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Happy and Safe festive season to all our members!



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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Written from the beautiful Horseshoe Bay (Pt Elliot) while on Holiday

Well it's hard to believe it's nearly Christmas Day again, I don't know about you, but this year has flown! With so many race meetings and social engagements – where did 2011 go?

I hope those members who are celebrating their first Christmas with us have had an enjoyable year and SAMROA has lived up to all they had hoped for. From January the new and improved Suggestion Forms come into effect. There will be several ways that you can have input into the way we operate, please feel free to make good use of this opportunity.

More details in the January newsletter.

The next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th December at 8pm** this is due to the Veneto Club being closed on Wednesday. The General Committee are looking into an alternate venue to hold our meetings at. More detail to follow.

Our Congratulations go out to Troy and Amanda who have announced they are expecting their first baby, well done to both of you. I may have said once before that if we are a little slow on recruiting new officials, it doesn't stop us making them! Not that recruitment has been slow this year, well done to all members who have introduced new people to our game. With more and more pressure on our everyday lives it's great to see that we still have time to do what we enjoy – Officiating Motorsport.

More names need for The Paintball War with ASC.
Phone me on 0412 319 141 to join the fun.

President's Report (cont.)

As expected there's lots of different events to Officiate at, not only the SAMROA calendared ones, Hillclimbs, Rallies, Supersprints to name a few. I hope that all members put SAMROA calendared events before these to assist not only your fellow members but the competitors as well. There's nothing worse a Chief Flag can hear than "I can't make it due to another event". Let's try to get as many members out to the 2012 events as possible. The 2012 SAMROA Calendar of events will be out very soon.

That's about it for December's report I hope you enjoyed this year's activities and come back for some more fun next year.

Don't forget General Meeting 13th December 8pm Veneto Club

So from my family to yours, have a happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year, play safe, and I look forward to catching up with you all soon in 2012.

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

...and finally a 1965 Mustang Convertible

Thanks Santa!

Dear Pessimist, Optimist and Realist While you were arguing over the glass of water, I drank it.

The Opportunist.

Cover photo courtesy of Bob Taylor – see www.freewebs.com/bobtee/

T&CC Report

Thanks to all who came out for the last State Round – the last Race meeting of the year. It was a great weekend than ran very well.

The attention of the T&CC is now focussed on the 2012 season, and we will be publishing the calendar of events in next month's newsletter. The first two events for next year though are a Superkart and Modern Regularity meeting on Sunday 12th February and a Twilight race meeting on Saturday 18th February. These are a chance for all of us to get out and 'clear out the cobwebs' ready for the Clipsal 500 Adelaide.

There are some CAMS training courses coming up early in 2012.

- 21-22 January 2012: Silver Module
- 22 January 2012: Rally Module
- 5 February 2012: Course Presenter – now moved to Feb 12th
- 16 February 2012: Introductory Module
- 22 April 2012: Event Assessor
- TBA: Scrutineers Course
- TBA: Steward's Course.

If you are interested in any of these, contact Charise at the CAMS office Charise.Bristow@cams.com.au. Spaces for these courses are limited to 20 people.

We are also looking for another two members to join us. A full committee makes it easier and allows us to be more effective. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch.

That's about it for now. From all of us – a big thank you for all of your efforts through the year, sometimes under very trying conditions (remembering the horizontal rain at the superkarts). It is time to take a well-deserved break so that we can all return fresh ready for the New Year.

On behalf of the T&CC, I would like to wish all of you and your families a Happy and safe festive season.

Andrew Robinson

Chair, T&CC.

Alternate Uniform

There have been lots of queries about how to purchase the Alternative uniform so here's some info.

Orange 'Cargo' type trousers and a white shirt. It must be emphasised that this an alternate uniform and for members only – our official uniform will always be the Orange/White Overalls.

SHIRT:

Deane Original Poly/Cotton Domed Work Shirt: 65 Poly/35 Cotton

Sizes available Small to XXXXL

54422 White Short Sleeve \$46.20

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Contact Sue @ First Impressions

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You will need to arrange payment when you order.

Arrange with MPD (Peter) to courier it from First Impressions to the Embroiderers.

Club will cover the Embroidery on ONE Shirt only.



Alternate Uniform (cont.)

TROUSERS:

Reflective Drill Trousers, Item: K53020 Cotton drill; 310 gsm

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Tape positioned above the knee to cater for all footwear types.

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You may need to place a back order.

Paul Bonnet has spoken to Jeff at Totally Workwear at RICHMOND (Ph: 08 8443 3868) to arrange a special price for SAMROA.

Australia has taken out the Nations Cup at the 'Rotax Worlds'

November 28, 2011

At the 2011 Rotax Max Challenge Grand Final, Australia's team of kart racers has taken out the Nations Cup. The Al Ain Raceway in the United Arab Emirates saw the Australians put together a string of good results to take the title ahead of Canada and South Africa, who came second and third respectively.

Australians came second in three of the four categories along with a number of other strong results to set up the win.

Full story at Speedcafe.com

The Green Thing

Bob Schofield was in the line at the local Athelstone supermarket, the cashier told the old bugger that he should bring his own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

Bob apologised to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

The checkout operator responded, " **That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment.**"

She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soft drink bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Western Australia

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us

The Green Thing (cont.)

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water

We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the tram, train or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mums into a 24-hour taxi service

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?



Only weeks until Clipsal 2012

Ed's Holiday Quiz

(Enjoy a different challenge and tackle our holiday quiz with your loved ones over the break) (Answers page 15)

1. What is the chemical formula of snow?
2. US President Franklin Pierce introduced what to White House Christmas tradition in 1856?
3. Which charity in 1949 was the first to produce a Christmas card?
4. What red-blooming Christmas plant came originally from Mexico?
5. Brandy is made from distilling what?
6. White Christmas, a cake made of coconut, crisped rice and dried fruit, is popular in which country?
7. Who is the narrator in the 2000 film The Grinch Who Stole Christmas?
8. What was the cyclone named that hit Darwin, Australia, in Christmas 1974?
9. Pine needles are said to be a good source of which vitamin?
10. In which Christmas carol does this line feature: "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither"?
11. What is the birth sign of people born on 25 December?
12. Complete the famous rhyming line which follows: "At Christmas play and make good cheer, ... ?
13. Which poem written by Clement Moore was originally titled A Visit from Saint Nicholas?
14. What was the title of the first Christmas TV special Peanuts cartoon?
15. What celebratory receptacle is falsely claimed to have been modeled on the breast of Marie Antoinette?
16. Which two states in the US have towns called Christmas? **Arizona** and **Florida**
17. What animal is the Scandinavian Christmas Julbock symbol?
18. What song topped the UK charts at Christmas in 1957 and in a medley version in 1978?
19. Which hugely popular actor was born on Christmas day 1899?
20. What British spacecraft was lost on Mars at Christmas 2003?
21. What was Queen's 1984 Christmas single called?
22. American cartoonist Thomas Nast is credited with creating the traditional image of which popular Christmas character?
23. What is the name of Dorothy Gale's dog in The Wizard of Oz?
24. What is a baby Turkey more correctly called, other than a chick?
25. La Befana is the legendary character who delivers Christmas presents to children in which country?

26. Who is the central businessman character in the film *It's a Wonderful Life*?
27. In technical astronomical terms what is the duration of the winter solstice; an instant, a day, three months, or six months?
28. What Christmas-time song did James Pierpont compose in 1857?
29. What is the title of biggest selling Christmas single, globally?
30. What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word *estincelle*, meaning spark?
31. Kiritimati, the first inhabited place to experience each New Year, is more commonly known as what?
32. What is Virgil Hilts' nickname in the film *The Great Escape*?
33. Before the tradition of hanging stockings up at Christmas what did Dutch children hang by the fireside?
34. In which country is it a tradition to hide all brooms in the house on Christmas Eve?
35. Who wrote the songs for the 1954 film *White Christmas*?
36. In the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, how many pipers are there?
37. From what does the month of December take its name?
38. What did Scottish students take from Westminster Abbey on Christmas day 1950?
39. Who holds the record as being Britain's youngest ever Formula 1 Driver?
40. How many holes are there in a ten pin bowling ball?
41. In Basketball it's called a Tip Off, in Football a Kick off what is it called in Ice Hockey?
42. Who is the last English born manager to coach an FA Cup winning side?
43. Ron Dennis has been the manager for many years of the team behind which Formula One motor racing car?
44. If you were playing darts and got a 'Shanghai' score of 72 with 3 darts which number have you scored on?
45. In motoring terms what does OHC stand for?
46. How many times in succession did Bjorn Borg win the Men's Tennis Singles at Wimbledon?
47. Cross country skiing and rifle shooting make up which sport?
48. Which game can be 'lawn' or 'crown green'?
49. Which 2 continents battle it out for the Ryder Cup?
50. How many red balls are on the table at the start of a frame of snooker?

51. In the game of Scrabble, how many letters does each player start with?
52. Which word beginning with "C" is the name given to the electronic line judge at Wimbledon?
53. Which F1 Team made their Debut in Australia on March 3rd 2002?
54. Who defeated Oliver McCall in 1995 to become WBC Heavyweight champion?
55. What is written in big letters on the back of a cricket test umpire's shirt?
56. Theoretically, what is the minimum number of strokes a player needs to make to win a set at tennis?
57. Which club did Alex Ferguson leave to go to Manchester United?
58. What's the name of the game played by Harry Potter and his team mates on broomsticks?
59. Who bills himself as the 'Worlds greatest Boxing Promoter'?
60. The first Test match was played at Melbourne in March 1877 between England and Australia. The first Test in England was against Australia in September 1880 at the Oval. Which was the next country to play test cricket?
61. Only two Americans have won the Formula 1 Motor Racing Championship. Name one.
62. In which country was ex-England cricket captain Tony Greig born?



From 'The Advertiser' following the V8 Supercars Annual Awards Dinner

THE Clipsal 500 Adelaide motorsport carnival has resumed its status as the best of 14 V8 Supercar events.

The South Australian event, which competed against races in Australia, New Zealand and Abu Dhabi, was named Best Event of the Year at the V8 Supercars annual awards in Sydney last night.

It is the eighth time it has taken the award.

In 2005, the event was put into the sport's Hall of Fame, making it ineligible for the best event award for some years.

Now in its 13th year as South Australia's biggest ticketed sports event, it has won again.

The 271,000-strong crowd at the Clipsal 500 in March this year was a little under the record but almost 100,000 more than Sydney could muster at the championship-deciding final round at the weekend.

SA Motor Sport Board chairman Andy Ford last night paid tribute to the State Government support and work by the board, management, staff "and all South Australians".

"We have always had magnificent support from the Government and the entire South Australian community, and I accept this award on their behalf," he said.

Mr Ford acknowledged Clipsal as the long-time naming rights sponsor of the event.

"And we are fortunate to have an extremely enthusiastic and loyal group of contributors who take personal pride in the event," he said of volunteer officials.

"It is far more than a job. It's a way of life."

This year the Clipsal 500 welcomed the three-millionth fan to attend in its 13 years. Since the first race in 1999, the event has provided a \$320 million benefit to the state economy - \$34 million of it from this year's event.

From 'The Advertiser' following the V8 Supercars Annual Awards Dinner (cont.)

Mr Ford said the 2012 Clipsal 500 - now only 12 weeks away, running from March 1 to 4 - was well advanced in taking up its former role as opening round of the V8 Supercar Championship.

The theme is The Race That Rocks and its aim is to be another big-event success for the SA economy.

"We are determined to make it the best in the business," Mr Ford said.

The Clipsal 500 Adelaide has won four Australian Tourism Awards and seven SA Tourism Awards for best major festival or event.

Also last night, Roger Cook, who stepped down as Motor Sport Board chairman this year, was presented with an appreciation of service award from V8 Supercars.



Ed Says

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month:

December

Darren Mattiske – 17th
Chris Monck – 18th
Greg Hudson – 21st
Bob Schofield – 25th

January

Jodie Johnson – 4th
Brian Agars – 14th
Karl Fleming – 16th

Ed's Holiday Quiz Answers

1. **H2O**
2. **Christmas tree**
3. **UNICEF** (originally the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, now called United Nations Children's Fund)
4. **Poinsettia** (Euphorbia Pulcherrima)
5. **Wine**
6. **Australia**
7. **Anthony Hopkins**
8. **Tracy**
9. **C**
10. **Good King Wenceslas**
11. **Capricorn**
12. **For Christmas comes but once a year** (from Thomas Tusser's instructional poem A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry, The Farmer's Daily Diet, written in 1557 - also the source of 'A fool and his money are soon parted')
13. **The Night Before Christmas**
14. **A Charlie Brown Christmas** (1965)
15. **Champagne coupe** (or champagne saucer, more loosely, champagne glass - the flat saucery one, not the long thin pointy one)
16. **Arizona and Florida**
17. **Goat** (precisely a Yule Goat)
18. **Mary's Boy Child** (Harry Belafonte and Boney M, respectively)
19. **Humphrey Bogart**
20. **Beagle 2**
21. **Thank God it's Christmas**
22. **Santa Claus** (Father Christmas)
23. **Toto**
24. **Poult**
25. **Italy** (Befana loosely means a witch)
26. **George Bailey** (played by James Stewart)
27. **An instant** (in the northern hemisphere between 21-22 Dec each year; in the southern hemisphere between 21-22 June)
28. **Jingle Bells** (or, One Horse Open Sleigh)
29. **White Christmas** (by Bing Crosby)
30. **Tinsel**
31. **Christmas Island**
32. **The Cooler King**
33. **? Shoes**

34. **Norway** (according to legend, witches would steal them otherwise)
35. **Irving Berlin**
36. **Eleven**
37. **Ten** (Latin, decem - it was the tenth month of the early Roman calendar)
38. **The Coronation Stone** (or Stone of Scone, or Stone of Destiny)
39. Jensen Button
40. 3
41. Face off
42. Joe Royle (1995 - Everton 1 Man. Utd. 0)
43. McLaren
44. 12
45. Overhead Camshaft
46. 5
47. Biathlon
48. Bowls
49. Europe and USA
50. 15
51. 7
52. Cyclops
53. Toyota
54. Frank Bruno
55. Fly Emirates
56. 12
57. Aberdeen (in November 1986)
58. Quidditch
59. Don King
60. South Africa in 1889 then West Indies (1928), New Zealand (1930), India (1932), Pakistan (1952), Sri Lanka (1982), and Zimbabwe (1992).
61. Phil Hill and Mario Andretti
62. South Africa



In case you missed it as it flashed past, here are some images from the past year.



And some more from the last meeting, courtesy of Bob Taylor – please visit his website at www.freewebs.com/bobtee/



2011 SA & NT CAMS Awards Dinner

Saturday the 4th of February 2012

Join us at **AAMI Stadium, West Lakes**

to congratulate our award winners for the 2011 Motor Sport Season

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