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O2B on TV

Food-driving SAMOAns look nice for the KING5 cameras

Lights! Camera! Donation! SAMOA's annual Food Drive is always a fun cruise: setting out into the wintry chill, crisscrossing the area to pursue on-air fame, showing off for the Christmas shopping crowd. It's a great way to take part in an organized event outside the regular car-show season. To the outsider, the day might look

like 15 SAMOAns in 10 Minis doing a lot of driving and a little bit of eating. But it's really all about little cars with big hearts. In the spirit of the season, we hope the club's Dec. 3 delivery of 1,197 pounds of nonperishables and a check for \$1,000 to Northwest Harvest will end at least some hunger during the holidays.

ABOVE LEFT: Cameras roll at the Everett Mall as Mark Hurston, Jerry Cloft and a ladder pose in the background. TOP: Want a television personality to sit in your car? Get Jesse! ABOVE: Couldn't make the entire cruise? No problem. Kelley Mascher joined the group at Northgate, the last stop on the SAMOA circuit.

November meeting minutes

The Nov. 15, 2011, SAMOA meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by President Tim Boyd at the Garage Town car condo in Federal Way. Minutes of the October meeting were accepted as published in the November newsletter.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Dan Berglund reported he'd replied to PSMINI and, because of our wish to keep to our club tradition of a three-stop event, turned down their gracious offer to let us participate in their Home Team Harvest food-donating challenge with the local chapter of the Porsche Club of America.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chuck reported an ending balance from September of \$6,164.56. Expenses of \$9.95 covered a month of web hosting. With income of \$205 (membership fees and regalia), the ending balance was \$6,359.61. The report was approved by a voice vote.

Committee Reports

Membership: Chair Ed Sauer introduced our sole guest John Labron and reported 97 active members. Ed is busily embroidering some fancy membership services into our new-look SAMOA home page.

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 email for the savings in cost and effort. He's also working old newsletters (unlike current newsletters, they're available to nonmembers) into the "Newsletter" menu on the club's home page.

Tool/Part Library: Chair Kelley Mascher reported no activity in the library. He also confirmed the library has an oil-plug helicoil kit.

Events: Chair Jerry Cloft led us through recent and future events. No one attended Lemay's "Trunk or Treat"

show Oct. 30. Next big SAMOA event is the club's annual Food Drive on Dec. 3 in conjunction with the KING5/NW Harvest Home Team areawide event. Noreen Cloft said organizers are laying out a route to drop-offs at the Everett Mall, the Redmond Town Center and Northgate. Lunch will follow at Razzie's Pizza (used to be Romeo's) on Greenwood Ave. A motion that the club pay for the lunch ('cept alcohol) was raised and passed. A \$1,000 donation to NW Harvest was also moved and passed. Food Drivers would meet at Jerry and Noreen's at 8 a.m. on the 3rd.

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take place at George Thompson's unless we hear different (George wouldn't mind a respite).

Tim's garage tour idea is still kicking. Want to volunteer yours? Plan to provide beer. You could always incorporate a cruise. Let Jerry know if you're considering it.

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

Regalia: Other Chair Patti Boyd wanted to bring a sample of an embroidered hat, but a production glitch got in the way. Patti also says if you want an embroidered one-off item, contact her. There are a lot of possibilities out there.

History: Nothing yet, but space is now available on the new website, so stay tuned. Dan and Chuck are planning to tidy up the newsletter collection.

Website: Chair Kelley said there's no news that hasn't been discussed already. The committee trained with Rodney and, as a result, new stuff is showing up. The calendar still doesn't work, but the forum software is old and we're reviewing an update. Rodney created the slider photos, by the way.

Photo Site: Chair Tim said the photo site is running. If you have photos for the Flickr site, e-mail Tim at qwickmini@gmail.com. He'll take zipped files and he'd like the photos captioned or labeled. He'll will bring a laptop to the next meeting to update captions.

Old Business: No old biz.

New Business: Pat Derouin will resume the Garage Town tour after the meeting (Early arrivals have toured).

Nominations were opened for 2012's slate of club officers. Chuck nominated Tim for President and Tim's OK with that, but he doesn't want to stand in someone else's way. Don Dixon nominated Ryan Love for Vice President.

For Sale/Wanted: Kelley was emailed by a distant Jason who is selling a '73 Inno. Don needs headlight and two-speed wiper rocker switches. Ryan is adding parts to the web forum. Patti has hats coming. Mark Hurston is selling parts and panels, and both Jeff Van Hurston and Mike Prez need bootlids.

Technical Discussion/Questions: Lara's is concerned that her wind-screen is tempered. Consensus is that tempered screens can't be trusted. Safety-glass (laminated) versions are available. Pat is looking for plans for a rotisserie. Kelley has found that MG 1100 pulleys are available with dampers — just like the Mk I Cooper S.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Chuck's for videos and Christmas cheer. Show up any time after 6. The food shows up around 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

02B on TV, continued



Food Drive weather was dry, but teeth-chattering cold. LEFT: Regrouping after being mobbed by food pickers in Everett. BELOW: The scene was uncharacteristically quiet at the Redmond Town Center dropoff point.



LEFT: Year after year, they're mystified by the little cars. BELOW: Chris Sauer and Carl Barfield try to stay warm as the last of the foodstuffs are offloaded at the Northgate site. Each was probably dreaming about the pizza they'd soon be enjoying.



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'tis the season



Marian Boelter and Noreen Cloft brought full-on Christmas spirit to the annual SAMOA Food Drive.

December SAMOA meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.
at Chuck Heleker's home, 13422 80th Ave. S., Seattle
(Open for business at 6. Food happens at 6:30)

From Southbound I-5:

Take Exit 157, Highway 900/Martin Luther King Jr. Way S.

Go through both the 129th St. and the 68th Ave. S. intersections.

Keep an eye open and take 135th St. on your left.

Continue down 135th to the 'T' intersection and turn left.

Chuck's is the house on the right with all the Minis parked at the bottom of the steep driveway.

From Northbound I-5:

Take Exit 154, I-405 N./Highway 518.

Keep right at the fork in the ramp.

Take Exit 2, Highway 167, toward Renton/Auburn.

Keep left at the fork in the ramp, then keep right at the next fork.

Merge onto the Valley Freeway and go straight on Rainier Ave. S.

Turn left onto Sunset, then right onto Naches Ave. S.W. (80th Ave. S.). Look for Chuck's house on the right.

If you lose your way, or if these instructions suck, call (425) 226-2783.