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President's Report

Welcome to my first report from the new committee. I would like to welcome some "new" members in Rob Thiry, Peter Cirillo and David Mori. I say "new" as they bring with them a wealth of experience which is important at this time. The position of Vice President still remains open.

This club and its members have a record of playing a significant role in Motor sport – not only within Australia but also around the world. Shortly, some of our members will be heading to Singapore to again assist with the training and experience of our friends over there while later others will be heading to South Korea as part of the training team, not to mentioned the group . Good luck and safe travels to all involved.

The recent dinner was a reasonable success – through the hard work of the Social Committee. Congratulations to the award recipients: Rod Mountfield as most improved, Shaun Doecke winning the George Fisher medal for commitment and consistency, Bronwen Williamson club member of the year while life membership was awarded to David Castrechini. Congratulations.

Looking to the next year, our main challenge is to recruit and maintain our base of active members – particularly younger people who will form the foundation of the club in years to come. One of the first ideas we are implementing is for members of the committee to act as mentors to new members and help introduce them to our somewhat crazy ways and another side of motorsport.

We have recently had a promotions stand at the Gawler show – and will shortly have one at Murray Bridge, as well as a presence at the City-Bay fun run (Sunday 19th Sept..more people needed). The Gawler show has attracted some interest, and we hope to see some new faces trackside.

Elections for the T&CC will be held at the next general meeting (Weds 15th September 8:00pm Veneto club). This is an important committee – the 'engine room' of the club if you like as it helps organise our participation at events, training and equipment. If you are interested in participating, contact a members of the current T&CC (see inside front cover).

Finally, a note about the reward and recognition scheme. While this is managed by the T&CC, it is a large task to canvas businesses for donations of prizes. If anybody does have some leads on people/businesses to approach, please contact the T&CC as they have some letters that can be sent out, and also to ensure that their contributions are recognised.

I think that's about it for tonight, hope to see you either at the Veneto club on Wednesday night or Mallala on the 26th – or both.

Andrew.

Cover photo: SAMROA Club member of the year – Bronwen Williamson, new life member David Castrechini



TIME'S RUNNING OUT!

Sunday Mail City-Bay Fun Run. (2 ½hrs of your Sunday morning)

We are seeking more members (dressed in Club overalls) to help marshal the 22,000 or so runners and walkers at the 12km start next to the Festival Theatre on Sunday 19th September, 2010.

Our task has been expanded this year to include stagger starts for not only the runners, but also the walkers so we will require more people to cope. The event organisers want 4 groups of runners (sub 60 minutes, 60-70 minutes, 70 – 100 minutes and over 100 minutes) and 3 groups of walkers (fast, medium and slow) released at predefined times.

It's tradition that we head off to Bocelli Cafe, 81 Hutt St (corner Wakefield & Hutt St) for breakfast afterwards.

Details:

Date: Sunday 19th September, 2010

Time: Report for duty at 6.30am

Finish: 9.00am

Place: King William Road Adelaide (opposite Festival Theatre)

Parking: Free parking in Parade Grounds closest to building.

The City-Bay organizers want names ASAP. Please add you name to the database now or contact Darren Mattiske on 0412 823 171

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (cont.)

Secretary – Paul Bonnett is elected as Secretary unopposed. Andrew Robinson congratulated Paul Bonnett.

Assistant Secretary – Darren Mattiske is elected as Assistant Secretary unopposed. Andrew Robinson congratulated Darren Mattiske.

General Committee – Tony Aloï, Peter Cirillo, David Mori and Rob Thiry were elected as General Committee. Andrew Robinson congratulated Tony, Peter, David & Rob.

Andrew Robinson nominated Paul McDonald as 2011 auditor. Seconded by Scott Chamings. Carried.

Andrew Robinson thanked all out going committee members for their efforts and commitment throughout 2009 / 2010.

General Business

- Nil General Business

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From the General Meeting

Business arising from the minutes:

- First aid Course – Still looking for a few more names.
- Letter re officials' breaks has been sent off – was also discussed at CAMS meeting.
- Letter to member re health – member handed in letter from GP (see OH&S section)
- Flags – Deposit Paid – will inspect flags before making total amount.
- Communications workshop (07Aug10) A big well done to David Mori for an informative workshop. Hopeful that there will be another one for people who missed out on this one.
- Gawler Show – Darren is sure he has enough volunteers but will take more if available.
- Drive/Sprint Bathurst – any member interested contact David Mori.

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W (Provided by Andrew Robinson)

- Official taken to Hospital (18Jul10) Letter has been handed to President at tonight's meeting. Will review situation at next Committee meeting.

David Mori asked: Will official be able to fulfil ALL trackside duties on his return. The question was discussed - Who has the ultimate responsibility to say yes? It was decided it is too much responsibility for a Chief Flag to take and if there are any doubts then official should be referred to the medical centre. (Clerk of Course is also a good contact) Will have to monitor until we receive some sort of answer from CAMS.

T&CC (Provided by Andrew Leitch)

- Flags are ongoing – Deposit paid, will be inspected before balance is paid. We will be fitting our own 16mm dowel for handles.
 - Most Improved Official of the year – Now selected. Will be announced at the dinner.
 - Aspirations (where do you wish to be in the future) Darren took a bit of a survey earlier last month about where Officials see themselves in the future. Secretary will search computer/home to see if this was handed to T&CC. (If can't find then maybe conduct another survey)
 - All internal email correspondence to start using @SAMROA email addresses. This ensures a copy is always saved on the server.
 - Nominations for T&C Committee – New Committee to be voted in next month (September)
 - Briefing times for weekend State Championship Meeting – Sat 0745 and Sunday 0815. Gates open at 0700 both days. Be early, be prepared!
 - Bar B Q on Sat or Sun night – no Social Committee members will be at the meeting so Darren Mattiske will organise meat etc. David Lans will cook. Organise for Sunday afternoon and have a few beers with the WA officials.
- ### CAMS REPORT (Provided by Tony Aloï)
- Working on clarification on what a junior official can do.
 - Lunch/Rest breaks for officials has been discussed – no word from CAMS as yet.
 - IT Manager has resigned – position vacant

- Email / Web based Speed Read seems to have replaced the magazine – as yet no official confirmation from CAMS
- A Grand Prix in India is a possibility – as yet CAMS has not been approached.

SOP REPORT (Provided by Peter Cirillo)

- Nothing to report

MRP REPORT (Provided by Darren Mattiske)

- The Sporting Car Club is looking at introducing Bracket Racing – basically similar cars from different classes racing together (i.e. open tops racing together / tin tops etc.) Will have to wait for further information.
- Lights at Mallala are off the agenda
- 07 November 2010 – Date for the Superkart Nationals. (Expect a big entry list)

JDP Update

- Sept 04 is the date for the next meeting. Darren then gave a quick update of the last meeting

WEBSITE (Provided by Scott Chamings)

- Looking at placing all club documents (from the various committees) on one central database. Scott will continue to work on this task.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Annual Dinner – Keen for more names – only 20 at this stage and we need more than 40 before the caterers will come out. Will need to push at weekend's meeting. Maybe consider a plan B if we don't get numbers.
- Fridges at Mallala will need to be stocked prior to the weekend meeting.

PROMOTIONS (Provided by Darren Mattiske)

- August 28 / 29 – Gawler Show – volunteers are required to help set up and man the stall.
- September 25 / 26 Murray Bridge Show – will be joining Tailem Bend Motorsport Park display – no cost to club. Volunteers are also required.

SCC of SA (Provided by Bronwen Williamson)

- Nothing for us.

General Business

- Nominations for T&CC
- i Andrew Leitch – Nom. Peter Cirillo, Sec. Darren Mattiske – Declined
- ii Paul Hart Nom. Luigi Mori, No Sec – Declined
- iii Luigi Mori Nom. Bob Schofield, No Sec – Declined
- iv Paul Bonnett Nom. Bronwen W. Sec. Darren Mattiske – Accepted (as cross over from General Committee Member or Club OHS member)
- v Leigh Marchesi Nom. Scott Chamings, Sec. Bob Holloway – Accepted (as T&CC Member)

Chief Flag to ensure that the nominations are mentioned at weekend's meeting and note any person who wishes to volunteer.

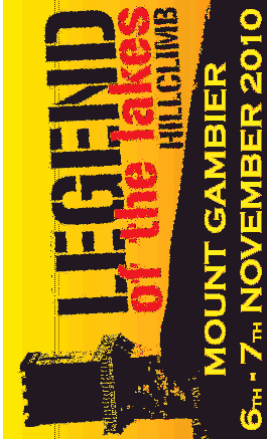
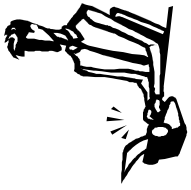
- A CATO has been requested for 19 September at Sedan.
- Luigi Mori had been in contact with Glen Malthouse earlier in the day. Glen is stepping down from the General Committee and due to his travels may not be able to attend many future meetings, however, he still wishes to remain a Club Member.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 21.27 (9:27 pm)

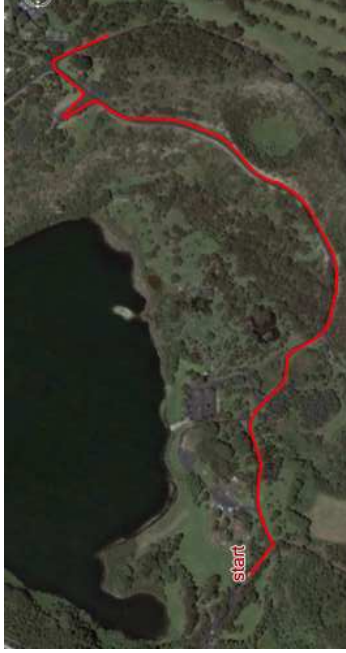
Next Meeting: 20:00 (8:00 pm) on Wednesday 15 September 2010.

Veneto Club, 06 Toogood Ave, Beverley, SA. (Any change of venue will be notified)



Fancy a weekend in Mount Gambier?

The South Eastern Automobile Club is very keen to have 3 experienced & licensed flag marshals for the Legend of the Lakes hillclimb on 6 & 7 November. Cars race from the bottom of Mount Gambier's Valley Lakes precinct, up a steep 1.4km climb to the carpark of the city's centenary tower.



They have 3 flag points along the course. Only use the Red flag and Lack of adhesion flag.

There are Scheduled breaks, and you get fed and watered.

Expression of interests to Lionel Stingers on 0427 230 003 or email lionels@carlinandgazzard.com.au

From a Chief Flag

Hi everyone, well it's been a while since I wrote for the newsletter, but I had to tell you all about the 50th Anniversary of Motor Racing with the Austin 7 Car Club. This meeting was held at Mallala on August 15th and was one of the Superkart & Modern Regularity events that are held regularly through out the year. The Austin 7 members put on a great display of pre 1960 cars, and had them on parade laps throughout the day. It was great to see these cars "Flat Stick" on the circuit, and yes some did really get up and go.

To celebrate the occasion, The Austin 7 Club had commemorative plaques made up. Every official who attended this meeting received one to celebrate this milestone, and also with thanks for the efforts we make to assist this Club in holding their events.

Lunch was also supplied by the Austin 7 Club, and I'm sure all officials agreed that the BBQ & Salads were very tasty. What made it special was the fact that we had plenty of chairs & covered tables with plenty of cold drinks on the tables waiting for us when we arrived for lunch. I can't forget to mention the chocky cake for desert, and plenty of it!

I want to thank (again) the Austin 7 Car Club and its members for putting on such a great day that all will remember.

For those who weren't there, I'm sorry you missed it!

As we get over the 3rd State Round – I want to remind you all that the 4th Round is being held over the weekend of Oct 30 – 31, this is after many SAMROA members get back from Korea. I want to ask now, if you are not going overseas or have not been trackside at Mallala for some time, than this is the meeting to return to the true meaning of being a SAMROA member – Supporting your Association! Supporting SA Motorsport and supporting your fellow officials, we can't do it alone.

From a Chief Flag (cont.)

I ask you to consider putting your name down in the red book or on the members database for this meeting ASAP.

As I'm the Chief Flag for this event you can even call me direct on 0412 319 141 so I can place you at the track. Let's try to get as many members there as possible, let's show the SA Motorsport Community that SAMROA is still strong and ready to do our best.

Take care, enjoy your Motorsport,

Paul Hart.

**Space for 'rent'
Any contributions - Pictures, short stories or items of
interest always welcome.
Please send them to the Editor, Fran at
editor@samroa.org.au**



T&CC Report

Hi folks, the annual dinner has been and gone. If you didn't get a chance to attend, it was a good night held in the mostly original, quarter size Victorian Theatre, at Scotch College. The food seemed to come and go too quick, but the drinks flowed freely and, at no cost.

There were the usual speeches and awards with Andrew Robinson and myself doing most them. Commendation needs to go to Scott Chamings for all the running around I know he had to do and we also cannot forget the efforts of the rest of the social committee. So put on your thinking caps and start suggesting venues, themes, bands (no more DJ's please!!) and other ideas for next year. If you know of a club or Function room, that's cost effective for what we do, then tell the social committee...(Ed says: better still, put your hand up to help!)

Congratulations go to all the recipients of awards, and if you were not there on the night, but won an award, it will be presented at the next general meeting or the next race meeting you attend.

We have our new flags...!!! If you were at the dinner you would have seen a set on display with varying size handles. Most people seemed to agree that the 16mm was appropriate and a protrusion of 250mm from the end of the sleeve seemed about right. Did you go and wave one? If you did and still have not commented on them please do. We should have sets ready for service as soon as the next kart meeting. Keep a look out for em, you can't miss em!!

So I can now congratulate those who have been selected for Korea. Many have trackside positions but a few SAMROA'ns have also gained higher communication and administration positions. So armed with the long list of Vaccines that are "recommended" it's off to the doc and ensuring your passport is up to date or like some, now applying for one. So I guess a good book is in order for the flights. How many movies can you watch....really.!!?? 10.5 hours on a plane looking at the ocean will be riveting!!!! ☹

T&CC Report (cont.)

Did you do the First Aid course in 2007...?? If you did the last one SAMROA offered and are also attending the session on November 20, you simply need to turn up on the day. However....if you are doing this for the first time you need to contact me to obtain your workbook and course notes. These workbooks are for you to work through over the next few weeks to allow you to learn some of the theory of the various first aid principles. Once you have completed them you can either mail them back to State Training with your details in the cover, being sure to include that you're with SAMROA, and the date it's scheduled for. Or you can bring it with you on the day. Don't forget, it'll cost ya \$30 bucks!! Pay Peter Tamm when you're ready.

Now the serious bit.....

Have you ever thought to yourself;

- ✓ I could be of assistance in managing the personnel for each event.
- ✓ I could think of how to plan the future assessments and upgrades of our officials.
- ✓ I should be on a committee as I have something positive to contribute.
- ✓ I want to support my club in more ways, than just at the track.

If you said "YES" to any of them, then you need to nominate your self for a position on the T&CC. All positions have become vacant and the current committee is in caretaker mode. So put your hand up or your name down but, in any case get on the committee.!! The Chair and Secretary roles are definitely vacant as are the other non General Committee appointments. So be at the next General Meeting to vote and come onboard. It's YOUR club,.....be a part of it.

The next event SAMROA is involved in, is the City to Bay fun run on September 19. Contact Darren Mattiske direct for more details. It's an early start, but you're out of there and enjoying a hot coffee & croissant by 0930. We've been asked to provide up to 20 people if possible so if you have ever thought about doing this event, now's the time so help out if you can.

T&CC Report (cont.)

The next race meeting is a Superkart and Modern Regularity on September 26, then nothing until October 30 & 31 which is Round 4 of the Sporting Car Clubs, "SA Circuit Racing Championship". So it's a quiet month really which means nearly every member should be able to make it. Look forward in your calendars and plan for these events, I'll be looking forward to seeing your name on the list. There'll be a few tired bodies just back from Korea so if you are not part of the OS team, then your name should be on the list for Round 4. I know you'll be needed and I don't want to have to send out several "please help" emails.

That's it.....!! Have a good month.

Andrew L & the T&CC



Message from the Ambulance Service

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE'

(In Case Of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE'. Please forward this.

It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc

PLEASE PASS THIS AROUND AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AS THIS CAN HELP IN AN EMERGENCY





**Members celebrating Birthdays
in the coming month**



September

Paul Bonnett (20th) , Peter Tann 26th – 60!!

October

**Cathy Croci 4th – 40, Life member Ted Blackwell 7th
Peter Cirillo 15th, Dainis Zakis 17th – 60!!**

Happy Birthday!!

**Have you put your name down for September 26?
You can promise your family a break until October
30/31!**

October Newsletter:

October issue will be printed on Thursday October 14 for post on the Friday.

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Tuesday 12/10. Earlier is better.**

SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On
Badge - \$6



SAMROA Sticker - \$3
(10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin
(Metal) - \$3



SAMROA 30th year
badges...\$10 each



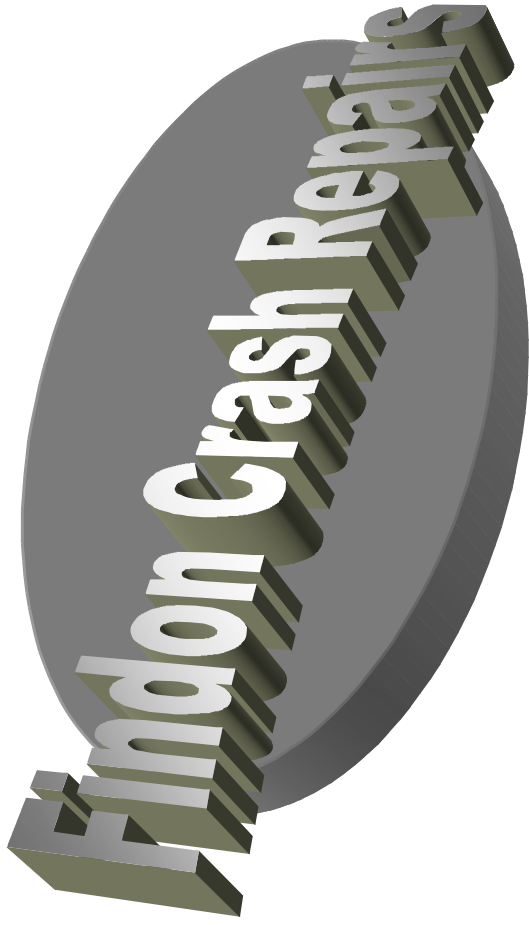
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