



# the SAMOAN

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TOP TO BOTTOM: The cars of Barth Sherwood, Ed Sauer and Carl Barfield on the show field in Portland.



## Labor Day BFM SAMOAns hard at work at Portland meet

A dozen SAMOA cars graced the field in Portland this year. After a very pleasant cruise down Friday, many of the drivers enjoyed a leisurely alfresco dinner at *Chez Widmer Brothers*, got a night's sleep, and had their cars on the grass at PIR early Saturday morning.

The weather was perfect, the crowds were voluminous, and the background music from the SOVREN

vintage racers provided the perfect sound track. Trophies went to Carl Barfield, Dan Berglund, Dallas and Judy Meggitt, Chris Miller, Jerry Miller and Alan Smith (I think).

Most SAMOAns stuck around for Sunday's swap meet and racing; a few visited the exhibit of legendary classic autos at the Portland Art Museum and were treated to a bonus appearance of Blastolene vehicles.

# August meeting minutes

The Aug. 16, 2011, SAMOA meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by President Tim Boyd at Mark Hurston's home. Minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the August newsletter.

## Secretary's Report

Secretary Dan Berglund reported no correspondence in or out.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chuck Heleker reported that the club bank account was balanced. Beginning balance from July was \$5,939.39. Expenses of \$138.98 covered a month of web hosting and food for the barbecue at Steve Gay's. Income from membership and regalia totaled \$300.00, and the ending balance was \$6,100.41. The report was approved by a voice vote.

## Committee Reports

**Membership:** Chair Ed Sauer passed around the sign-in sheet and read the names of memberships about to expire. Guests Scott and Lori Mikel are looking for a car. Not a guest but not yet acquainted with a lot of members, Judy Meggett (she and husband Dallas bought Mark Tyler's car) announced she'd ordered a Bini to team up with "XXSMALL."

**Newsletter:** Editor Dan reported sending out 14 hard-copy newsletters one more than the month before. He thanked those members who get their newsletters online and via e-mail. They save the club considerable cost and the Editor considerable effort.

**Tool/Part Library:** Chair Kelley Mascher was absent.

**Events:** Henceforth, Jerry Cloft will take on the responsibilities of Events Chair. Thanks very much to outgoing Chair Don Dixon for two years of tracking our shows and cruises. Past events include the Vashon Strawberry Festival Parade and dinner at Peter

Larsen's and the Bellevue ABFM. The latter show drew 23 Minis and awarded trophies to Barth Sherwood, Steve Gay, Todd Beeler, the Meggetts and Bill Adams — and (?) Dan Berglund, recognized in the show results with 2nd Place in the Morris Minor class.

Eight SAMOA Minis cruised around Hood Canal Aug. 6. The run that began and ended in Belfair was described as "excellent." No one present attended the Port Orchard show. That's one that should get more emphasis next year.

Upcoming events include the Portland ABFM over the Labor Day weekend (Steve and Lois Ludwig have entered); the Skyway Plaza show Sept. 10; Victoria, B.C.'s Sept. 10/11 Affair in the Park; the Edmonds car show Sept. 11; and the Christ the King show Sept. 24. PS MINI hosts a Mini/Bini show at the Issaquah Triple X Sept. 25, and on Oct. 2, the Maryhill Hill Climb will take place overlooking the Columbia River.

Chuck got an e-mail from someone who wanted leads on Minis for a serious ABFM in Hot Springs, Ark., next year. He says he may be the only one in the club dumb enough to consider it.

Noreen and Jerry Cloft attended the Vintiques Northwest Nationals hot rod show in Yakima. Their car got a lot of attention, they had a great time, and show organizers would like to see more Minis next year.

Mark Hurston wants everyone to get serious about the Tour de Terrace next year. Watch the club's Web forum for more info on these and other events.

**Regalia:** No Other Chair Patti Boyd, so no regalia at the meeting, but Tim said she's still waiting for some new stuff. Tim and Patti sold a lot of swag at the Bellevue show.

**Website:** No Kelley, no report.

**Photo Site:** Chair Tim would like more images for the Flickr site. Stop in some

time. If you have photos for the site, e-mail them to the President/Chair at [qwickmini@gmail.com](mailto:qwickmini@gmail.com). Regalia may show up there soon.

**Mini Cooler:** Mark has it in his backyard. He'd like people to pay attention. He says \$1,800 and 40 volunteer hours will turn it into a trailer and he'll volunteer to haul it around. George Thompson says, "Huh?" Tim advises Mark to multiply the expected work by ten, and then add the hassle of titling it and having it inspected. Consensus is to dump the thing. Auction it off. Sell the trailer. A motion is made and votes are in. Mark will post it in the For Sale section of the club's Web forum.

**Old Business:** No movement on new MiniMania discount cards. If you order something, tell 'em you're a member to get a break on the price. The Bellevue ABFM cleared enough profit that it will be back next year, probably at a new site. The Nile Golf Course has been rumored. Don will be our ABFM liaison.

**New Business:** Ed has the text of proposed state legislation that would define collector-car licensing.

**For Sale/Wanted:** Someone mentioned that a blue convertible that Chuck used to own is for sale for \$7,000. It's a '60 one-off. Don needs 60-series 12-inch tires. Bert Lobbereg is selling a set of 13x7 wheels.

**Technical Discussion/Questions:** George Barrett replaced his ECU with a Mini-Squirt. It plugged right in and cured his electronic ailments.

**Next Meetings:** The next August meeting will be a Saturday barbecue at Tim's. The September meeting will be held Sept. 20 at Noreen and Jerry's home at the North Pole.

**Reminders:** Buy regalia, pay your dues. Get your newsletters online.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39.

# Portland ABFM, continued



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Jerry Miller's car, Chris Miller's, Noreen and Jerry Cloft's, Lois and Steve Ludwig's, Judy and Dallas Meggitt's, Jeff Van Hurston's, Alan Smith's and Tim Corbett's.

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*While in Portland, a few SAMOAns saw "The Allure of the Automobile" at the Portland Art Museum. This Hispano-Suiza was part of the exhibition.*



## Coming events

9/25 PSMINI show at the  
Issaquah Triple X  
10/1, 2 Maryhill Hillclimb

## September SAMOA meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m.  
at Noreen and Jerry Cloft's home,  
19610 42nd Ave. NE, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

### To get there from I-5:

- Take Exit 177 toward Lake Forest Park (the first offramp) and continue southeast 1 mile to the third stoplight.
- Turn left onto 195th Ave. NE. Continue east to 35th Ave. NE (a four-way stop).
- Turn left and go 1/2 mile to four-way stop at 40th Place NE. Turn right and go southeast for 1/4 mile to a three-way stop.
- Turn left onto NE 197th Street and continue east for two blocks.
- Turn right onto 42nd Ave. NE and drive to the top of the hill before the street turns to the right. It's a brown house on the left with a wrap-around deck. If you get lost, call (206) 368-3488.