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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

August is upon us already, which means two things: The AGM and the annual dinner.

At the AGM, we elect the general committee to lead the club for the next year – this is your opportunity to have a say as to who this will be. If you are interested, or know of somebody who you think is a good candidate, please contact the club Secretary to put forward a nomination. Remember that we need to elect 4 general committee members as well as the office bearers – these positions in particular do not need any previous experience, just some enthusiasm. Nominations are open until the start of the AGM. Remember though, that you need to be a financial member to be able to vote.

The club's committees (general committee, T&CC and Social committee) and its members play an essential role in operating the club – not only in the day to day assistance in setting up events and providing drinks and lunch, but also organising training, new equipment and social events such as the dinner. They can be a great way of learning how the club works, and don't need a huge amount of time – one meeting each month and generally a few hours between meetings.

The annual dinner is also coming up, and this year will be held at Scotch College. At \$35 for member/\$45 non members including drinks, this is really good value. Contact Peter Tann to get your tickets.

Finally, as this is my last report, I would like to give a big 'thank you' to the members of the outgoing committee for their work throughout the year. This year has not been an easy one, with several members having to stand down for different reasons, and some of the projects this year have also been difficult – particularly the 2-piece uniform and new flags. While progress has been made, there is still much to be done.

At that, I will say goodnight – and hope to see you at the August meeting and AGM at the Veneto club at 8:00pm. As is the custom, drinks will be provided afterwards.

Andrew.

Cover photo a view of BRM workshop courtesy BRM



TIME'S RUNNING OUT!

*Get your tickets for
The SAMROA Annual Dinner*



Where: Scotch College Adelaide

Carruth Road, Torrens Park

When: Saturday 28th August 2010 from 6.30

Tickets from Peter Tann

\$35 for Members and \$45 for Non Members.

A Childrens Menu is available for \$15

Children under 4 free!

(Please let us know the number of children attending)

A three course gourmet meal will be provided, with a selection of beer, wine and soft drinks included in the ticket price!

Entrée: Savoury filled Vol-u-vents and Assorted Mini quiches.

Char grilled meatballs served with Chunky Tomato Salsa.

Teriyaki Breast Medallions served with a lemon sauce.

Main: A choice of delicious roast Beef, Lamb, or Chicken served with a selection six different vegetables and salads.

Dessert: Fresh Fruit Salad, Apple Strudel, Lemon Meringue, Mud Cake

Note: you can order your tickets and pay on the night if you wish.

Office Bearer Positions

Until the commencement of the Annual General Meeting, nominations will be taken for the Office Bearer positions for the 2010/11 General Committee. Here is a short summary of the duties of each position to assist people to encourage others to nominate (or to put their own hand up...).

President

The senior member of the Association, chairperson of General and Committee meetings and very much a leader. Responsible for contacts outside the Association, but these are often delegated.

Vice-President

Assistant to the President. Chairperson of meetings in the absence of the President.

Treasurer

Responsible for the financial records of the Association. Prepares a report for General Meetings and Committee Meetings. The job is straightforward, merely requiring the issue of a receipt for all monies received and their banking plus the issue of a cheque for all approved payments. Payments are required to be approved by the General Committee. Bank account has to be reconciled regularly. Preparation of lists is needed from time to time of financial members for advice to the Secretary.

Secretary

Preparation of minutes of General and Committee Meetings, keeping of membership records, correspondence IN and OUT, including responses to new membership enquiries.

Assistant Secretary

Preparation of minutes in the absence of the Secretary. Controller of merchandise and maintaining membership records.

Office Bearer Positions (cont.)

General Committee members

All of the above persons are members of the General Committee, plus FOUR others elected at the Annual General Meeting. The primary duty of the four elected members is to attend the meetings of the General Committee and, of course, contribute to the work of the General Committee.

During the year the General Committee may make appointments of one of its members to the Training and Competition Committee, Social Committee, appoint a delegate to the State Council of CAMS, to the Motor Race Panel and to the State Officiating Panel of CAMS. The person filling each of these positions reports back to the General Committee and, as members know, to General Meetings also.

The General Committee will make its own determination as to when it meets. The first Thursday evening of each month has been the timing of General Committee Meetings for the past year.

The requirements of the above positions may seem a little daunting, but they should not be seen in that light. Whilst they do require a commitment, committee members in the past have coped well with the work load. Membership of the group of four elected at the General Meeting has proved to be an excellent introduction to the workings of SAMROA and has enabled many members to contribute to the Association, including many relatively new members.

Please consider how you can be involved and also be prepared to approach other members if you consider they can make a contribution. A strong Committee goes a long way to making SAMROA the kind of organisation of which we can be proud.

Please feel free to contact any Committee member if you would like to be considered for appointment or to discuss the matter further.

Ask the *Ed*



Some say, he landed in Albert Park in a flying saucer.

All we know is, he's called 'The Ed'.

Dear Ed

I've been wondering when flags were first used in motor racing. What do you think?

Curious in Campbelltown

Good question, Curious.

Haven't been able to find a definite answer, but it looks like 1899 could be the year, when only red (stop) and yellow (caution) flags were used. The chequered flag seems to have been introduced some time later, possibly around 1913.

Here's one for you – which three drivers entered the 1986 Australian Grand Prix with a chance of winning the World Championship?

(Answer page 14)

Do you have any burning questions for the Ed. Email them to editor@samroa.org.au

Space for 'rent'
Any contributions - Pictures, short stories or items of interest always welcome.
Please send them to the Editor, Fran at editor@samroa.org.au

BRM Workshop Visit

Prior to the July general meeting, Darren Mattiske organised a visit to the BRM Workshop.

There were two F3 cars and some Formula Fords to view. It was great to get up close and have a good look at these cars. Of particular interest was when our host, Mark, showed us the F3 extraction seat. This allows for the whole seat, complete with driver to be lifted out of the tub.

Needless to say, the workshop was immaculate and puts my shed to shame. We also had the opportunity to look through the transporter (equally immaculate) and very impressive.

Thanks to Darren for organising this chance to see things from 'the other side of the wall' (as well as supplying the pizza..) and to Mark for showing us round.

From

Peter Tann

Blokes Night

On Saturday July 24, David Vaughn (CAMS Chaplain) organised a ‘Blokes Night’.

Although I was not sure quite what to expect, I had a great evening as did my companions both young and ‘more mature’. I was amazed (and pleased for David) to see roughly 150 blokes in attendance.

There was plenty of food laid on – pies, pasties, sausage rolls, pizza and soft drinks – while we caught up with old friends and acquaintances and met new people.

There were a number of very ‘tasty’ cars on display and some very nice bikes too. There were two game consoles available – one circuit racing and one rally.

Guest speaker was Ed Ordinski who presented a very professional and entertaining talk, including some video (mental note NEVER get in a car with Ken Block!). We could all apply Ed’s philosophy of grasping every opportunity life offers and do it to the best of our ability. Look where it got him!

The evening finished with coffee and donuts – a fitting evening to great Blokes Night.

David is planning another evening, following the success of this one – watch this space for details.

Congratulations and many thanks to David and his helpers on a great evening.

Members Paul Hart and Rob Thiry enjoy the Blokes Night.



From the meetings...

OHS&W (Provided by Andrew Robinson)

- Inclement weather caused some issues at last Superkart Meeting. 3 Officials stood down with one ultimately taken to hospital on advice of medical staff (extreme blood pressure) This highlights that not only, officials need to be aware of the weather conditions for the day and dress accordingly but more importantly look after their own well being – Don’t be a hero! The Adelaide Superkart Club went half way in purchasing packets of soup (which went down VERY well).
- Regarding the official taken to hospital, his continuing health conditions were discussed – Darren (Mattiske) suggested that we contact him and advise him of his options. Until we get a letter from his GP clearing him to perform track side duties, the official’s licence has been suspended. It must be emphasised that SAMROA will support the official 100% in his efforts to return to duties.

It was suggested that some Thermos flasks be purchased for the purpose of transporting hot drinks to the flag points – good idea and the club already has a few stored in the shed. These will be used at future meetings.

Andrew Robinson will be stepping down as OHS & W rep at next AGM to concentrate on his duties as President. – an article will be placed in the next Newsletter asking for a volunteer to replace him.

T&CC (Provided by Paul Bennett)

- Flags – Still an ongoing project. New quote has been received and the committees will be looking at it in the near future. Question was asked – Do we order one set first to trial before we place order for total amount? Paul B will take back to T&CC and report back answer. Peter C. also asked if a spare starters set could be added to the order which he would pay for
- Communications Workshop is being held at the CAMS Office, 10am to 4pm, Saturday 07August10. Members at the meeting were reminded that registration forms were available on the table – also in the Newsletter.
- Nominations for the 2010/2011 T&CC – the new committee will be elected in September, any interested members are welcome to nominate – minimum requirement is a Bronze Licence.

CAMS REPORT (Provided by Scott Chamings)

- Licence and Accreditation Guide 2010 – 2012 is out and all the forms in accordance to the booklet are on the CAMS Website. The book is just a guide.
- Introduction to Emma Flanagan – New CAMS Sport & Club Development Officer. (SCDO) Has sent out Email introducing herself.
- Considering a separate CAMS NT Official of the Year (as opposed to a SA/NT Official) The protocol for the selection process will still be administered through the SA/NT State Officiating Panel.
- Concerns raised by SAMROA delegate in regards to the General Official's licence being changed to only a single day.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT (Provided by Peter Cirillo)

- 27 Oct 10 – CAMS Office – Planning to have another re-enactment of a Stewards Hearing to show the procedure – would be a good idea for SAMROA Officials to attend. If interested, contact Peter C. and further details will be promulgated.
- Another Silver Module is being planned. No definite dates but will be after people return from Korea. (If interested, names to Peter C. who will pass them on to the SOP)

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT (Provided by Darren Mattiske)

- Darren is still to hand a list of all officials with Event Command qualifications to the state office.

JDP Update

- The first session of the Junior Development Program has been completed and ran without too many "hiccups", the initial choice of cars proved to be a problem as the Commodores without power steering and running race tyres were just too big and heavy – now looking for more suitable, smaller cars.

WEBSITE (Provided by Scott Chamings)

- Darren Mattiske has contacted Chris Monk re Database Emails not getting through if sent from a different domain (?) – Chris understands the problem and will work on a fix. (Geeky stuff)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Tickets have been printed and are now available for purchase (\$35.00 members / \$45.00 non members) It was suggested that the Social Club ensure that invitations are sent out to the other clubs. (Some clubs have been forgotten in previous years – especially for our 30th Anniversary)

PROMOTIONS (Provided by Darren Mattiske)

- Gawler Show – 28/29 August – need to get a page in the Red Book / Database so we can start planning and asking for volunteers. David Mori asked "How many members we have signed up over the years that have come as direct contact from the show?" We have only been doing the Gawler Show for the last two years and we have only had one member join but it does give the club plenty of exposure in the area. (Hopefully it will be the same thing if we do the Murray Bridge Show)

SCC of SA (Provided by Bronwen Williamson)

- There was a meeting held, however there was nothing that should concern SAMROA.

General Business

- Drive / Sprint Bathurst 2010 – David Mori was asked to give an impromptu talk on this years event. Dates will be from 10 to 14 November 2010. Planning is in the early stages but members who went last year had a great time. If you are interested in attending, contact David Mori
- Legend of the Lakes Hill-climb at Mount Gambier – Another event for November! (06 – 07 Nov 2010) Hill-climb track is 1.4 kms long and organisers are asking for qualified flag marshals. If you are interested in helping out, contact Darren Mattiske.
- It is planned for some officials to come over from WA to see how we plan and run events at Mallala. Dates are in the planning stage and some billeting may be requested. (might be as early as August) This may lead to some SA members once again going over to WA at some time so, if asked, any help would be greatly appreciated.

Nominations for 2010 / 2011 Committee

Position	Nominee	Nominated by/ Seconded by	Status
President	Andrew Robinson	Darren Mattiske Paul Bonnett	Accepted
Vice President	Karl Fleming	Bob Schofield	Declined
Treasurer	Peter Tann	Andrew Robinson	Accepted
Secretary	Paul Bonnett	Peter Tann	Accepted
Ass. Secretary	Darren Mattiske	Paul Bonnett/ Andrew Robinson	Accepted
Treasurer	Peter Tann	Andrew Robinson/ Paul Bonnett	Accepted
Gen Committee	Scott Chamings	Andrew Robinson	Accepted
Gen Committee	Rob Thiry	Tony Aloi	Accepted
Gen Committee	Tony Aloi	Peter Cirillo	Accepted
Gen Committee	Darren Martin	Andrew Robinson	Accepted

*Nominations will be accepted until the start of the AGM on Wednesday 18th August.
If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to stand (or know somebody you
think should stand) for a position please contact the Club Secretary Paul Bonnett.*



Ed's Answer

Prost, Mansell and Piquet were the three drivers who entered the 1986 Australian Grand Prix with a chance of winning the World Championship.



T&CC Report

Hi folks,

A cold month which means many of us have been indoors and trying to stay warm. On the upside, as there has not been too much circuit racing this month there should lots of attendees at coming events.

Sunday the 15th sees another lively Superkart meeting with lots of good close racing. The program is a little different this time with Modern Regularity A & B first, then the 125 non gearbox. It was interesting to see the program include 2 x 14 lap kart races and these races always provide plenty of action and no one was disappointed.

As always, we try to move people around, but more experience is needed so we can buddy you up with someone who wants to learn. Once you have learnt the basics, it's easy!!

Many SAMROA members attended the "Upskilling Course" held on Saturday the 7th. David Mori and his assistants put together and presented a concise and relevant training session on the aspects of being an official and the tasks we do, like Flags and Comm's. From all reports it was worth attending, even if you did know all the answers..!!

We've placed the order for the flags based on all the information presented by various sources. This information has guided us in ordering the correct sizing, the correct material and colours. Stay tuned for the delivery date.

Still have a few places left for the 1st Aid Course. I'll be distributing workbooks to those who have registered. These need to be completed and either posted in for assessment or presented on the day. Place your name on the database or in the RED book while you're adding your name for other events.

We'll have a few W.A. guests coming over for Round 3, next week. Yep the 21st and 22nd are the dates you should have struck out in your diary as "busy with motorsport". We'll be entertaining the 5 guests so keep a look out and make them feel welcome.

T&CC Report (cont.)

Nominations for T&CC committee positions are coming up soon so please consider how your involvement will help guide the direction of the club's training and competition policies. The current team need new input and you should be here. Put your hand up or ask someone to nominate you.

VERY IMPORTANT: As several SAMROA's have been selected to participate in the Korean training programme (congrat's by the way!!), there **WILL** be a need for extra officials on the 30 & 31st of October, so please consider how you can make yourself available even if it is only for one day.

Don't forget, check your diary and place you name down for any or all of these events. We'd love to see your smiley face.. (:-b

Superkarts and Modern Regularity	15/08/2010	Mallala Motorsport Park
SA Circuit Racing Championships Round 3 (2 days)	21/08/2010	Mallala Motorsport Park
City to Bay "Fun Run"	19/09/2010	City (King William St)
Superkarts and Modern Regularity	26/09/2010	Mallala Motorsport Park
SA Circuit Racing Championships Round 4 (2 days)	30/10/2010	Mallala Motorsport Park

Got something to say...?? Remember to use the performance sheets to make a comment as they do get read. Thanks to the official who made a very positive statement about how the training and pairing he received has now enabled him to do another important role in motorsport. Were here to train, so drop us a line if there's something you want to try.. We'll fit you in if we get the numbers..

Short and Sweet this month.

Andrew L & the T&CC.

Communications Workshop

As Andrew mentioned in his report, David Mori, presented a Communications Upskill workshop. Around 30 people attended, mostly SAMROA members, together with a few stewards (great to see them and get their point of view in some areas).

The workshop involved a lot of group discussion, which I found really useful, still being relatively new to flagging. I also valued sitting with some experienced members and seeing how they are able to recall incidents so clearly and simply.

A variety of communications techniques were covered, including:
verbal/radio, written/incident reports, flags and hand signals.

I got a lot out of the workshop and highly recommend anyone to attend should the opportunity arise again.

Great job David, thanks.

From

Peter Tann

CAMS Superkart NGB Nationals 2010

CAMS and the Adelaide Superkart Club inc. are pleased to announce that the 2010 CAMS non-gear box Nationals event will be held in conjunction with the 46th Annual Superkart Australian Grand Prix.

The event will be held at Mallala Motor Sport Park on November 7th 2010



Members celebrating Birthdays in the coming month



Happy Birthday!! September

Lui Mori 6th – 70!!

Andrew Leitch 9th, Owen Smith 10th, Paul Bonnett 20th

Peter Tann 26th – 60 !!

September Newsletter:

September issue will be printed on Thursday September 9 for post on the Friday.

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Tuesday 7/09. Earlier is better.**



Congratulations to Lui Mori on his 70th Birthday (6th September)

SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On Badge - \$6



SAMROA Sticker - \$3
(10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA Polo - \$40



SAMROA Cross Flags (Metal) - \$3



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

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