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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Mad March is finally here and for SAMROA that only means one thing – My Birthday! - Oh and the Clipsal 500 & Australian G.P. of course, two great events on the Australian Motorsport Calendar.

Many of our Officials will soon be in preparation to head over to Melbourne, Albert Park for the AGP after another successful Clipsal 500; I wish them well & have a great time! Congratulations to everyone involved at this years Clipsal 500. (I can't say too much about it this report is being written before the race). But I'm sure you will enjoy it.

Ever wondered who puts up the shades and pop up marquees at your flag points each year, I can tell you it's your fellow SAMROA members! Well only 6 of them actually - I did put out the call for assistance but only the usual ones turned out to make your event as comfortable as we can. If you have work commitments fair enough, but if you can spare a morning next year why not help out.

Well done to everyone who was out at the Twilight Round – a fairly uneventful race (except for the MGF fire at turn 8) Good work by the members at Pt8, & from W.F.W. & the Course Cars Personnel.

As many people have pointed out the next Twilight is in November with a Superkart & modern Regularity meeting the next day. The General Committee has this in hand and is working on a solution to make this as easy for all of us as possible.

If you can see a problem on the horizon, please don't just point it out – have a think of a possible solution. If you are unsure if your solution is viable and are embarrassed to submit it, why not use the new suggestion box? That's what it's there for!

The last General Meeting, our first at Sunnybrae Farm went really well. It started with a great presentation by Sgt John Illingworth which was also attended by the FPV & XR Car Club, who we share the facilities with. Shame they out numbered us by 3 to 1! I feel this is a much better environment to meet, so why not come down and see for yourself!

President's Report (cont.)

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th April at 7.30

Lots more reminders to come, for those who can't organise themselves. Please note: only the gate off South Rd will be open this time. Google Maps if you're unsure.

I have written a report on the CAMS 2011 Awards Dinner that was held a few weeks ago. This can be read further in the Newsletter.

Until the next meeting,

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

It's a point of view

Women always say that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the nuts.

Here is proof that they are wrong.

A year or so after giving birth a woman will often say "it'd be nice to have another baby".

You never hear a bloke say " I wouldn't mind another kick in the nuts".

Case closed.

Cover picture – We're back!

From our UK Correspondent

We're just waking up from the depths of midwinter; the UK has recently seen the coldest night of the winter so far at -12C. It's only been a little warmer than that in the Midlands. Believe it or not, some parts of the east and south of the country have just declared drought conditions too so we're going to be short of water come the summer!

Racing is a distant memory in this weather, something to be looked forward to once the seasons relax their grip on the country. With that in mind, regional training days have been taking place. Mine was at Mallory Park in Leicestershire a few days ago. It was be the first time I've been to a training day at my current grade, so the focus was slightly different to those I attended as a Trainee. We spent more time focussing on teamwork and leadership rather than, for example, the mechanics of what colour flag means what and how to wave it.

With that out of the way, the season starts in earnest over here during the last couple of weeks in March. While you're all slowing down from the Clipsal we'll be gearing up for a very busy year. We all get a break during the Olympics though as most clubs and series organisers have put a two week break in their calendars at the time.

I'm still waiting to see if I've been accepted for the British GP. There was a little confusion this year over applications and mine is still pending; I should find out in the next week or so. If I don't get in for the GP, there's the new for 2012 European Le Mans Series at Donington Park the week after which looks like it will be an amazing event – a great array of modern machinery in a 6 hour enduro at my favourite circuit. What could possibly be better than that?

Oh yes, the Clipsal 500! Good luck to everyone who's doing (or done, depending when you read this). Here's hoping for a great race, no biggies, and everyone going home safe at the end of the weekend.

Tata for now

Graeme (Fowler)

T&CC Report

By the time you get this, we will be in the middle of the biggest four days in SA motorsport, so I'll keep this as brief as I can knowing that you are all in 'rest mode'.

Firstly, in January we sent out some questionnaires regarding your skills, experience, what you have to offer and what you want to have offered to you. A reminder that we can't act on this information if we haven't received it. We are also compiling a list of people with current First aid certificates. We know who gained their certificates through SAMROA training (these will be up for renewal in November next year), but if you have obtained First aid certification elsewhere (not only the Basic certificate but also more advanced training), you may like to add this information to your questionnaire, please include the name or your training provider and your expiry date. The questionnaires can be handed in to any T&CC member or the chief flag at Mallala.

So far we have had two events which have been well attended with no major issues. A few things we do need to be aware of:

Firstly, as part of our morning team briefing we need to be aware of the personal resources we have available in the team, which we use to plan our crew rotations through the day. As part of this planning we need to consider how we would respond to an incident (who would attend first, second etc) during all phases of the crew rotation.

Secondly, we all need to remember that the job we do can be physically demanding. It may seem that standing at the flag point all day is (physically) easy, but over the long day it does place pressure on us – and this can cause an underlying medical condition to flare up. The T&CC is working on some guidelines which describe the types of work we do in different roles to help people make an assessment of fitness to work in particular roles (eg Flag, Comms, track, formup etc). For now, we all know the types of work we do, and we need to be honest with ourselves when things are not quite right. It is far better to ring up on the morning and say 'no' than to be sent home.

Training for this year is still to be finalised, bigger things have been in the pipeline – but hopefully should be able to report some progress next month.

For all of you, enjoy the rest of the 'Clipsal' have fun and be safe - be proud of your contribution to this great event for your contribution is significant. For those heading to Melbourne for the F1, safe travels.

Andrew Robinson and the T&CC.

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 08 February 2012 @ 19:30 (7:30pm)

Location: Sunnybrae Function Centre
Tikalara Street Regency Park SA 5010

Meeting Opened: 19:30 (7:30 pm) Presentation from Police Sgt. John Illingworth.

General Meeting Started: 20:45 (8:45 pm)

Present: Paul Hart, Andrew Robinson, Peter Tann, Paul Bonnett, Darren Mattiske, Robert Holloway, Peter Cirillo, Steve Clift, Scott Chamings, Andrew Leitch, Bob Schofield, Grant Paproth, Barry Hughes, David Mori, Luigi Mori, Tony Alois, Rob Thiry, Paul Karamanov (Karo), Steve Santinon and Bradley Morrison.

Apologies: David Lans, Matthew & Jodie Johnson, David Castrechini, Bronwen Williamson and Tom McDonald.

Visitors / Guest: Police SGT. John Illingworth

Previous Minutes:

Previous Minutes (December 2011) were read and moved by Secretary. (Paul Bonnett) This was seconded by Peter Cirillo. All voted in favour that minutes be accepted.

Business arising from the minutes:

- MRP Report suggested that the Critical Incident Report had been updated – Fact is, no-one has actually found a Critical Incident Form to update. Unknown as to what action is to be taken.
- The Back to Back Twilight/Superkart meetings in November is still causing heated discussion between members. Yes, this does need to be resolved but what can be done?? CAMS approved the 2012 Calendar knowing that these events were back to back. The CAMS, SAMROA and ASC members discussed on the night about moving the Superkart Event to a different week – Stumbling block is Clem Smith!!!!

Take back to the T&CC meeting and discuss there.

General Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Correspondence:

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting.
Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) Seconded by Robert Holloway that the correspondence be received. Voted all in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Nil business arising from the Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: (Dec 2011 / Jan 2012) (Presented by Peter Tann)

	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Opening Balance:	\$ 5, 309.73	\$ 5, 272.23
Receipts:	\$ 515.14	\$ 0.00
Outgoings:	\$ 552.64	\$ 1.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 5, 272.23	\$ 5, 271.23

\$ 5, 271.23 + \$ 5, 323.37 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 10, 594.60

The reports were moved by Treasurer (Peter Tann) Seconded by Paul Karamanov.
All voted in favour that the reports be accepted.

Accounts for Payment:

- Room Hire – Sunnybrae Function Centre \$ 50.00
- Scott Chamings – Drinks (Nov \$107.93 + Feb \$146.79) Total \$254.72
- Scooter Rego - \$ 54.00 (3 mths)

The Accounts for Payment were moved by Treasurer (Peter Tann) Seconded by Andrew Robinson. All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W (Presented by Steve Clift)

- Nothing new to report at this time.

• General Meeting Minutes (cont.)

T&CC (Presented by Andrew Robinson)

- Still have TWO vacancies on the Committee
- Member's Questionnaire – Up until now, only 5 have been returned. Reminder to be placed in next Newsletter.
- Fire Awareness Training: WFW are prepared to help. If required, SAMROA can supply fire extinguishers. Timing will be after Easter – Venue most probably be AIR. May open the training up to other clubs (at a cost) as the ultimate price to us will be lower, the more participants we get.
- Guidelines for Fitness of Track-side Officials:
There has been no help from CAMS so we may develop these by ourselves. David Mori is a member of the Australian Officials Commission; the AOC had their first meeting late last year and one of their upcoming tasks will be to develop a set of working guidelines that all states can use – SAMROA's T&CC will give assistance if required.
- Upcoming Events
 - a. Superkart / Modern Regularity: Sunday 12 Feb. CoC Barry Hughes, Looking for a CF (Paul B. has had to pull out from the event)
 - b. SCC-SA Twilight Meeting: Saturday 18 Feb. CoC Chris Green, CF Barry Hughes, A/CF Ray McGuiness
 - c. National Historic Meeting Sat 7/Sun 8 April (Easter) CoC/CFs Paul Hart / Paul Bonnett

CAMS REPORT (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- Due to mix-up of dates, Paul did not make it to the meeting – next meeting is 21 Feb and Paul will be attending.
- Club Development Seminar - 18th February 2012, Free to all CAMS Affiliated Clubs, 5 guest speakers.
- Upcoming Training:
 - 15 Feb 2012: Scrutineers Course – Theory Component
 - 16 Feb 2012: Introductory Module
 - 18 Feb 2012: Scrutineers Course – Practical – Mallala
 - 22 Apr 2012: Event Assessor
 - TBA: Stewards Course
 - TBA: Rally Module

General Meeting Minutes (cont.)

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

- No meeting has been held as yet.

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

- No meeting has been held as yet.

Junior Development Program (JDP) Update

- Looking forward to another good year.

WEBSITE / IT

- Grant Paproth, Shaun Field and Tony Aloi will try to organise a meeting with Scott next week to formulate an update plan.
- Discussed Email Re-Directions at the General Committee Meeting – some of these are out of date and messages are being sent to the incorrect people.
Need to ensure that these are updated at the change over of Committees each year.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Coopers Brewery Tour: Arranged for the Wednesday afternoon before the Clipsal 500 – mainly for our interstate visitors but interest at the moment is low. May consider cancelling if numbers don't improve.
- Mar 25 – The Austin 7 Club is organising an Observation Run into the Adelaide Hills. Contact the club if you're interested in attending (not sure if you need to have an Austin)
- Annual Dinner – Preparations have begun – looking at 01 September 2012.
- Paintball War (SAMROA v ASC) Email to all attendees to start thinking of dates, suggestion made that it may be easier to allocate a date instead of trying to get all to agree on a date.

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Not joining CAMS display at the Clipsal – decided that we do another leaflet handout.
- Planning another promotion at a Westfield (TTP or Marion)
- Also planning another Bunnings BBQ Day.

General Meeting Minutes (cont.)

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA (Presented by Bronwen Williamson)

- Bronwen was not at tonight's meeting, however there is another Competition Night organised for Friday Night.
- Apparently, Clem Smith has just celebrated a big birthday – trying to work out how old he is.

General Business

- General Meetings: Looking for ideas on how we can make our general meetings more interesting to our members. (Stage 1 has already occurred – change of venue) Now that we have a suggestion box – use it and let us know what you would like to see / hear at the meetings.

It was also decided that the meetings will start at 7:30 from now on.

- Lyle Wallace, owner of the Kadina Gateway Motor Inn has donated another Two x One night accommodation vouchers to use at our discretion.
- For future meetings at Sunnybrae, please use the entry off of Tikalara Street – other gates off of Naween Road will be locked.
- And now that Sunnybrae is our new home, it has been suggested that a Letter of Appreciation and Thanks be sent to the owners of the Veneto Club for the 18 years of service to our club.
- At the recent CAMS Awards Dinner, SAMROA members received the following Awards:

Rob Thiry: CAMS Service Award:

Darren Mattiske: CAMS SA / NT Circuit Event Official of the Year 2011

Paul Bonnett: CAMS SA / NT Speed Event Official of the Year 2011

Steve Clift, Darren and Paul were also nominated for the 2011 CAMS State Motor Sport Official of the Year Award which was won by Michael Clements.

Congratulations to all the Award Winners on the night.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 21:40 (9:40 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on Wednesday 11 April 2012**



2011 SA & NT CAMS AWARDS

On Saturday night, 4th February people from all disciplines of Motor Sport converged into AAMI Stadium Function Centre to enjoy the 2012 SA & NT CAMS Awards hosted in the Magarey Room.

Over 15 individual awards were given out to Officials & Drivers from all walks of life. SAMROA was a strong force in the Officials honors; having Darren Mattiske awarded Circuit Racing Official of the Year & Paul Bonnett awarded Speed Event Official of the Year. Steve Clift, SAMROA Club Member of the Year was also in the running as State Official of the Year, but pipped at the post by Michael Clements – our congratulations to him!

I have to say that I beat them all onto the stage, winning the 1st round of door prizes! A tyre service, courtesy of Tyrepower, Kensington Park.

Halfway through the night, Motorsport Chaplin David Vaughan had a one-on-one with Rally Sensation Ed Ordynski, who shared some memorable stories from his extraordinary career.

Through the evening we enjoyed some great food starting with Chicken Breast or SA Prawn Cutlets followed by Beef Eye Fillet or Char Grilled Chicken Breast. Fresh Garden Salad and Sea Salt Chat Potatoes accompanied the dishes. Desert was a Peach, Apricot & Fig Crumble with vanilla cream – *to die for!* Wine – Beer & Soft Drinks flowed freely throughout the night.

I'll be honest, it's not a cheap night, but you do get your money's worth. It was great to socialize with other people from our sport, away from the circuits and rally tracks in a friendly environment. Check out the photos that I took during the evening in the newsletter. If anyone would like a disc burnt of the full set Inc many other photos, just drop me a line!

Cheers
Paul Hart.



Ed Says

**It's Community Lottery time again.
Tickets will be available soon – see Paul Bonnett at Clipsal to
get in early.**

Food for thought

Do you know who this logo refers to? If you have a friend, family member, acquaintance who is autistic, it might be a good thing for you to know. Speak to Andrew Leitch if you would like to know more.







Ed Says (cont.)

FIRST AIDERS

Are you qualified?

Although the committee may be aware of members who have first aid qualifications because they have completed the SAMROA organised training course, we are not aware of those who have gained their qualification elsewhere.

We are keen to record names of all members who hold a current senior first aid qualification. This information will be available to members responsible for organising a range of Association activities throughout the year, but in particular, retained in the First Aid kit at the shed, at Mallala.

If you hold either a current:-

1. Basic Certificate
2. Remote Area Certificate
3. Senior First Aid
4. Had portable defribulator training,

please provide the following information by email to Steve Clift at
ridgenews@chariot.net.au

Don't forget to include:

- Name
- Contact phone number
- Training provider from which you received your certificate
- Date your current certificate expires

Thank you

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