



# October meeting minutes

The Oct. 18, 2011, SAMOA meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by President Tim Boyd at Chuck Heleker's home. Minutes of the September meeting were accepted as published in the October newsletter.

## Secretary's Report

Secretary Dan Berglund reported that he'd been forwarded from Tim an invitation from PS MINI. The MINI club wants SAMOAns to participate in its Christmas food-drive challenge with the local chapter of the Porsche Club of America. After some discussion, it was decided the Secretary would reply to the invitation. SAMOA would decline, explaining that we'll stick with our annual ritual of visiting three separate KING5/NW Harvest collection spots on the day of the event. We will, however, offer to share the weight of our donation in the spirit of the challenge.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chuck reported an ending balance from September of \$5,994.46. Expenses of \$24.90 covered a month of web hosting, some club fliers and a regalia receipt book. With income of \$195 (membership fees and regalia), the ending balance was \$6,164.56. The report was approved by a voice vote.

## Committee Reports

**Membership:** Chair Ed Sauer reported 93 active members, including three new guys — Pat Derouin, Todd Kingston and Alain Calle. All three were at the September meeting at the Cloft homestead. Our guests were Jeff Koch and his son David (Chuck's working on Koch's Canadian car and he'll be a member soon).

**Newsletter:** Editor Dan reported sending out only 4 hard-copy newsletters for the month and thanked those members who get their newsletters online and via e-mail for the savings in cost and effort.

**Tool/Part Library:** Chair Kelley Mascher reported no activity in the library.

Time out for a word about the election of 2012 club officers. Think about it.

**Events:** Chair Jerry Cloft led us through recent and future events. Ed, along with about 30 other car owners, attended the Christ the King parish car show Sept. 24. The next day, PS MINI hosted the third annual Mini/MINI show at the Issaquah Triple X. Weather was reasonably good, and maybe 20 classics cycled through. Dan took part in the Concours de Maryhill Loops Oct. 2 and stuck around for the next day's SOVREN hill climb (two Minis were entered). Nobody in the club, apparently, made the Shoreline "Cruise the Ave" event. And somewhere in there, Ed and Carl Barfield toured Tim's garage.

The LeMay facility in Spanaway is having a "Trunk or Treat" show Oct. 30, and the Seattle International Auto Show is coming in early November.

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Next big SAMOA event is the club's annual Food Drive on Dec. 3 in conjunction with the KING5/NW Harvest Home Team gala.

The local Miata Club has asked if we'd be interested in joining a run around Vashon Island, but there doesn't seem to be much enthusiasm for a joint event.

Watch the club's Web forum for more info on these and other events.

**Regalia:** Other Chair Patti Boyd brought stuff to sell, including a sample of an embroidered hat. Apparently, no one wants more garage door hats, but Ed spoke up for another round of the Al Beebe autocrossing hats. Oly Jensen suggested coveralls with the club logo. Patti's looking for more ideas, and her efforts drew a round of applause from the crowd.

**Website:** No word from Rodney on training for the new web thing.

**Photo Site:** Chair Tim said Peter's shots from Germany had been posted. If you have photos for the Flickr site, e-mail Tim at [qwickmini@gmail.com](mailto:qwickmini@gmail.com). He'll take zipped files and he'd like the photos captioned or labeled.

**Old Business:** If you order stuff from MiniMania, tell 'em you're a SAMO-An to get the discount.

**New Business:** Ed was at Autosport recently to see John Maloney's electric Mini in process. Doug Bingham's birthday party will be held at the Burien Azteca Oct. 29 if anyone's available.

**For Sale/Wanted:** James Thompson is selling 8.4 calipers and drive flanges. Mike Prez's friend in Oregon is selling the 1380 comp car he drove to Mini Meet West. Mike is also selling a rear seat cushion and Mark 4 taillights — and would like to find a real Mini jack. Jeff Van Hurston is selling a set of 10x6" JPC alloys and needs a bonnet. Mark Hurston has a Mark 3 door and bootlid for sale. Michael Palmer has a trove of Mark 3 parts (hinges, panels, etc.) available. Joe Stone needs a hydro displacer, but we're not sure of the size. Chuck is selling four 10x5" Minilite alloys with 008s.

**Technical Discussion/Questions:** Ed's generator has been smoking. A new voltage regulator didn't fix the problem (ignition light's always on). It's probably a bum hookup somewhere.

James has a cam with no markings, and would like to find a cam-spec resource. Kelley thinks the info is available online and will look. James was told to consult David Vizard's book as well.

**Next Meetings:** The November meeting will be held Tuesday the 15th at 7:30 at Garage Town in Federal Way (behind Wal-Mart), courtesy of Pat Derouin. December will find us at Chuck's on the 20th for videos and Christmas cheer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34.



## Food drive's coming

Hi, all. It's that time of the year when we turn our attention to the annual KING5/Northwest Harvest food drive. This year's food drive is on Saturday, Dec. 3.

This is the event where SAMOA shows up, and shows up large! It's our fifth consecutive food drive and every year we've outdone ourselves with our contributions.

Like years past, our club will be meeting for the "Weigh In" to see



who can knock last year's winners off and have the honor of being "Phat Kat!" It would be a big help if you weighed your donation ahead of time, and keep in mind we'll be making three stops this

year, so plan on having a bag or two per stop! There will be lunch to follow at a restaurant to be named later.

Here is a list from the Northwest Harvest site of the kind of food they are looking for:

- Oatmeal
- Whole grain pastas
- Brown rice
- Tomato products
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fish or meat
- Low-sugar canned fruit (but without artificial sweeteners)
- Shelf-stable milk
- Beef stew, chili and similar meals with low sugar and saturated fats
- Baby formula
- Infant cereal
- Jars of baby food
- Powdered or canned milk
- We also accept baby diapers.

Starting time and place to follow. Stay tuned to the club's web forum. Thanks, everyone, and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th.

— Tim & Patti Boyd

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- [www.aptfast.com](http://www.aptfast.com)

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- [www.autosportseattle.com](http://www.autosportseattle.com)

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- [www.britishsportscars.biz](http://www.britishsportscars.biz)

### ClassicMini.US

- [www.classicmini.us](http://www.classicmini.us)

### Fairlady Motors

- [www.fairladymotors.com](http://www.fairladymotors.com)

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- [www.hunterclassicsportscars.ca](http://www.hunterclassicsportscars.ca)

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- [www.minicityltd.com](http://www.minicityltd.com)

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- [www.miniguy.com](http://www.miniguy.com)

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- [www.minimania.com](http://www.minimania.com)

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- [www.7ent.com](http://www.7ent.com)

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# Seattle Area Mini Owners Association



*Last year's Food Drive visited Northgate, Alderwood Mall and Redmond Town Center, and dropped off about a zillion pounds of nonperishables. You get to cruise in a Mini and do good works for the community. What could be better? Plan to be there Dec. 3.*

## November SAMOA meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

at Garage Town

2010 S. 344th Street, Federal Way, Wash. 98003

### To get there from I-5:

- Take Exit 142B and head west on Highway 18.
- Take a right at the first light —16th Ave. S.
- Take the second right onto 344th and follow it to the end.

If you get lost, call Pat at 253-670-8499