

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Monthly Meeting

November 10, 2022, 7:00pm

The meeting was held at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

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

The founding and life members were recognized.

Officer Reports

None

Old Business

Birthday Party in Virginia City

Despite a freak snowstorm on Saturday afternoon, the birthday party in Virginia City was a great success, with two scenic drives over Monitor Pass on Friday and Saturday along with time for sightseeing and socializing. Anyone with photos of the event can pass them along to Bob Castelli to be posted on the club website.

Birthday Party in 2023

The club is hoping to make a birthday weekend event a standard fixture on our calendar. Fort Bragg has been proposed for next year's event. If anyone has any comments or suggestions for the weekend, please email Martin Boersma.

Christmas Party

- The Christmas party will be at CAM on December 8th, our regular meeting night. Please RSVP to Bob Castelli.
- Doors open at 5:00 and dinner will be served at 6:30. Cost is \$10/person, cash.
- Please bring an unwrapped toy to donate to the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home.
- There will be a raffle for items donated from Bonney Lutz. Raffle tickets will not be sold, but each person will receive one ticket for the raffle.
- Elections will also be held at the party.

New Business

Missing Emails

It seems that not all SAMOA members are receiving the club emails being sent out. Official SAMOA emails come from sender gt4@jsp47.net. Please check your junk and spam folders for emails from this sender and notify Bob Castelli if you believe you are having issues receiving these emails.

Elections

All of the currently serving board members were nominated to continue on next year's board. If anyone else would like to run for a board position, nominations will be taken from the floor at the Christmas party on December 8th.

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

- 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, January 12th at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

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

Happy driving!