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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

I would like to start this report with massive congratulations to Jodie Johnson – Winner of the 2009 Most Improved Award. Jodie's shown us all an ability which is what we are looking for. For me personally, I'm impressed by her use of Comms, Jodie sends us just the vital info we need to know, no waffling on! Keep up the great work Jodie.

Club Member of the Year went to Karl Fleming, the look from Karl when he received the Kay Morisset Perpetual Trophy from Bruce said it all! The devotion Karl has given over the past 8 years that he has been with SAMROA is outstanding. An award truly deserved! Thanks again to Bruce Morisset for his support of this wonderful Award.

Congratulations to all the R&R Scheme recipients, and thanks to everyone who "Hunted" the prizes, this year we had 2 full tables of prizes. If you were on the list to receive a prize and were unable to attend the dinner, you have September & October's General Meetings to claim your prize in person.

To those who could not be at the Annual Dinner, you missed a great night. Thanks to our hard working Social Committee for all the work they put into that night. (Check out the Pics on our website)

I have to mention the guy's who attended the Gawler Show and set up a great display to advertise our Association. Thanks again Darren, Andrew R, Paul B & Alex. This year we will be concentrating on showing Adelaide who we are & what we do.

Starting in this edition we are distributing Membership Cards to financial members. This card will last 12 mths and will have space for you to record your CAMS Licence No and expiry date, as a reference when signing on at race meetings.

Cover Photo: Club Member of the Year Karl Fleming (left) receiving his award from Bruce Morisset at the recent annual dinner...Congratulations

Photo: Darren Mattiske

Any photo or other contributions are gratefully accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont).

Now the interesting news, on 4th of September I notified the General Committee of my stepping down from the position of President of SAMROA. I could go into depth of reasons for this but I feel that would be very unprofessional of me. Let's just say I really do need a break from the politics of this association before I lose my interest in Motorsport and SAMROA, I don't want that to happen. After all why are any of us here – because we love our Motorsport! I will be assisting Andrew Robinson as much as possible from the side lines whilst away from the Committee.

I will still be a very active member attending as many race meetings as possible, and 1 foot race that's fast approaching (*Please* we need more that the 4 members we have at the moment to assist in the City to Bay fun Run). My personality won't change (sorry about that) it's just time to put a hold on 3 years service to SAMROA out of a 4 year membership.

To those who supported me, thank you. To those who thought I could have done better, now's your chance to step up.

I fully support Andrew Robinson, who has done an incredible job so far, and I'd like you all to get behind him too.

Please don't forget the next General Meeting.

That's at 8pm on Wednesday the 16th Sept at the Veneto Club.

See you all Trackside.

Cheers

Paul Hart

Important Notice Pt 2

In the last Newsletter I informed you of a vote for a new style of uniform. This notice went to print on the same day that Peter Cirillo informed me that he had sourced a supplier that can replicate our overalls design in a two piece uniform. As this will be the same colours as what we have now no vote will be required. But I would still like your company at the next General Meeting for updates on this step forward for SAMROA.

T&CC Report

Hello everyone,

We would like to thank everyone who came out and helped at the HQ Endro on the 15th August and the SCCSA State Round 3 on the weekend just gone, 12th & 13th September. Welcome to all the new people who have come out and joined in the excitement of being so close to the action.

The racing was great and close. The flagging and track skills were good, and the few incidents that we did have were handled very well.

It was good to see that we are all paying more attention, in all categories, for vehicles pushing or forcing other competitors off the circuit or blocking or making contact, e.g. Driver Conduct. So let's keep up the good work.

Since we are struggling to get members to help out at the City to Bay fun run, we are now giving everyone who attends 3 points towards the Reward and Recognition Scheme. So if you can come out and help we only need you for 3 hours on Sunday 20th September.

Also we are struggling to get members to help out at the Lobethal Historic Demonstration, so we are giving 2 points per person towards the Reward and Recognition Scheme for each day they attend. This is being held on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October. We need to fill the following positions: 1 Starter, 2 in Race Control, 2 people each at 2 Flag Points and 1 person each at 4 Observer Points around a 14km circuit. We need a total of 11 people to help run this event. The flag points and observer points will be using flags. On the observer points you will have other officials from other fields working with you. We need to know asap and also need to know your shirt size as you will be given a shirt as a thank you. Sign on for both days is at 10.30am for an 11am briefing and to be out at the flag points and observer points by 12 noon. The event will finish at 4.30 each day.

We need lots more names for the following events - all the help we can get – as we are short:

T&CC Report (Cont.)

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| City-Bay Fun Run | 20 Sept 6am start | Chief: Paul Hart |
| Superkart & Modern Reg. | 27 Sept 8:15 Start | Chief: Darren Mattiske |
| Lobethal Historic Demo | 3-4 Oct Start: 10:30 | Chief: Paul Bonnet |

In order to try to obtain better feedback from team members, we have put together a new performance sheet. This is to be filled out by everyone on the flag point and given to the Chief Flag only at the end of the day. The idea is to identify areas where the seniors may need more instruction/coaching to help them along.

We also have modified the senior's performance sheet, which he will need to assess himself as well as assessing each team member on their performance.

To get your license signed off at the end of the day, seniors will need to have completed their performance sheets and individual team members need to have their performance sheets filled in and handed back to the Chief Flag.

This will be my last T&CC report I am writing, I wish to advise you all that I am standing down from the T&CC.

I have enjoyed my time helping the club and helping you all improve your skills. I will still be attending race meetings and helping out where I can, so if you ever have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

I will be taking a short break, so you might not see me out at every race meeting for a little while.

I am not doing the disappearing act. I still enjoy my motor sport and especially all of you my friends and fellow marshals.

Well that's all from us for now.

Hope to see lots more of you at the General Meeting on Wed night 16th September.

Peter and all the T&CC crew.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner was held at the Tea Tree Gully Golf Club on 22 August 2009. Tickets sales were pretty good and we ended up with just under 60 people attending. The facilities and food were excellent and I think everyone had a good time.

Thanks to Brett Unsworth for being MC & DJ on the night.

Thanks to all the sponsors who provided merchandise for the R&R scheme – much appreciated by those who qualified.

The Future

Due to other commitments both Bob & myself (Peter Tann) will be standing down from the Social Committee. Thanks to Bob for his input over the years. Also a big thank you to Scott & Jodie for their efforts this past year.

Unfortunately the social committee is now down to two members and we would love some members to jump onboard. Its not a huge burden on time but provides a vital function organising BBQs and the annual dinner and some other smaller events / activities along the way.

Without some assistance from some fresh faces to the social committee, these vital functions may not be able to continue, so come on contact Jodie or Scott !

Social Committee Contacts : Scott Chamings, Jodie Johnson,

Next Social Committee Meeting : None scheduled

Location : Para Hills Community Club, Bridge Road, Para Hills

Footnote: Peter has organised for a special guest – Dr Tony Rose for the next general meeting. Dr Rose has been a Chiropractor for over 10 years, having practiced in Melbourne and Geelong and for 3 years as a full time locum - travelling around the country relieving Chiropractors when they took holidays. Dr Tony sits on the board of the Australian Spinal Research Foundation and runs the largest Chiropractic seminar in Australia each year. He has a passion to see people make health promoting choices in life.

Gawler show

Many thanks to the members that help on our Gawler Show promotion, Paul Bonnet, Andrew Robinson & Alex Varcoe (and S.Pitt...Ed.). Thanks to the “Mallala home of motorsport” people for providing their signage to add to the motorsport theme. We would also like to thank Bob Knott for putting his Superkart on display as an “eye catcher”. Together with the Superkart and the promotional DVD, we talked to a lot of the local show goers, got a supply of new inquiries, of which 2 have already put their names down for the State Championships this weekend.



Photo: The SAMROA/Mallala home of motorsport stand at the recent Gawler show (tucked in between the pottery and the hair clips)

Photo & Article: Darren Mattiske

S.A. 2009 HQ Enduro

Well, as promised the prize money pool, our attempt to lure some interstates to Mallala, grew from last year. Dino you are a legend. Few people would appreciate the work that Dino puts in behind the scenes to make this event a success

Many thanks for the sponsorship from Tony Bobridge of Power House Fitness Centre, K&J Diesel and Marine and Wattle Constructions. Where would we be without you guys?

On offer was \$1000 cash which was spread over the first five places, trophies down to 10th place and awards and cash for several other categories...on top of that a free BBQ at the end! We know how to put on a show.

All this was divided amongst the South Aussies, not one interstate entry this year...can you believe it, 5th place \$100!

To be fair the Victorians had a round of their State series at Winton the same weekend and a greater effort must be made in 2010 to ensure that our dates do not clash.

From the onset it was clear that Graham Mason would be the man to beat, but with Neil Corey out for a rare run at Mallala and ex State Champ Wayne King in Goding's car there would be a challenge.

We hosted a new driver again...welcome Phil Smith (this was a new driver not the old Phil (Hollywood) Smith making a comeback.

Hour 1 saw Mace lead the field away but after only one lap Corey took the lead. There he stayed and held on to win in a very tight finish. King was 3rd until lap 39 of 40 when he retired with a broken shifter. Boulter Jnr was 4th until lap 38 when he blew a head gasket and had to be content with 7th. Meanwhile Schultz, steady as she goes, hung in there for 3rd place followed by Jenkins, and Crosbie. Note: Gaskin in the ten, well done son. Drama ahead.... Corey had also blown a head gasket and only had just made it home. Was there time to replace a head gaskets and brakes before the second hour? Two head gaskets in the same shed, Munn had the same problem... boys really!

S.A. 2009 HQ Enduro (Cont.)

Hour 2 Saw a small change in format from last year, with the reversal of the first and second halves of the first hour result. This would make for some interesting first laps but probably not much in overall results.

Since we had 14 finishers for the first leg, it was Matt Boulter who led them away, but there was something wrong, smoke pouring out under the car! Now Corey's car doing the same... a virus maybe? No massive oil leaks. Would you believe that in haste the rocker cover gaskets were fitted incorrectly to both cars. Corey actually caught on fire. This provided a quick shuffle which soon saw Mace at the front, Schultz 2nd and Bobridge 3rd. King was on a charge and on lap 14 Schultz was black flagged for a fuel leak. To say he was not happy...well he took it quite well really. There was a close tussle between Bobridge and Jenkins which saw Danny get the advantage. Not a lot changed from there.

When they crossed the line after 40 laps it was Mason from King with Jenkins, Bobridge and Boulter Snr further back. Consistent effort by Couprie but just out of the money.

Since the results are decided on points from the two legs, the big money and the mug went to Mason. The final wash up showing that consistency has its rewards

Results: 1st Mason, 2nd Jenkins, 3rd Bobridge, 4th Crosbie, 5th Boulter

AWARDS : trophies for Fastest Qualifier: Mason, Slowest qualifier: Sarah Mitchell, Hard Luck: Andrew Schultz, Most consistent laps: Mason, Farmer of the Day: Garrick, and Encouragement Award: Al Smith. First Interstater home N/A.

Smiles all round, great value, two hours, forty minutes track time for \$330. No body damage to report and by and large everyone went home happy.

That's the SA HQ Enduro....let's make it bigger and better in 2010.

Thanks to Graham Boulter (#4) for the Words, Rosalie Siddell for the pictures and Andrew Schultz (#20) for sourcing the article.

The HQ drivers wish to express their thanks for everyone who came out so that they could race.



The start of the 2nd hour



Graham Mason took out the day and celebrated accordingly at the end of the 2nd hour



Darren Jenkins in action

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Note: These vouchers are only for the restaurant specified on the voucher



Help needed: MX5 Club National meeting Hillclimb Easter 2010

My name is Ed McCaul I am the current President of the MX5 Club of SA. we will be hosting the next national meeting At McLaren Vale Easter 2010 from the 2nd to 6th of April, I have applied for and received approval from Onkaparinga Council for a road Closure on the Sunday Morning, I have applied to the SA Police and have approval from them. **Our problem now is not having the currently approved officials required by cams to make an application.** I have spoken to cams and it was Cams that suggested that I contact you. I personally was an official on 9 Grand Prix Rallies and Roger Trethewey has been Stage commander on the last two Willunga hill climbs for the Classic, and will be again for the next one. I know Easter is a busy time with all the Historic events, but if there is any way you can help it would be much appreciated.

Regards, Ed.McCaul
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**Members that will be celebrating
Birthdays in the coming month
Happy Birthday!!**



September

Paul Bonnett (20th), Peter Tann (26th)

October

**Cathy Croci (4th), Ted Blackwell (7th),
Peter Cirillo (15th), Dainis Zakis (17th)**

Membership Season

Reminder that memberships ran out at the end of June. Peter Tann is currently accepting renewals. If your membership is not current, you will find a red dot on the cover of this month's mailing slip.

-----HELP WANTED-----

Mitsubishi GSR/Evo club are running a Supersprint event on Monday Oct 5th, and are in need of people with some experience to assist. Anybody who can help is asked to contact Tristan Catford on 0400 820 745 or info@gsr-evo-club.net Food & drink provided... and possibly a hot lap around the track.



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Keeping Fit

It's been a long winter, and we probably have been hibernating somewhat (the Editor included, who is finding that his overalls have somewhat shrunk in the wash).

Most of us could benefit from being fitter, but it can be difficult to get started.

If anybody does want to improve their fitness and need some help, Andrew R. has some guidebooks available with some suggestions on getting started. If you want a copy, please let him know.

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