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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Well the only way to start this month's report is say what a great night the annual dinner was. It was terrific to see so many members attend to celebrate this year's achievements. I know all of SAMROA wish to congratulate Andrew Robinson on becoming the 2013 Club Member of the Year & Ray McGuinness as our Most Improved (to the T&CC, top choice). It was a shame Ray was not at the dinner to receive this award. However Dieter Von Zieden was there to collect the 2013 George Fisher Medal, well done to you too!

A big thanks to the Social Committee for the hard work put into the night. I know there were a few "hiccups" this year with the hotel, but they will be ironed out for next year, which will only make it better again

The General Committee has sent off a letter to the Sporting Car Club about the Tag & Testing of electrical equipment at Mallala. Many of you have reported outdated tags on fluro lights, cords etc. Please remember if you do see something that does look a little odd, report it in writing (use an incident report form, and change the heading to Engineering Report) and have the chief flag bring it to Race Control on the day that you write it.

If you are not traveling out of SA during October, you would be most welcome at the Superkart & Modern Regularity on the 27th. Please place your name on the public database or get in touch with the chief flag, Ph. number in the front of this issue.

I'm an apology for this meeting as my two wonderful nieces are celebrating their 4th & 2nd Birthdays on this date, easier to have one big party than 2 within a fortnight of each other. Pity about the date brother!

As many members are away this time of year, I wish everyone, no matter where in the world you are going or coming back from a very safe and enjoyable time.

President's Report (cont.)

The next General Meeting is on Wednesday 16th – a week later than usual due to members being away at Race Meetings! (This happened last year as well) I'll be informing members of the venue as the Royal Hotel has its functions rooms booked out on this date – as soon as the General Committee knows of a venue I'll let you all know asap via the database.

So I'll see you 7.30pm on the 16th October at a venue to be confirmed. (*stop press: usual venue for this meeting*)

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

Cover photo: the event of the year Bathurst

This and other pics thanks Caela Sims

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month

October:

Matthew Avery (25th)

November:

Grant Paproth (1st), Ron Stevens (2nd), Tanya Norman (10th), Matthew Jones (16th)

SOCIAL CLUB

Tour of SAPOL Motor Museum

The Social Committee has organised a tour of the SAPOL Motor Museum at the Road Safety Centre (part of the Thebarton Barracks) on Friday 15 November at 6:30 pm followed by a BBQ (sorry, strictly no alcohol).

This will be a joint event between SAMROA and the Walkerville All Cars Club (Walky).

Numbers are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. If you wish to attend please email Peter Tann (treasurer@samroa.org.au). As numbers are limited, if you book a place and subsequently find you are unable to attend, please let me know ASAP in case someone else would like to attend.

Please refer to the attached Map and parking instructions.

Our host for the evening will be Sergeant John Illingworth (without Humphry B Bear), who some of you will have seen competing at Mallala events. I hope you haven't met more formally!

Look forward to seeing you there

Cheers

Peter Tann



Andrew Robinsonson 'focused' on Sunday's briefing at Bathurst

BATHURST

From Caela Sims

As I am being driven across the Hay Plain, returning home from my third Bathurst event, I am reflecting on what has been an exciting but hot and tiring event. Being one of approximately 15 SAMROA officials at Bathurst made me feel proud to be wearing the white and orange overalls.



Thomas Harris, Shaun Halliday and Chris Hutchison were representing SAMROA at their first Bathurst, seeing them at the first morning briefing eyes wide at the 160+ officials all gathered in the shed, appearing slightly overwhelmed at the magnitude of the event yet filled with nervous anticipation.

The thing that SAMROA members do well when at Bathurst is look out for each other. In the morning and at the end of day a 'Hello how was your day? You ok?', and for the lucky few a hug. This support was particularly noticeable this time for Thomas, Shaun and Chris, with all members ensuring they were enjoying themselves and making sure they had everything they needed, especially when your tent gets blown down twice in 4 days.



BATHURST ctd.

Arriving into Bathurst on the Tuesday (with fellow SAMROA officials Matthew Johnson and Grant Sims) turning the corner and seeing the mountain rise up with the Mount Panorama sign it on it strangely felt like coming home.

Wednesday morning after breakfast we all went and walked the mountain in race direction to get the true perspective, watching the race on TV doesn't give you a true perspective of the steepness of the track or the amazing view from the top of the mountain. Walking the track is becoming somewhat of a tradition as I have done so each year and each year I am pleased to say it is getting easier and the time a little bit quicker. After the walk, it was off to town for the transporter parade, to the movies and then back to the mountain to relax and get organised for the racing.

Today is the day!! Thursday morning up bright and early. Do I have everything I need? Track bag, gloves, pens, paper, whistle, sunscreen, snacks, and water, yes let's go. Off to the officials shed to sign on, collect lunch and most importantly finding out where you will be placed on the mountain. Will I be up the top? On Conrod? On the Esses? Tell me tell me tell me.



SAMROA had the mountain covered going up and going down with officials starting at post 0.8 being placed up the mountain and finishing at 21.

BATHURST ctd.

4 days of events was fun, many times for rest (due to resident's access and stunt vehicles) racing which was fast, and at time very close. SAMROA officials on post seeing some big action from kangaroos at 2.6 Thomas Harris, Mostert into the wall at 7 Graeme Church, A ute finding the wall at forest elbow (post 18 myself, Steve Clift and Grant Sims) and post 21 was kept the busiest and Andrew Robinson kept on his toes.

The weather was unusually warm with many officials sunburnt even with appropriate sun protection. From my post I was in full sun and did end up as was thoughtfully pointed out to me with panda eyes. Thanks Chris Hutchinson.

I found this Bathurst better than the last and I am sure this has to do with my level of experience trackside. The more confident I am with flags and comms the better the larger events will be. I learnt some things during this Bathurst which I am sure will be helpful for my time trackside at Mallala.

I survived my first track clean-up and it wasn't as scary as I thought it would be except for the thought of it being televised argh (just remember television adds 10 pounds)



So to all my fellow SAMROA members thank you for making my trackside experience fun at Mallala, and the trips to Bathurst so memorable. Just remember that what happens on the mountain stays on the mountain and in particular what happened at post 18 stays at post 18.

See you at Mallala.

Caela Sims

2013 Wall to Wall Ride



For those who don't know on the 10th Sept I participated in my 1st ever Wall to Wall Motor Bike Ride from the Police Academy to Canberra, it took 4 days to get there, 3 days to return & just over 3000Kms in total. The weather was unkind, wind & rain on most days.

The reason for the “odyssey” was to raise funds and awareness for Police Legacy, and to have a great time doing it! SA had over 60 registered riders We basically followed the coast of Australia until Lakes Entrance (Vic) where we headed straight up the centre, pass the Alps and into Canberra for a well-earned beer (or two).

On the 2nd day in Canberra we were joined by other members of the Police Family from all around Australia at the Federal Police Complex, Just past the Canberra Airport, this is where around 1400 motorcycles rode out into the streets of the Nation's Capital 2 by 2 in a remembrance ride for the fallen officers; it was very special to be a part of this display. That evening we went to the Canberra Convention Centre for an evening of socialising and fun, the special guest was a Kevin Rudd impersonator, very funny stuff!

The following morning we saddled up and started the trip home. This was more direct, Canberra - Hay - Loxton - Adelaide, again through wind, rain. We stayed overnight in Motels and ate well! This ride is not exclusive to Police; any like-minded person can join in the fun.

(And yes, my backside did get sore on some of the longer legs!)

Cheers
Paul Hart.

The big shave

While at Korean F1 Grand Prix, Darren Matisse raised money for Karl Fleming who is doing the “Ride to Conquer Cancer” (a 200km bicycle ride which raises money for Cancer research at the Flinders Medical Centre to fight cancer) Most of us know someone who has had cancer or currently receiving treatment. Darren challenged the CAMS training team, family and friends that if they donated \$200 he would shave his head and for \$500 he would keep it shaved for 1 month. Even before he left, the tally was \$575 (W575,000)



During the Officials BBQ on the Saturday night, Koreans arranged an auction and raised over \$500 (W500,000) Karl and Darren are over the moon with their support. As you can see from the photos, [David Mori](#) seemed to enjoying it just a bit too much. Well done Ross Girvan for giving up your moustache and another local Korean Official joining in by also taking his hair off.



If anyone would like to donate, you can directly via Karl's "Ride to Conquer Cancer" personal page

http://ad13.conquercancer.org.au/site/TR/Events/Adelaide2013?px=1293474&pg=personal&fr_id=1150 mark your name with a # sign so we know what it is for.

(Darren's wife favourite saying is now "put a hat on" – not long until Darren can start growing his hair on 5th of November)



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