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*SAMROA wishes all members and their families a happy, peaceful
and safe holiday period.*

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President's Report

The end of the year has arrived, and with it the time to rest and recuperate ready for the 2011 season.

There are quite a few people who have helped make things easier through the year, including the members of the committees who get things organised and make sure we all get fed and watered. Sometimes, the number of willing hands has been limited and it has not been easy. I would also like to extend congratulations to Bronwen Williamson who has been nominated as CAM SA Official of the year and wish you luck at the awards night on the 5th February.

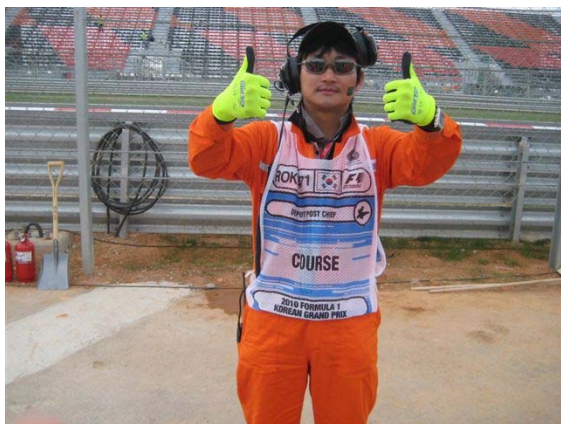
I also need to mention the Sporting car clubs 'A' team for their provision of welcome relief and apple crumble and the competition clubs and competitors for their support.

At the track, we work as a community with a common interest – our passion for motorsport, so thank you to the scrutineers for helping with our lunches and discussions over lunch. I note the unfortunate passing of Kevin Roach (scrutineer) recently; we share your sorrow at this loss.

Our last meeting for the year is on Wednesday 15th December, 8:00pm at the Venetto club. As is our custom, some drinks will be provided at the end of the meeting. Finally, thank you all for your support through this year. I wish you, your family and friends all the best for the festive season.

Andrew Robinson

President.



T&CC Report

With the end of the calendar year, our attention now turns to the 2011 season. We aim to include a copy of the 2011 calendar with the next newsletter – 'our' events though are already on the database (and in the Red Book).

The first two events are:

- Superkarts and modern regularity on 13th February, and
- Sporting Car club state championships round 1 on 13th February (twilight round).

These will be in important chance for everyone to clear away the cobwebs before Adelaide's big event. If you plan to come along, either put your name on the database, put it in the red book or let a committee member know.

Also early in the new year are some more training opportunities:

- Bronze Circuit module on 27th February
- A Bronze scrutineering school on 17th and 19th February
- Introductory, Event Command and Silver Modules early in 2011.

For further information and registration contact Emma at the CAMS SA office on **1300 883 959**

Finally, another nudge for more members for the T&CC. At the moment, the general committee is helping the T&CC with its work, which means that both committees are less effective than they could be. We need a couple of people to take the step up and put something back into YOUR club. If you are interested, please contact one of the committee members (listed inside the front cover).

That's it from us for now. May you and your families enjoy the Christmas break.

Andrew R and the T&CC

That's all from me for this month...hopefully I will see you on Wednesday night at the Venetto club.

Andrew

January Newsletter:

January issue will be printed on Thursday January 13 for post on the Friday.

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Tuesday 11/1. Earlier is better.**

Your Duck is Dead....

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the Vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat.

The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, But as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, A dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys And produced a bill, which he handed to the woman..

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" She cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

Minutes of the General Meeting

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W (Provided by Andrew Robinson)

- Nothing to report other than OHS&W matters will now be handled by Steve Clift.

T&CC (Provided by Paul Bonnett)

- Reminder on First Aid Training – Saturday 9:30.
- Reminder that T&C Committee is still short of members.
- ** Brought up for the attention of the T&CC – At the last Superkart meeting (Sun 7 Nov) There was a lot of oil left on the track around Turn 6 – Condition of the track after the drift meeting was unacceptable and a lot of time was wasted in cleaning it up.

CAMS REPORT (Provided by Peter Tann)

- 2011 Racing Calendar – Final draft is almost complete and ready to print – there will be a few small changes but nothing that affects SAMROA.

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

- Nothing new to report – Rob Thiry is now chairman of the SOP. Congratulations

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

- No meeting was held – Nothing to report

Junior Development Program (JDP) Update

Last day for the 2010 JDP will be on Saturday 20Nov. Planning bigger and better things for next year.

WEBSITE

- Once promulgated, the 2011 Calendar will to be put on the Website.
- Scott has also been working on some new online Email options for the Committee members and is ready to demonstrate along with online storage for important documents.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- The Porsche Owners Club would like to organise a motorkhana next year and would like to invite SAMROA as a social event. Darren M. will contact the club and start organising.

PROMOTIONS (Provided by Darren Mattiske)

- Ochre Digital Products have supplied quotes for updating our promotional stands and Darren would also like to purchase a new flat screen TV / DVD player. Ideally this would be all organised before our display at TTP in January 2011. Many members think that even though the gear is in need of an update, this is a big commitment to the Club's funds in one hit. It is the belief of the members that we need to formulate some sort of "marketing plan" before we commit to buying any equipment. Maybe we should look at a mixed "club attack" (SCCSA / CAMS / SAMROA) Darren will contact CAMS to see if they have any display equipment that we could borrow. At this time leave for Committee meeting.

SCC of SA

- Bronwen was not at our meeting so there was nothing to report. There is a Special General Meeting organised for 8th Dec. The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether the SCCSA continues to be involved with the Taillem Bend Motorsport Park.

General Business

- Revised Charges for 2011 Race Meetings: At our last Committee Meeting it was decided that SAMROA would incorporate a small increase in line with the CPI (2.85%) for our services in 2011. Secretary will draft and send out letters to the relevant clubs.
- Community Lottery for 2011. Secretary has received the Application Forms for the 2011 Community Lottery and the question was asked if we should once again participate. Darren M. motioned that we participate, this was seconded by Shaun Field. All voted in favour. (For 2011 we will ask for 75 books with an option of an extra 10 – the 100 books we had this year was a little bit hard to control) Secretary will fill out and send off Application Form by end of week.

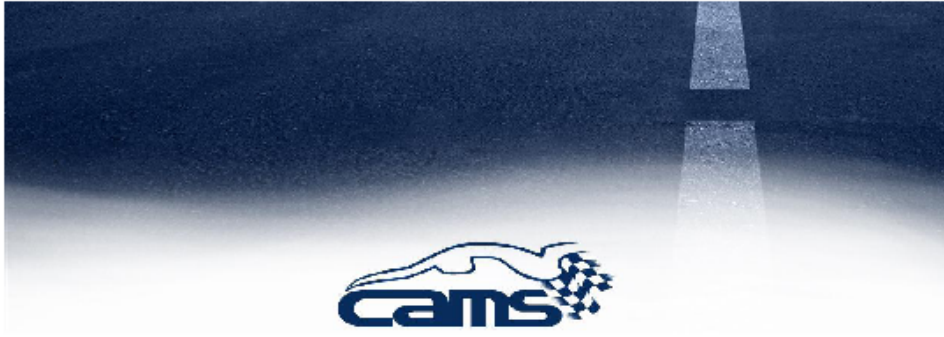
- Peter Cirillo showed off some new bags that would be good to replace the existing damaged flag point bags. These ones are heavy duty and look to be big enough to carry all our gear. Only \$10.00 each too. He also showed us a plastic hard-cover binder for carrying our report sheets – these are \$18.00 each. It was decided that we should get some and work out some shoulder straps for the bags at a later time. The existing bags are in dire need of replacing NOW not later.
- There was some discussion regarding the lunch arrangements at the last State Championship Meeting – No lunch without a ticket! It was thought that although the officials enforcing the rules were only doing their job - It could have been handled better. It was decided that the Committee would let the SCCSA know of our concerns.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 21:35 (9:35 pm)

Next Meeting: 20:00 (8:00 pm) on Wednesday 15 December 2010.
Veneto Club, 06 Toogood Ave, Beverley, SA.

(Any change of venue will be notified)

HELP!
I need photos, information, reports on events at Mallala and elsewhere. Reports on any training you have undertaken so other members know what they are missing (!)
Don't worry about formatting, spelling or English. I'll fix it!
Please send them to the Editor, Fran at
editor@samroa.org.au



2010 SA & NT CAMS Awards Dinner

Saturday the 5th of February 2011

Join us at **The Shores Function Complex** to congratulate our award winners for the 2010 Motor Sport Season

The Shores Function Complex has unique style and personality nestled on the coast at West Beach

Begins at 6:30pm with pre dinner drinks and a "Roaming Entree"
Followed by the Shores Signature Platter Style Main Courses
Concludes with individual Dessert, Tea & Coffee

Ticket price also includes a 5 hour Drink Package of:
Peter Lehmann Wines, Beer, Orange Juice and Soft Drink

Spirits will only be available on cash purchase



FIRST AID COURSE

From Peter Tann

A big 'thank you' to Archie for organising the course and to our trainer Sharyn who did a fantastic job.

For myself, I had only ever done a basic CPR course and that many years ago. I had forgotten most of what I learned then and the procedure has been modified several times since then anyway.

Things to remember included:

- Safety – of both you and the patient
- Response – check if the patient is responsive – if not call 000
- Airway – check and clear the airway
- Breathing – assess breathing – if not breathing give two rescue breaths
- Compressions – if not breathing, perform 30 compressions followed by two rescue breaths and repeat until an ambulance arrives.
- Defibrillation – attach AED if available and follow prompts. Continue CPR.

What I did not know:

- Compressions are more important than rescue breaths, which may be dropped completely
- Ribs are likely to crack or even break during compressions – no need for alarm
- Defibrillation makes compressions more effective. Units are available at many shopping and other centres. (You may not always be at a race track when you are required to leap into action.

I also did not know that there are two types of pen available for use in the case of extreme allergy, eg. bee sting, and they operate differently. Be sure to check operation before using.

If you have the chance next year, I would definitely recommend investing a day of your time in this informative course which may save someone's life one day.

Ed Says



Seriously, folks. Your club needs you.

You will have noticed that the names on the committee page of the newsletter are the same for this year, for the most part, as for last year. A few willing hands take on more and more duties as the number of members volunteering shrinks.

Keep in mind, you don't have to commit to a huge responsibility, but to giving up a SMALL amount of your time each month to:

- assist on one of your committees – Social and T&CC committees are both in need of new members
- take on a small job each month, eg. assist the President in preparing the newsletter for mailing (approximately 1-1.5 hours per month)
- organise the barbeque at one or two race meetings during the season
- assist with our annual dinner planning and organisation.

You get the idea. Your general committee is concerned that the current core group of volunteers may reach burnout and have to pull out.

Think about it over the holiday period and contact one of the committee members if you are prepared to give up a little of your time, however small, to help run your club.

Until next year, have a wonderful Christmas time – stay safe and well and come back with lots of energy to put into your club.

Korea Grand Prix

From Tony Aloï

My first race meeting as an official was ATCC at Mallala in the mid 90's, with drivers such as Peter Brock, Dick Johnson, Glen Seaton, Larry Perkins and Tony Longhurst. I remember thinking a flag marshal must have the best spot to watch motorsport.

Fifteen years on I find myself travelling to Korea. Not to watch from the best spot but to pass on experience to others,. How do I pass on experience and can I at all?

My travelling mate Harry Ainslle and I arrived on Saturday morning, a day later than everyone else. So we travelled on the Bullet Train – a more comfortable ride than the five-hour bus ride to get to Mokpo. I get to hotel and have one hour to get ready to go to the track.



After a quick shower and sleep we all were on the bus. The track is so new the bus driver went the scenic route, and took us back in time through small rural villages and narrow streets. I remember thinking 'There is a F1 track around here?' Finally passing through the 'time warp' we turn a corner and we are overlooking the newest F1 Circuit. The word HUGE comes to mind.

Workers are everywhere finishing construction on grandstands and grass areas but the circuit and pits areas are finished and look fantastic.

After a quick welcome and briefing it was time to meet the locals. we are gathered at the back of a pit garage and entered to an overwhelming roar and cheer from over 400 Korean officials.

It was as if we had walked on stage at a rock concert and we were the main act. It was overwhelming to think these Korean officials saw us in such a high light.



Coming off the high of the introduction it was back to basics and we split up into our teams to run scenarios.

I was impressed to see that the Korean officials, some with only ;limited experience, think and react to an incident in a similar way. This, I'm sure, can be put down to the classroom training from the selected officials, who were sent over on the lead-up weeks.



The next few days were the same all the usual stuff early mornings, briefings, Kraze Burgers, reports, briefings, Kraze Burgers and then to finish each day another briefing.

By far the best experience was the people I worked with. They were of all ages, not concerned what job they had, what freebies they could get but were just happy to be a part of their country's first F1 Grand Prix.



No longer just the best spot to watch from, but a great experience to be involved with leading up to the race weekend.

More next newsletter – watch this space!

Cheers

Tony



Members celebrating Birthdays in the coming month



Happy Birthday!!

December

Ray McGuiness	12th
Bryce Crawford	14th
Darren Mattiske	17th
Chris Monck	18th
Robert Scholfield	25th

January

Jodie Johnson	4th
Brian Agars	14th (60)
Karl Fleming	16th
Steve Lewis	20th
Alan O'Dea	22nd
David Lans	24th
Bruce Morisset	24th



See you in 2011

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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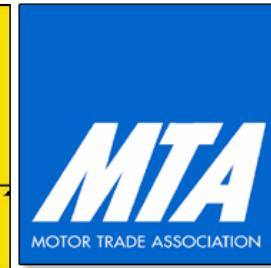
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