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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back from where ever you have been Officiating Motor Sport in Australia. I sincerely hope you had an enjoyable time on & off the track.

I know we would all like to thank the organizers of both the Clipsal 500 & the Australian F1 GP for all their work in ensuring we were looked after at these events. Special mention should go the Rob Thiry for the construction of the shade sails that were put above each flag point at the Clipsal 500 that were affected by the sun. I noticed at Pt14 that the heat was reduced by several degrees. Thanks again Rob!

Darren Matiske was busy during the early hours of the Clipsal 500 setting up and maintaining our display. Darren was able to band together a group of volunteers who were able to give out info on SAMROA to the general public. We got 14 names in the book of possible new members. The General Committee will do all we can to convert them onto fully active members. So a big "Thank You" to Darren and all of those people who are contributing to our growth.

While the accolades are being handed out, thanks must also go to Peter Tann, who was able to get another mobile phone for the T&CC.

Talking about the General Committee, we have a vacancy on the Committee. If you feel you can serve your Association and are available to attend General Committee Meetings (1st Thursday of the month) & General Meetings (3rd Wednesday of the month) then please let me know. This is your chance to shape your Association, However you must be a financial member.

As Easter is just around the corner – I understand that not everyone can make it out for the Easter Historic Race Meeting over the long weekend with family commitments etc, so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Easter Break. For those lucky enough to be able to join in the fun & games of this exciting race meeting, See you there! (Reminder: Sporting Car club run a breakfast at the track from 7:30 to 8:30 on the Sunday)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont.)

Please don't forget, we meet every month to share Info, Stories & Social Drink at the Veneto Club. In the coming months the General Committee is going to be arranging special guest speakers to attend our meetings. So if there's anyone you would like to see at our meetings, just let the committee know. We'll try our best to accommodate your request

I look forward to seeing you all at the General Meeting on Tuesday 15th of April at 8pm.

Until then, play safe,

Cheers

Paul Hart

President.

Cover Photo: Behind any event is a huge number of people working behind the scenes making sure everything runs smoothly including Administration and the 'A' team... Their work makes the long days we spend at the flag point much easier.... Thanks People !!
Setting up shade for marshals at the recent Clipsal 500. are SAMROA members (L-R) Scott Chamings, Peter Tann, Paul Hart and Steve Croci

Photo: Darren Matiske

Trade Discount at Ray's Outdoors:

SAMROA is now a trade customer at Ray's outdoors, simply quote the Business name (South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association) or number D73564 at the register to get a significant discount. 28 stores nationwide, SA Stores at:



61-69 West terrace ADELAIDE
1 Phillip Highway ELIZABETH
Harbour Town ADELAIDE
AIRPORT

Now is the time to ensure you have proper wet-weather gear for the winter ahead (assuming that we will see some rain)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Go Karting/Social Get-together

Postponed – unfortunately I am sorry to announce we have been unable to confirm a date & time with Kart Mania. As we were getting too close to the proposed date we have decided to postpone the event until later in the year.

Annual Dinner

The Social Committee investigated several possible venues and has recommended to the General Committee that the **Annual Dinner be held on 22 August at the Tea Tree Gully Golf Club**. The General Committee has accepted the recommendation.

Further details will be published in the coming months – mark the date in your diaries now!

Quiz Night

We are also looking at running a quiz night (tentative date of 11 July) and are currently investigating a suitable venue. We are also hoping to auction off some motoring memorabilia (kindly donated by Glen Malthouse) during the evening. At this stage we are working towards a cost of \$10/head (to cover cost of venue & prizes), BYO supper, and drinks to be bought from the bar. More details will be provided in future newsletters.

Comedy Club/Xmas Dinner

We are also investigating cost and availability of dates in late November for a function – more details to be provided in future newsletters.

Social Committee

If anyone would like to help out on the Social Committee you can just come along to our meetings (see details below) or contact one of the Committee Members.

Social Committee Contacts : Scott Chamings, Jodie Johnson, Bob Schofield, Peter Tann

Next Social Committee Meeting : Monday 20 April 8:00pm

Location : Para Hills Community Club, Bridge Road, Para Hills



Members that will be celebrating Birthdays in the coming month
Happy Birthday!!



April

Robert Holloway (18th), Robin George (20th) , Rob Drysdale (23rd)

May

Scott Chamings (5th), Marc Hargrave (9th), Andre Wilson (16th)

Also remember ‘Star Wars Day’ ... May the 4th be with you.



Photo: Officials from Singapore who came over for the recent Clipsal 500 to gain more experience (and learn about drop-bears)

Photo: Declan Lim

T&CC Report

March & Motorsport seem to go together with the Superkarts, The Clipsal 500 and the Formula 1 Grand Prix all happening within a week of each other. We could almost call this the Mad Month of March! A big thanks goes out to those who attended the Superkarts on March 15th. From all reports it was a good day overall with some good racing as well.

The question might be, who didn't officiate at the Clipsal?... Most of the readers of this newsletter would have been involved in the Clipsal in some form. It was good to know that SAMROA's expertise makes a significant contribution to that event and a splash of orange as well... Many of us will have fond memories of this year's meeting with some key officials being involved well before race vehicles arrived at Victoria Park.

Some of the fond memories some of the senior official may have could be rather blurry as many of them, including several from SAMROA have also continued through to Melbourne for the F1 GP. The 9 day race meeting is tough going, but with the main race being of a completely different pace, you had to stand up and take notice. There was still all the action of the other categories with some vehicles taking a pounding and other just sailing on through.

National Easter Historic Race meeting – 11 & 12th of April. Happening whilst this newsletter was in print, but is always a good weekend with many older race vehicles going full throttle in what could well be their only South Australian event all year. Quite often these vehicles find their limits and like any just like their faster cousins of today, tend to go a bit west!! At time of writing this story there was still a shortage of names for the weekend and if you managed to find time to get out there we thank you and hope you enjoyed the day(s).

Also don't forget the next Superkart & Modern Regularity meeting on April 26th. 8:15am briefing as per usual. Always a good day's racing at club level which is where all big names started off. Sure hope to see you there as well. Logon and put your name on the list!! (or contact a T&CC member who can do this for you.. phone numbers inside the front cover...Ed)

T&CC Report (Cont.)

If Historic's and Karts are not your thing, then make sure you come along to the SA state Motor Racing Championships - Round 2, on the 2nd & 3rd of May. Starting at 8am with the briefing, this is always an action packed weekend with some very interesting racing. If round 1 was anything to go by this will keep us all very busy. So don't forget to pace your name in the RED book when at a race or General meeting or on the database via the website. Remember that all names must be submitted by the Chief Flag 1 week prior to the event for ticketing and Catering purposes. It is extremely difficult to add extra name to the list one lodged, so please be early. Do it now!!..

Fire Training is confirmed for July 18th. It is important for you to know how to use a fire extinguisher to fight small fires and this training will not only give you confidence on a motor vehicle, but also at any other time you may need to combat a fire. Even if it just gives you confidence to pull the pin and fire one off, then it's worth it. Anyway.... It costs you nothing..!! All financial members are listed for attendance so there will be lots of leftovers if you don't attend..!! Keep a watch out for more info as we get closer.

Till next time,

Andrew L and the T&CC

National Historic Race Meeting	11/12th April
Superkarts/Modern Reg	26 th April
SCC State Champs R2**	2/3 May
6-Hour regularity relay	17 May
Shannons Nationals R4	5/6/7 June (practice on Friday)
Superkarts/Modern Reg	28 June
Mandatory Fire training	18 th July

SCC Rounds and Shannons nationals have early cut-off dates. After that date, it may not be possible to add your name to the list – but it is possible to take your name off if you can't make it...

The Mountain is calling...

Officials applications are now open for this year's Bathurst 1000 (October 8-11). In previous years, there have been a number of members heading over as a group – sharing cars and adjacent campsites (John will submit a campsite application on our behalf).

Anybody interested in answering the call, should contact John Silverblade (john.silverblade@marion.sa.gov.au) or at home on 8265-1828, wk 7420-6421 or mobile 0412261579. Applications need to be in by late June.



And Townsville too...

Volunteers and officials are required for the Inaugural Townsville 400 to be run from July 10-12.

Most accommodation has sold out, however camping will be provided to volunteers (same deal as Bathurst).

Those interested in either event can contact the Operations Assistant, Sarah Schofield by:

Phone: (07) 5630-0328 Mobile: 0401-761-081 Fax: (07) 5630-0338

Email: sas@v8supercars.com.au PO Box 607, Southport BC, QLD, 4215



Australian Central Credit Union Community lottery

SAMROA is participating in the Australian Central credit union community lottery this year, with 800 tickets (80 books) allocated – 59 books have been sent out with 23 returned, so there are still plenty of tickets (and books) available...



The concept of the lottery is that the Australian Central credit union and sponsors will provide tickets, prizes and run the lottery while community organisations sell the tickets and (after banking) receive 100% of the ticket monies received. This is a great opportunity to raise some funds to help finance additional training and updated equipment.

You can assist either by helping sell tickets or by buying tickets in the lottery (\$2 each, lots of great prizes). Please see Bronwen for a book (or more) of tickets.

KWIK STIX Sponsoring SA Officials

Kwik Stix are sponsoring Motor racing officials in South Australia by providing over 2,000 gift vouchers to officials working at events.



People who have been to their restaurants will agree that they provide great food and good service at a good price.

The new meal vouchers are now for "one main meal" at all restaurants owned by The New World Lifestyle group. The New World Lifestyle group own several restaurants throughout Adelaide

Note: These vouchers are only for the restaurant specified on the voucher

SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On
Badge - \$6



Sold out

SAMROA Cap - \$10
(Hurry – only 2 left!)



SAMROA Sticker - \$3
(10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin
(Metal) - \$3



SAMROA Polo - \$40
(1 Large & 1 X-Large left)



SAMROA Cross Flags
(Metal) - \$3



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

There are also some 'heritage' 21st anniversary badges
available too...



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