

# Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

## Monthly Meeting

**April 13, 2023, 7:00pm**

The meeting was held at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

Board Members Present: Martin Boersma, Clay Cowan, Michele Nanjo

The founding and life members were recognized. New members were introduced.

### **Officer Reports**

None

### **Old Business**

#### Birthday Party at Fort Bragg

Marty is looking for the best price for hotel rooms in Fort Bragg for this year's birthday party. He will email the club with more information when it becomes available.

### **New Business**

#### New Website

DT has taken over as our new webmaster and has set up a new website at [www.sacramentoareamiatas.org](http://www.sacramentoareamiatas.org). This is the same name as our old website only with a .org extension instead of .com. We are keeping the .com name since it is only a minimal yearly charge and prevents anyone else from using the name and being confused with our club. Also, if anyone tries to log into the old site it will direct them to the new one. Marty will be sending out an email from the new site. Please email him back to let him know you've received it.

#### Miata Reunion at Sonoma Raceway – October 21-22

Mark your calendars for this event. Online registration opens on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am PST at <https://www.sonomaraceway.com>. More information to follow at <https://miatareunion.com>. Marty will be compiling a list of those who plan to go, so if you are, let him know.

#### Radios

Marty distributed the club radios to various members present at the meeting. Having them in storage means they are difficult to make available for runs. Hopefully, having them with our more active club members will ensure they get more use.

#### “Element” Fire Extinguisher

The “Element” fire extinguisher is promoted by Jay Leno. It is a small extinguisher, effective against all types of fires and has a long shelf-life. It is a one-time use, so never

needs recharging. It is on the pricy side, but if you're in the market for a fire-extinguisher, it is definitely worth considering.

### Marty and Frank are Retiring in December

Marty announced that he and Frank are retiring as president and VP at the end of the year. They are letting us know well in advance so that other club members can consider stepping up to the jobs. Marty recommends finding a friend and taking on the two jobs as a team as he and Frank have done.

The job of President consists mainly of communication:

- Preparing the monthly meeting agenda
- Running the meeting
- Staying in touch with other clubs to keep us informed of their events
- Sending out emails to the club regarding important information

The job of VP is supporting the president and acting in his/her stead when he/she is unavailable.

Marty and Frank are happy to answer any questions anyone may have, so if you're interested, please contact them.

### **Events**

Full details of all planned events are posted on the club website. **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. Club members are strongly encouraged to bring radios when attending runs in case of emergency and to avoid anyone getting lost. **Be sure to have proof of insurance with you on all runs.**

### Upcoming SAMOA Events

- 4/15 Western Railway Museum – Don & Lisa Asperger
- 4/22 Rivercats – Ellen Frosch (40 attendees needed for parade lap)
- 5/10 General Meeting
- 5/13 Empire Mine Tour – Bob Castelli
- 6/14 General Meeting
- Jun/? Cherry Picking in Lodi – Randy Terk
- Jun/Jul Ice House Road Run – Frank Gontarski
- 7/13 General Meeting
- 7/13-16 Explore Oregon, Mt. Hood – Willamette Valley Miata Club
- Sep/? Birthday Party in Fort Bragg
- 10/21-22 Miata Reunion at Sonoma Raceway
- 12/3 Shriner's Rally4Kids Toy Drive – Rod Gonzalez

- 12/7 Christmas Party at CAM

#### Regional Events – See club websites for details

- 7/20-23 Utah Miata Club – Beartooth Hwy in Wyoming

#### Track Days

Contact Norm Swanberg if you're interested in attending a track day with fellow SAMOA members.

#### Cars & Coffee

Check out the NorCal Car Culture website, <https://norcalcarculture.com>, for information on Cars & Coffee and other car events in our region.

#### Other Clubs

The Bay Area Miata Association (BAMA) and the Reno Miata club both have held events recently that our members have participated in. The Reno club is free to join and will get you on their email list for upcoming runs. Contact both clubs for more information.

- BAMA—<https://www.bayareamiataassociation.com>
- Reno—<https://www.renomiataclub.com>

#### **Reminders**

- **CAM Tickets**—As a member of the California Auto Museum, the club has received dozens of tickets to the museum for our members' use. If you would like some of these free tickets, contact Marty and let him know how many tickets you want. They will be given out on a first come, first served basis.
- Any member who needs a **SAMOA decal for their car or a membership card**, contact Michele Nanjo.
- **Club Logo Merchandise** – The club has window decals available. Contact Michele Nanjo 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 contact the board.
- **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 general meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.**

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

Happy driving!