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President's Report

April already (feels like we have just got started), with the biggest 2 events done and dusted – under some trying conditions. This year was my first taste of F1, and it was certainly a worthwhile experience.

We now move on to our regular programming with the Easter Historics and 6 hour relay coming up, not to mention the Shannons Nationals. The Easter historics in particular provides the opportunity to see some very different and interesting cars – well worth coming out to see.

The Social committee is making steady progress on the annual dinner, hopefully the details will be 'locked in' before the next newsletter. It is hoped to have a band of some form, as this adds greatly to the evening.

One major thing we are now doing is we now have ONE person responsible for new members – Steve Clift. Steve will co-ordinate ALL new member activity – from initial contact through to follow up. Steve will also allocate a MENTOR, who will keep in touch with these new members and help make them feel welcome. If you are interested in being a Mentor, please contact Steve (newmembers@samroa.org).

Finally, a reminder of our meeting this month: Wednesday 20th April, 8:00pm at the Venetto club – hope to see you there.

Andrew.

Cover photo: SAMROA members at Clipsal this year. This and other photos in this edition, courtesy of Darren Mattiske

T&CC Report

With Easter fast approaching it means National Historics are also upon us. We have reasonable numbers but if you can spare the time and come and help out Saturday or Sunday it would be great. Free Breakfast for officials from 7.30 on Easter Sunday supplied by the Sporting Car Club of SA. It's always been a fantastic meeting to work and you get to see some awesome racing cars from yesteryear. All that chrome ahh...

The Marque Sports Car Association 6 hour regularity is 1st May. The competition should be fierce with Trevor Pound and his "Team Excel" which has entered a team of four Circuit Excel cars and six drivers. Drivers will be Asher Johnston, Leon Gagliardi, Mark Foster, Trevor Pound, Daniel Westcott and Kevin Westcott. Team Manager will be Geoff Fussell. You may have heard of them before or seen them at the state championships. These are some of the state's best formula Ford and Formula Vee drivers that also helped the CAMS Junior Development Program last year.

To provide an entry point to circuit racing for juniors, or anyone else, Circuit Excel will be included into the remainder of the 2011 State Series at Mallala. We expect to see 8 to 10 cars at Mallala Round 2 on 4- 5 June. All cars are standard production X3 Hyundai Excel with minor updates to suspension and six point safety cages and other updates to meet CAMS race regulations. The package has been proved now at both Winton and Mallala and drivers are pleased with the handling and performance of the cars on the specified 15" Federal RSR tyres.

Soon after that, we have the Shannons Nationals on May 13-15. Yes, it's a 3 day meeting so if you are able to work trackside on Friday, please contact a member of the T&CC. The categories are as follows

- Australian Manufacturers Championship
- Kerrick Sports Sedan National Series
- V8 Touring Car National Series
- Australian Superkart Championship
- Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge
- Australian Swift Series
- Formula Vee

T&CC Report (cont.)

A couple of reminders:

1. The red book closes 1 week before these events so put your name down ASAP.
2. Please park in the designated Officials car park. If you park your car near the shed at any state or National event, you will be asked to move your car.

There was a huge number of “new” officials at the last Superkart meeting. Darren had some challenges trying to get the correct balance of experience on each flag point. Darren would like to thank the established members (they know who they are) for doing a great job looking after those with none or not so much experience. Nicky spent the morning in form-up with Shaun and did a great job in the afternoon by herself. We would have liked to have someone sitting in race control also, however, the numbers didn’t allow for it this time.

Next Superkart & Modern Regularity meeting is May 22nd. They are getting some really low points in the Modern Regularity. Last weekend, if you got 100 point in heat 4, you would have only been 27th and in the last heat 9th place got 22 points - that’s amazing. A couple of years ago, that would have won the heat. It was great to see Veteran Trevor Pound (#57 Excel) have his first competition drive since 2005. Not bad for a 80 year old. Sorry Bob, you are Adelaide’s 2nd oldest teenager after Trevor. The day was won by Daniel Westcott

If Andrew hasn’t covered it in his report, we now have a new member officer or “meet & greet” officer. Steve Clift has offered to take on this role which will look after the process of contacting any new inquirer, Meeting them when they arrive at the track & introducing them to the Chief Flag and the people they will be working with. Another part of the role will be doing a follow-up by contacting these people by phone and asking things like “How did you enjoy your day?” & “Will you be coming back?” This is a position we have been considering for some time and the Committee would like thank Steve for taking on the role.

Planning for the training day on 9th July is a major focus and details will be released shortly.

T&CC Report (cont.)

Coming events

Date	Event	Chief Flag	Sign-on
23 rd -24 th April	National Historics	Paul Hart	Sat 8:00 Sun 8:15
1 st May	6 hour Relay	Leigh Marchesi	TBA
13 th – 15 th May	Shannons Nationals	Barry Hughes	TBC imagine 8’ish each morning
22 nd May	Superkart/Mod Reg	Andrew Robinson	8:15

I will see those working over Easter at the Historics, to the rest of you not there, have a safe and Happy Easter to all of you and your Families.

LEIGH M AND THE T&CC



Goolwa Motor Museum

I think I first noticed the signs for the Goolwa Motor Museum about 18 months ago and made a mental note (not an overly successful method!) to pop in at some time in the future. Sometime finally arrived in the week after Clipsal, and I popped in for a quick look around.

What a treasure trove! I was greeted by Mike Finniss who owns and operates the museum.

Mike spent many years competing in a variety of cars, some of which are on display, including a Jensen CV8. Mike would also be known to many as business colleague of Clem Smith and as owner of Collectible Classics on South Road until he retired a few years ago and set up the museum.

I have always loved the lines of old Jaguars, and there are 2 Mk Vs on display, plus a Mk II. There is also a Valiant Charger, a DeSoto, MG TF, a couple of Gogomobiles, an Austin A90 Atlantic (I think) – don't think I have ever seen one of them before!

There is also a mezzanine floor which has a few weird and wonderful contraptions. Mike also has quite an extensive collection of photos on display.

If you are in the Goolwa/Victor Harbour area pop in and have a look around. Some of our longer standing members have probably waved flags at him at some time so go in and say hello.

The museum is open from 10:00 to 4:30 Wednesday to Saturday.

May Newsletter:

May issue will be printed on Thursday May 12 for post on the Friday.

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Tuesday 10/04. Earlier is better.**

From Our UK Correspondent

Just as in Australia, the 2011 UK racing season got under way towards the end of March. My season started at Donington Park (my local track) with a Historic Sports Car Club meeting at which I did my final upgrade assessment - and passed. This means I'm now a fully-fledged Track Marshal which means I can now apply to the MSA for international accreditation... so I might be able to sneak an official trip Down Under to visit you all again. Run away now!

Sadly this year we had no live TV coverage of the Clipsal, and I haven't yet managed to see any of the highlights. I hope it went well for everyone trackside.

The week before the season started I took my 7 year old son up to the Donington Collection, which is the largest privately-owned collection of F1 cars in the world. I would recommend that any SAMROA members planning to visit the UK take a day to visit the museum - as well as holding the largest collection of McLaren F1 cars outside the McLaren organisation, there are iconic cars from many years of motorsport including a couple of 1930s Auto Union Silver Arrows (which still run!) and the only complete collection of Vanwall cars anywhere in the world. Alex was very impressed to find Lewis Hamilton's 2008 car. Some photos from the visit can be seen here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/graemefowler/>

If anyone does plan to visit, please let me know. I'd love to meet up if you're in the area!

Further to that, if anyone does visit the UK then please do get in touch. I should be able to arrange opportunities for SAMROA members to marshal at venues around the UK. If that's too much like a busman's holiday I might be able to arrange spectator attendance, or simply offer advice on things to do in the area where you're staying.

One final thing - the SAMROA badge will be participating in the British Touring Car Championship during 2011! Only on a small photo of my kids, admittedly, but their photo (wearing my overalls) is amongst several on the roof of the AmD Milltek VW Golf as part of a scheme organised by YourRacingCar.com. I hope it gives them the luck they need amongst the big boys!

Until next time, have a great racing season!

Graeme

I'M STILL HERE AND...

I still need photos, information, reports on events at Mallala and elsewhere. We'd love to hear about your CLIPSAL experience

Don't worry about formatting, spelling or English. I'll fix it!

Please send them to the Editor,

Fran at editor@samroa.org.au



Ed Says



Well done and many thanks to all members who turned out for the Superkarts Meeting. A great showing that did the club proud. Let's keep it up

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month:

April

Rob Drysdale 23rd

Jarryd Stevenson 23rd

May

Scott Chamings 5th

Andre Wilson 16th

Community 2011 lottery

01 April 2011 - UPDATE

1. 75 Books in total
2. 47 Books have been issued to members to sell
3. 18 Books still to be issued out
4. 10 Books were sold over the Clipsal 500 event.

With about 2 Months to go before the lottery closes and we have to return the tickets, there has not been much movement with tickets being sold or returned. If you would like some more tickets or have tickets to return then please let me know and we'll make arrangements.

There are two days coming up at Collingrove (16/17 April) and the following weekend (23/24 April) will be the Mallala Easter Historical meeting so there is still plenty of opportunity to sell some tickets.

There will be further updates in the May and June Newsletters – just remember, the more tickets we sell, the more money come back to the Club.

Cheers

Paul Bonnett – Secretary.



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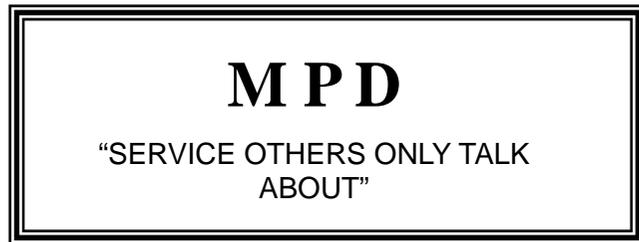
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