

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Monthly Meeting

January 12, 2023, 7:00pm

The meeting was held at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

Board Members Present: Martin Boersma, Frank Gontarski, Bob Castelli, Clay Cowan and Michele Nanjo

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

Ice Breaker

Our VP, Frank Gontarski, organized a game of Pictionary with two five-person teams of volunteers. We look forward to future ice-breakers Frank may present.

Officer Reports

None

Old Business

Christmas Party

The Christmas party was a great success. We collected a lot of toys for the Sacramento Children's receiving home and a good time was had by all. We have scheduled this year's Christmas party at CAM on December 7th.

Birthday Party in 2023

The club is hoping to make a birthday weekend event a standard fixture on our calendar. This year, the event is planned for Fort Bragg in August or September. If anyone has any comments or suggestions for the weekend, please email Martin Boersma.

New Business

TSD Rally School and Rally

The Sacramento Valley chapter of the Porsche Club of America (PCA) is holding a TSD rally school and rally on Sunday, March 19th at the Porsche Dealership in Fremont. Cost is \$20 for each two-person team and includes lunch. Your navigator must be at least 13 years old. Register by March 15th at msreg.com/2023ZONE7RALLY SCHOOL. Questions: email rally@svr-pca.org.

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

- 2/9 General Meeting
- 2/24-26 Pacific Grove Run – Skip & Renee
- 3/9 General Meeting
- 3/19 PCA Rally School – PCA
- 4/1 OTM VI
- 4/15 General Meeting
- 4/22 Rivercats – Ellen (40 attendees needed for parade lap)
- 5/10 General Meeting
- 6/14 General Meeting
- 7/13 General Meeting
- 7/14 Cherry Lake Revisited
- Jul? Explore Oregon, Mt. Hood – Willamette Valley Miata Club (4-days)
- Aug-Sep? Club Birthday Party in Fort Bragg
- 12/7 Christmas Party at CAM
- Dec? Shriner's Toy Drive

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>

Regional Events: Next Year

- Miatas in Moab

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, February 9th at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

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

Happy driving!