

SAMOA Member Meeting 06/14/2012

Location: Elk Grove Mazda Dealership

Elk Grove Mazda opened their doors to SAMOA, providing a great environment, food, and refreshments on the showroom floor of their beautiful new dealership. It was a great turnout with over 60 members attending.

President Robin George opened the meeting after attendees filled their plates with yummy fruits, cheeses, meatballs, and other delectable eats.

Robin introduced owner John Driebe to the group. John welcomed us all and spoke briefly about discounts and special pricing offered to members of SAMOA. He mentioned the Mazda3, and SAMOA member Bob Bacon testified he got 42 mpg while travelling to SoCal at an average of 70 mph.

Robin said to be sure to check the SAMOA website www.sacramentoareamiata.org frequently for upcoming events, as new ones are being added frequently. He then introduced the BOO, lifetime members, and past presidents. And (much to this co-secretary's jealousy) he had all the retirees identify themselves.

Event's Coordinator, Diana Loo, discussed events. She had Skip get up to discuss an upcoming drive that weekend to Audubon Canyon Ranch to see the egret nesting site and enjoy some cooler temperatures on the coast. Diana then had persons discuss past events, first was the Autocross. Jack Parker handed out awards for the winners: Ladies champion was Astrid Senger, Novice winner Jan Blixen, Class II winner Randy Block, Class III winner Clay Cowan, and Class IV overall champion Rod Gonzalez. Jack thanked Jeanne for her excellent scorekeeping once again this year. Randy thanked Jack for an excellent event, and said his Aunt Cat really enjoyed herself and appreciated such an event where they were very patient with her.

Ken discussed the last Go-Kart racing, fun to watch for those who attended but didn't drive, there will be more, watch the events calendar.

Robin took his Jag to the Capitol Concourse, volunteered to help out, nice, not a lot going on but fun event.

Other upcoming events, see www.sacramentoareamiata.org for more details:

Tahoe Run, June 24th, led by Joanne and Ralph and son Mike

Green Haven Estates, June 26th

July 12 – 15th, Explore Oregon with Willamette Valley Miata Club

July 19th, next meeting at Black Bear Diner

July 25th, Miata's at State Fair

Aug. 18th, Monterey Motorsports Mazda Corral

Sept. 8th and 9th, the Big Event in Nevada City, Miata Funkhana – Olympic themed

Sept. 23rd, Birthday Picnic at Windwalker Winery

Sept. 30th, Kirkwood Pancake Run

Oct. 5 – 8th, Fort Bragg Weekend

Dec. 8th, SAMOA Christmas Dinner, Vince's Italian in Elk Grove, featuring entertainment by Jason Carmel

Keep checking the website for new events and updates on these.

Jeanne gave the treasury report, saying we've had several drops in membership, mostly those who had free for first year if they recently purchased a Miata. She gave an update from Pam and Randy, they are in Colorado and loving it! Jeanne noted that there is some SAMOA swag left for purchase, get them while you can.

Kathleen gave an update on Graeme, she spoke to him for a little while, he's gotten the last of his radiation treatments, is resting, and doing well.

Margie reported there are 127 Memberships, 216 Members, and 139 Miata's in the club. She said we all missed out on Moab, it was a beautiful trip, good weather, and she mentioned the next trip is in 2 years to Zion and Bryce Canyon.

Ron reported there are no true stories tonight, provided the current password for members, and said to watch the events page for a Sunday trip from Winters Chevron to go around Lake Berryessa. He then told a couple of bad jokes our president supplied before Jeanne intervened.

Ellen introduced new members, Randy Block ('04 Red Mazda Speed), Bob and Tessie Peeler ('12 Silver), John and Barbara Williams ('11 Red), Lee Sutton ('99 Blue), and visitor Waymon Yee ('96 White).

Robin reminded everyone that the next meeting will be July 19th at Black Bear Diner.

We then proceeded to the Raffle:

Automatic Wine opener: Farris Simmons; Miata book: John Fell; Jordan almonds: Wes; BBQ sauce: Bruce; Beer: Grant, Judd, Kathy, Kathleen, and Renee; Wine: Chris & Diana, Lynn, Rod, Mike D, Vince x 2, Maureen, and Bruce; Mary Kay Basket: Wes; Folding Chair: Bob Peeler; Wine Rack: Margaret; Kitchen surface saver: Wes; Chianti and pasta bowl: Mike D; Cheese plate and knife: Judd.

