

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 9, 2018, 7:00 PM

President Robin George called the meeting to order and introduced the officers, founding members and lifetime members.

The main event tonight was a ceremony to honor Vietnam era veterans through the Vietnam Veterans Partners Program which was initiated by President Obama and is being continued by President Trump. The evening's program began with two videos celebrating Vietnam vets. We then proceeded to the ceremony which honored 23 SAMOA members. The vets received a certificate and pin. Martin also donated two free Rivercats tickets to each vet.

We will be holding this ceremony again next year and veterans who are not members of SAMOA may apply, so if you have friends or relatives who served during the Vietnam War, please contact the club with their information.

Upcoming SAMOA Events

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.

A special event is being planned with Elk Grove Mazda to go see and test drive the new 2019 Miata. Stay tuned for details.

- 09/08 SAMOA Birthday Picnic – **Must RSVP by August 21st**
- **09/13 There will be no September meeting at Black Bear Diner**
- 09/14-16 Miata's at Laguna Seca Raceway – Rick Weldon
- 10/05-08 Ralph Gingrich Memorial Fort Bragg Run – Vince Weis/Kathi Bell
NOTE: Due to a shortage of abalone, this year's festival will center on a Sustainable Seafood Tasting. Tickets are \$40 before July 1st and \$50 after.
- 10/06 CAM CruiseFest on Fulton – Rod Gonzalez
- 10/20 SCCA National Championship Runoffs – Ron Petrich
NOTE: The Miata corral will be near turn 7 on 10/20. Tickets are \$25/person
- 12/13 Monthly Meeting, Elections & Christmas Party

Announcements

SAMOA Needs You! -- It's not too early to start thinking about running for a club office. Some of our long-serving officers, including president Robin George, will be

retiring at the end of this year, so we need new members to step up and help lead our club. Elections will be held at the Christmas party, so if you are interested – or just want more information – please contact Robin George.

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 July 12th, 2018.

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

Happy driving!