

SAMOA General Meeting  
August 12, 2010  
7 p.m.  
Celias

President Robin George opened the meeting at a new location tonight! For the first time we are at Celias Mexican Restaurant. Please let us know what you think about it! There must be something good about this new place - we had 37 cars and over 80 members here when the meeting started! Nice attendance! We had many of the BOO absent tonight but Jeanne covered them all quite well. She represented, besides herself as Secretary: Mike DeLaurentis- vice-president, Ron Petrich – Media Director and Michelle Thomas, Newsletter Editor. The rest of the BOO that were present tonight were: Pam Hunt – Secretary, Jack Parker- Events coordinator and Bob Bacon – Technical advisor. Also acknowledged were the members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Mike De Laurentis, Dianna Loo, Jennifer & Mike Sipe, Pam & Randy Hunt, Rob & Terri Bacon, Robin & Jeanne George, Jack Parker, Ron Petrich and Ellen Frosch.

#### **BITS AND PIECES**

Past presidents in attendance tonight were Cat Black and Mike DeLaurentis. Lifetime members present were Dennis, Dave, Skip and Richard and Dorothy McCamey.

Remember the election is STILL coming up in December –“run for it”. You must have been a member for at least six months in order to run.

The Show and Shine, sponsored by Elk Grove Mazda, was held on Sunday, July 11, 2010 starting at 10 am. We had 24 cars show up for a first time event! Bob Bacon won first place in the car show-a nice crisp One Hundred Dollar Bill, courtesy of Elk Grove Mazda. Second place went to our very own President – Robin George. He received a Fifty Dollar Bill for his effort – again from Elk Grove Mazda! Another Show and Shine event was at the State Fair. There were about 11 cars that showed up for a fairly quiet day with nice weather but not much traffic.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

##### **Secretary – Pam Hunt**

Pam is still talking... We currently have – 150 memberships, 245 people and 155 Miatas and are still growing at a fast pace. Please let her know if you have any changes in addresses, phone numbers or emails.

##### **Treasurer – Jeanne George**

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

##### **Media Director – Ron Petrich**

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

##### **Jeanne for Mike-**

You have only until August 31<sup>st</sup> to sign up for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Bear Valley. So far, there are 54 cars coming from as far away as Oregon. Check the website for all the information.

The Funkhana will be 8 events that even the most basic driver can enter! There will be one winner for each events and the awards ceremony will be held immediately after the event. Sign up soon. It will be held on Sunday morning starting at 8 am.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting will be held at Carmichael Park on Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>. This is where the first SAMOA meeting was held. It will run from noon to 3 p.m.. Bring your own food, beer or wine and SAMOA will provide cake. Elk Grove Mazda will be there with some nice new Miatas to show us!

**Jeanne for Ron-**

Jeanne is selling raffle tickets for Ron tonight - \$5 each or 5 for \$20. There are over \$12,000 worth of prizes for the raffle –see the list on the website.

**Jeanne for Michelle –**

Michelle continues to need newsletter articles and pictures. Anything will help her out. Make sure you check out the history of the club that Jeanne has been writing in the Newsletter-it's great.

**Jeanne for Mike-again**

Mikes progressive run will be on August 21<sup>st</sup>. It will start with one car and pick up others along the way. Everyone will meet for ice cream at the end. Sign up by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Technical Advisor – Bob Bacon**

Bob queried the group asking about how many had changed out their exhaust systems from the stock system. Please let Bob know if you have done this. There was also a question about who has a good alignment shop. Mentioned were Firestone, Auburn Tires, and Radial Tire Service.

**Events Coordinator – Jack Parker**

The August 6<sup>th</sup> re-do of the Cherry Lake/Cottonwood Rd. between Yosemite and Sonora was great fun. They didn't lose any cars on the 53 miles of no stop signs.

M & M Run: Tonight, August 12<sup>th</sup>, right after our next club meeting, Ellen will lead an evening run to go out and watch the Perseid meteor showers. The peak is supposed to be occurring at this time so hopefully there should be a great show going on.

SAMOA at the Rivercats on Friday August 20<sup>th</sup> and is sold out.

The annual Ft Bragg run will be from October 8-11. There will be a nice run over to the coast led by Vince and Kathy and then planned activities during the weekend. A block of rooms is being held at the Best Western and the cottage there is also being rented. See Ralph if you want to stay there.

Coming up later this year is the Annual Teddy Bear run and the Christmas party-check the calendar for times and places.

Robin led us in the SAMOA Health minute...his third in a row!

As you age, your eye color gets lighter!

The human eye blinks more than 4 million times a year..

And so on....

Ken Johnson finished first at the Roseville Autocross-open wheeled modified! Good job, Ken.

Skip has a friend with a '92 yellow Miata for sale. It has 65k original miles and he is asking \$5,000 but will take less for cash. See Skip.

**Jeanne for Mike again-**

New members tonight: lots...

Al Battimarco is at his first meeting. He just got an 06 Silver, named Mad Max. He traded in his Harley for it and his wife likes it a lot better!

Mark Mattes recently bought '91 silver and does all his own work. He also got rid of his Harley.

Jerry Street bought a mahogany 2000 SE from his neighbor with only 13k miles on it. What a deal!

Ron and Sue Spence have a 2010 Stormy Blue Mica.

Jack Budmark has had his '99 for about 5 years, but has just started coming to SAMOA meetings.

Bryon is from Tennessee and is here for a while. He has a '94 white and just bought a '95 black!

Jo Freeman recently bought a Red Miata named "Little Witch".

Taylor Keyes is a visitor tonight. He has a 90 red with white racing stripes. He got it when he was 15 and couldn't drive it until he got his license.

Don't forget the "Tire Rack" login on our web page. Check out their tires. The club has made over \$500 on 'Kick-backs" this year. Keep on buying.

#### Raffle

Meguiars wax-Al

Elk Grove Mazda oil/filter change – Margaret

Tool kit – Bob

Bar mixing kit – Susan

Mazda MX5 book – Betty

Wine – Betty

Game combo – Spence

Car soap - Jack

Flashlight/screwdriver kit – Dot

Starbucks gift card – Susie

Sherrie Berries gift card – Jack

Elk Grove Mazda oil/filter change – Diana

Miata book set – Ama

Wine – Ama

McDonalds gift card – Clay

Bocci ball set – Kathy

Starbucks gift card – Ama

Wine and carrier – Doug

Shop Vac – Dennis

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.