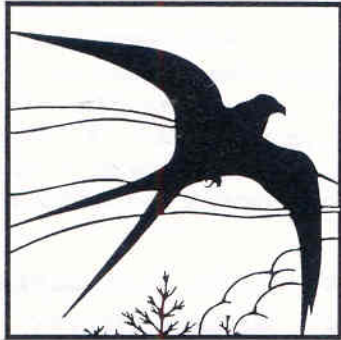


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ROBIN FLIES THE NEST

I write this article the night after our club election. Despite the cold and wet weather, nearly 100 members attended the annual business meeting. A new Board of Officers has been elected for 2001. Although there were considerable jokes regarding dimpled ballots and chads, the slate of candidates was overwhelmingly approved without the need of the court system. My congratulations are extended to the new Board members. We are lucky to have these people willing to serve for the upcoming year.

I, as a SAMOA member, am looking forward to assisting and supporting these brave volunteers, who have taken upon the task to continue the success of the club.

Our club is doing well and has a good core membership. But we must embrace change. Not change for change sake, but change to further pursue our ideals from the shared enjoyment of the Miata, friendships, and further growth of our club as a community of friends. Our club has become more involved in helping less fortunate children in the community. This was evident by the support at the Birthday Party raffle and again at the recent toys for children run. This helps promote the positive image of our club.

We have many new members. These new members add to the diversity of our existing membership and can bring many new opportunities to the club. I

hope all of you will consider drawing on your personal choices of great or unique places to visit or enjoy and provide an opportunity for others to go with you. If you enjoy doing it, chances are that some other members also would be interested. With more and more people opting for the computer line of communication, a simple email to Mike Wilson, the new Events Coordinator, will get the information out to the membership.

I would like to thank Marlaina & Mike Wilson and Diana & Darrel Samuels for their time and efforts in providing the club with an outstanding Holiday Party. We now know where to find Mike: at Karaoke night at the local pub. California Fats normally closes at 10pm, but made no effort to get rid of us and many were still there at midnight.

Word has it, Santa came early for the "good" Diana Samuels with a new 2001 Crystal Blue Miata. (Geez, and Jeanne thought she was getting diamonds for being good!)

We now shift into the full swing of the holiday season. When we all come out of the fog of winter, you will find us somewhere in the pack of fellow Miata drivers enjoying another road adventure.

Jeanne and I wish every one of you a safe and Happy New Year.

..... Robin George



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