

SAMOA Member Meeting July 11, 2013

President Robin George opened the meeting with a tribute to James Gandolfini (may he rest in peace.) He then discussed the new menu specials created just for the SAMOA meeting, thanks to the efforts of Mike D.

Robin then mentioned that a local car dealer and leasing company owner Paul Snider donated \$15M to help finance the construction of a new Sacramento Waterfront Museums project at the site of the California Auto Museum.

President George then shared a new Miata commercial, fastest convertible, very hilarious, had everyone in stitches. He then introduced the Board of Officers, Lifetime members and past presidents to the Soprano's theme song. He also announced the marriage of lifetime member Skip Noyes and Co-secretary Renee Araiza.

Jeanne 'the Bean' George then announced the sale of sweatshirts, denim shirts, hats, and glasses. She noted that she did some great sales of merchandise at the Fountain's car show event.

Renee gave the member report, there are 129 memberships, 213 members, and 143 Miatas.

Diana 'the Racket' Loo then led discussion of past and future events.

Greenhaven Estates was fun, short run, appreciative people and a good dinner.

The Pancake run to Kirkwood was also good, SAMOA participants were joined by a couple visitor from Regina (sounds like... um, never mind), Canada, driving a beautiful '06 Winning Blue Miata, the other in a Corvette. It was a fun run, with good breakfast.

The Friday Fountains at Roseville event was fun, there was music, lots of interested people, and we'll try to get back on the calendar for next year.

Future events (please see the website Events page for full details) include: **USS Hornet Tour** – drive to Alameda on July 20, cash required; the **Disney Museum Run** – Aug. 3, drive to Stinson Beach, then on to Presidio; **Bethel Island 50's Bash** – August 10th, hosted at the Bell's, Mike D will lead a run there, bring chairs and drinks, RSVP by 8/5; **Monterrey Car Week** – 8/16 – 18, Saturday Miata Corral at turn 5; **OTM IV** – drive your other-than-Miata, 8/24; **Return to Lassen** - 8/31 – 9/1, staying at Best Western in Chester; **Tahoe Picnic** – 9/14 at the Bauer's, Robin will lead a run up there; **Bear-to- Bear Not a Rally** – 9/21 run from BBD Sac/Natomas to BBD Willows, various routes to get there; More listed on the SAMOA events page, check them out!

Utah club will be going in 2014 to Bryce Canyon over July 4th weekend.

Ray Bauer discussed car safety and items essential for survival on back-roads trips, including fire extinguisher, jumper cables, first aid kit, bag, blanket, tourniquet, metric wrench with various sockets, and survival food and water.

Ron 'the Webinator' Petrich told a really long joke. Jennifer 'the Pen' Sipe encouraged members to read the newsletter, she then showed a cute sobriety test video.

Crazy Red De Nuzzo talked about checking oil and checking items that are affected in the high heat.

Raffle:

Wine: Alyssa x2, Bob R x 3, Ron P, Kevin T, Ellen, Maureen

Beer: Alyssa, Don J, Barbara C. ; Sasparilla: Bruce; Rootbeer: Bruce Jenner (aka BBD mgr.)

Car wash: Robin, Helen D, Jackie, Ron P; Pretzels: Cynthia, BBD Mgr.

Bug and Tar remover and Carpet stain remover: Robin; Lantern: Don J

Hand wash: Veronica, Maureen; BBQ sauce: Jeanne, Maureen

Invisible glass and light: BBD manager; Champagne: Alyssa, Don J

Showtime and Gojo: Don J, Carole B; Spotlight: Kevin T; Chair: Paul

Meeting Adjourned!