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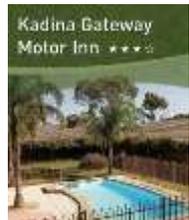
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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

I want to start this month's report by thanking the Adelaide Superkart Club for the Presentation BBQ that was held at our shed on Sunday the 14th of April, it was a great social way to finish off what was an great days racing – even without the 125 & 250cc Gearbox Karts who have just finished an interstate meeting.

Another great event we have just had was the Shannon's Nationals, only five categories but good fields in them. It was great to see so many members out for the Friday practice day – so many in fact I was able to arrange for two of them to be a roving relief team, giving everyone a chance during the day to have a look through the paddock. Saturday was great, starting with a tour through the paddock looking closely at the five categories of cars. Looking at window net releases, harness releases; electrical cutoff switches etc. valuable information in assisting in a recovery; however Sunday was not the best weather wise! Rain – Rain & more Rain! But apart from that it was a great weekend. I have been asked from the Clerk of the course & his assistances to pass on their thanks to everyone, they could not believe how SAMROA stepped up the officiating to a Clipsal 500 level, and I agree! Hats off to you all – even the social interaction after the race was inspiring.

SAMROA is going to be asked to be the Organising Committee for the Shannon's Nationals next year. Please note we have not been officially asked in writing yet. Once we have I'm going to ensure we get as much information in writing as we can on what the Shannon's Nationals want from us so an informed decision can be made. This decision, do we become the organising committee or not, will be made at a meeting (Yet to be called) of as many members as possible and put to a democratic vote at that meeting. Stay tuned for more into on this in the near future.

**Wet, Windy and Wild...and Wetter. Action from Shannons Nationals
Cover and other photos courtesy Rosalie Siddell**

President's Report (Cont.)

The People's Choice Community Lottery is in full swing – if you have not yet got a book of tickets to sell – please catch up with Paul Bonnett who will gladly sign you one or more out. I would like every SA member to try to sell at least 1 book, it's only 10 tickets, it can't be that hard?

Well I'll leave you now to read the rest of this month's edition.

Play safe & I'll see you trackside.

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

President.



Ed Says



**Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays
this month**

Member	Day
Scott Chamings	5th
Andre Wilson	16 th
David Micallef	19th
Paul Karamanov	25 th (and a big 50...congratulations)

Shannon's Nationals wash up

By Steve Clift

Feedback from Clerk of Course, David Mori

I believe all did a great job over the weekend; it was really nice to see all disciplines of officials stepping up to the plate for what was truly an official's event. Flag signals, communications and descriptions of incidents, both verbally and written, were fantastic. There also seemed to be a good feeling between officials at the event, something I haven't witnessed in a long time. I know that Lawrie was also very happy and I received a call from Wayne Giles today, he had just finished a debrief with Rob Curkpatrick, both he and Clem were very happy with the event, especially Clem, who has stated that it was the best nationals ever.

Feedback from Chief Observer, Paul Hart

Generally the comms were great; members were waiting for the start to settle before transmitting. I got a call from Rob Thiry last night, who was full of praise for the way SAMROA stepped up its performance to a Clipsal 500 level over the weekend & I agree. The Comms weren't as good on Sunday, I'm sure the weather did not help. From a training point of view, members have to remember to wait until traffic has passed before they transmit (if possible). Speak in a normal tone & volume. Listen for the track clearances & give the car numbers twice (one as a whole number 20, then break it down 2 – 0) If Race Control ask for the message to be repeated please do not be offended, it may not be the caller who is unclear, we may not hear the full message due to interruptions in Race Control. By following these simple hints we can make the Comms prefect & really assist in the race meeting running to time.



Going...



Going...



Will he...



Whew...made it.

T & CC Report

By Steve Clift

Well, the National & International events in South Australia for the year are over, so time to get into some good club racing. This is also the opportunity to get back to basics and look at your skill set & how you can improve. What do I need to do to be better at my craft? Firstly, get yourself out to Mallala over the next several months. By the time you receive this, there may still be a narrow “window open” for the 6 hour Modern Regularity Relay on Sunday 5 May, so get your name down immediately or contact the Chief Flag for the day, Paul Bonnett. I am sure he would appreciate your late interest. Other events coming up are:

SCCSA Trophy Meeting	Saturday	18 May
Superkarts	Sunday	19 May
Superkarts	Sunday	30 June

The program for the second half of the year is currently being placed on the website, so have a look, check the diary & put your name down for those events straight away.

The T&CC is still looking for flag point specific information, so that a guide can be developed to help Officials & Seniors at every point. When you go trackside at each meeting, look intently at your immediate environment & if there is something perhaps unique to your area, then take a note & pass it onto one of the T&CC members or the Chief Flag, when you have your licence signed off. Seniors will also be asked to complete point specific details, so use this as a discussion point with your team between events & give us your feedback.

You may have noticed that Officials are getting younger. Several of the CAMS Young Officials from the Clipsal 500 have joined us & are in the process of becoming members. Welcome our new colleagues when you see them & also, look around at your immediate family, friends & neighbours, to see whether now is an opportunity to introduce someone else to what we do. This is a good time for generational change, so invite them out to Mallala now.

One thing that was evident at the recent Superkart meeting was how proficient our new Officials were with their communications. Well done. One issue that has become evident in recent meetings was the need for radio silence on the formation lap & lap 1. Only call race control if say a car is pulling off the track

T & CC Report (cont.)

early on formation lap or there is a major incident. Otherwise take a note of other minor incidents & transmit this information when the race has settled down.

Don't forget that the T&CC is on the hunt for the "Most Improved Official", which will be presented at the Annual Dinner in September, so if you see a great performance from our developing Officials; let the T&CC or Chief Flag know about it.

With New Members comes the need to expand our Mentoring Program. If you have say 2 years experience trackside & as a SAMROA member, wish to help develop a relatively new official & make a difference to their involvement in the sport of motor racing, then contact me on 0412199266 or email mclift2013@bigpond.com now & become a mentor. Full instructions will be provided to help you in nurturing our new officials.

To assist with your further development, the following CAMS course are coming up:

Event Command	Sunday	2 June
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If you are interested, contact charise.bristow@cams.com.au as soon as possible. Keep an eye out for the new program, covering the second half of the year.

Whilst on training, the T&CC has a quote for a First Aid course coming up. If you need to update your skills or have a need to complete the course for the first time, then look on the website & get your name down immediately. Details can be found as an "event" on the data base. More than likely the cost will be subsidised, so a great opportunity to get some quality training "under the belt", at the right price.

That's it for another month. Stay safe & we will see you trackside.



And you thought that Batman wasn't real....



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**From the Chinese F1 Grand Prix..you never know when a camera will be on you.
(Photo from Flag Marshals of the world Facebook group)**

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SAMROA
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(10cm across)

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(Metal) - Pin \$3



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(Metal) - \$3

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Summary of SAMROA Meetings for 2013

Dates	Meeting	Chief
5 th May	MCSA 6 Hour Modern Regularity Relay	Paul Bonnett
18 May	SA State Circuit Racing Championship Rnd 2 - Twilight	Barry Hughes
19 May	Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	Andrew Robinson
<i>14-16 June</i>	<i>Skycity Triple Crown V8's</i>	
30 June	Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	TBA
4 August	Superkart Race Meeting + SA Modern Regularity Championship	TBA
17-18 August	SA State Circuit Racing Championship - Rnd 3	TBA
14-15 September	Superkart National Championship + Modern Regularity National Championship	TBA
27 October	Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	TBA
2 November	SA State Circuit Racing Championship Rnd 4 - Twilight	TBA
17 November	Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	TBA
21 December	Official's Recognition Day	TBA

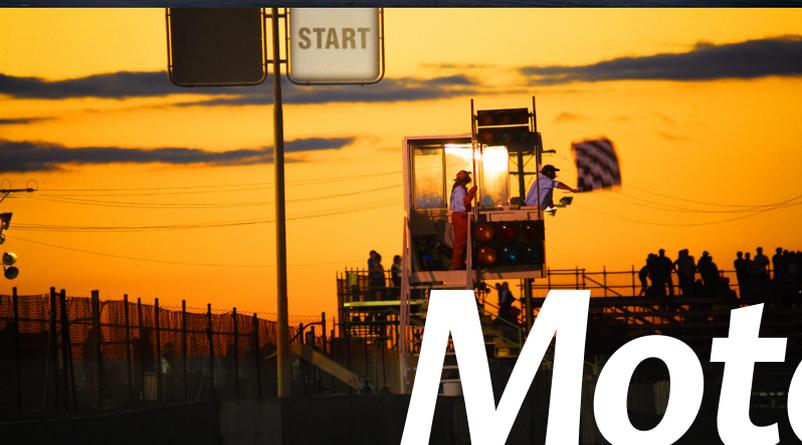
You can put your name down for an event using the Database, the red book or by contacting a T&CC member/Chief flag.

Next general meeting: Weds 12th JUNE, Royal Hotel Kent Town at 7:30pm. Meals from 6:30pm.



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Circuit Racing Events 2013

16 February	Round 1	State Circuit Racing Championships	Twilight Meeting
30/31 March		National Historic Event	2 Day Event
20/21 April		Shannons Nationals Championships	2 Day Event
18 May	Round 2	State Circuit Racing championships	1 Day Event
17/18 August	Round 3	State Circuit Racing championships	2 Day Event
2 November	Round 4	State Circuit Racing championships	Twilight Meeting
21 December		Officials Recognition Day	

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