

## SAMOA General Meeting

April 8, 2010

Tex Wasabi

President Robin George opened the April meeting of SAMOA with his usual spiel! The current Board of Officers (BOO) were introduced: Jeanne George- Treasurer, Pam Hunt – Secretary, Jack Parker–Events coordinator, and Bob Bacon- Technical Advisor, , Mike DeLaurentis- vice-president, Ron Petrich – Media Director and Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor.

### **BITS AND PIECES**

Lifetime members present tonight were Dennis Swaney, and Dave “Crazy Red” DeNuzzo. Past presidents in attendance tonight were Cat Black., Mike DeLaurentis and Dave DeNuzzo. Also introduced were several members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee- Diana Loo and Jennifer Sipe (Mike stood in for Jenn).

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **Secretary – Pam Hunt**

Jeanne reported for Pam tonight – 131 memberships, 217 people and 135 Miatas!

#### **Technical – Bob Bacon**

Bob brought driving shoes tonight to show the benefits and what to look for. He highly recommends them. He also mentioned the current issue of Consumer Reports and their car ratings. In the “roadster” type category the Miata rated number two! The only car higher was the Porsche Boxter-a car more than twice the price of the Miata. We knew that!

#### **Treasurer – Jeanne George**

Jeanne mentioned that there is some attire and hats left. Please see her if you are interested.

#### **Newsletter Editor – Michelle Thomas**

We need more members to submit articles for the newsletter. There are the same few every month, we need more!

#### **Media Director – Ron Petrich**

Ron selling tickets for our Charity Raffle in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. He has already received over \$8,500 in prizes for the raffle with more coming in daily. He then had a story...

### **Events Coordinator – Jack Parker**

Coming up runs:

Ferrari Challenge May 2 – Ron Petrich will lead a group down to Infineon to view the Ferraris. Cost will be around \$15-20 per person. No reservations needed. Meet at the Chevron in Winters before 8:30 AM, rain or shine.

Miatas in Moab and prerun May 8-16. You might be able to find a room if you plan on going. There are currently 9 cars going on the trip and it looks like it will be wonderful.

River Cats game on Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>. There are order forms on all the tables. The price is \$17 per person and the seats are along the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line in the shade. Pay parking at the field. See the web for more details. Deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Placerville Historic Run – May 16<sup>th</sup> with the DeLaurentis'. This will be a tour of historic Placerville. You will meet at the Denneys in Newcastle at 9:30 and take a nice run over Hwy 49. Lunch will be at Round Table Pizza and the afternoon will be a tour of the Gold Bug Mine.

Ken Johnson is planning another go cart night on Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming.

Poker run on May 29<sup>th</sup>-winner take all. More to come.

Autocross Awards: there were a lot of participants in Samoa's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Autocross. The winners were: Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Mary Jo, first place Jill Thurston. Novice class: 4<sup>th</sup> was Astrid, 3<sup>rd</sup> was Bob Bacon, 2<sup>nd</sup> was John Walsh and first place went to Matt Thurston. For Class 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Richard Kelly and first was Clay Cowan. For Class 3- Rod Gonzalez placed first. In the Open class, first place went to Jack Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Nick and third to Robin.

### **Vice President – Mike De Laurentis**

There are many new members and guests tonight. Jeff Kilty is an old member who is rejoining us. John Walsh has a 2007 Miata and is a teacher from Sutter Creek. Hank & Joal Simpson are from Palermo, which is near Oroville. John & Queta Crabtree have a '97 and are from Fairfield. Alan Westphal has a green 2001 with 31,000 miles on it! During the meeting, he found out it was Cat and Kens old car-it's a small world! Keith and Sarah Tate are from Citrus Heights and have a 97 with 123,000 miles on it. And finally, we have Ken Clifford with a '92 sunburst.

Raffle

Compressor-Astrid

First aid kit – Susan

Wash mitt and towels – Joe

Jim Beam – Hank

Meguires paste wax – Bob C.

Knit Mazda hat-Jill

Zip wax-John

Tshirt – Mike

Flashlite set – Richard K.

Digital tire gauge – Matt

Zoom zoom hat – Helen

Oil & filter change with nitrogen tire fill – Margie

Mazda Mug- Dennis

Tshirt – Kelly

Car computer mouse-Hank

BevMo gift cert – Austin

Towels and tire cleaner- Margaret

Wine – Mr. Hennessy from EGM

Hat – Astrid

Oil & filter change with nitrogen tire fill – Hank

Wash mitt - Steve

Oil & filter change with nitrogen tire fill – Ken

Oil & filter change with nitrogen tire fill – Astrid

Car computer mouse – Alan

Gift cert to Tex Wasabi – Elaine

Mazda mug – Hank

Tshirt – Margaret

Mug – Dennis

Johnny Garlic Gift Cert – Clay.