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President's Report

And welcome to the mad month of March. March sees Adelaide's largest motor sport event and the Melbourne F1 Grand Prix. For those travelling 'South', have an enjoyable trip.

Due to the timing of the Clipsal 500, the March meeting which was to be moved forward has now been CANCELLED. The next general meeting will be held on the 20th of April.

The committee has also been looking at the general meetings and the club constitution, and has decided from now on to hold members meetings BIMONTHLY (Every two months). From now on, members meetings will only be held on EVEN MONTHS (February, April, June, August (AGM), October and December). If any urgent matters arise, it is still possible to call a general meeting at other times.

One thing that has been observed recently is that we have become complacent with car parking at events. We need to remember to park in the area behind the credentials office, and not the area behind the turn 8 grandstands. While it does mean a short walk, parking in the designated area helps ensure that we remain on good terms with the promoters and the track owners.

The members of the social and general committees have been hard at it looking at potential venues and bands for the annual dinner, so keep the date of Saturday 10th September pencilled in.

We are also participating in the Australian Central Credit Union lottery again this year. Australian Central provide the prizes, while we sell (some of) the tickets – and retain the proceeds. You grab some tickets from **Paul Bonnett** and sell them to your friends, family and workmates.

That's it for this month. Hope to see you all at the Clipsal.

Andrew Robinson

President.

Cover photo: Ready to go for the 2011 season – Superkart briefing.
Courtesy of Andrew Robinson.

T&CC Report

WHAT A START TO THE YEAR

There was over 80 placings in the first two meetings. But with Clipsal and the F1 this month it will be a true test of the club's membership at our next meeting on the 3 April, Superkart and Modern Reg. To date there are only 9 names in the red book. Now I'm not one to play a sad song to get names but this is my last report for the T&CC so I'm going stand on my soap box and have my 10 cents worth.

All of us as individuals need to get organized and look through the Calender and plan what meetings you want to do in advance and place it in the book.

Now in the past I was guilty of not planning ahead what race meetings to attend and ringing up at the last minute or just show up on the day. Now while this is sometimes unavoidable it's starting to become the norm. After being a chief flag and in race control recently, it has highlighted how important it is to plan ahead to help all the behind the scenes work done by chief flag, T&CC, social committee and others leading up to a race meeting. So get your name in the Red Book or on the internet. If that's too hard, ring, text or email anyone on the T&CC and they will be happy to do it for you.

Remember it's easier to take your name off a list than to add it at the last minute.

Here is an event you won't want to miss the T&CC is planning a Close Up Look and Exercises Training Session on Saturday 9 July at (TBA). There will be cars from most classes for us to play with. Training will be focused on how to safely manage situations, driver extraction, identifying and activating the different safety systems when these cars stop on track.

A new process for **Event Assessments (EA)** has come through from CAMS.

1. Firstly you need to contact your CAMS state office and inform them you wish to do an EA course and what licence level.
2. CAMS will provide you access to the relevant course, be it online or classroom environment. CAMS will also appoint, through your T&CC committee, an EA Mentor.

- The EA Mentor will guide and assess you through future race meetings until you achieve a competent level for the licence you are being assessed for.

If you're not sure please contact anyone on the T&CC.

Remember look for the upcoming meetings in this newsletter and get your name in. Well that's it for now from me and the T&CC. See you at the next General meeting on Wednesday 20 April where the 'magic' happens.

Tony Aloï

Upcoming Events

3-Apr	Sunday	Superkart + Modern Regularity	Mallala
23 - 24 Apr	Sat/Sun	National Historics (Easter)	Mallala
30 Apr - 1 May	Sat/Sun	Shannons Nationals	Mallala
15-May	Sunday	6 Hour Modern Regularity	Mallala
22-May	Sunday	Superkart + Modern Regularity	Mallala
4 - 5 Jun	Sat/Sun	SA State Circuit R 2	Mallala



Speaking of events, did you miss this one where Glen Dix broke out the yellow jacket and waved the chequer? Where was it? Check page 12

Blokes Night II

Blokes Night II was held on Saturday 26 February. The turnout was down a bit from the first event, but maybe it was because there were a number of other events happening in Adelaide at the time.

There were a number of cars on display, including some very nice Yank Tanks, a few motor bikes, Formula Vee. Dinner consisted of some very nice Burgers – thanks to the cooks & helpers.

A number of Samroa members attended including Andrew Robinson, who organised a display, ably assisted by S Pitt, David & Lui Mori, Paul Hart, Tom Mc Donald & Alan O'Dea (apologies if I missed anyone).

Proceedings started off with a Ken Block video – very entertaining, but no way I would want to pay for his tyres or Diffs!

We then heard a interview of a young up and coming driver who related his experiences in Formula Vee, and aspirations to get into V8 Utes.

Next up, David Mori was interviewed by David Vaughan and related his experiences ranging from track side official at Mallala, through race control at club and national events to training officials at F1 events in Singapore & Korea. Finally we had a short session on Formula SAE which is a university program where students design their own cars to strict guidelines including a 600cc engine capacity. A 600cc V8 was one of the innovations mentioned.

The evening wrapped up with coffee & donuts.

A big thank you to David Vaughan and his team of helpers for another entertaining evening.

Keep an eye open for Blokes Night III (Top Gear Theme) on August 13.

From Peter Tann.

April Newsletter:

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

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Tuesday 12/04. Earlier is better.**

Minutes of the General Meeting

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W (Provided by Andrew Robinson)

Couple of Incidents at the Superkart Meeting 13 Feb 11.

- One official stood down and attended Medical Centre – Diabetic low sugar. Official was taken to Hospital for further observation (Diabetes)
- Tony Aloï (Chief Flag) – mishap on scooter – attended medical centre. (no further action)

Whilst it is recognised that the subject of Diabetes can be a bit delicate, maybe a one-two page brief can be placed in the Newsletter to allow other officials to recognise the symptoms of a diabetic “attack”

What to do with the Scooter? There will be a few more “new” officials using the scooter during chief Flag duties – will need to take greater care if (like me – Secretary) has never ridden a motor bike before.

T&CC (Provided by Tony Aloï / Peter Cirillo)

- Numbers looking good for Round 1, State Championships (19 Feb) Expecting a big field of Porsche 944s from interstate – should be good day / night. First cars on track around 9:00 so be at track early for an 8:00 briefing. (expect a busy day / finish around 10:00 pm)
- In future, for SCC-SA run events, SAMROA will enforce the one week shut-off list. The list is shut-off one week in advance for catering numbers (and for other administrative purposes) so it's only fair that we abide by their “rules”. This means that we will no longer accommodate drivers contacting us to do their 8 Hr flags less than 1 week to the event – they need to be more organised and give us plenty of notification.

There is no change to Superkart events where we can accept people up to the weekend of the event.

- Touched on training for this year – T&CC have some ideas but if anyone has a suggestion, please bring it to our attention.

CAMS REPORT (Provided by Peter Tann)

- Presentation on “Illicit Drugs in Sport Program” Target the 14-17 / 18-25 age brackets (which would include the JDP) Three “pronged attack” Education, Role Models and Detect / Deter. Expect a pilot test in the future with the use of mobile units.
- Bronze Circuit Module to be held Adelaide CAMS Office Sun 27 Feb. Contact office if you wish to attend.
- New Manager for Tailem Bend Motorsport Park – Eric Osger.

Minutes of the General Meeting

- Classic Targa Adelaide – 2 day + prologue (16/17/18 Oct?) Details to follow.
- Superkarts are looking at running a Junior Championship series – more details to be released at a later date.
- Peter T will be unable to attend next CAMS meeting – Darren Mattiske will substitute for him.

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

- Nothing to report as no meeting has been held.

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

- Nothing to report.

Junior Development Program (JDP) Update

- Day 1 is scheduled for 27 August at Tailem Bend.

WEBSITE

- All Chief Flags for the year will be updated on Website.
- Nothing else to report.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Provided by Andrew Robinson)

- Social Club meetings are now to be held Monday before the General Committee Meeting.
- Starting to look for venues for annual Dinner – any suggestions, (North, South, Central?) please let us know.

PROMOTIONS (Darren Mattiske)

- David Vaughan has suggested a display at the next Blokes Night out.

SCC of SA

- Commentary at Mallala will once again use the original corner names (May not be correct but Chevron book “History of the Australian Grand Prix” lists corners such as “Bosch” (Turn 5 hairpin), “Penfolds” (Back straight past FP6 & 7), “Woodroffes” (between FP 7 & 8), “KLG” (approx FP1), “Castrol” (approx FP2), “Shell Straight” (Run down to FP3) and “Dunlop” (Sweeper just past FP4) (The 1961 Australian Grand Prix was run at Mallala and that's where I got the information)

Minutes of the General Meeting (cont)

- Round 3 of the State Championships – 50th Anniversary of racing at Mallala.
- There is growing concern on the future of motor racing in SA – very unlikely that any future “Motorplex” will incorporate a racing circuit, a purpose built circuit at Tailem Bend could be anywhere up to 10 yrs away. AIR is virtually dead (as a circuit) which leaves Mallala. But what happens after Clem finally takes the “Chequered Flag” No one knows at this stage!
- Peter Cirillo attended the Drivers / Officials information night held by the SCC-SA, Friday 28th January – was a little quiet at first but ended up being a good night – there are more planned during the year.

General Business

- The official 2011 Community lottery Launch will be held in Light Square, Friday 04 March – 7:30 to 9:00am – Mix 202.3 Brekky crew will be there – if you're in the area, go along for breakfast.
 - There are a few cards for signing,
1. Jeff Muegge had an operation on his leg which is taking some time to heal,
 2. The Victorian Flag Marshalling Team will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary, Saturday 26th February – Congratulations, and most importantly,
 3. Brian Przibilla, has been diagnosed with Liver Cancer and unfortunately is not well at all. All our thoughts go out to Brian and Family and there is a Clipsal 500 10th anniversary book which will be passed around at the next race event for all officials to sign.
- 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.

TROUSERS: 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.

SHIRT: Deane Original Poly/Cotton Domed Work Shirt:
54422 White Short Sleeve \$46.20 53322 White Long Sleeve \$47.30.

All prices include the GST. Both trousers and shirts are 65 Poly / 35 Cotton and sizes available Sml – 4XL.

**Contact Sue @ First Impressions: 37 Beulah Road, Norwood SA 5067
Phn: 8363 0848**

Club will cover the Embroidery on ONE Shirt only.

Minutes of the General Meeting (cont)

I would just like to say that, as the last couple of Committees well know, this uniform has been a “Right Royal pain in the Butt” at times but WELL DONE to those who have stuck with the task – we finally have an alternate uniform.

Lastly, it had been decided that due to the Clipsal 500 being run in March that our General Meeting would be brought forward ONE WEEK and be held on the 09March. It has now been decided that the General Meeting for March will be cancelled (Motion was moved by Bob Schofield, Seconded by Leigh Marchesi and voted by all in Favour)

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 22:20 (10:20 pm)

**Next Meeting: 20:00 (8:00 pm) on Wednesday 20 April 2011.
Veneto Club, 06 Toogood Ave, Beverley, SA.
(Any change of venue will be notified)**

**I'M STILL HERE AND...
I still need photos, information, reports on events at Mallala
and elsewhere. We'd love to hear about your CLIPSAL
experience
Don't worry about formatting, spelling or English. I'll fix it!
Please send them to the Editor,
Fran at editor@samroa.org.au**

Ed Says



Stuff to look forward to

- Clipsal of course! It's that time of the year again – our major event is just round the corner. Those who are officiating there and in Melbourne the following week – enjoy the experience, stay safe and bring back some stories for the newsletter (subtle eh?).
- Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month:

March

Brett Unsworth 21st

April

John Silverblade 6th
David Mori 11th
Dieter Von Zieden 11th
Matthew Meegan 14th
Matthew Johnson 15th
Robert Holloway 18th
Mason Vanderkamp 19th

- **Come and Try Day – Collingrove Hill Climb, Saturday 16 April**
The purpose of this event is to allow people who have had no previous experience in Motor Sport, the opportunity to participate at Collingrove Hill climb. The event shall be a non-competitive come & try event.

Track

Collingrove Hill climb, Hill climb Road is situated 8kms from Angaston on the Eden Valley Road. The Hill climb is a bitumen sealed surface course, approximately 685 metres long and 3.3 metres wide. The return road is gravel. Catering is provided.

**SPEED LIMIT OF 10 KM/H APPLIES ON THE RETURN ROAD
AND IN THE PITS / PADDOCK AREA.**

Ed Says more



Event Standing

There will be NO official timing, NO competition, NO awards or trophies and NO results published.

The event will be limited to 75 starters

Any person over the age of 14 who has not previously COMPETED AT COLLINGROVE HILLCLIMB is eligible to participate

Demonstration runs and/or Parades may be conducted

See the Sporting Car Club website for entry form and supp regs.

About that event you probably missed.

It was the Gopher Gymkhana held on Saturday 5 March on Goolwa Wharf.



There were a number of events, including relays and a marathon race. Everyone was having a great time and the course 'car' and other official functions looked highly professional.

The future for SAMROA members?

Reminder

Don't forget, there will be a number of members who will be running on fumes by the time the Australian GP has been run and won. If you are not travelling to Melbourne and/or not participating in Clipsal duties, think seriously about which April events you can help out with, especially early in the month.

Get your name down **SOON**.





Fantastic opportunity for those that have done the Event Command Course or planning to take the Event Command Course this year and want to put everything into practice

Help out with the JDP

Event Secretary staff

Get taken thru the steps to complete the required forms & documentation

- Medical response form
- Create the Sup Regs & entry form
- Create an Event schedule
- Permit application
- Sign on sheet
- Documentation on the day.

Clerk of Course staff

- Inspect the track
- Conduct the drivers briefing
- Make sure the event runs as per the Sup Regs and schedule.

The only thing I can offer is a free BBQ lunch.

Dates are

- JDP day 1 August 27
- JDP day 2 September 24
- JDP day 3 October 29
- JDP day 4 November 12

For more information, contact Darren Mattiske on 0412 823 171

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



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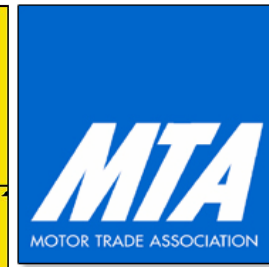
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