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# President's Report

Hi Everyone,

This Report is full of Thanks for many members who have assisted SAMROA in many ways, and Thanks to everyone for being a member!

Very fitting, having celebrated National Volunteers Week last month.

Our hard working Social Committee ran an open night at Revolution Racegear & Opposite Lock down on North East Rd Windsor Gardens. A very successful night topped off by the biggest pizzas I have ever seen! Not having won the \$70 Million jackpot in the lottery the night before I couldn't spend much – *sorry Chris*.

Thanks also go out to the members who have sold Raffle tickets this season. I know all books are now out and are being sold, that's great work. Let's see if SAMROA can sell a winning ticket this year! Either way, with all money raised going to SAMROA – we win anyway!

And finally, Thanks to Ray McGuiness for supplying raffle prizes for the Superkart meetings again this year. It's appreciated Mate!

Whoever says Superkart Racing isn't exciting wasn't at the 1<sup>st</sup> Race on the 20<sup>th</sup> May; everyone was flat stick, lots of fast spins, near misses and contacts. Good work from Flag Point 1 – you guys were busy!

With the mid year fast approaching it's time to think "Can I offer anything to any of the Committees next year?" if the answer is yes, then why not think about having yourself nominated! Current Committee members are only too willing to assist you during the year. We had new blood on all Committees this year, and they have brought fresh new ideas that have assisted all of us throughout the year.

I know that the MG Car Club is hosting the *MG Challenge* over the June long weekend. This is a competition between the MG Car Club of SA & the MG Car Club of Victoria. It consists of a Super Sprint on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> and a Hill Climb on Sun 10<sup>th</sup>.

They need officials for 3 flag points, Pit exit & Start Finish. If you can assist please call Laurie Houghton on 8357 9953

Lunch is supplied.

## **President's Report (cont.)**

A big Thank You to everyone who come out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> State Round I hope everyone enjoyed it, at least up to the point of the unfortunate crash on Saturday. SAMROA extends condolences to the family of the deceased driver. I'll see as many of you as we can at the next General Meeting.

**The next General Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 Sunnybrae Farm.**

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

**Cover picture - Always on duty! Officials at a recent Mallala event**

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If anyone is interested in preparing the paper work for the JDP, please let Darren Mattiske know. Fantastic opportunity to learn what an event secretary does and what is involved in preparing for an event.

What process do you follow and forms needed to obtain a CAMS permit?

What forms are required on the day?

What forms do the drivers need to complete on the first day?

Darren

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# Social Committee Report



On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May we held a social gathering at Revolution Racegear/Opposite Lock premises at Windsor Gardens

Many thanks to Chris from Revolution Racegear and Richard & Justin from Opposite Lock for providing the venue and hanging around to have a chat with us and show us their products.

Thanks also to the SAMROA members who made the effort to come along, would be great to see a few more at future events (that would include race meetings as well!).

I think a couple of people besides me took advantage of the special prices Chris was offering on the night (I got a padded helmet bag for a really good price!)

There were also a couple of earnest conversations taking place on the other side of the showroom about 4WD accessories.

We had some really good pizza and some time to catch up for some social chit chat which we don't normally get the chance to do at the track.

I had never really met Richard or Justin before so it was a good opportunity to have a chat with them and see some of their products.

If you haven't seen LED driving lights before, pop in & have a look – they are amazing.

The next Social event will probably be a workshop visit – stay tuned for more information.

Don't be shy – you never know you might enjoy yourself!

From Peter Tann



## T&CC Report

June (and Winter) are here..so it's time to check the wet weather gear and the thermals. Too often the battle to stay warm is lost when people get wet, so the wet weather gear is just as important as any other equipment.

For those looking at buying some new gear, remember to avoid anything that is Red or Yellow – reflective orange is a good choice, and have a look for something that is 'modular'. When you try it on, it is better for it to be a loose fit so that you can have several layers of woollies underneath. Having several thin layers can work better than one 'thick' layer as you can peel layers off as the day warms up. Have a look also at your bag...a good trick is to carry a garbage bag to put your equipment bag in if it rains so that your bag and all the contents remain dry. A towel and a change of clothes are also handy to keep in the back of the car.

Also a reminder that if you start to lose the battle and get wet or start to get cold, the sooner it is acted on, the easier it will be to deal with. If you try to be brave and 'tough it out' you risk a more severe case of hypothermia that may put you out for the day. By recognising and acting on the issue early it may just be a case of a hot shower, dry clothing and being able to resume.

Also with winter, hibernation and winter illnesses also come to the fore – so we need to remember to look after our general health as well. It is also a time when we get more tightly stretched in terms of numbers at events for these reasons. This became evident at the Superkart meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> May at which we were very stretched. For those who did come out, a sincere THANK YOU from the clubs and Paul Bonnett (the Chief Flag).

In July, we are planning on running a training day. Dates are to be confirmed shortly but we are looking at one day on the weekends of 15/16 or 21/22 of July, most likely at the sporting car Club clubrooms in Unley. During this day we will work through an Incident – from managing an incident, a refresh of radio communication through to writing incident reports and then what happens to them after we send them in. We hope to have at least one driver (Bruce Heinrich) and possibly a Driving Standards observer also at the day to give a competitor's perspective. The day will finish up with a look at the Steward's hearing which is something many of us have yet to be exposed to. By having a better understanding of the overall process it is hoped that people will feel much more comfortable with writing reports and be able to provide better information.

We have also put in place a procedure in Race control that allows feedback on the outcome of reports to be communicated back to those who wrote the report. The system worked quite well at the Shannon's nationals and will use it in the future...possibly with some further tweaks.

## T&CC Report (cont.)

For this month's section from the CAMS manual, we look at the question: Why are the super kart numbers different colours ? From the Superkarting technical regulations, the number colours are as follows:

Class	Plate	Number
125cc	Gearbox	Red White
250cc	Gearbox National	White Black
250cc	Gearbox International	Yellow Black
125cc	non-Gearbox – light – heavy	White Blue Red Yellow
125cc	Non-Gearbox Junior	High-visibility/ Fluoro Orange Black

That's it for now...hopefully I will be able to make the member's meeting, if not we will see you out at Mallala on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Andrew and the T&CC.

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## Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays

### June

7<sup>th</sup> June Sarah Kenyon and Andrew Smart

9<sup>th</sup> David Marshall

10<sup>th</sup> Rob Warneke

12<sup>th</sup> Bronwen Williamson

18<sup>th</sup> Thomas Walkom

29<sup>th</sup> Kerry Owens (50)

30<sup>th</sup> Shane Oakes and Jason Pengilly

### July

2<sup>nd</sup> Colin Leaker

11<sup>th</sup> Andrew Robinson

21<sup>st</sup> Scott Adamson

25<sup>th</sup> Alan Candy

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Good news for officials travelling interstate for race meetings!!!



# Special Travel Offer

## for V8 Supercars Staff, Officials and Volunteers

As the official domestic airline partner for V8 Supercars, Virgin Australia is offering staff, officials and volunteers a 5% discount on holiday packages booked via the Blue Holidays website.

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**Ed Says**

## people's choice

### COMMUNITY LOTTERY

**04 June 2012 - UPDATE**

1. 75 Books in total
2. 43 Books are out with our members to sell
3. 32 Books have been sold raising \$ 640.00 for the Club so far.

As you can see, the ticket sales are progressing quite well with just under half of our allocation sold. Remember you still have almost TWO months to sell tickets as the lottery sales do not close until July 31!

Ideally, I would like to have this all completed by the first week in July so there is no rush for you to get the tickets back to me and I can then get the tickets back to the People's Choice Office in plenty of time. As in previous years, we have to account for every ticket, so if you find you have lost some tickets, please let me know so I can fill out the relevant forms.

If you have sold your tickets, or , you find yourself in the position where you have some left over which you can't sell; let me know and we can organise a time for you to return them – please don't leave it until the last weeks.

My contact details are in the front of this Newsletter – hope to hear from you soon.

Cheers

Paul Bonnett - Secretary

# To keep your brain sharp for the cold conditions

## Sport

1. Which horse won the Melbourne Cup in 2002?
2. What was Sir Donald Bradman's batting average?
3. Who is Australia's only Formula One driver? (hmmm....)
4. Who won the Brownlow Medal in 2003?
5. Who was the most recent Australian to win the men's singles title at Wimbledon?
6. Which Australian was named the most valuable player in the US's WNBA?
7. Which Australian has won the FIM World Motorcycle Championship 5 times?
8. How many gold medals did Australians win at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games?
9. Of our Australian male swimmers, who has won the most Olympic gold medals?
10. What Australian company is the largest surfwear manufacturer?

*Answers page 14*

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## General Knowledge

1. How many countries are larger than Australia?
2. In what state/territory was the highest recorded temperature, of 53oC, recorded?
3. Australia has the world's largest sand island. What is its name?
4. In what year was Advance Australia Fair proclaimed as the national anthem by the Governor-General?
5. Do all states/territories have the same blood alcohol limit for non-probationary drivers?
6. What animal is on the Western Australia flag?
7. In what city did the Commonwealth Parliament first sit?
8. What animal featured on the 2 cent coin?
9. Who is the only person to have been awarded both the Australian of the Year and Young Australian of the Year titles?
10. Who is on the front of the current issue \$100 note?

*Answers page 14*

## **From Our UK Correspondent**

Greetings to all SAMROA members from a lovely sunny late Spring day in the middle of the UK. Normally by now I'd say early Summer, but... well, Summer is late arriving this year. Like buses, I guess we'll get two at once in August instead!

I see you've all been kept busy with regular events at Mallala, plus the Clipsal and the Australian GP over in Melbourne. I caught some of the coverage of the Clipsal a week after the event; a mighty good meeting it looked too. Unfortunately (in some ways) I missed watching the F1 from Melbourne as it was the first day of the marshalling season for me - a cold but dry Historic Sports Car Club meeting at Donington Park.

This year financial reality has bitten fairly hard over here, so a lot of marshals are staying closer to home, myself included. When we say "closer to home" though we generally mean "within a 1 hour drive" rather than two or more, so by comparison to you folks we're always close to home! For me this means almost all of my meetings will be at Donington with a couple of excursions to Rockingham...

...and one to Silverstone, for a small club meeting the first weekend in July. OK, maybe not so small - this year I have been exceedingly lucky and have been selected as a flaggie for the British F1 Grand Prix. I'm pretty proud of this, as I started marshalling in 2009 so will be doing my absolute hardest to get it right the weekend through. It might sound surprising but the brief experience I had with you back in 2010 at Mallala is still lurking in the dim recesses of my brain and has proved very helpful on more than occasion so far. I understand only too well that all experience is good experience if you put it to good use, and that's what I've been trying to do - and it's paid off this year.

April saw me out every weekend bar one for a variety of different level meetings - several club meetings and the BTCC. Most recently was the Donington Historic Festival where we had the rare sight of the rarely seen (over here anyway) Australian Veskanda Group C racer in a brilliant 1 hour race with 18 other cars of the same era. Breathtaking stuff, and very well driven to fifth overall.

I see our Post Chief report forms get a mention in the May newsletter.

## From Our UK Correspondent (cont.)

They're much, much easier to use than the old ones! I am now at a point where I asked occasionally to act as senior marshal on post so I have the dubious privilege of filling them in. The tick box approach covers 80% or more of all incidents and is very quick to complete, so I'd recommend looking at them as a possible template. I've included a copy in this email to Fran so you might see for yourselves in time.

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Here's one from a recent event that might have needed a report, tick box or otherwise.

**Dave's Motorsport Memorabilia Sale**  
**Monday 11th June**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**Baptist Church**  
**Cnr Rothesay Ave & Dorene St, St Marys**

*After 40 yrs of collecting motorsport memorabilia, it's time to let some of it go to make some room (& make my wife happy!!) and to raise some funding for my Motorsport Chaplaincy travel expenses.*

**Items for Sale**

- Magazines - 450+ (Rally, F1, V8's, Nascar etc)
- Diecast Models (Rally, Nascar etc)
- Posters - 1,000+ (Rally, V8's, F1, Touring Cars)
- Postcards - 1,000+
- Media Kits & Press Releases (some on CD)
- Car Brochures
- Stickers / Decals
- Misc. Memorabilia
- Event Brochures
- Shop Displays
- Slot Cars
- Coca Cola Merchandise
- Books
- Adelaide Grand Prix Memorabilia
- Plus lots more to be uncovered!

**For more details and up to date info, check out:**  
**[www.motorsport-memorabilia-sale.com](http://www.motorsport-memorabilia-sale.com)**  
**Or contact Dave Vaughan (Motorsport Chaplain)**  
**davnar@adam.com.au**  
**0418 803 239**

# To keep your brain sharp for the cold conditions

## Answers

### Answers

1. *Media Puzzle*
2. *99.94*
3. *Mark Webber*
4. *Mark Ricciuto, Nathan Buckley, Adam Goodes*
5. *Lleyton Hewitt*
6. *Lauren Jackson*
7. *Michael Doohan*
8. *2 – Steven Bradbury and Alisa Camplin*
9. *Murray Rose*
10. *Quicksilver*

### Answers

1. *Five (Australia is the sixth largest country: Russia, Canada, China, USA, Brazil)*
2. *Queensland*
3. *Fraser Island*
4. *1984*
5. *Yes*
6. *Black swan*
7. *Melbourne*
8. *Frilled neck lizard*
9. *Cathy Freeman*
10. *Dame Nellie Melba*



## SAMROA Merchandise



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## Summary of SAMROA Meetings for 2012

Event	Date	Days	Chief
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
Training Day	Mid July-TBA	1	T&CC
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	29 July 2012	1	Karl Fleming
Annual General Meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> August	7:30pm	
SA State Circuit Racing Championship - Rnd 3	18 August 2012	2	Tony Aloi/Brad Morrison
S/kart Race + SA State Modern Reg Cham	9 September 2012	1	Paul Karamanov
Fire Training day	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept (TBC)		Venue: A.I.R. (to be confirmed)
SAMROA Dinner	15 <sup>st</sup> September		Tea Tree Gully Golf Club
General Meeting	Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> 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/Shaun Field
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	18 November 2012	1	Brian Agars/Andrew Robinson
General Meeting	Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> 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**