

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Monthly Meeting

September 8, 2022, 7:00pm

The meeting was held at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

Board Members Present: Martin Boersma, Bob Castelli and Michele Nanjo

The founding and life members were recognized.

Officer Reports

None

Old Business

Christmas Party Toy Drive

The Christmas party will be here soon. Remember that we will not be having a gift exchange. Instead, we will be collecting toys to donate to a local charity, so please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the party.

Liability Waivers and Insurance

There was much discussion around liability waivers and proof of insurance for runs. Although everyone should have a liability waiver on file, it was agreed that run leaders should have extra waivers on hand for those who don't. Bob Castelli can provide a list of everyone who has a waiver on file.

As for proof of insurance, run leaders should use their discretion. If you know that a run participant has insurance there's no need to ask for proof. But when in doubt, ask.

New Business

Non-SAMOA Members Attending Runs

Non-club members have been coming to our runs and we want to discourage this. Two possible options are as follows:

- 1) Restrict access on our website so that only members can view the details of upcoming runs.
- 2) Allow the public to see the details of our runs, but state that only club members may attend.

The club will discuss this further in the future. If you have any suggestions or comments, please send them to the board.

Email Warning

Beware if you receive an email from “conedog”. It has been hacked, so don’t reply.

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

- 10/6-9 Surf ‘N Safari – San Diego Miata Club
- 10/13 General Meeting @ Black Bear Diner
- 10/21-23 Birthday Party in Virginia City
- 11/10 General Meeting @ Black Bear Diner
- 12/4 Rally4Kids
- 12/8 Christmas Party at CAM

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, October 13th at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

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

Happy driving!