

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Monthly Meeting

February 9, 2023, 7:00pm

The meeting was held at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

Board Members Present: Bob Castelli, Clay Cowan and Michele Nanjo

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

Officer Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Run Committee

If you are interested in setting up a run or would like to help with one, please contact any member of the Run Committee. The members are:

- Don and Lisa Asperger
- Bob Castelli
- Frank Gontarski
- Randy Terk

Tips & Tricks

Miata ND Convertible Drain Filter

The convertible Miata ND has a drain filter that can get clogged and need cleaning. If you have this model car, google “Miata ND Drain Filter” to find YouTube videos showing how to clean the filter.

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

- 3/12 PCA Rally School – PCA
- 4/2 April Fools Rally – Empire Sports Car Association
- 4/13 General Meeting
- 4/15 Western Railway Museum – Don & Lisa Asperger
- 4/22 OTM VI – Jack Parker
- 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
- 7/13 General Meeting
- 7/13-16 Explore Oregon, Mt. Hood – Willamette Valley Miata Club
- 7/14 Cherry Lake Revisited (near Black Oak) – Jack Parker
- Aug-Sep? Club Birthday Party in Fort Bragg
- 10/21-22 Miata Reunion at Sonoma Raceway
- 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://norcalcarrculture.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, March 9th at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

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

Happy driving!