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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Wow what a busy month April was, 3 meetings back to back, 2 of them National Events. I know from the Clerks of Course and assistants that all competitors were very impressed with the way that these meeting were run. (See the letter later in this newsletter).I know that Easter Historics had SAMROA members everywhere. I think the only area that was not covered by a member was formup. We even had a few spare to man the Flag Points, or should that be person the Flag Points? (*A lot more needed for next year Please*)

I understand that some members would like more feedback on Incident Reports; Well I'm happy to say that very soon a page of this newsletter will be written by the Chief Flag with statistics on the last race meeting before print. Competitors numbers, what happened with those reports you have written, charges etc. (This is yet to be cleared by the Committee) Please continue to write them up and make them as accurate as you can, always aim to make each one better that the last one you wrote. By doing this you are doing your job well.

Speaking about reports, can I remind members who give reports at the General Meeting from other meetings i.e. SOP, SCCSA Etc, that if you can't make the General Meeting please make sure someone gets a copy of what you would like mentioned so the flow of information continues. Better still; try if you can to make the General Meetings.

Paintball War is still on, just waiting for dates the A.S.C are free. I'll get back to you all once a date has been worked out.

Are they scared? Maybe!

The next General Meeting – 13th June, 7.30 Sunnybrae Farm.

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

**Cover picture - It was all hands on deck for the Easter Historics. Spit worked hard. Thanks to Bob Taylor for this and other pics in this edition.
Check the website for more <http://bobtee.web.com>**

Social Committee Report

From Peter Tann

“The Social Committee are pleased to invite you a social gathering on Wednesday 9th May to be held at the office/showroom of Revolution Racegear and Opposite Lock from 6:30pm

Revolution Racegear & Opposite Lock (4WD experts) are located at 498 North East Rd, Windsor Gardens S.A. 5087

If you would like to have a look at their web site: www.revolutionracegear.com.au

The Social Committee would like to thank the staff of Revolution Racegear and Opposite Lock for making themselves and their showroom available to us.

They are located approx 400 metres on the city bound side past Sudholz Road. You can turn directly into the car park, but if you miss it, or are coming from the city, turn into Pittman Road at the traffic lights and then after approx 10 metres turn hard left through the gate and proceed down the back of the building to the car park.

We are trying a number of different options and hope to gain your support for events such as this. If you would like to suggest any possible venues, feel free to text/email me with your ideas.

Chris McCarthy (Macca) from Revolution has advised there is a big TV available so we can show some DVDs – if you have something you think other members would like to see, bring it along! We will also have a couple of laptops we can show DVDs on as well.

We will provide Pizza and soft drinks, so come along and have a chat with the Chris and the guys from Opposite Lock, and have a look at the latest in race and 4WD gear.

If you are planning to attend, please let Peter Tann know for catering purposes (either text or call 0417 867 403 or email peter.tann@gerardcorp.com.au) no later than Monday 7th May.”

T&CC Report

Firstly, thanks to all of you who came out for the Easter Historics and the Shannons Nationals. It certainly has been a busy couple of weeks. The feedback from Competitors and Organisers of the Easter historics was very good, while the Shannons Nationals provided plenty of drama to keep everyone on their toes.

With the ‘big’ events out of the way, we need to remember that our passions for motorsport should not be restricted to the ‘big’ events but to all levels of motorsport. While these grass-roots events may not have the same intensity and excitement of the top level events they still provide plenty of action. They are also a time where we have more flexibility in placing people in roles which they have not had before. We have a superkart/Modern regularity meeting on 20th May and a 2-day State championship round coming up on 2/3 June – so get your names in either through the database, the red book or contacting a T&CC member.

One of the issues that was raised from events this month is the issue of passing under Yellow/Red flag and readdressing. In some categories, this is permitted however, otherwise, even if the readdress occurred, there HAS been a breach of the rules and it needs to be reported. Also bear in mind that another flag point may only observe part of the story (for example the next flag point may only observe the readdress), so it is important to call it in so that the full picture can be gained and dealt with appropriately.

So, for this month we look at Appendix H of the National Competition Rules (NCR’s), ‘Track control and flag signalling’...this section (5 pages in total) really is our bread & butter:

3.1.2 Flag signals to be used at flag posts:

(a) **Red flag:** This should be shown waved only on instruction from the Clerk of the Course when it becomes necessary to stop a practice session or the race by other than the chequered flag. All drivers are required to slow down immediately and proceed to the pit lane (or the place foreseen by the regulations of the Event), and must be prepared to stop if necessary. Overtaking is not permitted.

(b) **Yellow flag:** This is a signal of danger and should be shown to drivers in two ways with the following meanings:

- **Single waved:** Reduce your speed, do not overtake and be prepared to change direction. There is a hazard beside or partly on the track.

- **Double waved:** Reduce your speed **significantly**, do not overtake and be prepared to change direction or stop. There is a hazard wholly or partly blocking the track **and/or marshals working on or beside the track.**

T&CC Report (cont.)

Yellow flags should normally be shown only at the marshals' post immediately preceding the hazard. In some cases however the Clerk of the Course may order them to be shown at more than one marshals' post preceding an incident.

Overtaking is not permitted between the first yellow flag and the green flag displayed after the incident. Yellow flags should not be shown in the pit lane unless there is an incident of which the driver should be made aware.

(c) **Yellow flag with red stripes:** This should be shown motionless to inform drivers that there is a deterioration of adhesion due to oil, water, dirt etc on the track in the area beyond the flag. This flag should be displayed, for at least (depending on the circumstances) four laps unless the surface returns to normal beforehand. It is not however necessary for the sector beyond where this flag is being shown to show a green flag. (Does anyone see the word 'debris' here.. ??)

(d) **Light Blue flag:** This should normally be waved, as an indication to a driver that he is about to be overtaken. It has different meanings during practice and the race.

At all times: A stationary flag should be displayed to a driver leaving the pits if traffic is approaching on the track. (This is done at flag point 3 at Mallala)

During practice: Give way to a faster car which is about to overtake you.

During the race: The flag should normally be shown to a car about to be lapped and, when shown, the driver concerned must allow the following car to pass at the earliest opportunity.

(e) **White flag:** This flag should be waved and is used to indicate to the driver that there is a much slower vehicle on the sector of track controlled by that flag post.

(f) **Green flag:** This should be used to indicate that the track is clear and should be waved at the flag post immediately after the incident that necessitated the use of one or more yellow flags. It may also be used, if deemed necessary by the Clerk of the Course, to signal the start of a formation lap or the start of a practice session.

That's about it from the T&CC for this month, will see you at the track.

Andrew and the T&CC.

We have managed to obtain a limited number of multi-tools (several members find them useful at the track). These are great value at \$10. See Peter Tann.

Ed Says



REMEMBER

There is a fun, inexpensive night out coming up which will help to support a good cause at the same time.



Treasurer Peter Tann and newsletter editor Fran Tann are members of the Cancer Council SA, Tea Tree Gully branch. They tell me there will be a quiz night on:

Saturday May 12
7.00pm for 7.30pm
at
Uniting Church Hall
Fox Avenue (off Gorge Road)
Athelstone

BYO Supper and drinks
Silent Auction

Prizes galore

Cost: \$10 per adult \$5 students under 15

Why not make up a table? Tickets available on the night.

For tickets:

Peter Tel: 0417 867 403

Sandy Tel: 7329 5041



Don't think 'it won't happen to me' – it could

From Peter Tann

I have just been diagnosed with prostate cancer. It has been found early and I expect after treatment to make a full recovery. I have had a full body bone scan which was negative so it hasn't spread anywhere else.

My treatment at this stage is planned to be Brachy therapy where radioactive seeds are implanted in the prostate to do their stuff! Apparently, this is not too invasive & minimal short term side effects, but I don't know when this is going to happen yet. Won't need radiotherapy or Chemo which is good

I may be otherwise occupied at short notice, but will try & let you know if I am unable to attend any scheduled meetings/race meetings. Hoping also to be fit to compete in Round 2 of SA Rally Championship in late June.

On the plus side, if my willy glows in the dark I plan to raise money for cancer research - \$1 a peek & no flash photography! Gotta keep a sense of humour.

On a serious note, I would encourage all members (& definitely those who like me are 'of a certain age') to have regular checkups with their GP. I had no symptoms and if I didn't go for an annual physical could have gone on blissfully unaware until too late!

And, ladies don't think you get off scot free either – you should be having or thinking about having regular mammograms & smear tests – It's not just old farts like me that get cancer!

See you at the track

Cheers

Pete

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month

May

Scott Chamings (5th), Bradley Lovell (11th), Andre Wilson (16th – 70), David Micallef (19th), Wayne Jones (24th), Paul Karamanov (25th)

June

Sarah Kenyon and Andrew Smart (7th), David Marshall (9th), Rob Warneke (10th)

Minutes of the General Meeting 11 April

Meeting Opened: 19:30 (7:30 pm) Stewards Presentation from Scott Chamings (Filling in for Phil Twigg)

Present: Paul Hart, Paul Bonnett, Tony Aloï, David Lans, Andrew Leitch, David Castrechini, Matthew Johnson, Scott Chamings, Bradley Morrison and Barry Hughes.

Apologies: Andrew Robinson, Peter Tann, Jodie Johnson, Peter Cirillo, Steve Santinon and Bronwen Williamson.

Visitors / Guest: Scott Chamings (Filling in for Phil Twigg)

Late: Rod Mountifield, Darren Mattiske & Bob Schofield

Previous Minutes:

Previous Minutes (March 2012) were Presented and Moved by Secretary. (Paul Bonnett) This was seconded by Brad Morrison. All voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Bob abstained.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Meetings are running quite well but do we get concerned about the small number of members attending? According to some of our “older” members, we have had problems in the past and it has worked out OK – just need to take the bad with the good.
- Letter of thanks / appreciation has been sent to the Veneto Club for being our home for all those years – We wish them Good Luck in the future.

Correspondence:

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached) Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) Seconded by Andrew Leitch that the correspondence be received.

Voted all in favour and Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Nil business arising from the Correspondence.

Minutes of the General Meeting 11 April (cont.)

Treasurer's Report: (February / March 2012)

	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Opening Balance:	\$ 5, 271.23	\$ 3, 960.51
Receipts:	\$ 490.00	\$ 745.12
Outgoings:	\$ 1, 800.72	\$ 971.78
Closing Balance:	\$ 3, 960.51	\$ 3, 733.85

\$ 3, 733.85 + \$ 5, 468.75 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 9, 202.60

Peter Tann was an apology, a brief Summary was supplied by Paul Bonnett on the night.

Accounts for Payment:

- Room Hire – Sunnybrae Function Centre \$ 50.00 (OK to send Cheque later in week)
- Andrew Robinson – Newsletter Postage: \$ 83.37
- Darren Mattiske – Drinks for Shed: \$ 142.82
- Paul Bonnett – Replacement Battery for SAMROA Secretary's Lap Top: \$ 49.00

Accounts for Payment were moved by Rod Mountifield Seconded by Barry Hughes. All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W

- Electrical Equipment at Mallala – most electrical equipment is out of Test Dates / Open Fluoro Lights held up by Cable Ties or mounted directly to the metal frames. Has been no action as yet but Rod has volunteered to follow up with SCC-SA and then talk to Clem Smith.
- The Floodlights at February's Twilight Meeting were turned off as soon as racing ceased, leaving Officials to pack up and make their way back to the shed in the pitch black. (Common occurrence – happens at every Twilight Meeting – can only raise our concerns again)

Minutes of the General Meeting 11 April (cont.)

- The Conveyor Material (for track access across the tyre wall) at Flag points 1 & 8 was discussed again. Bob Schofield will contact Clem Smith to discuss the problem.

T&CC (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- Fire Training Day – TENTATIVE for 15 Sept12. The Committee, Club and WfW will need to discuss if we want to open it up to other clubs.
- Looking for more Officials for the Friday Practice Day for the Shannons Nationals. At this time we only have TWO. Also need to have extinguishers and trackside equipment positioned at the points in case of an emergency.
- Looking at updating our Incident Forms – Scott has seen some forms that the British Flag Marshalls use and can see some merit in us using them – a lot of Tick Boxes instead of writing.
- Many thanks to ALL Officials who have come out to support Motor Racing at Mallala. The numbers have been VERY TIGHT but the meetings have run very well. The feedback from the competitors over the Easter Weekend was very encouraging - 144 cars and our interstate drivers went away very impressed with the running of the meeting.

CAMS REPORT (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Meeting Held 20 March 12)

- SA Staff happy with the Clipsal 500 Display.
- Expressions of Interest for the CAMS Ignition Program are being collected – if interested please contact the State Office ASAP.
- A big Thank-you to all SA officials for their involvement over the past couple of months, it has been a busy start to the year and the time and dedication is greatly appreciated.

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

- Peter was an apology at this meeting – No report received.
- 2 x Upcoming Event Assessments – Alan Candy (Bronze Circuit) and Rod Mountifield (Silver Flags)

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

- MRP has had lengthy discussion on Medical requirements for Superkarts events – minimum is TWO Paramedics, Not Advanced First Aiders.
- Circuit Racing – Carrying of on-board Fire extinguishers is now optional.

Minutes of the General Meeting 11 April (cont.)

- Question was asked at a recent Committee Meeting – will take back to MRP for an answer – If entered in a Regularity Event, Would a Hybrid vehicle constitute an electrical hazard to Officials in the event of a crash??

Junior Development Program (JDP) Update

- Darren has entered one of his Hyundai Excels (and TWO Drivers) at the Collingrove “Come and Try” Hillclimb 21April12.

WEBSITE / IT

- Still looking at updating our Web Site – must become a priority as the web site is our initial contact to prospective new members – what chance do we have in recruiting new officials when we can't even give them up to date information to read??

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Annual Dinner – 01 Sept 12 (Date pencilled in) TTG Golf Course may again be the venue. (not a definite – the Committees are looking at other venues also)
- May – Organising a Social Meeting at Revolution Racegear / Opposite Lock.
- November - Karting Event @ Pooraka.
(Early planning at this time so stay tuned for further information)
- David Lans is interested in helping Social Committee.

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Letter to Bunnings Warehouse re Sausage Sizzle: This has now been delivered to Brad's partner to be handed to Event Co-ordinator 03Apr12. Already has earmarked a date sometime in October – After Bathurst.

Update on this: Letter received 17Apr – Date for this is confirmed for Sat 24 November 2012.

- Paul Hart – Presentation on SAMROA at the last I.A.M.E. (Institute of Automotive Mechanical Engineers) meeting. Has also been invited by the Historic Speedway Association to their next meeting. (Might need to change our next Committee Meeting as the dates clash (If he decides to attend))
- Woolworths Community BBQs – These are similar to the Bunnings events we have done in the past. Yes we are interested in doing another as it not only raises some funds, it puts the Club out in the community. Early days on this one – need to do some more investigation.
- Westfield TTP Display – Early planning – more information to come!

Minutes of the General Meeting 11 April (cont.)

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA

- Bronwen was an apology for our meeting, There has been nothing to report.

General Business

- Community Lottery Tickets. All books are now out with the members to sell. At this time Secretary has 14 sold books. (\$280.00) If you have books, it's quite OK to return the sold ones at any time – don't leave it until it's almost closing time.
- We have our First Serious Suggestion out of Paul's Suggestion Box – Make rubbish bags available so we can collect the empty cans / drinks from the Flag Points for recycling. It's something we used to do (as we were told at the meeting) so why not collect them again!
- Gawler River Butchers – Matthew Johnson will contact them in the next couple of days to discuss a sponsorship / cheap meat arrangement, if they are not interested then maybe we contact Gully Meats who supply the Adelaide Superkart Club and also supplied us with Sausages the last time we did a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle day.
- There will be a Club Display at this year's Shannons Nationals – we have decided to place it just inside the pits paddock entry gate near the Race Tower.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 21:25 (9:25 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on Wednesday 13 June 2012**



Focused on the job at Mallala

PATRON
His Excellency
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April 2012

Mr Paul Hart
SAMROA
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Hi Paul,

On behalf of the Historic Racing Register and the Sporting Car Club, we'd like to thank you and your members firstly for providing a team for Easter when we know how hard it is to find one and also for the high quality of their work.

We were especially impressed with the diligent reporting of incidents even on what turned out to be such a clean meeting.

Your liaison is also very useful.

We hope you and your members enjoyed the meeting and welcome any suggestions on how we could improve it.

Kind regards,



Troy Ryan
HRR Chairman



Ker Messenger
Club President

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Summary of SAMROA Meetings for 2012

Event	Date	Days	Chief
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	20 May 2012	1	Paul Bonnett
SA State Circuit Racing Championship - Rnd 2	2 June 2012	2	Rod Mountifield/Steve Clift
General Meeting	Wed 13 June	7:30pm	
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	24 June 2012	1	Alex Varcoe/TBC
Race Meeting - HQ Enduro	7 July 2012	1	Andrew Leitch/Peter Tann
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	29 July 2012	1	Karl Fleming
Annual General Meeting	8 th August	7:30pm	
SA State Circuit Racing Championship - Rnd 3	18 August 2012	2	Tony Aloï/Brad Morrison
SAMROA Dinner	1 st September (TBC)		Date & Venue to be confirmed
S/kart Race + SA State Modern Reg Cham	9 September 2012	1	Paul Karamanov
Fire Training day	15 th Sept (TBC)		Venue: A.I.R. (to be confirmed)
General Meeting	Weds 10 th Oct	7:30pm	
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	14 October 2012	1	TBC
SA State Circuit Racing Championship - Rnd 4 - Twilight	17 November 2012	1	Lui Mori/Shawn Field
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	18 November 2012	1	Brian Agars/Andrew Robinson
General Meeting	Weds 12 th Dec	7:30pm	
Official's Recognition Day	15 December 2012	1	

You can put your name down for an event using the Database, the red book or by contacting a T&CC member/Chief flag.

**Members Meetings Start at 7:30PM, SunnyBrae Function centre, Naweena Rd, Regency Park (Behind Coopers Brewery) —
Enter from South Road**