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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Well it seems we have members flying all over the country at the moment. As we welcome back the officials from Darwin, we say Good Luck to those leaving for Townsville; it must be something about the southern weather this time of year.

I wish to congratulate Brian Agars for winning the Club Membership Card Competition we held last month. Brian did win by default as know other member entered! So many members passed up the opportunity for a year's free membership, *I don't understand it.* (Sorry Darren, Mr S. Pitt is not a member yet)

We will be distributing Membership Cards to members who renew very soon. We can't forget our Life Members who will be looked after with their own Life Membership Card.

Membership dues are now up, you can renew your membership by filling out the form that was in last months newsletter – then either hand it to the treasure Peter Tann or you can post it in, the postal address is in the front cover of the newsletter. Peter is also taking payments for the Annual Dinner, more in the Social Committee page.

The General Committee are now taking nominations for next years Committee. So please nominate someone you feel has something to contribute to SAMROA, Nominations can be given to any General Committee member. Find out more about the duties of the positions on page 8

Cover Photo: Club member Peter Tann (navigator) airborne with Geoff Hobby (Pilot) at the wheel during the recent Walky 100 rally.

Photo: Skot Carter, Off with the pixels Photography

(offwiththepixels@yahoo.com)

Any photo or other contributions are gratefully accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont.)

At the last Superkart & Modern Regularity meeting, the Adelaide Superkart Club had their trophy presentation at our shed with a combined club BBQ. It was a great chance to socialise, and to throw down another Club "V" Club challenge! Keep an eye out for further developments in the next edition or two. Ideas that have been brought forward are another Bowling Challenge, a Darts Night or some bright spark suggested a Go Kart Race! No further comment needed on this idea.

At the next General Meeting on the 17th we have a special guest

-- Mr Glen Dix --

Glen will be talking about his Motorsport officiating experiences & a whole lot more. Jeremy Clarkson was unavailable to interview Glen, so it's up to me. *I feel sorry for Glen already!*

So please join us in making Glen feel welcome on the 17th at 8pm at the Veneto Club.

See you all there

Cheers

Paul.



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



July

Alan Candy (25th)

August

Geoff Sykes (5th), Glen Malthouse (14th), Alex Varcoe (15th), Rod Mountifield (18th)

T&CC Report

We, the T&CC, would like to thank everyone who came out to the Superkarts and Modern Regularity on Sun 28th June. We would also like to welcome the new people who came to try what we do as Flaggies. Hope you all had fun and now have the bug to come out again. On the day we saw some good racing in the 125 Max class, and we also had the largest field of Modern Regularity cars 30 plus.

One of the roles the T&CC is to monitor how everyone is going – their skill levels and areas where additional training/instruction/experience are needed. This includes our seniors/team leaders, particularly as we have some new people moving up in to more senior roles.

In order to try to obtain better feedback from team members, we have put together a new performance sheet, this is to be filled out by everyone on the flag point and given to the Chief Flag only at the end of the day. The idea is to identify areas where the seniors may need more instruction/coaching to help them along.

We also have modified the senior's performance sheet, which he will need to assess himself as well as assessing each team member on their performance.

So we have trialled the new performance sheets as well as the individual sheets where the each team member can write his remarks on how the senior performed for the day. I believe this went well, and we will be changing to the new format from now on.

To get your license signed off at the end of the day, seniors will need to have completed their performance sheets and individual team members need to have their performance sheets filled in and handed back to the Chief Flag.

We have been telling you all for the last few months that we have planned a Fire Training Day which is being held on Saturday 18th of July at Adelaide International Raceway at Virginia on Port Wakefield Road - enter from the main gates off Brown Road.

T&CC Report

Sign-on is at 9.15am for a 9.30am start and we should be all done by 1pm. For all of you who have Samroa overalls you can wear them, for those of you who don't have overalls please come dressed appropriately, eg. jeans in case you get dirty. Please bring your running shoes - you will need them.

We haven't had a Fire Training Day for 4 years, so we have made this one mandatory to attend. We were looking for 40 to attend but we can now have up to 60. The list below are members who we would like to see attend this day but who haven't placed their names down yet. **Peter Cirillo needs to confirm numbers attending by the Wed 15th July, so you can call him direct on 0411 136615 and let him know if you are attending.**

Bill Bayzand	Graeme Brand	Ryan Brand
Peter Chiricuta	Steve Clift	Cathy Croci
Steve Croci	Colin Hobbs	Jodie Johnson
Radley Jones	Steve Lewis	Karen Magnusson
David Marshall	David Micallef	Jeff Muegge
Peter Nicholas	Kerry Owens	Bob Schofield
Owen Smith	Dainis Zakis	Ashley Stephenson
Ray Stephenson	Bronwen Williamson	Andre Wilson

Well that all from us for now.

Hope to see lots more of you at the General Meeting on Wed night 15th July.

Peter and all the T&CC crew.

UPCOMING RACE MEETINGS

Fire training (A.I.R.)	18 th July Start: 09:15	Chief: Peter Cirillo
Superkarts/Modern Reg	2 nd August Start: 08:15	Chief: Adam Litchfield
SCCSA HQ Enduro	15 th August Start: TBA	Chief: Peter Cirillo
SCCSA Round 3	12/13 Sept	Chief: Adam Litchfield

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Quiz Night

Due to lack of ticket sales we have been left with no option but to cancel this event.

Many thanks to Jodie Johnson for her efforts with flyers to try to stimulate ticket sales and especially for the hours she put in on the questions. Also thanks to Scott Chamings for organising the venue for us and to those who had donated memorabilia and/or prizes for the night.

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner is planned for Saturday 22nd August at Dimples Restaurant, TTG Golf Club.

Tickets are available from Peter Tann (0417 867 403) or any of the committee – Members \$35; Non-members \$45; Child \$15

The dinner is a 3 course meal with a choice of 2 entrée, 3 mains and 2 desserts. When booking your tickets please advise of any special dietary requirements.

Entertainment will be provided by DJ.

The Reward & Recognition Scheme will also be presented on the night along with other club awards.

Come along and have some fun and socialise with some of the people you are team mates with on race days or meet people from other clubs!

Don't be shy – it's already July and we will need to confirm numbers with the restaurant in early August – act now before it's too late!

Come along to the social committee meetings and get involved in helping to organise **your** club's social activities.

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

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

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

Office bearer Positions

At the July General Meeting nominations will be taken for the Office Bearer positions for the 2008/9 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 to be reconciled regularly. Preparation of lists 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 mins. in the absence of the Secretary. Controller of merchandise and maintain membership records.

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.

Office bearer Positions (cont.)

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 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.

Taking Responsibility..

Dr. Miller says we are pessimistic because life seems like a very bad, very screwed-up film. If you ask "What the hell is wrong with the projector?" and go up to the control room, you find it's empty. You are the projectionist, and you should have been up there all the time. ~Colin Wilson

If I set for myself a task, be it so trifling, I shall see it through. How else shall I have confidence in myself to do important things? ~George Clason

Men expect too much, do too little. ~Allen Tate

From The Quote Garden... www.quote garden.com..

Something to think about while re-reading the previous two pages... Ed.

Membership Season

Reminder that memberships ran out at the end of June. Peter Tann is currently accepting renewals. If your membership is not current, you will find a reminder on the cover of this month's mailing slip.

The Silent Treatment..

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment.

Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, He would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper,

'Please wake me at 5:00 AM '

He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight.

Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said:

'It is 5:00 AM. Wake up.'

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests.

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



SAMROA Sticker - \$3
(10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin
(Metal) - \$3



SAMROA T-shirt - \$40



SAMROA Cross Flags
(Metal) - \$3



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

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 (so far, looks like it might be a cold one....)

August Newsletter:

August issue will be printed on Thursday August 13th for post on the Friday.
Final deadline for material is Middy Thu 13/8. Earlier is appreciated.

Thanks to Peter Tann for his assistance in printing the newsletter each month.



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