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President's Report

June (and Winter) is upon us – which means that membership renewal season is here with elections not far behind.

Due to increasing costs, the committee has decided to increase the membership subscription for 2011/2012 from \$30 to \$40. The subscription has remained at \$30 for many years, and is still among the cheapest for a CAMS affiliated club. Members will find a renewal form with this newsletter. I also wish to officially welcome Thomas Harris and Tom McDonald to the club – welcome to the mad world of marshalling.

The August AGM is also approaching and hence elections for the general committee along with nominations for the T&CC. The club depends on the committees (Management committee, T&CC and Social committee) to function effectively. For the management committee we need to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and two general representatives, while the T&CC consists of an elected OH&S representative, FOUR elected members and two members from the Management committee. If you are interested in taking a bigger role in the running of YOUR club, have a chat to somebody currently on one of the committees and see what it is all about. More detailed information about positions later in this newsletter.

The other 'big thing' coming up is the Annual Dinner on Saturday September 10th. This year, the venue is Cafe Fellini's in North Adelaide with Troy Harrison providing the entertainment. Troy is a regular on the pub circuit, and has also been the supporting act for bands such as 10cc. Tickets are \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members. Contact treasurer Peter Tann for tickets.

A special "Thank you" to Ray McGuinness who, along with Kellermeister wines, has donated two boxes of wines to the club, with a bottle of wine to be given to an official at each day of every event. So far recipients have been Barry Hughes, Andrew Robinson and Grant Paproth.

The next meeting is this coming Wednesday, 8:00pm at the Venetto club, preceded by a workshop tour of THR Developments (Corner South Tce and Wingfield Rd Wingfield) from 6:30pm., arranged by Darren Mattiske. THR prepare many racing cars – including Chris Smerdon's V8 and many Historic touring cars. This is an opportunity to see what goes on to prepare a car between events. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Will see you there.

Andrew.

OH & S Report – Warm Up

By Steve Clift

Given the recent cold, wet Super Kart meeting, this is important.

Why Warm Up?

- To increase heat throughout the body.
- To reduce the risk of straining or tearing muscles and tendons by increasing their flexibility and suppleness.

How to Warm Up

- Your warm up should gradually build up in intensity and should be within your health capability and also be similar to the activities likely to be performed during the day.
- The types of warm up activity should include major muscle groups that will be again replicated activities likely to be performed during the day.
- A brisk walk is an effective way to start warming up, so on your way to your position on the circuit, walk briskly.

Tips for Warming Up

When the temperature is cooler, you should spend a little more time warming up (e.g. Bathurst). When the temperature is much warmer, less time is generally needed (e.g. Clipsal).

Try to retain the heat as much as possible generated by the warm up. This can be done by wearing appropriate clothing or making the effort to keep moving when not directly performing an active task. Standing for long periods, can cause muscles to shorten and become tight and this can lead to tiredness and injury risk if suddenly you need to respond to activities on the track or in your area of work.

Provided by:-

CAMS Australian Officials' Commission (AOC) and Australian Sector Marshal's Group (ASMG) *Information to promote the Health and Fitness of CAMS Volunteer Officials*

Cover photo courtesy of Rosalie Siddell. Other photos this edition, courtesy of Darren Mattiske.

Office Bearer Positions

At the July General Meeting nominations will be taken for the Office Bearer positions for the 2011/12 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 of financial members is needed from time to time 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.

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.

ED SAYS...

Remember there are other jobs that need to be done during the year – stocking the shed with drinks, buying food for bbqs, assisting with newsletter printing and folding. Please consider assisting with some of these too. It's our club – let's share the load.



TIME'S UP!

If you have any community lottery books, **these must be returned as soon as possible and no later than the last week in June.**

07 June 2011 - UPDATE

1. 75 Books in total
2. 27 Books are still out with members being sold
3. 4 Books still to be issued out
4. 44 Books have been sold so far.

It's not looking too bad at the moment with 44 books having been returned **SOLD** so if you still have some tickets to sell then please get them done and return them to me ASAP.

I have 4 books left to sell so maybe we can get them done at the Superkart meeting, 26 June – **this will be the last opportunity for you to return the tickets to me.** Don't forget also, we have the General Meeting 15 June and I will also be there.

I need to once again remind you all that it is part of the Terms and Conditions (yep the small print) that we have to account for every ticket (**All 75 books**) so if you find you have lost any, then please inform me so I can take note of the numbers.

Thanks for all who have assisted us this year in selling tickets and don't forget! If you have any problems – **CONTACT ME.** (My details are at the front of this Newsletter)

Cheers

Paul Bonnett

Secretary.

T&CC Report

We would like to thank all officials who have come out and supported SAMROA and motor sport over the last 3 meetings. Also a big welcome to all the new officials that have joined us, hopefully we will see more of you at future meetings.

Well the Shannons Nationals has been and gone for another year. It was good to see a larger field of V8's this year and having our local driver Chris Smerdon taking the series.

In the Sport Sedan Series, Tony Riccardello won the Clem Smith Cup he was only $\frac{3}{4}$ of a second off the lap record.

The Porsche GT3 race on the Saturday saw a major accident at turn 5, one of the drivers being taken to hospital with a broken ankle and the other was ok as well. Job well done by everyone at point 5 as well as the recovery crew.

The last Superkart & Modern Regularity meeting was an extremely cold and wet day, and we had 2 officials taken to the medical centre for being cold and wet. Thanks to the Superkart & Mod Reg Guys and the Clerk of Course coming to an agreement to cancel the last events and finish the day earlier.

We would like to remind everyone that in the winter months please come dressed more appropriately e.g. warmer clothes, jacket, jumper, beanie, wet weather gear and water proof shoes not sneakers. You need to keep yourselves warm and dry out there.

If you do roll up and chief flag or any of the T&CC or Committee members feel that you're not wearing enough, you will be stood down, asked to go home get appropriate clothing. This is for your own health we do not want anyone to come down with hypothermia.

The weekend just gone was 2nd round of the SCCSA state champ, and the racing was great and close in most of the classes. We also saw the Hyundai Excels out racing for the first time.

We had a few incidents around the circuit and it was great to see everyone do well in handling them. Job well done guys and gals. The weather was nice and sunny and warm on the Saturday and on the Sunday, while the sun was out, the wind had the chill in it, the best thing was we had no rain at all. See, the weather man still can't predict a correct forecast.

We have been working to put together a **Vehicle Information day**, which is now fast approaching us. It is being held on **Saturday 9th July** at the **Gerard Corporation warehouse, 101 Port Wakefield Road, Cavan (access only for northbound traffic)**. From 9.30am to about 1.30pm approx and having a BBQ lunch and drinks.

T&CC Report (cont)

Directions : -

- Proceed north from Gepps Cross on the Port Wakefield Road
- After approx 1km , pass Stratco on the left
- Proceed past Cavan Road intersection from left (traffic lights)
- Approx 100 mtrs, pass Cavan Hotel & Steak Van on your left
- Approx 200 mtrs, Bus Stop 29, then 20 mtrs turn left through Gate 2
- 50 mtrs turn left,(warehouse entry straight ahead) then 20 mtrs turn right and park.

If you like a map you can email Peter Tann at Peter.Tann@gerardcorp.com.au and he will email you back with a PDF file containing a few maps to show you where to go.

You can place your name in the red book or online on the data base, we would like to see all officials at this event from all the old ones and all the new ones. The cut off date will be the 2nd of July and we will not be taking any names after this date so get in early.

We intend to have a variety of racing cars with their drivers so we can get up close, find out where the kill switches are, where is the Allan key for the front spoiler of the V8, talk to drivers and find out about their cars.

We will be having 125 max kart, 250 kart, formula Vee, formula ford, clubman, HQ holden, improved production, aust sports west, rally car and we are still attempting to get Chris Smerdon V8.

See you **all** there.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	CHIEF FLAG	BRIEFING TIME
26 June	Superkarts and Modern Regularity	Karen Magnusson	08.15
9 July	Vehicle Information Day	T&CC	09.30
17 July	Assessor Course for those who placed their names with CAMS and are confirmed for this date.		TBC but expect it to be 07:45 – 08:00 for Sat / Sun
7 August	Superkart/Modern Regularity	Dieter Von Ziedon	08:15
20/21 August	SCCSA State Championships Round 3 + HQ Nationals	Peter Cirillo Asst:Rod Mountfield	TBA

Well that's all from us now.

Peter C and the T&CC

Who's New Around the Track



Name: Jerry Nicholl

Date First Race Meeting: August 2010

How did you become aware of SAMROA? work associate

What is your interest in motor racing? Circuit racing

What motor racing events do you enjoy? V8's, super karts, speedway & rally.

Which teams do you follow? Dick Johnson Racing & Stone Brothers

Who is your favourite driver? Shane Van Gisbergen

What interests outside motor racing do you have? Camping, automotive buffing & boating

What type of work do you do? Truck driver

July Newsletter:

July issue will be printed on Thursday July 14 for post on the Friday.

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Tuesday 12/07. Earlier is better.**

Ask Ed



I would like to ask 2 questions:

- 1. Why there are two fields of Formula Ford*
- 2. Why the faster Formula Fords start behind the slower Formula Fords.*

Thanks

Thank you for your questions

1. There are 2 categories of Formula Ford, the older cars have the “Kent” engine from the Escort and the newer cars have the “Duratec” engine from the Festiva.
2. The Duratec Formula Fords are a National Category and are not part of the State Series. The Duratec cars are allowed to compete at the state championship rounds, however, are not eligible to be awarded any points. As the commentators focus on the leaders, the State Series competitors should be in the lime light and hopefully the winner should be from the state series, hence the Kent engine cars are the first group to start.

On a side note, Ford are no longer building the Duratec engine and Formula Ford in the UK are looking like they will be using the Duratorq engine which is a 2 litre turbo diesel engine. I don't believe Formula Ford Australia has decided on the next generation engine yet, but don't be surprised if Australia follows the UK lead.

And I'd like to know:

Once all the cars have received the Chequer flag, and the safety car makes it way around to pit exit to pick up the next group of cars, should the flag points at 8, 1 and 2 cover the safety car with a waved white flag?

To answer that question if there are calls still coming around on their cool down lap and the Safety car has moved off, there is no harm in displaying the white flag. Now isn't the track clearance done behind moving race cars on a cool down lap, so if the safety has moved off in front of the cars then I would still use the white flag. If anyone else has any questions for the next newsletter, please forward them to the Editor.

Pats on the back



Hi Everyone

Team Excel entered just two cars at the A7CC/ASC event yesterday as most teams were busy preparing for Round 2 of the SA State Series on 4-5 June. However we won the day and also scored 3rd place in what was the worst weather most of us had ever experienced at Mallala with high winds and driving rain. At some stages the rain was so hard that the cars on the opposite side of the track could not be seen, and the freezing wind was so strong that drivers reported that coming out of turn 3 was like hitting a brick wall.

Rookie driver Luke Fraser was the driver of the day driving ENGMAN's "Tweety" in its debut event. Also great driving and good judgement by veteran Kevin Westcott to collect 3rd place on the day. Luke won the first and third rounds and Kev was 2nd to Luke in the third round. The final fifth round was cancelled because of rain and poor visibility.

We were delighted with the Federal RSR tyres that we'd previously not testing in the wet. Both of the Team Excels cars had grip where most others were struggling in. As a measure of that Luke Fraser in one round had caught the Ford Falcon that was the fastest of the Group B cars, entered Clubhouse behind the Falcon and then out-dragged the Falcon to the finish line in blinding rain to take the checkered flag. We had not really expected that level of grip in the wet because the tyres were lasting so well in the dry.

\It was another great day for our Circuit Excels.

Thanks again to Tony Morgan and the A7CC team for a well run event. **The real heroes of the day in deplorable conditions were the SAMROA track marshals. Great work guys.**

Regards
Trevor



Pats on the Back (cont.)

To The Editor of Samroa,

Andrew Robinson asked me to forward this to you.

The two young men in this photo were sharing a shed for the weekend. I was so proud of them after the coming together when there was not an angry word exchanged.

Dylan Richter was heading into the northern where Matt Roesler went to go under him and although Dylan was checking his mirrors it is not easy to see when you are restricted in a tight formula ford seat and he did not see Matt so turned into the corner only to find Matt right there.

It could have been much worse as for a second I though Dylan might go over instead landing on all four wheels and being able to finish the race.

It was really great to see there were no angry words exchanged as this is what motor sport should be all about, good times, good racing and good friends.

Well done boys...

Rosalie Siddell...

Ayrton Senna

A documentary on Brazilian Formula One racing driver Ayrton Senna, who won the F1 world championship three times before his death at age 34.

Opens in cinemas on 11 August 2011

Workshop Tour of THR Developments

Prior to the General Meeting on Wednesday 15 June, there will be a Workshop tour of the THR Redevelopments at 6.30pm. THR prepare many race cars including Chris Smerdon's V8 and many Historic Touring cars.

We will then have pizza and coke, then make our way back to the Veneto club for the meeting.

Cnr South Tce & Wingfield Road Wingfield



FOR SALE

Starting out in motor racing?

We have two **RPM Clubsport** driving suits for sale. Excellent condition, almost new.

- Size: Large
- Colour: Blue with red trim.
- Comply with SFI 3.2A standard.
- RRP: \$299
- Selling price: \$100

Contact: Peter Tann at prtann@adam.com.au



Alternate Uniform

The Alternate Uniform has been unveiled, Orange “Cargo” type trousers and a white shirt. It must be emphasised that this an alternate uniform – our official uniform will always be the Orange/White Overalls.

SHIRT:

Deane Original Poly/Cotton Domed Work Shirt:

54422 White Short Sleeve \$46.20

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65 Poly/35 Cotton

Sizes available Small to XXXXL.

Contact Sue @ First Impressions

37 Beulah Road, Norwood SA 5067

Ph: 8363 0848

You require to arrange payment when you order.

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

Club will cover the Embroidery on ONE Shirt only.

TROUSERS:

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Code K13800 Features:

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Dual Closure Cargo Pocket

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Side Tool Loop

Fabric: 100% COTTON DRILL

Colours/Sizes: ORANGE - Sizes: 72 – 132

Also available with 3M reflective tape

I had to order mine from Trims during a special. Also available from most work wear & safety shops.

DNC Cotton Drill Pants in Fluoro Orange. Code is 3311 –

Cotton Drill Work Pants \$29.15 Sizes available: 72R – 112R, 87S – 132S and

74L – 94L.

Darren has worn the Alternative uniform at three race meetings now and here is his feedback.

Alternate Uniform (cont.)

It's much more comfortable than the overalls and the cargo style pants offer many more pockets.

The shirt is very very white. You soon get used to the press buttons and the sleeve cuffs are very flimsy so if you roll up the sleeves like I do, they tend to keep unrolling.

Made of very light material so during winter, I would strongly suggest to wear at least a singlet, or skivvy. Any other layers of clothing like jumpers and jackets need to be worn over the shirt. Make sure you always have a jacket handy to block the wind. The shirt will be ideal during the warmer summer months though.

Ed Says

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month:

June

Rob Warneke	10 th
Bronwen Williamson	12 th
Geoff Messer	16 th
Thomas Walkom	18 th
Jack Hills	27 th
Adam Litchfield	29 th
Kerry Owens	29 th

July

Colin Leaker	2 nd
Andrew Robinson	11 th

Keep this date free!

Blokes & Girls Night – **Saturday 13th August**. Guest Speakers: Simon & Sue Evans, 4 times Australian Rally Champions. Hear how they achieved their success through many trials and setbacks, how they work together as a couple travelling at 200 km/hr and how to bring success to anything you try. A night not to be missed. Cost: \$10 per person. More details next month.

A Smile or two

Actual 911 Calls

1. Dispatcher: "9-1-1, what's your emergency?"

Caller: "I heard what sounded like gunshots coming from the brown house on the corner."

Dispatcher: "Do you have an address?"

Caller: "No, I have on a blouse and slacks, why?"

2. Dispatcher: "9-1-1, what's the nature of your emergency?"

Caller: "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

Dispatcher: "Is this her first child?"

Caller: "No, you idiot! This is her husband!"

3. Dispatcher: "9-1-1, what's the nature of your emergency?"

Caller: "Yeah, I'm having trouble breathing. I'm all out of breath ... I think I'm going to pass out."

Dispatcher: "Sir, where are you calling from?"

Caller: "I'm at a pay phone. North and Foster."

Dispatcher: "Sir, an ambulance is on the way. Are you an asthmatic?"

Caller: "No."

Dispatcher: "What were you doing before you started having trouble breathing?"

Caller: "Running from the police."



This is interesting...

OK, Bikes so nothing really to do with us...but the question to the readers of an online edition of a national group of newspapers is interesting....

The governing body for international motorcycle racing, the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme, has announced it will be questioning the marshals who Aussie rider Casey Stoner claimed failed to help him after he was taken out by Valentino Rossi at the MotoGP race in Spain.

Casey Stoner was taken out by Rossi in the race at Jerez, which led to the Australian sledging the Italian in the garages post-race.

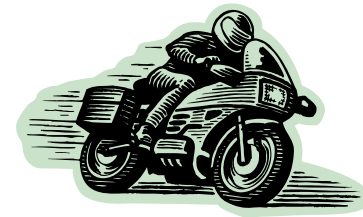
Stoner claimed the marshals gave more assistance to Rossi, who continued and finished fifth in the race. Stoner, however, was unable to restart his stalled Honda.

"Following the collision between Rossi and Stoner during the MotoGP race of the Spanish Grand Prix on 3 April in Jerez, the Race Direction has decided to organise a hearing with the clerk of the course and the chief marshal in order to review the incident and to hear the explanation of the officials in charge," the FIM said in its official statement.

"Do you think the marshals at the Jerez circuit should be punished for the incident? If so what should the punishment be? Tell us with a comment at the footer of this page."

"Due to the fact that the final decision of the Race Direction will not affect the result of the race, the hearing will be organised on Thursday 28 April in Estoril, Portugal."

The FIM said that the final placings in the race would not be affected by the hearing.



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