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President's Report

Hello, and Welcome to 2011.

Not a lot to say at the moment. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and are having a good break. As we get refreshed and recharged, we can also start looking ahead to the start of the motorsport calendar and the lead up to the main event for the year.

The committees have been at it already with a few things happening behind the scenes, including a display at Tea Tree Plaza on the 22nd of January – hopefully we can gain some interest. Meanwhile the overalls are being cleaned and repaired and the shed is about to be cleaned up ready for the 13th of February. There are always plenty of 'odd jobs' need to be done to support the three committees (General, T&CC and Social), and so while they are looking for people to join us, any help that could be given would be much appreciated.

Finally, to all members with friends and/or family in the flood stricken areas of Queensland, the committees and, I'm sure, all members offer our thoughts, best wishes and support in this difficult time.

Remember, our first meeting for the year is on Wednesday night, 19th January 8:00pm at the Venetto club. Hope to see you there.

Andrew.



Cover photo: Some of the action at the Korea GP from Tony Aloï

T&CC Report

Hi Folks and welcome to 2011.

Well, Christmas and New Year's is over for another year and we hope you all had a nice time getting reacquainted with the kids and family. (Also hope that you weren't too busy catching up on all the outstanding DIY jobs around the home)

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	CHIEF FLAG	BRIEFING TIME
13 FEB	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	TBA	08:15
19 FEB	State Championships Round 1 (Twilight)	TBA	TBA
17-20 MAR	Clipsal 500		
24-27 MAR	Melbourne F1		

It has been a while since we had our last race meeting (07 Nov 10) and we know that the Clipsal 500 will be on us in no time at all. The two meetings scheduled for Mallala in February can be seen as an important opportunity for ALL members to get "back up to speed" and show support for grass-root motorsport in SA. (Yes, it's great to be seen at the biggest event in SA but we all know that the most important meetings are at Mallala – without us supporting them, there is no racing in SA)

As I check the database, names are urgently needed for the two events at Mallala in February; there are only 7 names on the database for the Superkarts and 8 for the Twilight meeting. Don't forget that for the Superkarts, we will accept names right up to the day of the meeting. However, with SCC meetings, we have to close the red book (e.g. no longer accept names) 7 days prior due to the SCC needing numbers for catering purposes. We recommend that you get your name placed ASAP. If you can't access the database, please feel free to contact me (Paul on 0409 092 535) or contact any of the Committee members also.

T&CC Report (cont.)

Whilst we are on the subject of events, all of the events for the 2011 Season have now been loaded onto the database. Log on, enter your name and let's see you trackside. This is also a timely reminder that there is a "Placing Preference" box available to all members on the database; you are welcome to use this to inform the Training Committee of any new roles you would like to learn. Please accept that it might take some time to give you a placement but if numbers allow, you will get your wish.

Over the last two years, The T&CC have organised fire fighting refresher (2009) and first aid training in 2010. What else would you like to see? David Mori presented an excellent Communications Upskilling workshop in August 2010 and maybe we can convince him to run another for those who missed out. We also have some very good General Licenced Officials who are starting to advance – this year it might be timely to look at Communications, Flags and Report Writing. If you attended, you may remember that back in 2008 we ran an informal, information workshop for flag point seniors – this was well received and maybe it's time for another one. But, these are only MY suggestions! If you have any preferences, the T&CC would like to hear from you – here's that cliché "it is your Club – get involved"

And lastly, talking about getting involved, if you have a (minimum) Bronze Licence and some spare time on your hands, could you please consider joining the T&CC. We have pretty much pushed this point since September 2010 and it is a bit disappointing that we still have to ask. Don't get us wrong, both Committees do realise (and greatly appreciate) the commitment shown by the membership, but if you can help in any way (it could be just as simple as organising food and drink for a race meeting) then please let us know.

Anyhow, let's get back to what we do best. Stay safe and we'll see you trackside,
13th February 2011.

Paul B. and the T & CC.

From our UK Correspondent

Many of you will remember Graeme Fowler from his visit. Here's an update.

Season's Greetings from the (slightly warmer than it has been) UK. Thanks again for the newsletters, and also very big thanks for the cloth patch which now has pride of place on my overalls breast pocket!

Your members might like to know that I recently provided incident cover for the 37th running of the Plum Pudding Meeting at Mallory Park on December 26th. When we signed on at 0800 the temperature was -10C (yes, that's minus 10 Celsius!) and although we got some sunshine during the course of the day the temperature never rose above -4C.

The track staff had worked hard for the four or five days up to 26th - including on Christmas Day - to keep the track free of ice, but the runoff areas and gravel traps were covered in snow (to about 3 or 4 inches). Most of the paddock was covered in compacted snow, too, resulting in the bikes that were supposed to be racing being called off for safety reasons.

Car racing however went ahead with two classes - Sports Cars and Saloons - having two races each. We got to see some excellent car control from some of the drivers who had cars far more suited to our normal summer conditions. Thankfully most of them behaved, and all my team had to deal with was an errant Escort RS200 which needed a big shove to get back on circuit without conceding a lap. The runoff areas were very slippery indeed, even with wet tyres. I have a pause now until the end of March, but I might squeeze a day in somewhere before that

Hope you're all well, and here's hoping that yourself and SAMROA have a great 2011.

Regards

Graeme

February Newsletter:

February issue will be printed on Thursday February 10 for post on the Friday.

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Tuesday 08/02. Earlier is better.**

Minutes of the General Meeting

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W

- Potential problem at Clipsal due to the longer working hours on the Thursday & Friday Twilight races. All we can do at this time is gather more information and monitor developments.

T&CC (Provided by Paul Bonnett)

- Last event for year – Official's Recognition Day – Sat 18th Dec (Gates open 8:30) Will need to fill out disclaimer form.
- All 2011 race meetings are now on the Database (and red Book). Peter C is working on a list for the Chief Flags. Once the list is complete, it will be hopefully sent out with the January 2011 Newsletter.
- Shed Clean up – 06 February 2011.
- A big thank you to all the officials who gave up their time during the year, Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – First race meeting for 2011 will be Feb 13th – See you all there.

CAMS REPORT (Provided by Peter Tann)

- No meeting, nothing new to report

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- Peter Cirillo was not at our meeting – nothing to report that affects SAMROA.

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

- Nothing to report that should concern SAMROA.

WEBSITE

- Nothing new to report.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- It has been discussed at our last Committee meeting that the current Social Committee should not be hesitant in asking for assistance if they feel the job is getting “too much for them” – as per the current situation with the T&CC, the General Committee is there to assist. Timely reminder – if any members wish to join the Social Committee then speak up! (It's really not fair to rely on the existing members every time)

PROMOTIONS (Provided by Darren Mattiske)

- Westfield Tea Tree Plaza – 22 January 2011: Currently planning a small display. Possibly looking at a Superkart also (but will have to pay particular attention to public safety) Promotional material will have to be taken home after the Official's Recognition Day due to Mallala being locked up over the Christmas / New Year break.

SCC of SA

- Bronwen was not at our meeting - Nothing to report.

General Business

- March 2011 General Meeting – This is currently scheduled for 16 March 2011. (Wednesday before the Clipsal 500) Do we cancel, re-schedule or have a welcome meeting for our interstate guests? A few months to go so lets start thinking. Decision to be made in January.
- Discussion on the “pros & cons” of having SAMROA representatives go along to their various meetings and have “nothing to report” when passing the information back to the membership. (Basically reporting back that there was nothing that concerns SAMROA) Whilst there is no doubt there are considerable benefits and a lot of information can be passed both to and from our association, we have to accept that sometimes there is nothing that concerns SAMROA and that is what gets reported.
- Shaun Field extended his thanks to SAMROA for the support and friendship over the previous year.

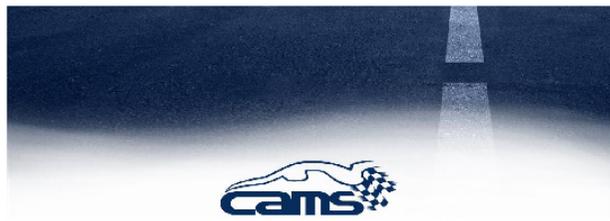
With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:45 (8:45 pm)

Next Meeting: 20:00 (8:00 pm) on Wednesday 19 January 2011.

Veneto Club, 06 Toogood Ave, Beverley, SA.

(Any change of venue will be notified)

HELP –LET’S START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!
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

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Adelaide Superkart Club 2010 Dinner & Trophy Presentation Night

Last month I had the privilege of joining the Adelaide Superkart Club for their 2010 Presentation Night. This was held on Saturday 4th Dec at the Duke of York Hotel – Currie St in town. It was a great night with many of their members turning up to enjoy a selection of dishes from the hotels Christmas Menu. Entrée was a choice of Ravioli, SA Oysters or Chicken Mignon. Mains you could choose from Roast Turkey, Atlantic Salmon, Scotch Fillet or Baked Eggplant. Desserts were the traditional Christmas Pudding or Fried Icecream. If anyone went hungry after this – it would be their own fault! The food was delicious. Just before dessert, Ron Goldfinch the President of the A.S.C. got down to business with the year’s awards.

On behalf of SAMROA I would like to congratulate the following people

Driver of the Year

Rotax Heavy D2 – Mark Howson

Rotax Heavy D1 – Bob Knott

Rotax Light D2 – Doug Savage

Rotax Light D1 – Shaun Pannowitch

250cc International – Chas Maddern

Overall Driver of the Year – 4 Way Tie

Doug Savage, Shaun Jones, Shaun Pannowitch,

Bob Knott – completed all laps

Rookie of the Year

Michael Wlochowicz

Most Improved Driver of the Year

Rebecca Knott

Team of the Year

Jones / Viper Team

Keith, Shaun and Amanda.

Club Person of the Year - Tie

Wayne Gebert & Groff King

Special Services

Barbara Newman, Wayne Gebert

Ian Williams with his trophy



Rotax Heavy D2

3rd Mark Wlochowicz

2nd Mark Howson

1st Peter Simmons

Rotax Heavy D1

3rd Ron Goldfinch

2nd Ian Williams

1st Bob Knott

Rotax Light D2

3rd Rebecca Knott

2nd John Bartlett

1st Doug Savage

2010 Club Champion

3rd to 1st

3rd Geoff King

2nd Shaun Jones

1st Shaun Pannowitch

250cc International

3rd Brett Purdie

2nd Darren O'Connor

1st Chas Maddern

(Thanks to Ron Goldfinch for these results)

Congratulations to you all!

The night was a great social evening with plenty of laughs. SAMROA was thanked several times for our assistance with the ASC races. If you would like to join in the 2011 ASC Presentation Night, see any of the ASC Guys or Girls towards the end of 2011.

Cheers for now, have a Safe & Happy New Year - Paul Hart.



Ed Says



Stuff to look forward to

- Just in case you don't get enough motorsport at Mallalla, Clipsal, Albert Park etc., the Ten Network is reviving its RPM program last seen about three years ago. At the moment, SpeedCafe reports, it is likely to be aired on One HD, possibly on Tuesday evening. More to come.
- The Formula Ford cars return to Clipsal this year, after a year with no open wheelers in 2010.
- Blokes Night II – Men & Machines
Saturday February 26th - 6pm
Edwardstown Baptist Church
More details to come in next newsletter, put this in your diary now!
For more information contact Dave Vaughan (Motorsport Chaplain) or check out our new Blokes Night web site at <http://blokesnight.weebly.com/>
- Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month:

January

Jodie Johnson	4th
Brian Agars	14th
Karl Fleming	16th
Rick Hobbs	18th
Stephen Lewis	20 th
Alan O'Dea	22 nd
David Lans	24 th
Bruce Morisset	24th

February

Shaun Doecke	5th
Steve Clift	6th
Lachlan Hewitt	7th

Ed Says more

- Bronze Circuit Upgrade training at CAMS office on Sunday 27 February. For more information or to book a place, contact Laureen or Emma at the office.

COPPER WIRE

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Brit's, in the weeks that followed, an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times: "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British".

One week later, the state's Dept of Minerals and Energy in Western Australia , reported the following:

"After digging as deep as 30 feet in Western Australia 's Pilbara region, Jack Lucknow, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely bugger all.

Jack has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Australia had already gone wireless."

Just makes you bloody proud to be Australian.

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



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