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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

I want to start this edition of our Newsletter with an announcement.

We have a new member, after a long hunt for someone who will do exactly as they should, Darren has found him. For your chance to meet this very important member drop into the next General Meeting. However, this member is a little poor and will need a pair of shoes, if you have an old pair of black shoes that you no longer need, bring them to the meeting and he will try them on, I'm unsure of the size, 7 to 10 possibly. We are also holding a Competition to name this member. The Competition is only open to financial members who attend the meeting, and you could win the shirt off his back! Kindly donated by Darren. Speaking about competitions we also have one to design a club membership card, see further details in this newsletter, you could win a years free membership!

I want to thank everyone who has taken Raffle Books out to sell to the greater population, but time is running out for this and I would urge anyone who is thinking about selling tickets to see Bronwen about getting a book. If you have outstanding tickets & money can you please bring them in.

The Social Club has been very busy organising several events that are happening in the very near future and I would encourage everyone to join in the fun. SAMROA is more than just officiating. See the Social Club pages for more details;

**Cover Photo:** Action from the recent Mallala Easter Historics

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Any contributions of photographs or articles are gratefully appreciated.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont.)

Last week was National Volunteer Week, and I want to take the time to thank all of you who put in the time month after month to serve Motorsport in all its forms around Australia. CAMS are sending out Certificates in appreciation of your efforts.

Finally, the General Committee has a vacancy for a member, if you feel you have something to say about the running of your association and can spare two nights a month why not join us?

So with all that info, it's time to invite you to the General Meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, 8pm at the Veneto Club.

See you all there

Cheers

Paul.

### Help wanted: Drift Supercup Sat/Sun 23/24 May

We have been approached to provide 5 flag marshals for the 'time' attack (super sprint) section of the Drift supercup event on the Sunday (24 May), however volunteers are also required to assist on both days in other roles.

Those working trackside for the super sprint will be provided with free entry to the event, and will be able to watch the other events. Lunch provided.

Should you be able to assist please call the Receptionist at the Sporting Car Club of SA. 8373 4703 Wednesday to Friday or Email –

[sbrooker@internode.on.net](mailto:sbrooker@internode.on.net).

Should you wish to find out more call Gordon Sweeney on (08) 8212-3010.

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

## Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Tea Tree Gully Golf Club on 22 August 2009. Tickets will be available from the General Meeting on 20 May 2009, and future meetings/events..

Prices are \$35 for members, \$45 for partners/non-members and \$15 for the children's menu. Price includes a gourmet three course dinner consisting a choice of 2 entrée, 3 mains and 2 desserts.

Please advise one of the Social Committee when you book your tickets if you or your guests have any special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian, celiac etc.).

## Quiz Night

The **SAMROA Quiz Night** will be held on Saturday 11 July at the Sporting Car Club of South Australia, 51 King William Road, Unley. Admission by pre-purchased tickets (\$10 per head) from 6:30 for a 7:00 pm start. **Drinks are available from the bar and BYO supper.**

We will also be having a few games during the evening to enable scoring to take place etc., so bring some coins & help raise some funds for your Club.

Some of our Members have also kindly offered to donate some Motor Sport Memorabilia to be auctioned during the evening (Thanks so very much to these members), so bring your wallets & purses - you never know what you might be able to bid for!

Tickets will be available for purchase from the next General Meeting on 20 May onwards. Get organized with some friends and book a table, or just a couple of tickets & we will try to sit you with people you know.

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont.)

## Comedy Club/Xmas Dinner

We are still looking into this & hope to have some dates by the next Newsletter.

## Next Social Committee Meeting

Will be held on Monday 25 May at 8:00pm at the Para Hills Community Club, Bridge Road, Para Hills. All members or their partners are welcome and encouraged to attend and help shape the future social events for the club

## Social Committee Contacts :

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## SAMROA QUIZ NIGHT SAMROA QUIZ NIGHT



- Saturday, July 11 2009
- Venue: Sporting Car Club  
51 King William Rd,  
Unley
- Time: 7pm
- Tickets: \$10pp
- BYO nibbles
- Memorabilia up for auction
- See the Social Committee for more details!!!

## T&CC Report

Welcome back to all our happy readers.

Since the last newsletter we had a few of race meetings, Superkarts in April and the SCC State Champs in May & Marque Sports 6 hour relay. We like to thank all who came out and helped. It was great to see a few new faces and the weather was pretty good for these days, and we didn't freeze them or drown them I hope that we see them back again in the future!

It was noted at the Superkart meeting in April that blue flagging in races wasn't being done correctly. Just a reminder to all that blue flagging for karts which are being lapped, so this means we must not only keep an eye out for the leaders 1st , 2nd , 3rd , 4th but the whole field which is about to past back markers, and also keep an eye out on who the back markers are.

Both days at the SCC State Champ had some really good races and although not a huge amount of action happened on the track it was still a fun few days had by all.

A special thanks to our Chief Flag / BBQ chef and Peter for coming out and showing us all how good he is with a spatula.

At the 6 Hour relay we got to see the two Samroa race entries 2 x VB commodores the red one driven by Darren Mattiske & Darren Martin and the green one driven by Tony Aloï & Peter Cirillo, they tired the best to compete with the rest.

Our next meeting is the big Shannon's National on the 5th,6th, 7th of June so if you can help on any or all of these days please put your name in the red book or through the public data base, the cut off date is 22nd of May, reminder it is easier to get your name on early, if you need to cancel later cause you can't make it, just call or text the chief flag mobile no. The action is normally pretty good at this event. If you are free on the Friday we need approx. about 10 – 12 people to man the points. Also just to let you all know that camping will be available Friday and Saturday nights. (Bring the fire wood to keep warm).

We also have a Superkart and Modern Reg meeting on the 28th June more names is needed for this. Please help out at the smaller meetings like we do for the larger ones.

**"A leader or a man of action in a crisis almost always acts subconsciously and then thinks of the reasons for his action"**

**Jawaharlal Nehru**

## T&CC Report (Cont.)

We have noticed it has been over 4 years since we have had a Fire Training day, so we have been organising one to be held on Sat 18th of July. This will be held at Adelaide International Raceway, which we will have a start time by the next newsletter. We at the T&CC can't stress how important this training day is as we are normally the first people to attend an incident. In saying this most of us have never had to use a fire extinguisher thankfully but having attended a few of these training days the apprehension of letting one off in anger isn't so bad knowing that I have put out a few blazing cars. So we would like to see all current active officials (in last 2 yrs), our newer officials and experience officials attend this training day. You can place your name in the red book or through the public data base, we will be only accepting the first 40 names.

I like to thank Kerry Owen for all his help on the T&CC he has stood down due to other commitments.

I like to let everyone one know that we have 2 vacancies on the T&CC one which is any member with at least a bronze level license from the general membership, and the other which would come down from the General Committee, which in saying this there is a vacancy on the General Committee as well. We will be accepting any names at the next general meeting or if you are interested please contact any of the T&CC panel.

Also it has been brought to my attention that there is a few of you out there that have expired officials licenses. If you have not received a renewal form from cams you can download one from the cams website, this form now is a one page form, it has been made a lot easier to be filled in.

If you do come out to a race meeting with an expired license we will have to get you to fill out a trainee license and unfortunately then you won't be allowed on a hot track. So please check your expiry dates.

See you all at a race track

Keep smiling from the whole crew T&CC

Shannons Nationals R4	5/6/7 June	Chief: David Mori Assistant: Andrew Robinson
Superkarts/Modern Reg	28 June	Chief:Lui Mori
Fire training (A.I.R.)	18 <sup>th</sup> July	Chief:Peter Cirillo

**\*\*Cutoff date for the Gate list for the Shannons Nationals is 22<sup>nd</sup> May\*\***

After that date, it may not be possible to add your name to the list – but it is possible to take your name off if you can't make it...

# DESIGN YOUR CLUB CARD COMPETITION

All you have to do is design a Club Membership Card

It's that easy!

Design a membership card based on the size of an ordinary Business Card (90 x 54mm). The only thing is it MUST contain blank spaces for a name, membership number & Renewal date.

It must also be limited to 4 colours and be single-sided.

*The rest is up to you!*

The General Committee will vote on the best & we will get our good friends at Modbury Press to print them up for us.

Entries must be in by 17<sup>th</sup> June.

The Winner will receive a years free membership...

**Good Luck!**

## The Mountain is calling...

Officials applications are now open for this year's Bathurst 1000 (October 8-11). In previous years, there have been a number of members heading over as a group – sharing cars and adjacent campsites (John will submit a campsite application on our behalf).

Anybody interested in answering the call, should contact John Silverblade (john.silverblade@marion.sa.gov.au) or at home on 8265-1828, wk 7420-6421 or mobile 0412261579. Applications need to be in by late June.



## Australian Central Credit Union Community lottery

SAMROA is participating in the Australian Central credit union community lottery this year, with 800 tickets (80 books) allocated – at last count we have 10 books still available...

The concept of the lottery is that the Australian Central credit union and sponsors will provide tickets, prizes and run the lottery while community organisations sell the tickets and (after banking) receive 100% of the ticket monies received. This is a great opportunity to raise some funds to help finance additional training and updated equipment.

You can assist either by helping sell tickets or by buying tickets in the lottery (\$2 each, lots of great prizes). Please see Bronwen for a book (or more) of tickets.



**\*\*Note that ALL books and money MUST be \*\*  
\*\* returned to Bronwen by the 28<sup>th</sup> June \*\***

## 2009 Round 2 State Motor Racing Championships

### *May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mallala Motorsport Park - HQ Holden Round Report*

Qualifying saw a new chapter for HQs in South Australia with a new competitor in Sarah Mitchell, only our second female competitor in the series. (We need more of them I say.)

The session saw only a small number of competitors with the usual suspects up the top of the timing sheets in Graham Mason and Dean Nicolo sharing the front row for race one.

A relatively disappointing qualifying saw Andrew Schultz only manage position six.

Race one had its first incident before the field had even left form up, with Jason Gaskin turned back and was not allowed to even make it onto the track! Jason having failed to do the qualifying was therefore not allowed to race, and forced to be a spectator for the first race.

Dean Nicolo managed to take the lead from Graham Mason, who was the pole sitter, before the end of the opening lap, and both settled down for a real arm wrestle of a race.

Brett McGarrigle made his sponsor proud (Mr Tip) on lap two by 'binning in' at the southern, falling to last position. A concentrated drive for the rest of the race saw him claw his way back up the field to only drop two positions from his qualifying at the end of the race.

The racing between positions one and two, Mason and Nicolo, and that between positions three and four, Andrew Schultz and Michael Pratt was fantastic all race. With only four one thousands of a second separating positions one and two, and the same between positions three and four.

Graham Mason stalked Dean Nicolo all race not being able to make that pass, even with a real big effort at the entry to the esses on the final lap, Dean managed to hold Graham out for the final two turns to take the chequered flag, with a fast finishing Andrew Schultz holding out Michael Pratt for third.

## HQ Holden Round Report (Cont.)

Race two saw a reversal at the front of the field with Dean Nicolo on pole but with Graham Mason taking the lead before the completion of lap one. A jammed up gear selector saw first timer Sarah Mitchell unfortunately only being able to crawl the few hundred metres from the starting grid straight into the pits. It soon became a race between three with Graham Mason, Dean Nicolo and Andrew Schultz clearing away from the rest of the pack and finishing in that order. Credit also must go to Jason Gaskin, who finally got to drive, and Brett McGarrigle who both starting back in the field had great drives to finish strongly. Also to the 'quiet assassin' in the Forty Winks car, Darren Jenkins, he certainly wasn't sleeping, having Denny Couprie monsterring him for much of the race, but managing to hold him off in the battle for positions five and six.

Race three saw the officials make a bit of a blunder, with them using this race as the reverse start of the top six positions. This saw a very surprised Denny Couprie on the pole position, a spot he had never been before. With clear track in front of him he could have done with some help from his sponsor Central Towing, as he could have gotten off the line a lot quicker with a tow! Michael Pratt was the one who must have used Denny's sponsor in the end as he jumped the start, and was penalised with a pit lane drive through, which pushed him back through the field eventually finishing outside the top six. The end of the race saw Graham Mason first with a great drive from Darren Jenkins holding off the pair of Dean Nicolo and Andrew Schultz.

The jump starts must be the new swine flu, as it was catching for race four. This time it was Dean Nicolo who let the spinnaker out too early, resulting in a pit lane drive through. This led to the Lobethal Sports entry of Graham Mason leading from start to finish. Maybe he has some fancy 'Nike Air Pump Up' tyres courtesy of his sponsor on that thing? The best racing came from the battle for positions seven through ten with Brett McGarrigle, Tony Bobridge, Jason Gaskin and Tom Butler all dicing for a bit of bitumen, and at the end less than a second separated all four.

The final race saw Graham Mason the pole sitter and Andrew Schultz from position three get swamped off the line like a North Queensland farm, which left Dean Nicolo out front, and the hunt begin! Eventually Graham made a sublime move on Dean at turn one, which saw him take the lead.

## HQ Holden Round Report (Cont.)

Unfortunately the Pioneer Ceilings car of Dean Nicolo suffered mechanical failure soon after and fell back through the pack quicker than the world economy. This left the door open for a trio of drivers to try and put some pace on Mace. In one of the best last lap drives you would ever witness, Andrew Schultz left it all on the track! There was no holding back from the Buttrack Racing entrant. I now know where that team derived its name from because by the end of that race Andrew must have torn that car a new Buttrack!!!! Having put a great passing move on Michael Pratt Andrew unfortunately left the door open for a not so sleepy Darren Jenkins in the Forty Winks car to allow him to also overtake not only Pratt but himself also. So that is the way they crossed the line, with Graham Mason in first, Darren Jenkins, Andrew Schultz, and Michael Pratt, in that order, having a great battle for the minor placings.

The final results for a fantastic race meeting saw Graham Mason in first, Andrew Schultz in second, and showing consistency pays Darren Jenkins in third.

All in all this would have had to have been one of the best HQ race meetings held in a very long time. The racing was extremely clean with hardly any damage to cars whatsoever proving that rubbing does not have to mean racing. I wonder if this had to do with the people who didn't race?? It was also very fast racing, with over half the field recording their personal best times!!!! A big congratulations must go to Sarah Mitchell for her first race meeting, and by also lowering her fastest time by two seconds, and also to the Allstate Towing/U Pull It Racing Team of John Munn, with John finishing in the top ten for the first time and also for the great looking uniforms being worn by his supporters. Can't wait to see the new paint job!

Words by Liam Kelly

(Thanks to Sporting Car club for permission to use this article..Ed.)

**If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?**

Vince Lombardi (1913 - 1970)

## 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**



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



**May**

**David Micallef (19th), Wayne Jones (24th), Paul Karamanov (25th)**

**Michael Fitzell (28th)**

**June**

**Sarah Kenyon (7th), David Marshall (9th), Bronwen Williamson (12th)**

"Wisdom doesn't automatically come with old age. Nothing does - except wrinkles. It's true, some wines improve with age. But only if the grapes were good in the first place."

Abigail Van Buren (1918 - ), 1978

## SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On Badge - \$6



SAMROA Sticker - \$3 (10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA Polo - \$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 (assuming that we will see some rain)

"Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat"



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