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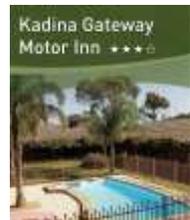
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# MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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# President's Report

Hi Everyone,

I want to start this month's report by thanking everyone who came out to the Easter Historic's at Mallala, after the fast pace Clipsal 500 and an even faster Australian Formula One in Melbourne, wasn't it good to return home to Mallala for a Historic Weekend? You weren't able to attend the Historic's? That's ok – you see that's what makes SAMROA so good to belong to, because you do what you can do, you are not expected to do every race meeting, and what you do is really appreciated. The true order of life is Family, then work (that is what pays the bills) then SAMROA, everything else can wait! – Only joking.

We had several new potential members come out to Mallala for the Historic's & I know each and every one of you enjoyed the experience, don't worry if the Officiating bug bites you – it's not fatal, it's fun! It was so good to see the enthusiasm and willingness to learn that showed throughout the weekend – better still to hear direct from them that they wanted to continue with officiating in motorsport with us.

I know several members did not receive last month's newsletter electronically, I was one of them. This slight hitch will be explained at the next General Meeting as well as the rundown of the Shannon's Nationals – I know several members have many questions on what is happening with this race meeting, rest assured for SAMROA nothing has changed for this year's race. Except for larger fields and lunch breaks build into the program. So if you don't have your name down, what are you waiting for? Please attend the next general meeting for all the updates on the Shannon's Nationals.

It's around this time of year that the General Committee & T&CC start looking for our 2013 award nominees. Club Member of the Year. The George Fisher Medal, Most Improved Official, & the CAMS SA Officials of the year awards. Do you have the right stuff?

It's not too late to be noticed!

## President's Report (Cont.)

It was great to see so many members attend the new venue for our bi monthly general meetings; The Royal Hotel at Kent Town also has a great meal selection that I encourage you to try before the meeting. **Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30** – an e-mail has gone out to ask about dinner numbers before the meeting so a table can be booked.

That's about it for April,

Cheers for now

Paul Hart

President.

**Cover Photo: Celebrating 60 years of service to motorsport, Glex Dix shows he still has style.**

**Photos in this edition: Phil Williams <http://www.freewebs.com/philwillmedia/>**



## Ed Says...



**Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays..**

<b>April</b>		<b>May</b>	
<b>Member</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Day</b>
Grant Sims	5 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Chamings	5 <sup>th</sup>
John Silverblade	6th	Andre Wilson	16 <sup>th</sup>
David Mori	11th	David Micallef	19 <sup>th</sup>
Dieter Von Zieden	11th	Paul Karamanov	25th
Tom McDonald	11th	(this is a big one....)	
Matthew Johnson	15 <sup>th</sup>		
Robert Holloway	18 <sup>th</sup>		
Rob Drysdale	23rd		



# T&CC Report

I'll start this report with a question. What do the majority of Racing Car Drivers in Australia (If not the world) all have in common??

Who answered Superkarts?? (Or to a lesser extent, Formula V or Formula Ford) If you did, well done! It's fairly safe to say that the majority of drivers have started their careers in karts, moving up through the categories until they hopefully reach their goals.

I think by now you may know where my question is leading (and this will be the last time it gets mentioned in one of these reports) but it needs to be said! Whilst it was encouraging to see 34 officials out at Mallala for the February 10<sup>th</sup> Superkart Event, 37 officials at Round 1 of the State Championships and the majority of SAMROA Members for the four days at the Clipsal 500, why is it so hard for these same members to commit 1 day per month to support the new breed of rising stars by officiating at their events after the Clipsal. The next Superkart meeting at Mallala is April 14 and currently there are 6 names on the database!!

Don't get me wrong, I do see both sides of this dilemma – we are all volunteers and we all have family / work commitments – balancing the two is a tough job (Trust me, I found out the hard way last year) but all we ask as an Association is for you to consider one or two events outside the “premier” ones to support motorsport in SA. Some might say that Motorsport in SA is on a decline – should we, as an Association that advertises that we support Motorsport, let that happen because we can't get enough officials to fill all positions??

Anyway, let's move on. I mentioned briefly about one upcoming Superkart event, other upcoming events are:

**Superkarts & Modern Regularity Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Chief Flag:** Dieter V. Zieden **Briefing:** 8.00 am

**Shannons Nationals (Sat / Sun) Sat 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Chief Flag:** Karl Fleming **Assistant:** Steve Cliff

**(Friday is a Practice Day and some officials may be required)**  
**Briefing:** TBA

# T&CC Report (Cont..)

**SCCSA State Championships Rnd2**  
**Chief Flag:** Barry Hughes **Assistant:**  
(No longer a Twilight meeting).

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Brian Agars  
**Briefing:** TBA

**Superkarts & Modern Regularity**  
**Chief Flag:** TBA

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Briefing:** 8.00 am

**Superkarts & Modern Regularity**  
**Chief Flag:** TBA

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Briefing:** 8.00 am



Caption: More of these needed

## T&CC Report (Cont..)

Sorry to return to this subject again but we need experienced officials at our events, we are getting a steady stream of new, interested people coming out to see what we do at Mallala and it is accentuating a problem that has existed for some time – we are finding it hard to place new and untrained people with 2 other experienced officials who can run the Flag Point and also guide and train new people. One Senior and one new official is not the ideal situation but unfortunately it now seems to be the “norm”

There is one extra event which is not listed above and it's one that we need some urgent action on your behalf: April 27<sup>th</sup> at Adelaide International Raceway – We have been invited to join Women for Wheels in a Fire Training Session. At the moment, 6 people have their name on the Database as attending, (I haven't seen the red book for a couple of weeks so I don't know how many more names are there) We need to inform WfW on the number of our Officials attending on the day fairly soon so come on get your names down.

For those of you who may have been around FP 7 and 8 at Mallala recently, you would have noticed some extra concrete has been added to the OUTSIDE of the ripple strip aprons. For your information, drivers are being told at their briefings that the circuit is defined by the TWO WHITE LINES and not to use the concrete extensions. Also be aware around FP4, it was reported at the last twilight meeting that the recently relocated floodlighting does a great job of lighting the new sand traps and not the track – risk assessments have been raised so hopefully this will be addressed by the next twilight event.

Just before I finish this report, a couple of reminders: I am also SAMROA's CAMS Rep and attend the State Council Meetings every month, there are only two more training events listed until the end of June but as soon as I hear anything for training after June, I will report them via this Newsletter.

There is only: 28 April – Bronze Circuit, and 02 June – Event Command

## T&CC Report (Cont..)

If anyone wishes to participate in either of these courses, send in a Registration Form or email [charise.bristow@cams.com.au](mailto:charise.bristow@cams.com.au) at the Adelaide CAMS Office. Places on these were limited so maybe check with CAMS first.

And lastly, T&CC meetings are now held at the Royal Hotel on the third Monday of the month, which makes our next meeting 15April13. Contributions from the membership are always welcome.

Cheers for now...

Paul B & the T&CC.



# people's choice

## COMMUNITY LOTTERY

### 30 March 2013 - UPDATE

1. 80 Books in total
2. 18 Books have been issued out to members to sell
3. 62 Books still to be issued out
4. 3 Books were sold over the Clipsal 500 event.

Yes, we are participating again in the 2013 Community Lottery. Unfortunately, we didn't sell as many tickets at the Clipsal as we usually do so we need to work a bit harder to sell a few more.

Paul Hart will have the tickets at Mallala to sell over the Easter Historics event, so if you are out there, please grab a couple of books. I will also ensure that books will be available at future events and General Meetings up until end of June.

If you would like some tickets but can't make it to the meetings, then call me on 0409 092535 and we can organise a time and place.

I will try for further updates in the May and June Newsletters – just remember, even though SAMROA will ultimately buy the unsold tickets, the more tickets we are able to sell before that happens is the profit we make. The T&CC is aiming for both Fire Fighting and First Aid Training this year, the money made could be used to subsidise the costs or it could be used for other purposes – any suggestions?? Let us know.

Cheers  
Paul Bonnett  
SAMROA Secretary.

# SAMROA Merchandise



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