

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Monthly Meeting

May 13, 2023, 7:00pm

The meeting was held at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

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

The founding and life members were recognized.

BOO Reports

- The board encourages everyone to wear name badges when attending club events so that new members can learn older members' names.
- The board recommends bringing back the "Classified Ads" feature on the website since we have received several emails recently requesting to post cars and other items for sale. This feature would only be open to club members, but anyone wishing to use it could register for a free 1-year membership.
- The board updated our website password policy as follows:
 - The password will be changed every three months and it will be something fairly easy to remember.

Old Business

Birthday Party at Fort Bragg

The club has reserved a block of 15 rooms at the Best Western Vista Manor Lodge where we have stayed in the past. The cost is \$168/night if you book by August 30th. Call the hotel at (707) 964-4776 and tell them you're with the Sacramento Miata Club. Marty will be sending out an email with further information soon.

Miata Reunion at Sonoma Raceway – October 21-22

John Taylor spoke to the club about this event. Online registration opens on Saturday, May 27th at 9am PST at <https://www.sonomaraceway.com> and he stressed that you should sign up early if you're interested in doing hot-laps or any of the other events that have limited space. More information is available at <https://miatareunion.com>. You can also email John with questions.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you plan to do a hot lap, you must have a helmet and a rollbar. Your car will also need to undergo a safety inspection.

Radios

Marty still has a couple of sets of radios left if anyone wants them.

New Website

Reminder that we are on a new website, www.sacramentoareamiatas.org. This is the same name as our old website only with a .org extension instead of .com.

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.

New Business

The company we used to use for our club name badges is no longer in business. We are looking for a new one, so if anyone knows of a company, please email the board members.

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

- 6/3 Cherry Picking in Lodi – Randy Terk
- 6/8 General Meeting
- 6/10 Outdoor Quilt Show
- 7/8 Ice House Road Run – Frank Gontarski
- 7/13 General Meeting
- 7/13-16 Explore Oregon, Mt. Hood – Willamette Valley Miata Club

- 8/5 Capay Valley Run – Bob Castelli
- 9/16 Mediterranean Festival – Ellen Frosch
- 9/29-10/1 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, June 8th at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

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

Happy driving!