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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, I need to acknowledge with regret the resignation of Paul Hart as club president.. Since joining in 2006 he has served 2 years as club treasurer and another year as club president but has found he needs to take a break.

At the last committee meeting, it was decided that as Vice President I should take the step up and fulfil the role of president for the remainder of the term. I will be seeking ratification of this from the membership at the next general meeting from the membership - unless there is somebody else who wants to take on this position...

I wish to congratulate the new members of the T&CC – Scott Chamings, Leigh Marchesi and David Marshall. The T&CC plays a very important role in organising our attendance at race meetings and training through the year. There are a couple of projects in the pipeline – but will leave it for them to announce them. Peter Cirillo is taking a well-deserved break from the T&CC after making a huge contribution over a number of years.

Also congratulations to Lawrie Schmitt who has been appointed as Manager of Motor Sport Operations within CAMS in Melbourne – a position that will see him make an even greater contribution to Australian motorsport than he has done previously. We wish him well – and hear that he has already started the Mexican lessons...

The Social committee needs our help. They do much more than organise the annual dinner –also ensuring that there is plenty of cold beer and hot coffee at race meetings, organise the BBQ's and also arrange other events such as the Christmas picnic.

Coming out of the city-bay breakfast and camping up at Bathurst, there is a lot of camaraderie within the motorsport community – it is good to sit around a campfire or breakfast table with a brew or two and talk about our various experiences. Social events can also be an opportunity to meet some of the competitors – the only other time we usually get to meet them is when they break down at our flag points – a time when social activities aren't exactly high on their agenda.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont).

Over the last few months (or years) there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to look at changes to the uniform. This has been a matter for discussion at the last few general meetings

The proposal on the table is for there to be an optional 2-piece uniform (i.e. shirt + trousers) that looks almost identical to the current overalls. The trousers are available off the shelf, but the shirts need to be custom made – which means that for this to work, we need to order 50 shirts. The costs to you will be as follows:

Trousers: \$30/pair. Shirts \$40 each for the first 2, \$95 each for additional shirts (i.e. subsidy for 2).

As mentioned, we need to order shirts in lots of 50, and so for this to go ahead we need to gauge interest in these shirts. If you can let somebody on the committee know what you would be looking at buying (along with sizes). If we can get enough interest, we will then ask for a deposit for this to go ahead. We also hope for some shirts similar to those to be made to be available at the November meeting so that people can try them to find what size they need...

A reminder to those who haven't picked up their Reward & recognition scheme prizes – you need to do this at a general meeting. So, there is plenty for us to discuss at the general meeting on Wednesday at the Veneto club – I hope to see you there.

Andrew.



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



**November**

**Nicola Dutton (12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Cover Photo:** Club members at work during the recent State Championship meeting

**Photo:** Rosalie Siddell

Any photo or other contributions are gratefully accepted.

## T&CC Report

Well another month has gone by and many of us have had plenty of things to do. At least the weather is beginning to change so we can get out and about more, especially on some weekends...Hint hint!!

On your Marks,.... Get set,..... now run!! We're going for breakfast....

A Sunday run for some and a nice café style breakfast & strong coffee for the members who attended the easiest gig SAMROA gets. Well done and thanks to those who were there. It only ends up being about 3 hours so keep this in mind for next years City to Bay fun run. We'll remind you anyway.



Photo: Scott Chamings working at the City-Bay fun run. Photo: Deb Hoepfner

On Sept 27<sup>th</sup> the Adelaide Superkart and Austin 7 clubs had a race meeting at Mallala and as we know these can be quite interesting. We now also have a new pit lane speed record "too freakin fast". This serves as a reminder to all officials that ALL vehicles in pit lane are still travelling at a "dangerous to humans" speed and to note that the pit lane entry road at and going past Pt1, is still part of the circuit proper, and vehicles can be travelling at a speed faster than indicated on the pit lane speed limit board. Obviously if they are sideways and demonstrating little control of the vehicle then you need to say something. It was nice to see good numbers of officials turn out, but we can always do with more. So remember if you're free come out and be part of your club.

## T&CC Report (Cont.)

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of October the Lobethal Grand Carnival historic demonstration took place in the countryside of the Adelaide Hills, with many vehicles that only come out for "special events" stretching their legs for this great event. Several SAMROA's made the short trip up the freeway to be a part of this great event. Many thanks go out to them and I'm sure there were some great photo's taken and stories to tell...

The next great motor race event on our calendar is the National Super Trucks, this meeting always promises suspense. I 'm not sure whether they'll have the boxing match again but there should be some good on track action!! ☺ From an OHS&W point of view, remember that the trucks do emit large amounts of Diesel smoke when racing and smoke heavily when in the pits and form up. If you are downwind of these emissions please request a facemask if you feel you might be affected. We have plenty....

(By the time you get this newsletter, gate list deadline will have passed and we are NOT needed for the Friday... Ed.)

As a side note, the T&CC feel the performance sheets for both seniors and general marshals are working well. Remember that these are now giving everyone a chance to make an assessment in what should be an unbiased environment and enables you to make a comment to the T&CC about anything we do or should be doing, and about the fellow officials we work with. Remember, we use these feedback sheets along with observations and reports from other officials including senior officials such as Chief Flag or Clerk of Course to identify who is advancing in knowledge and skills which means offerings of positions other than a general official. They also allow us to place people in appropriate positions at race meetings so the more information provided means the easier and more effective we, as a flag marshalling team, can be.

### Upcoming Race meetings

National Supertrucks	Sat/Sun 31/10-1/11 Start: TBA	Chief: Paul Hart
Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Sun 8/11 Start: TBA	Chief: David Mori
SCCSA R4 (Twilight)	14/11 Start: 8:15	Chief: Peter Cirillo

REMINDER: Cutoff Date for supertrucks was 17<sup>th</sup> October. Deadline for Twilight is 7<sup>th</sup> November

## T&CC Report (Cont.)

Finally, when you're at a flag point and looking at the condition of our equipment (and any other), the general area around you and please bring any deficiencies to the attention of the T&CC or the Chief Flag on the day. Also note these things on your performance sheet (on the back) so that if the verbal notification is forgotten or not passed on, at least the T&CC will see it when reviewing the reports at the meeting. If it's hazardous to our operations or your safety, make sure a CAMS Targeted Risk Assessment form is completed so that the hazard report is formalised and action can be taken.

That's all from now .

Andrew Leitch and the T&CC

I would like to say a very quick, however, a very BIG thank you to everyone that braved the chilly conditions at the September Superkart meeting. There was fantastic responses back from the 5 drivers doing their 8 hours trackside. You all worked so well together and the standard of flags & report writing was above par and that made my day extremely enjoyable. Cheers, Darren (Mattiske)

## Collingrove Hill climb...

I entered the Commodore in the Collingrove come'n'try hillclimb on Sat 26th Sept. There were about 50 of us, mostly a wide variety of road cars. I had heaps of fun, even if it was very cold, the track was damp and it hailed 2 times. The car park very muddy and slippery and they had already cancelled the winter cup on Sunday due to the car park being such a mess. I managed to get 6 runs up the hill. 54, 51, 47, 49, 49 and then a 46.28 seconds. Ask Paul Bonnett if the commodore sounds better now.

Peter Hall (Clerk of course) gestured to me to come over to him after my first run. The first thing that went thru my mind was what did I do wrong or most likely, what's wrong with the car. When I got to Peter, he told me that I had been dobbed in and he has been told that I now work for HP (Thanks Paul B). Apparently there was a printer in the timing tower that isn't working.

For anyone thinking about working at a hillclimb, the lunch menu is brilliant!

DARREN MATTISKE

## THE SAMROA SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU !



Do you enjoy the BBQ lunches at the Superkart meetings, BBQs after some events, the Annual Dinner, or crushing the Superkart Club to defeat when they are brave enough to challenge us??

All these activities happen because of the members of the social committee.

Not much time is needed from members of the committee, we meet once a month for an hour or so on a Monday night at the Para Hills Community Club for a drink and to discuss what supplies are needed for the shed and upcoming activities.

Unfortunately due to other commitments, we are currently down to two members on the Committee. We desperately need some assistance to keep the BBQs and Events occurring, so come on and join the committee.

Members partners or family members are also encouraged to join, perhaps this is a good chance to check out this club that the other half runs off to on the weekend!

**Contact Jodie Johnson on 08 8562 3528 or  
Scott Chamings on 0417 806 832  
to register your interest.**

## And you thought 'Drop bears' were bad....

The following is an excerpt from the seniors briefing notes for the practice shakedown meeting we did a couple of weeks ago for the Singapore GP at Johor circuit in Malaysia.

The wild animals referred to ranged from monkeys to wild boar to cobras. Fortunately, we didn't see any.

Lawrie

### Mini-Shakedown Senior Briefing Notes

#### Safety Notes:

1. Please note that there are wild animals at the circuit. Hence:
  - a) Check your sector upon arrival before allowing your Race Officials to enter the area of work.
  - b) Ensure that the areas they left their bags are safe from animals. Instruct your Race Officials to check before picking up their bags at any time.
  - c) Instruct your Race Officials, should they see any wild animals, DO NOT provoke them, but rather move away slowly and inform you as soon as possible.
  - d) If your Race Officials informed you that there are wild animals around your area, and are dangerous, make sure all your Race Officials are moved out of harm way, and let Race Control know you may not be at your point.
  - e) Do not, at any time, attempt to 'chase' the animal away!

On the serious side: with the warmer weather, snakes have started to come out of hibernation. One has already been seen out at Mallala. Be aware of them, particularly if walking through grass.

### Congratulations...

To Club member David Lans for winning 'best Stage Official' award on the Kanmantoo stage at the recent Sprint Auto parts Rally SA.

## KWIK STIX Sponsoring SA Officials

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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**



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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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#### November Newsletter:

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