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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, congratulations to our club members who were recognised at the recent CAMS awards dinner:

- Brian Agars for his award as SA/NT Speed Event Official of the year and his subsequent nomination as SA/NT Official of the year.
- Karl Fleming for his award as SA/NT Circuit Event official of the year and his subsequent nomination as SA/NT Official of the year.
- Matthew Johnson for his nomination as SA/NT Official of the year.
- Scott Chamings for his nomination as SA/NT Official of the year.
- Peter Tann as winning co-driver in his rally (Competition) class.

Also of note are David Vaughan and Tony Morgan who were both awarded CAMS service awards for services to motor sport.

Also, a thank you to Darren Martin who has joined Scott and Jodie on the Social committee. Your assistance in helping provide food & drinks at events and organising the annual dinner (and other activities) is much appreciated.

Also, a thank-you to David Marshall who has provided SAMROA with vouchers for 30-minute remedial massages. One of these will be given to a member (at random) at each race meeting. Thank you for this generous contribution – valued at almost \$800.

Finally, to Paul Bonnett, his family and his poor overworked washing and sewing machines. Over the break, they have washed all of the club overalls and washed and repaired our flags for this year.

The club is again participating in the Australian Central credit union community lottery. Last year this was a great fund-raiser for the club as we receive 100% of the proceeds of the tickets we sell. While the club's financial position is good, taking advantage of these opportunities gives us the funds to be able to do more for the club-and its members... like subsidising new uniforms.

**Cover Photo:** SAMROA members receiving recognition at the recent CAMS awards dinner. **Photo:** Jodie Johnson

Any photo or other contributions are gratefully accepted.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont.)

While the club's financial position is good, we are looking at moving some of the money in the account over to a term deposit. At the moment, we have money that is earning nothing in the way of interest, by moving some over to a term deposit with the same bank we could get it doing some work for us. This is an item for discussion at the next general meeting (8:00pm Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Feb) at the Veneto Club.

While on the topic of the Veneto club, they are looking at scaling back their opening times and may not be open on Wednesdays in the future. This means we change our meeting date (Thursday or possibly Tuesday), move to a different venue or pay substantially more for the venue than we do now (or buy a lot more drinks...). If you have any ideas for an alternative venue, please forward your suggestions – or bring them to the next meeting.

Remember also, that we are taking order for the option 2 piece uniform. We would like to get this moving forward. Remember that we need to order 50 shirts at a time, so we need more people to put in their forms & payment. Now that meetings have started up again, it's easy to bring the money along with you.

On a serious note now. I am hearing some persistent mumblings from both within and outside the club that people are not as happy as they could (or should be). We have a relatively high turnover of members and attendance is not at the level that has been in the past.

As the President of the association, the club is ultimately MY responsibility and I am answerable to the members. Talking to other people is not going to solve a problem - for anything to happen, you need to talk to the people who can make the changes that matter. I need people to communicate with me –talk to me, ring me, or write me a letter (postal address is inside the front cover). Cut out letters from the newspaper if you have to, but in order to change things, I need to get a clear picture of people's concerns.

This club is capable of great things. Its members have made substantial contributions to motor sport, not only within Australia but world wide. We need to return to the enthusiasm and 'can do' that we should have, and used to have.

My job is to drive, but I need you to help Navigate.

Andrew

## T&CC Report

Hello all and welcome to the start of our racing for the year.

This year I want to focus on the 3 R,s Reconciliation, Recruiting and of course Racing, I know many of you may say that there is a 4th R in there but this is a family show!.

Now Reconciliation means that we want to get in touch with past members and find out why they have stopped coming to events and see if it's a time, work or personal issue, we have had many great members in the past and it's a huge shame to not see them at meetings anymore, we need to tell them that it's ok if you have work and family issues and if all you can manage is a few meetings a year then that's great.

Recruiting,, well we all know we need more members so as I've said in the past its up to all of us to spread the word and try and smile when you tell them about modern reg days in the middle of June please!

Now racing,, that's easy because that's why we all come out on the weekends, but we have to remember that we joined this club not only because we love motor sport it was also to have fun and enjoy the action and get out on a weekend, we must not forget that we are there to enjoy ourselves too!

The T&CC had the yearly shed clean up on the weekend, we spent about 4 sweaty and dusty hours there on Sunday so i hope that you all can see the neatness and I want to thank the Guys for coming out and doing such a good job!

We have a pretty good number of names for the first 2 meetings of the year before Clipsal but as usual we need more so if you have the time, then I'd love to see your name on the list!

(The Fourth R wouldn't be  
REPORTING would  
it ??...Ed)



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



**February**

Steve Santinon (21<sup>st</sup>), Peter Stevens (22<sup>nd</sup>), John Stacey (25<sup>th</sup>)

**March**

Bill Bayzand (9<sup>th</sup>), Paul Hart (16<sup>th</sup>)



**Australian Central Credit Union Community lottery**

SAMROA is participating in the Australian Central credit union community lottery this year, with 1,000 tickets (100 books).

The concept of the lottery is that the Australian Central credit union and sponsors will provide tickets, prizes and run the lottery while community organisations sell the tickets and (after banking) receive 100% of the ticket monies received. This is a great opportunity to raise some funds to help finance additional training and updated equipment.

You can assist either by helping sell tickets or by buying tickets in the lottery (\$2 each, lots of great prizes). Please see Peter Tann for a book (or more) of tickets.

**-----HELP WANTED-----**

The Mitsubishi GSR/Evo club are running a 3-event Supersprint series this year, and they have approached us for assistance to provide people with flag experience who are able to man 3 flag points at their events.

Dates are Monday 8th March, Sunday 25th July and Monday 4th October. Anybody who can help is asked to contact Tristan Catford on 0400 820 745 or info@gsr-evo-club.net

Food & drink provided... any help is very much appreciated.



**Correction: Clipsal Letter (“Your sport needs you” flyer)**

There were a couple of incorrect dates in this flyer for the State Championship rounds:

Round 1 should be 27 February.

Round 4 should be 30/31 October.

# THE SAMROA SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU !



2010 Calendar of events		
Date	Event	Location
21 Feb	Superkart/Mod Reg Chief: Andrew Robinson.	Mallala Briefing: 08:15
27 Feb	SA Circuit Racing Champ Rnd 1 Chief: Adam Litchfield	Mallala Briefing: 08:15
11-14 Mar	Clipsal 500	Parklands
25-28 Mar	Australian F1 GP	Melbourne
3-4 Apr	National Historics	Mallala
11 Apr	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
1-2 May	SA Circuit Racing Champ Rnd 2	Mallala
23 May	6 Hour Mod Reg	Mallala
29-30 May	Shannons Nationals	Mallala
4-6 June	Bigpond 300	Barbagallo
5 June	HQ Enduro	Mallala
18-20 June	SKYCITY Triple Crown	Hidden Valley
20 June	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
18 July	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
15 Aug	Superkart/Mod Reg State Champ	Mallala
21-22 Aug	SA Circuit Racing Champ Rnd 3	Mallala
26 Sept	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
2 Oct	Lobethal Grand Carnival	Lobethal
30-31 Oct	SA Circuit Racing Champ Rnd 4	Mallala
7 Nov	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
18 Dec	Officials Appreciation Day	Mallala

February Club meeting Special Guest:

Raelene Carbins from the cancer council who will talk about skin cancer and prevention.

Veneto Club, Toogood ave Beverley. Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8:00pm

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.**

## SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On Badge - \$6



SAMROA Sticker - \$3 (10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA T-shirt - \$40



SAMROA Cross Flags (Metal) - \$3



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

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### March Newsletter: \*\*2 days early due to Clipsal\*\*

March issue will be printed on Tuesday Mar 9th for post on the Wednesday.

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Tues 9/3**. Earlier is appreciated.

Thanks to Peter Tann for his assistance in printing the newsletter each month.



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