

## SAMOA Member Meeting October 11, 2012

President Robin George opened the meeting at 7pm, welcoming everyone on behalf of the Board of Officers (BOO). He showed a very touching and powerful video of a band performing The Star Spangled Banner, bringing nearly all to tears.

He then went on with asking members 'Why are we here?' To celebrate the Miata of course, the most affordable and reliable sports car.

Robin encouraged members to check the SAMOA website for important events, information, and new additions, including the Halloween link.

Robin introduced the BOO, lifetime members, and past presidents. He mentioned the Fall Colors run and the Birthday Picnic.

Treasurer Jeanne said the Big Event ended up with extra water, for sale, 9 cases and \$3.19 per case, and sodas at 25 cents apiece. The group we buy our swag from has a sale again, so she has ordered some more hats. We collected \$433 for the Wounded Warrior benefit, additional funds collected for a total of \$662. An anonymous member offered to round up to the next hundred, so the final total was \$700.

Secretary Margie gave the member report, there are 145 Miatas, 134 active memberships, and 225 members. She had just returned from riverboat cruise on the Mississippi, and then a trip to New York. Co-secretary Renee just returned from a trip with Skip to New Hampshire to see the fall colors, and Skip proposed on the trip. \*bling\*

Mike gave the tech report, he discussed that he volunteers at the California Auto Museum, and he has the honor of raising the flag every Saturday morning. It makes him proud to be an American. Mike appreciates the good feedback on his articles. He mentioned that America's Tire is a good company to work for, they have been around for a long time, and the bad economy has not affected them. He said that if you have sons or daughters looking for a good job (hard work, but good benefits) they should apply to America's Tire. Mike provided advice on replacing tires, when replacing them in twos, put the new tires on the rear of the vehicle, unless you have AWD, also the tires should be the same size.

Wes reported that Kathy and Vince did a great job with the Ft. Bragg run. It was also reported that Ellen did a great job with the Fall Colors Run, nice day and pretty scenery. The birthday party was great, food was good, people got soaked.

For new events, the Dayton Theater performance was mentioned.

Renee discussed the Zoombie Run, meet at the McDonald's at Meadowview near Freeport, the Pocket Exit, at 10:30, leaving at 11 to drive a little ways down and around the Delta, heading to Dave's Pumpkin Patch, then Miner's Leap Winery. There will be a Nacho Bar at the winery, costume contest, pumpkin judging. Come dressed as a zombie or other creature.

The Christmas party will be December 8<sup>th</sup>, at Vince's Italian, please send dinner money to Jenn, there will be Karaoke, cheesecake, and line dancing led by Diana.

Skip mentioned the Clearwater Open House BBQ, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm.

Wreath's Across America, not sure if we will be placing wreaths, or taking them off, pending confirmation of dates and possible conflicts.

Check out all the events online and RSVP.

Ellen introduced new members: Bob and Cindy Raymond, he works at PetCo, judges Gymnastics events, and drives a new '12 Pearl White Miata; Barry Cowan and Carol Hanson, they drive a '99 Emerald Green Miata, he's a retired state employee, hiker, and landscape photographer.

Raffle Winners:

Nuts: Alex & Joyce, Dashsa; Cheese Board: Dot; Coffee Don, Bob, Rod; Chocolates and Tiramisu wafers: Veronica; Wine: Don, Margie, Dasha, Kathy, Ellen, Kathy, Bob, Rod, Don, Terry, Barry; Sausages: Bob; Apple butter: Ron, Beer: Margaret; Armor All: Vince; Car detailer: Dot; Car Wax: Dasha; Car Wash: Skip