with Robin. He went out and got some "cheap-ass" items for them so no one could bitch at him! Actually, he got us really nice plug-in coffee mugs for our cars! Robin was also the recipient of something special from Mike DeLaurentis – an Obama Bobblehead. I don't think we want to know why.

The Board wanted a nice gift for Robin, but what do you get for a man that has everything? We ended up with the token "thank-you" card- with a few additions. For the man who has his own checkout line at

Frys because he's there so much, we got him a gift card and to finish off his hard shopping day, another gift card at Hooters, his favorite restaurant!

Robin then entertained us with several "special" tricks and other associated things like how to get a cork out of a bottle when it has gone all the way in and you don't want to break the bottle. There is a way: put a plastic bag in the bottle....and so on.

We currently have two lifetime members- Dennis Swaney and Skip Noyes. Tonight we are privileged to add two more to the list – "Crazy Red" Dave DeNuzzo, and Richard and Dorothy McCamey. They have been continuous members for the past 17 years. They were each presented with a lifetime membership plaque in honor of their achievement. Realize that they had to spend more than \$400 in dues to gain this honor!

A member of our club, Steve Smith, recently passed away. He had been in poor health over the summer and passed on recently. Denise Correia had brought him into the club last year after he drove her Miata. It was love at first site (with the Miata) so had to go get his own.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Pam Hunt

Nothing to report.

Technical – Bob Bacon

Check out caroops.com! It has a listing of cars that have recalls on them. Very handy to look at.

Newsletter Editor – Mark Brooks

This is Marks last meeting as newsletter editor. Thanks Mark for all your hard work!

Media Director – Ron Petrich

Ron had a special true story for us... and Robin followed with another

Events Coordinator – Jack Parker

Jack thanked everyone for their participation in the Teddy Bear Run. There were 24 cars and a lot of goodies for the kids. Wreaths Across America is this Saturday December 12 Rain or shine. Meet in Davis at 8 am to get to Dixon on time. There will be a get together for lunch afterwards. Coming up runs: Hung over run, Super Bowl run, club autocross. More will be coming on these later. We now have a "tire site" icon on our web page through the Tire Rack. The club will get 6% of all purchases from them just by having the logo on our site and having members purchase their tires that way. No catch! Just buy your tires, have them shipped to the Radial Tire store and they will be installed for \$20 each!

Treasurer – Jeanne George

Jeanne is passing around a survey as to why the low turnout this year at the Christmas party. Please fill it out and put in the bag when you leave.

Vice President – Mike De Laurentis

We have a visitor tonight, here with Denise – Kathleen Brock. We are getting some nice notes back from the soldiers that are receiving our packages. Keep up the donations!

Elections:

Rod Gonzalez led the voting for the annual elections. You must be a member in good standing for at least six months to run for an office. He asked for nominations from the floor. Immediately there was a motion to close the nominations, it was seconded and approved by the membership. According to the bylaws, we must vote anyway. We have a slate of officers willing to go on next year-the current Board. The Board was almost unanimously approved. The only no votes were from the Board itself! The old Board will be the new Board for 2010!

Raffle

Miata bag – Ralph

Towels – Gary

Oil filter – Ellen

Martini Mix Kit – Cat

T-shirt – Margaret

Flashlight – Skip

Towels – Gary

Miata bag – Gary

Wine – Kelly

T-shirt- Margaret

Cosmopolitan kit – Margie

Bread mix – Staven

Oil filter – Betty

Candle kit – Diana

Martini kit – Clay

Oil filter and change-from Elk Grove Mazda – Frank

Meguires & towels – Mike

T-shirt – Clay

Converter – Ken

Champagne – Pam

Ratchet set – Neil

Oil filter – Adi

Wine – Ken

Zipwax – Rod

Wine – Ellen

Champagne – Betty

Choc. Chip cookie mix – Jeanne

Halogen work light – Gundi

Wine – Betty

Oil filter and change-from Elk Grove Mazda – Clay

Wreath – Ken

Wreath – Jack

Miata bag – Helen

Toy car - Mike

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20