

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Regular Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party

January 10, 2019, 7:00 PM

Webmaster Ron Petrich called the meeting to order since the club failed to elect a president or vice-president at the December meeting.

Ron explained to the club that, as a corporation, SAMOA must have a president. While we have paid our insurance for the year and are covered for all our events, we cannot continue indefinitely without leadership under our articles of incorporation.

After explaining the duties of the president, Martin Boersma, stepped up to volunteer to be president and was enthusiastically elected by the members present. Frank Gontarski also volunteered to serve as vice-president and was elected with equal enthusiasm.

Martin and Frank have been members of SAMOA for a little over three years. Martin is an attorney well versed in corporate law who will have no trouble handling the club's paperwork. We look forward to upcoming profiles in the newsletter about our two new officers that will help all of us get to know them better.

Ron turned the meeting over to Martin and the club moved on to discussing the questionnaire Ron sent out earlier this month. Roughly 50 members responded and one of the things many requested was to have our monthly meetings moved to Saturday morning in Rancho Cordova. There were other members who expressed reservations about the change, especially in trying to find a location that would accommodate us as well as Black Bear Diner has.

Consequently, the club voted to try out the Saturday meetings while maintaining our Thursday meeting reservation at Black Bear for now. Our first Saturday meeting will be at 8:15 on February 9th at the Brookfields in Rancho Cordova and will be followed by a run. Details are on the website and please note that an RSVP is necessary since we need to give Brookfields a head count. Anyone interested in making this a permanent meeting time and location should attend. We will be planning our future meetings at the February 9th event.

New Members

We had a number of new members with us tonight:

- Elizabeth Jones
- Samantha Caballero
- Mark & Judy Hudock
- Monte & Randall Echerarria
- Chris Malysiak

We welcome you all and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Upcoming SAMOA Events

Norm passed out the list of upcoming events and encouraged everyone to see the website for more information.

Reminder: Please RSVP for any event you will be attending. This is very important, especially if we are stopping for lunch where we need a head count. It helps the organizer know how many cars to expect and ensures you won't be left behind if you're running a little late. It also allows the organizer to contact you in case of a change of plans, such as a change of meeting place or cancellation. Full details of all planned events are posted on the club website.

- 2/3 Super Bowl Sunday Run – Ron Petrich
- 2/9 Breakfast and Run Meeting at Brookfields
- 2/22-24 Pacific Grove Run to Monterey – Skip Noyes
- 4/6 SAMOA at the Rivercats – Ellen Frosch
- ? Down the River Run – Norm Swanberg
- ? Georgetown Run – Mike Morgan
- 10/? CAM CruiseFest – Rod Gonzalez
- 10/11-13 Miata's at Laguna Seca 30th Anniversary Event
- 10/11-14 Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run – Weis/Bell
- 12/1 Rally for Kids – Rod Gonzalez
- 12/12 SAMOA Christmas Party

Announcements

Anyone interested in purchasing a radio to use during club runs should see our website for information on recommended brands and prices.

Any member who needs a SAMOA decal for their car or a membership card, contact Michele Nanjo.

Reminders

Club Logo Merchandise – The club has window decals as well as 6” magnetic decals available. Contact Michele Nanjo or Jeanne George for details.

Facebook page – The club has a private Facebook page for members only. The name is **Sacramento Miata Club** and all members are encouraged to join. This group is intended for car stuff only, so post stories or information that would interest other SAMOA members. Also, if you could use some advice about your Miata, someone on the page will probably be able to help you.

To join, please submit a request to jeanne@winfirst.com and give her your Facebook user name. One of our administrators will add you to the group.

SAMOA Member Discounts – Our members enjoy free admission to the California Auto Museum and also a 15% discount at Elk Grove Mazda. Be ready to show your

membership card and if you don't have one, please contact Michele Nanjo and she'll get you one.

Our next monthly meeting will be at 8:15 a.m., February 9th, 2019 at Brookfields restaurant in Rancho Cordova.

Please contact Michele Nanjo if you have any corrections or additions to these minutes.

Happy driving!