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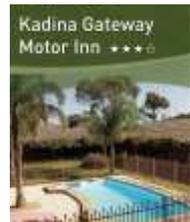
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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

The Christmas Pageants over, the Brewery Lights are up and running & the really big Father Christmas is up in the mall – So according to some food retail giants it must be Easter!

Welcome to Decembers Newsletter, what a year we have had, topped off by the Bunnings Community BBQ at Parrafield last month. I want to thank (in order of appearance) Dieter, Brad, Paul B, Darren, Bronwen, Chloe, Andrew R & Mathew J for the effort put into the day. We were busy, flat out between 8.30 & 3.30; great sales that assisted us in raising funds that will go towards equipment that we need to assist us in our rolls as Motorsport Officials in 2013. To those who tried to call me during the day, I apologies that I couldn't take the calls, customers first!

Speaking of fund raising, SAMROA has once again registered for the People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery, 100% of money raised goes to the association. This time I want to see every member take home at least 1 book to sell to family or friends. Don't leave it to the same people year after year to raise funds. This is your association be active in its growth and prosperity. I leave that thought with you.

I had the pleasure of attending the Sporting Car Clubs Annual Mallala Awards Night. One thing they pushed, despite the continued negotiations between themselves & Mallala Motorsport Park, the State Championships will continue in one form or another. Keep your ear to the ground for accurate information – don't take any notice to the numerous rumors that are floating around at this time. The General Committee are monitoring the situation and will keep you informed as we learn what's happening. *Read my story later in this edition about the dinner!*



And finally - Family, Friends & Members gathered at the Maid & Magpie Hotel a couple of Saturday night's ago to celebrate Lawrie Schmitt's Birthday. It was a great night with funny stories & photos from Lawrie's past, so once again "Happy Birthday Lawrie"

President's Report (cont.)

Well, with all that to digest, I wish you and your families all the Very Best for Christmas! Enjoy the Festive Season – Drive safe. Enjoy the SAMROA January holiday and I'll see you all in February for the 1st round of racing.

The Calendar for 2013 Racing & Meetings will be out soon.

Cheers for now

Paul Hart.

Cover photo: courtesy Paul Hart

Wishing all our members a happy and safe holiday period. See you back in 2013 full of energy and enthusiam for a brand new season.



FIA, Ecclestone expecting no action against Vettel



Sebastian Vettel locked up his third consecutive title at Interlagos

Formula 1's governing body the FIA and its commercial boss Bernie Ecclestone are not expecting any action against Sebastian Vettel amid the furore over an alleged yellow flag pass in the title deciding Brazilian Grand Prix.

Although Ferrari has confirmed that it is seeking clarification on the issue, the FIA has explained that the confusion arose due to the overlap between the electronic 'flag' light indicators and the actual flag points themselves at the Interlagos circuit.

Footage showing Vettel overtaking Jean-Eric Vergne between two yellow flag lights while his onboard yellow light was also illuminated looked damning for the German, **but a separate green flag on the inside of the circuit is understood to have been on display, clearing the now three-time world champion of wrong doing.**

Speaking to British newspaper *The Telegraph*, Ecclestone said he is surprised that Ferrari is persisting with its questioning.

"It's a shame because everything had gone so well," he said, referring to the exciting end to the season that saw Vettel scrape home by three points with a sixth place finish in Brazil.

FIA, Ecclestone expecting no action against Vettel (cont.)

“It was a super race, a super championship. Now everyone is talking about this. The problem is that no one knows what is going on.”

“Personally I think it’s not really like Ferrari to do this. I think they badly wanted to win. But if you want to go back and see what Ferrari have done down the years...

“But nothing will happen. What can they do? Take civil action? Maybe. But the case is flawed before it starts. Nothing is going to happen.”

Had a 20 second post-race penalty been issued to Vettel for overtaking under yellows would have seen the Red Bull driver relegated to eighth in the season’s final race, enough for Ferrari’s lead driver Fernando Alonso to win the World Championship by a single point.

So next time you don’t think this job matters: Remember that the 2012 F1 Championship result was decided by one green flag !!

Thank you to our patron

We have again received a donation from our patron, Vern Schuppan, which will be used, as decided last year, to send the Club nominees & partners to the CAMS Award dinner.

Nominees are:

Bronwen Williamson - SA / NT Speed Event Official

Karl Fleming - SA / NT Circuit Racing Official

Andrew Leitch : Club Member of the year

Sporting Car Club SA Presentation Dinner

On Tuesday the 27th November I attended the Annual Sporting Car Club's Presentation Dinner – which this year doubled as a retirement Dinner for Neville Pym (Yes Again...as pointed out on the night) This is where the gongs are handed out for the State Rounds of the SA Championships, so all your favourite SA Drivers were there. All categories are represented, apart from the Course Car Drivers, who were both there – but no Gongs to Alan or Steve – better luck next year guys!



The MC for the evening was Liam Meagan – who did a great job, backed up by Graham Boulter – what can you say about this man! Apparently he is the next Neville, without hair. Graham presented Neville with a glass plaque and card,

Neville gave a quick speech (Graham watching the clock) remembering where he started and what the future may hold for us all. I was pleased to be there at this time, as I knew Neville even before I became a SAMROA Member.

What's a Dinner without food? – During the evening we were served a 3 course dinner. A choice of Soup, Beef & Barley or Cream of Vegetable. Main was Barramundi or Porterhouse Steak, with salad and vegetables. Followed by Apple Crumble & Cream or Cheesecake. All very nice!

During the evening we were entertained by an “On the couch” Graham Bolter interviewing Bruce Combe. (His car pic, opposite page) Bruce spoke about his start in racing, cars he has raced and the unfortunate people who may own them now. Slides were shown of each car Bruce spoke of. Did the Improved Production guys give him heaps when he raved about the power of a Rotary Engine! To watch the banter between the drivers was great – lots of laughs.

Sporting Car Club SA Presentation Dinner (cont.)

The evening didn't run late, most people started leaving around the 10.00ish mark. Several trophies were not collected on the night, so trophy presenter Vince C decided an "on the spot auction" could solve this problem. A chance for the Course Car drivers to get a gong after all!

Thanks to the Sporting Car Club of SA for the evening.

Paul Hart.

Clipsal 2012

Are you registered for 2013?



2013 YOUNG OFFICIALS TEAM



Get Trackside at the 2013 Clipsal 500!

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) is offering young motor sport enthusiasts the opportunity to be a part of the 2013 Clipsal 500 Young Officials Team for the biggest motor sport event on the South Australian calendar.

The 2013 Young Officials Team aims to introduce motor sport enthusiasts between the ages of 16 and 25 to the world of motor sport officiating. The successful applicants will be trained in a safe and supportive environment supervised by some of the world's best motor sport officials. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the biggest event on the South Australian motor sport calendar.

This fresh & exciting program offers 20 successful applicants the opportunity to officiate trackside during the V8's and Support Category Practice sessions, Qualifying sessions & the first race start of the 2013 V8 Supercars championship.

Successful applicants will be supplied with the following:

- (2) Guest passes to the 2013 Clipsal 500 (Spectator Areas Only). These can be given to your friends or family.
- CAMS apparel & Young Officials Team Pack.
- Food every day of the event.
- An invitation to the exclusive Officials BBQ at the conclusion of the race.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Be aged between 16 and 25.
- ✓ Be available to officiate at the Adelaide City Circuit from the 1st – 3rd March 2013, between the hours of 6am and 7pm.
- ✓ Be an enthusiastic team player, willing to take direction and listen to instructions.
- ✓ Have written consent from a parent or guardian. *(for applicants under 18)*
- ✓ Be willing to cover your own costs regarding travel and accommodation

To be considered for a position to officiate the first round of the 2013 V8 Supercars Championship please follow the link below and complete the online entry form below by Monday the 17th December 2012.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Clipsal500YOP>

If you have any queries or want to know more contact CAMS Direct on 1300 883 959 or e-mail charise.bristow@cams.com.au



Ed Says



Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month

December

Member	Day
Leigh Marchesi	1st
Graham Church	9th
Darren Mattiske	17th
Chris Monck	18th
Greg Hudson	21st
Robert Schofield	25 th

Congratulations – 60th birthday!

January

Jodie Johnson	4th
Harrison Davies	6th

Stop Press

Graeme Fowler, a British flag marshal, who some people will have met when he was here a couple of years ago is coming back in 2013 and will officiate at Clipsal. Pete and Fran Tann will be hosting a barbecue to welcome him on Tuesday 26th February. Pencil the date in your diary if you can make it.

Ed's Holiday Quiz

Yes, time to keep that mind sharp ready for the brand new year.

We have sections this year. Let's start with some space science.

1. What is the closest planet to the sun
2. What is the hottest planet in our solar system
3. What planet has a big red spot
4. What planet is famous for the beautiful rings that surround it
5. Is the sun a star or a planet
6. Who was the first person to walk on the moon
7. What planet is known as the red planet
8. What is the name of NASA's most famous space telescope
9. Earth is located in which galaxy
10. What is the name of the first satellite sent into space

Now for some motorsport questions. How much do you know about Bathurst?

11. Which year did Alan Moffat first win Bathurst
12. What was Peter Brock driving when he first won Bathurst
13. What was Dick Johnson's XD Ford Falcon nicknamed
14. In which car did Jim Richards and Mark Skaife win the 1991 and 1992 Bathurst races
15. Which make of car won the 1985 Bathurst race

Next for some true/false

16. True or false? Electrons are larger than molecules.
17. True or false? The Atlantic Ocean is the biggest ocean on Earth.

18. True or false? The chemical make up food often changes when you cook it.
19. True or false? Sharks are mammals.
20. . True or false? The human body has four lungs.
21. True or false? Atoms are most stable when their outer shells are full.
22. True or false? Filtration separates mixtures based upon their particle size.
23. True or false? Venus is the closest planet to the Sun.
24. True or false? Conductors have low resistance.
25. True or false? Molecules can have atoms from more than one chemical element.

Some scrambled words to finish – clue: parts of human body

26. MRA
27. OBEN
28. GNLU
29. ETRHA
30. EINDYK
31. RAHI
32. YEE
33. BDOLO
34. EETHE
35. VLIRE
36. IBR
37. MULSEC
38. OENTSKEL
39. NEOS
40. TEFE
41. REFGIN

Quiz Answers

1. MERCURY
2. VENUS
3. JUPITER
4. SATURN
5. STAR
6. NEIL ARMSTRONG
7. MARS
8. HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE
9. MILKY WAY
10. SPUTNIK
11. 1970
12. Torana LJXU1
13. Tru Blu
14. Nissan Skyline GTR
15. Jaguar.
16. False
17. False – Pacific Ocean
18. True
19. False - fish
20. False – 2
21. True
22. True
23. False - Mercury
24. True
25. True
26. Arm

27. Bone
28. Lung
29. Heart
30. Kidney
31. Hair
32. Eye
33. Blood
34. Teeth
35. Liver
36. Rib
37. Muscle
38. Skeleton
39. Nose
40. Feet
41. Finger

Source: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/quizzes/space.html>



How did you go?

SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On Badge - \$6



SAMROA Sticker - \$3 (10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA Cross Flags (Metal) - \$3



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