

# Sacramento Area Miata Owners Association

## Monthly Meeting & Holiday Party

**December 7, 2023, 5:30 pm**

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

### **Holiday Party**

The holiday party was held at the California Automobile Museum. The event started at 5:30 to give everyone time to tour the museum, mingle and enjoy hors d'oeuvres. Dinner was served at 6:30 and was catered by the Old Spaghetti Factory. After dinner, we had a raffle. Gifts were also collected for the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home.

The club would like to thank Ellen Frosch, Bob and Barbara Castelli, Harley Dabler and all those who helped to make this year's holiday party such a success.

### **General Meeting**

We had a quick meeting during the holiday party. The founding and life members were recognized.

### Suggested Runs

Frank Gontarski went go-carting recently and had a great time. The venue is outdoors and has plenty of room for drivers to pass each other. The cost is \$100/person for three 12-minute races and includes helmets. If anyone is interested in participating in a club go-carting run, please contact Frank.

### Elections

The following slate of board members were elected for the coming year.

<b>President:</b>	
<b>VP:</b>	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Clay Cowan
<b>Secretary:</b>	Michele Nanjo
<b>Events:</b>	Bob Castelli
<b>Webmaster:</b>	DT Nguyen

As you can see, no one was willing to run for President or VP, so as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the club will not have these executive officers. If you are interested in taking on these responsibilities, please contact Marty or one of the board members.

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.

## 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

- **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://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 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 11<sup>th</sup> at Black Bear Diner in Natomas.**

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

Happy driving!