

SACRAMENTO AREA MIATA OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Monthly Meeting
February 8, 2024 - 7:00pm

The meeting was held at Black Bear Diner, 2700 El Centro Road, in Natomas.

Board Members Present: President Norm Swanberg, Vice President April Halliday, Treasurer Clay Cowen, Events Coordinator Bob Castelli.

The officers, founding member Skip Noyes and lifetime member Clay Cowan were recognized. We also welcomed a new member, David Hunt, to the club. David has a White 1993 NA with 58k miles. It is for sale with an asking price of \$9k.

BOARD REPORT

The slate of officers for this year, that were voted in at the December and January meetings, is as follows:

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| President: | Norm Swanberg |
| VP: | April Halliday |
| Treasurer: | Clay Cowan |
| Secretary: | Michele Nanjo |
| Events: | Bob Castelli |
| Webmaster: | DT Nguyen |

Bank Account Access

The new officers met to discuss who will have access to the club's bank accounts. It was decided that Norm, April, Bob and Clay will have access and be able to sign checks. Any person other than those four will have their access removed.

Raffle

We are going to try something different with the raffle at the general meetings. Those who wish to participate will put in \$1.00 and get a ticket. At the end of the meeting, there will be two drawings of half the pot each. If there is an odd amount, the first drawing will be \$1.00 greater. This will be much simpler than trying to get the right number of prizes and something that everyone wants.

OLD BUSINESS

The Track Nuts

Norm Swanberg reminded the club that anyone interested in taking their Miata to the track should request to be included in the Track Nuts list. The Track Nuts typically participate in track days at Thunder Hill. You can contact Norm or April for more information.

The Track Nuts will also be providing an opportunity for people to observe a track event and join the participants for lunch. Observers can arrive whenever it is convenient for them and leave when they wish. If we have multiple observers they may wish to drive up together. If anyone thinks they might want to observe and join us for lunch, Please contact Norm or April.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Christmas Party

The 2024 Christmas Party is scheduled for December 5, 2024 at the California Automobile Museum. The price is \$10 per person and we will be collecting unwrapped toys to donate to a local children's charity.

The club plans to have the dinner catered by the Old Spaghetti Factory as in past years, but if anyone has other suggestions for catering, please let Barbara and Bob Castelli know.

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.

Prior Events

No runs have been held since the January meeting.

Upcoming SAMOA Events:

- Feb 11 8:30am Frank Gontarski doing a Super Bowl Run around Lake Berryessa
- Feb 23-25 Pacific Grove – Skip and Renee Noyes
- Feb 24 TSD School & Rally in Rockling - PCA
- Apr TBD Jelly Belly Factory Tour – Skip and Renee Noyes
- Mar 10 & 16 PCA School & Autocross – PCA
- Mar 23 Spring Flowers Rally Foothills - PCA
- May 4 River Cats Show'n Shine – Ellen Frosch
- TBD Four Pass Run – Marty Boersma
- Jul 11-14 Explore Oregon 2024 – Willamette Valley Miata Club
- Sep 27-29 SAMOA Birthday Party Weekend Fort Bragg – Marty Boersma
- Dec 5 SAMOA Christmas Party

Regional Events – See club websites for details

- March 23 -- PCA-SVR is holding their first of six TSD rallies planned for 2024. Spring Flowers Rally is designed for the novice, and will be run in the foothills of Folsom. Information can be found at [Spring Flowers Rally Flyer \(2-4-24\).pdf](#).

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 Norm 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 14th at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

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

Happy driving!