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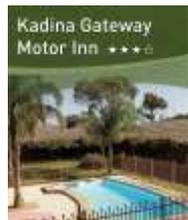


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The South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association (SAMROA) Inc. is a volunteer organisation affiliated with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) Ltd.

President's Report

Hi Everyone,

As part of our fundraising efforts SAMROA is once again involved in selling the Community Lottery Raffle Tickets, 100% of money raised goes straight back to us and at \$2 a ticket that can add up very quickly. So I urge you to see Paul Bonnett and grab a book of 10 tickets to sell. Everyone must have 10 friends out there somewhere, this time of year they come out of the woodwork for your complementary Clipsal 500 Tickets, don't they? Now it's time for payback!

Speaking with a few members who went over to Melbourne for the F1 GP, I'm glad it all went well. But I do want to remind everyone where many of our F1 & V8 Supercar drivers started out from – Superkarts.

So I urge as many of you as possible to support the Superkart races at Mallala. Our Chief Flags for Mallala Meetings are doing their best to fill Flag Points with officials, but without personnel it's getting more difficult to place senior officials to assist the newbies.

I have been informed by the Management at Sunnybrae Farm that we may not always be in the same meeting room. This depends on other bookings & functions, as we are getting these rooms at a greatly reduced price, I'm fine with this, and guarantee plenty of people around to direct you if we have to change. I'll be on the database e-mail a few nights before to you all if I hear of any changes. Variety is the spice of life. Please remember that the gates off Tikalara St (off South Rd) are the only ones open from now on. If you couldn't make the 1st meeting at Sunnybrae, come and see what you missed!

The next General Meeting – 11th April, 7.30 Sunnybrae Farm

Guest Speaker: Phil Twig giving a Steward's perspective

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

Cover picture - Smiles from Clipsal courtesy of Caela and Grant Sims

IAME Trade Night

(Institute of Automotive Mechanical Engineers)

On Tuesday 20th March I accepted an invitation on behalf of SAMROA to give a short presentation at a trade night organised by David Mitchell – SA Operations Manager of IAME (I have since promised I would stop referring to him as Sarah Mitchell’s “HQ 88” Dad)



The night was held at Sheffield Automotive part of Sheffield Collage. On display there were a couple of very nice Mustangs, a vast selection of Motorcycles from early Hondas through to some very loud custom bikes. Nolathane & Whiteline both Suspension & Clutch brands had a static display, Glen Moulds Formula Vee; Number 53 was also on display. Glen removed all the panels of the Vee, great to see inside!

I had about 10mins to talk about SAMROA, where we started, what we do and how to get involved. I gave away 12 packs that I made up with our Flier, Our Calendar of Events & Contact Cards. Many approached me about membership well after my presentation, we

should hear from some of the interested people soon! Not bad considering there were about 25 – 30 people there. A great time was had by all there.



Thanks again to David Mitchell for the Promotion Opportunity.

Cheers – Paul Hart.

We have managed to obtain a limited number of multi-tools (several members find them useful at the track). These are great value at \$10. See Peter Tann.

T&CC Report

With 'Mad March' out of the way we move on to 'Active April'..with three race meetings in a row.

This newsletter was in the post while the Easter Historics took place, but next weekend is the Shannon's nationals...you did put your name down in time didn't you ?? However, people are still wanted for the practice day on Friday. If you can help out, contact Abbie at the sporting car club events office Phone: (08)8271 5689, Fax (08)8272 5396 Email: sccsaevents@internode.on.net or contact Andrew on 0404-323-294.

To the 18 people who came out to the Superkart/Modern Regularity meeting on the 1st April, a sincere 'Thank You' to you all. It was a good day with some great racing. Couple of things to remind people about:

Firstly, use the decimal system to indicate exactly where a something is..for example halfway between points 6 and 7 would be 6.5..and either drivers left or right

Secondly, have confidence in your experience and call in if a vehicle is in a safe or dangerous position. If you are not sure, ask others at the point.. or explain EXACTLY where the issue is (e.g. 7.5 drivers left on the drivers line, on the edge of the track, off drivers line). Remember that the Clerk of course is listening to this information and is using it to assess how to respond to it. Being able to provide this information in a few concise words (while the proverbial has hit the fan) is a major skill in race communications.

Finally, when calling in any contact, a description of the type of contact (nose-tail, side-side) and any consequences (such as loss of position) will allow the Clerk of Course to determine if they wish a written report or not. Some Clerks or Course have different preferences regarding written reports. However, ALL contact needs to be at least verbally reported as there have been cases where significant contact has been preceded by several minor contacts over the course of a meeting.

On the training front, it looks like the Fire training will now be held later in the year (TENTATIVE: 15th September) and so we are working to put together the judicial training day sooner rather than later in the year. More details when they come to hand.

One area we are also starting on is to improve the understanding of the Racing rules by including sections from the CAMS manual (which is available online at www.camsmanual.com.au). The following section is from the 'Race Meeting Standing Regulations':

T&CC Report (cont)

Definition of Track

The track, for the purpose of judging compliance with the Code of Driving Conduct, shall be taken to mean that part of the track defined by the outer edge of a white line along each side of the track.

For the pit lane, the pit entry road, and the pit exit road – the track is defined by the outer edge of the lines marking the lanes or the roads as appropriate.

7.2 Overtaking during a race

(i) A car alone on the track may use the full width of the said track, however as soon as it is caught by a car which is about to lap it the driver must allow the faster driver past at the first realistic opportunity.

If the driver who has been caught does not seem to make full use of the rearview mirrors, flag marshals will display waved blue flags to indicate that the faster driver wants to overtake.

Any driver who appears to ignore the blue flags will be reported to the stewards of the meeting.

(ii) Overtaking, according to the circumstances, may be carried out either on the right or the left.

However, manoeuvres liable to hinder other drivers such as more than one change of direction to defend a position, deliberate crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track or any other abnormal change of direction, are strictly prohibited. Any driver who appears guilty of any of the above offences will be reported to the stewards of the meeting.

(iii) Drivers must use the track at all times. For the avoidance of doubt:

- the white lines defining the track edges are considered to be part of the track but the kerbs are not, and*
- a driver will be judged to have left the track if no part of the car remains in contact with the track.*

Should a car leave the track for any reason.. the driver may rejoin. However, this may only be done when it is safe to do so and without gaining any advantage.

So in a nutshell... unless all wheels are OVER the line, the car is still on the track. However, the Clerk of course may ask for two wheels over to be reported.

That's it for this month..see you at the Nationals.

Andrew and the T&CC



Ed Says



Would you like to have a fun, inexpensive night out and help to support a good cause at the same time?

Treasurer Peter Tann and newsletter editor Fran Tann are members of the Cancer Council SA, Tea Tree Gully branch. They tell me there will be a quiz night on:

Saturday May 12
7.00pm for 7.30pm
at
Uniting Church Hall
Fox Avenue (off Gorge Road)
Athelstone

BYO Supper and drinks
Silent Auction
Prizes galore

Cost: \$10 per adult \$5 students under 15

Why not make up a table?

For tickets:

Joy Tel: 8337 5243
Joylene Tel: 8261 2775
Sandy Tel: 7329 5041

Wayne Jones is off to Hidden Valley and would like to hear from anyone else who's planning to go. Call Wayne on 0411 133 872

Social Committee Report

From Peter Tann

The last meeting was held on 27/03/12.

The date for the annual dinner has been set for 1st September – mark the date in your diaries now!

We are currently investigating a number of venues and hope to make a recommendation the General Committee in the next month or so in order to lock in the date.

We are looking at having an “extra” general meeting on 9th May to be held at Revolution Racegear new showroom at 498 North East Road, Windsor Gardens – a chance to have a look around at all the latest & greatest gear and socialise over some pizza and drinks with your fellow members and Chris (Macca) from Revolution. For those of you who are into 4WD, the premises are shared with Opposite Lock and you will be more than welcome to have a chat with the guys and look at their latest gear as well. Lots of toys for big boys !

We are also investigating another “extra” general meeting in November to be held at Adrenaline Karts, Pooraka, or possibly Kart Mania (provided they have forgotten who we are!)

Note that for the coming meeting, Phil Twigg, Steward will be our guest speaker and, for a bit of fun, there will be a short quiz following the meeting and, yes, there will be a prize.

Peter Tann





03 April 2012 – UPDATE

1. 75 Books in total
2. 42 Books have been issued out to members to sell
3. 33 Books still to be issued out
4. 6 Books were sold over the Clipsal 500 event.

Just a quick reminder about tickets – I will not be at the Easter Meeting but I'll ensure that some tickets are available for you all to collect. I will also bring the books along to the next General Meeting.

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, the more tickets we sell, the more money comes back to the Club.

Cheers

Paul Bonnett

Secretary.

Food for thought

Shootin' Chickens

Too funny not to share! Sometimes it **does** take a rocket scientist!

Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4 pound dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions.

NASA responded with a one-line memo, "**Defrost the chicken.**"



More from Clipsal. Not one of our members but apparently is known to a certain committee member.

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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