

Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

Monthly Meeting

November 9, 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

We have a new password for the website. It should have been emailed to you in the last couple of weeks. If you can't find the email or have problems logging on, please contact our webmaster, DT.

Old Business

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held at the California Auto Museum on December 7th. The cost is \$10/person. Dinner will be catered by the Old Spaghetti Factory and will begin at 6:30. Meet at 5:30 for cocktail hour and BYOB. April and Virginia have volunteered to run the raffle. Anyone who would like to donate items to be raffled, please contact them or bring the item(s) with you to the party. Also, please bring an unwrapped toy to donate to our local Children's Receiving Home.

New Business

Elections

We will be voting on new officers at the Christmas Party. The current list of members running for office is as follows:

President:	
VP:	
Treasurer:	Clay Cowan
Secretary:	Michele Nanjo
Events:	Bob Castelli
Webmaster:	DT Nguyen

As you can see, we have no one running for President or VP. If you are interested in running for President, please contact Marty.

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.

Suggested Runs

Marty has a number of suggested runs around the Bay Area he got while at the Miata Reunion. He will email the information to the club. It will also be posted on the website.

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

- 11/18 Road Rally: Turkey Run – PCA (\$25/car, see website for details)
- 12/3 Shriner's Rally4Kids Toy Drive – Rod Gonzalez
- 12/7 Christmas Party at CAM
- **2024**
- Feb? Pacific Grove – Skip and Renee
- Mar? Jelly Belly Factory Tour – TBD
- May 4 Rivercats Show 'n Shine – Ellen Frosch
- TBD Four Pass Run – Marty Boersma
- 7/11-14 Explore Oregon – Willamette Valley Miata Club
- ? Go Cart Track Day – Frank Gontarski (tentative)

Regional Events – See club websites for details

TBA

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 the Christmas Party at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 7th at the California Auto Museum.

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

Happy driving!