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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Well the Clipsal 500 is now done & dusted for another year, and can I say well done to all members for their efforts in the roles they played in this event. It was great to catch up with members that we have not seen for some time and I personally invite them out to Mallala to take part in as many events out there as they wish, especially the Easter Historics!

(Yes I'm going to be doing a lot of promoting for officials to attend this event – we need you)

Guest passes are back at Mallala – if you need one just request it at the credentials office a place a “G” next to your name – just like before.

I wish to thank Peter & Fran Tann who opened up their home for a BBQ to welcome back to Australia Graeme Fowler. Graeme is an Official from the UK who often sends articles to our newsletter. It was a great evening & lead up to the Clipsal 500.

Our 1st General meeting held at the Royal Hotel was a great success! Many members enjoyed a meal before heading upstairs for a well-attended meeting. If you are intending to join us for a meal at the next meeting can you let me know so a table booking can be made, we can all sit together that way.

Well I hate to rub it in but I'm on Holidays at the moment – back to work by the time this goes to print – oops that's right, we have caught up with the computer age and the newsletter is now being e-mailed to members. Posted if you do not have an e-mail address.

The next General Meeting in on the 10th April – 7.30 Royal Hotel.
(That's after the Easter Historic's) I hope to see everyone at both!

Until the next meeting,
Cheers for now
Paul Hart.

Cover and other photos of rollover and SAMROA officials in action:

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2012 SA & NT CAMS AWARDS

On the 2nd of February SAMROA members joined other Motorsport personalities at AAMI Stadium for the 2012 SA & NT CAMS Award night. This year over 20 awards and presentations were made to Drivers & Officials across all disciplines of Motorsport. SAMROA was even stronger than last year in the Officials honors: Karl & Bronwen winning Circuit Racing Official & Speed Event Official of the year. Peter Tann was awarded 1st Class P2 Co – driver State Champ. David Mori was awarded a CAMS Service Award & Lawrie Schmitt a CAMS Silver Service Award. Well done to all our award recipients. Bronwen & Matthew won door prizes! For the full list of all the award recipients, checkout the CAMS Website.

Halfway through the evening we were entertained by Adelaide's own Mr Dave Flannigan, Dave's quirky look at life has to be heard to be believed! All was going well for Dave until he told us that the Adelaide Grand Prix turned us into Monaco, now it's gone – and now we have the Clipsal 500, and that has turned us into Elizabeth! Obviously he has never been to the Clipsal 500 or Elizabeth! Funny stuff none the less.

The food again was delicious. Starting with Woodside Goats Curd or Prosciutto wrapped Chicken Breast followed by Chargrilled Chicken Breast Fillet of Eye Fillet of Beef, both accompanied by Garden Fresh Salad and Sea Salt Chat Potatoes. Desert was a Lemon & Lime Citrus Cake.

The two tables of SAMROA Members and guests enjoyed the evening socialising with other members of the motorsport world. Last edition of the newsletter had photos in it taken throughout the evening. A big thanks to Laurene & Charise at the CAMS Office for all the work they put into the evening and the supply of complimentary tickets for SAMROA members.

Cheers
Paul Hart.



Ed Says



Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month – especially Thomas Harris 21 years old!!!

March		April	
Member	Day	Member	Day
Grant Sims	5 th	Thomas Harris	14th
John Silverblade	6th	Paul Hart	16 th
David Mori	11th	Janelle DeLongte	21 st
Dieter Von Zieden	11th		
Tom McDonald	11th		
Matthew Johnson	15 th		
Robert Holloway	18 th		
Rob Drysdale	23rd		

Congratulations to Paul Karamanov & Rita Campbell and big sister Claudia on the arrival of their new baby, Jackson Campbell Karamanov.



Social

A small band of intrepid officials braved the warm and balmy conditions on the Tuesday evening before Clipsal to meet our UK correspondent Graeme Fowler.

It was a good opportunity to meet Graeme and welcome him back to Adelaide for his 1st Clipsal. We had a very relaxed BBQ with a couple of Ales/Red to wash it all down.

It was an excellent opportunity to sit back & compare notes on how things are done in the UK.

If anyone is going to the UK and would like to touch base with Graeme & maybe attend a race meeting over there, let me know and I can let you have his contact details.

Cheers

Pete

During 2012 the Tea Tree Gully Branch (TTG) of Cancer Council of SA (CCSA) raised over \$37,000.

Branch activities included a quiz night, and we are planning for our next one. This will take place on Saturday 13 April at Athelston.

Get together with friends and make up tables of 10 (or so). We aim to raise even more this year and help so many families who deal with this insidious disease every day, but we can't do it alone.

More details closer to the date - \$10 admission, tables of 10 (ish), BYO supper & drinks, have a great evening!

Cheers

Peter Tann

PS If you can donate items for prizes or for our silent auction, contact Pete on 0417 867 403

T & CC Report

By Steve Clift

Wow, what a start to the motor racing year. The first 2 meetings at Mallala are done and dusted, plus the 15th Clipsal 500. I hope you all had fun, otherwise, what is the point!

Let's start with a pat on the back. At Mallala Round 1 in February, there was a major rollover at Flag Point 5. The officials on the scene, Darren Mattiske, Matthew Jones, John Ford, Michael Coley and Shaun Halliday all did a magnificent job under pressure. Clear & precise communications, methodical action and a good clean up. Well done and thanks to the other officials who assisted with clean up.

Unfortunately, it was evident that the same level of communications was not maintained throughout the entire first 2 meetings. Always think about how you want to communicate to Race Control, before you press the button. Take a breath, be precise and only report what you saw. The T&CC is currently looking at ways to train & assist officials develop their communication skills further, for the future.

Other training is in the process of being crystallised at the moment. Fire training will hopefully be conducted in April, so keep an eye out for this one. It is almost 4 years since this session was last conducted, so well over due. Also, First Aid must be held later in the year, as most hold cards which will expire before the end of the year. We will inform you immediately when a date is secured.

The T&CC is looking at training needs over the next 1-2 years. Some roles take a considerable time to learn, certainly to become fully proficient. Every active member in SAMROA is being looked at for development, so when you complete your Performance Sheet at the end of a meeting, take the opportunity on the bottom to express your preferences for the future.

After a brief lull following Clipsal, the meetings are now coming thick & fast. Depending on when you receive the magazine, you just may squeeze in for the Easter Historics. Get your name down now. This is immediately followed by:

Superkarts	Sunday	14 April
Shannon's Nationals	Friday-Sunday	19-21 April
SCCSA Twilight	Saturday	18 May
Superkarts	Sunday	19 May

Effectively, make a commitment & get your name down immediately.

T & CC Report (cont.)

There has been some Potential Members trackside during the first 2 meetings. If you see a new “official” at the shed or have them at your point, make them welcome. They are the future of our Association. A pack is being developed, which will be held at the shed, containing the Trainee Licence, Membership Application & an information sheet for them to fill out, seeking vital information for future contact. Don’t be surprised if the busy Chief Flag taps you on the shoulder & asks you to help welcome them & discuss these basic steps with the “newbie”.

Seniors at Mallala would already be aware that the T&CC is developing Flag Point specific information to assist with the delivery of the morning briefing. When you are at the point in future, work as a team to spot unique things about your immediate environment, so that future teams at that point, have a better understanding of the hazards & issues which are relevant for their days racing.

We are also developing a “job profile” for various positions around Mallala, so that “trainees” have a ready checklist of tasks that they may need to learn & consider in the role. If you have experience in a specific role & are asked to provide information about tasks, please expand detail as much as possible, so that the descriptions of the role are as complete as possible. If you are training someone one on one, please take notes & hand back to the Chief Flag at the end of the day, or a member of the T&CC. Obviously this will be a constantly developing profile, but we would like your input into the initial list, as soon as possible.

There are some Unfinancial Members that still have access to the data base. Please pay your membership if it is still outstanding, otherwise we will have no choice but to deny you access in the future. It will also mean that you may not be considered for future development.

You will see an OH&S article in this magazine, concerning hazards at Mallala. Please report all hazards to Race Control, even if they may have been reported previously. We all have a duty of care, to make our environment as safe as possible & this starts with identifying hazards.

Finally, you would have received a poster with your Clipsal 500 gear, promoting the SCCSA events. Please place these in a prominent position at work or social space (not your bedroom even though this may be high profile), to encourage more spectators. Remember, they might discover that a position trackside is more fun than being in the grandstand.

Stay safe



Congratulations on a job well done SAMROA



CAMS Officials and Social Media

As a CAMS official we hold a special position at motorsport events, we see and hear things that the general public won't. However, we are also volunteers with our own lives. As a result, there is a (sometimes blurred) line between what is reasonable to post on public/social media, and what we shouldn't.

CAMS has developed a policy to guide people in appropriate use of social media when working as a motorsport official. The key points are:

For CAMS Members, Volunteers and Staff using social media, such use:

- Must not contain, or link to, libellous, defamatory or harassing content,
- Must not comment on, or publish, information, photos or video that is confidential or in any way sensitive to CAMS, its affiliates, partners or sponsors, and care should be taken to ensure the appropriate person at a club/branch/state or management level has given written consent to create the post, page or forum.
- Must not publish information that should not be made public and seek permission to publish others information before doing so. If unsure whether information can be made public, do not publish it and seek advice.
- Must ensure that personal online activities do not interfere with their job performance, this includes using mobile devices unnecessarily while performing duties.
- Should refrain from posting any information or photos of a sensitive nature: this could include track condition, driver condition, accidents, incidents etc.

A Full copy of the policy is attached to this newsletter.

SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On Badge - \$6



SAMROA Sticker - \$3 (10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA Cross Flags (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA 30th year badges...\$10 each

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Summary of SAMROA Meetings for 2013

Dates	Meeting	Chief
<i>14-17 March</i>	<i>Australian F1 Grand Prix</i>	
30-31 March	National Historic Race Meeting	Paul Hart
14 April	Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	TBA
19-21 April	Shannon's Nationals	TBA
18 May	SA State Circuit Racing Championship Rnd 2 - Twilight	TBA
19 May	Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	TBA
<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 10th APRIL, Royal Hotel Kent Town at 7:30pm. Meals from 6:30pm.**