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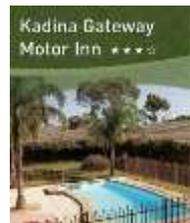


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# President's Report

Hello all,

Welcome to the July issue of Marshals Mumbblings. What a few months it's been! A rollover in May at the Modern Regularity at Turn 5; whilst a washout one day and a rollover at Turn 8 in the Improved Production at the State Round kept our officials on their toes. Thankfully both drivers were okay, pity the same can't be said for their cars. The July Superkart meeting was thankfully a little more 'sedate'!

In May, Paul Hart made the decision to step down as SAMROA president, with only a month until our AGM I am "minding the chair" until the elections. The SAMROA committees would like to thank Paul for his efforts in his time as club president.

Our Annual Dinner on August 30<sup>th</sup> is shaping up to be a great night. The Social Committee have secured a very special MC for the night – none other than **Dunlop V8 Supercar driver Todd Hazelwood!** Todd won the Shannons Supercar Showdown TV reality show in 2013 and is currently the No. 1 Rookie driver in the Dunlop V8 Supercar Development Series, piloting the Matt Stone Racing car. Todd is also a test driver for the V8 Supercar Ford Performance Racing Team – all this and he's only 18.

The dinner is at The Hackney Hotel, upstairs in our own private function room with bar and toilet facilities. Three course menu with your first drink free. Tickets are available from Peter Tann, members \$55, non-members \$65. Look forward to seeing you all there.

It occurred to me, that over the years the "inner workings" of SAMROA may not been explained to our newer members. So with that in mind, I have written an article in the hope that our members can have a better understanding of our club and how we operate. If you have any questions about our club – please just ask.

Our next general meeting is our AGM, scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>. Nominations are open for ALL General Committee positions. The committee currently meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the CAMS Office in Kent Town. Contact any of the current committee if you're interested in being nominated.

Take care and stay warm,

Bronwen

## **SAMROA and other clubs**

If you were at the State Round, you may have heard me talk at the Sunday briefing about SAMROA and our relationships with other clubs. I thought I'd try to explain where SAMROA fits in as an officials club and how we provide officials to events.

Clubs such as the Adelaide Superkart Club (ASC) and the Sporting Car Club of SA (SCCSA) are known as Event Organisers. One of their roles is to appoint officials to their event. Everyone from the Clerk of Course through to the paddock marshals are appointed by them.

The ASC have SAMROA provide flag marshals, form-up, starter, a race control communicator and the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the Course. We even provide lunch for ALL officials at their meetings, including timing, scrutineers, race secretary, stewards and ambulance.

A similar arrangement is held with the SCCSA. Normally we provide flag marshals and both a race control communicator and a logger for the flag loop. Sometimes we are asked to provide a Starter and/or Assistant Starter, and sometimes a communicator for the emergency channel.

SAMROA issues an invoice to the Event Organisers for services rendered; this money goes towards our operating costs. The scooter is registered and insured, our club has public liability insurance, equipment is replaced as necessary, uniforms are subsidised and most importantly there is beer in the fridge!

In both cases, the club running the event (the Event Organiser) has the final say on the appointment of officials. This is where there seems to be some confusion amongst our members.

The S.A. Motorsport Board (Clipsal 500) supports the State Motor Racing rounds and actively encourages the continual training and up-skilling of our local officials. In return, the SCCSA train Senior Officials at the State Rounds at Mallala to fulfil senior roles at the Clipsal 500. Positions such as: Clerks of Course; Race Control Communicators; Race Secretaries; Pit Lane, Paddocks, Grid, Flags and Track Chiefs; Form-Up; Starter and Course Car Drivers.

For SAMROA, the assistance of the SA Motor Sport Board enables us to cover (or subsidise) the cost of courses such as fire training and First Aid for our members.

## **SAMROA and other clubs (cont.)**

The SCCSA welcomes the opportunity for SAMROA to train more people in Race Control comms and as Starter when we have the numbers to do so (as we did at the last Round), however this has to be balanced with 1) their requirement as Event Organisers to appoint appropriately trained officials and 2) their need to train the senior Clipsal 500 officials.

Many SAMROA members also volunteer their time to assist in running CAMS training courses. Whilst SAMROA doesn't benefit financially from running CAMS courses, we benefit by training new members, increasing the experience of our own officials and seeing our club continue to grow.

Hopefully this has given you a little bit of an insight into our club. We're a small part of the bigger motorsport community, all working together for the benefit of our sport.

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## **RULES ARE FOR OTHER PEOPLE?**



# T & CC Report

By Steve Clift

When you receive the magazine, the Communications Up Skilling Course should have been completed. Participants were quite sound at the time of writing. If you participated, I hope you received some positive information, which you can use trackside in the future. Do not keep this new found knowledge to yourself. Share it, discuss it with your colleagues and look to become the best official that you can be. Thanks in advance to the members of the T&CC who worked diligently to deliver the course to our members.

Are you enjoying the big freeze? Only 3 weeks ago, I was walking in snow in South Australia's mid north. The things you do to keep active and occupy yourself during the winter, waiting for the warmer months of spring to spin around. You might as well keep active at sunny Mallala instead. There have been no reports of snow there. Meetings imminent are:

Superkarts	Sunday 10 August	C/F Ray McGuiness
SCCSA Rd 3	Sat/Sun 16/17 August	C/F Andrew Robinson
		A/C/F Grant Paproth

After this, there are only 4 more race meetings until the end of the year, so make the most of them and get your name down now.

There is talk the CAMS Young Officials program may extend to Mallala, so if this transpires, make the participants welcome, give generously of your knowledge and encourage them to increase their experience by joining with SAMROA regularly at Mallala. The recent improvement in our organisation has been due to the influx of younger people, some through this program in conjunction with the Clipsal. They bring a new enthusiasm to the track, so let's keep things rolling positively, ensuring their contributions are valued.

CAMS have asked SAMROA to assist with some drivers testing, such as flag testing for colour blindness. You may be asked to assist, so please follow the instructions provided by the senior organising the test, more than likely the Chief Flag for the day.

## T & CC Report (Cont.)

The search for prizes for the 2015 Reward & Recognition Scheme has commenced already. If you know someone in business, who may be interested in donating merchandise, vouchers or some other award, please let me know, so that the T&CC can follow them up. My contact details are [mclift2013@bigpond.com](mailto:mclift2013@bigpond.com) or phone 0412199266.

The members who completed the First Aid course last year have the opportunity to up skill, by doing a CPR refresher, which is required within 12 months. Brad Morrison is in the process of following up possible dates at the moment, so this will be advised as soon as possible.

Not only is SAMROA busy with training, but CAMS also provides us with additional opportunities. Charise is still looking for expressions of interest for the following:

Event Assessor	TBA
Dissecting the CAMS Manual	TBA

If you wish to participate or register an interest, then contact Charise at the CAMS SA office on 83614801 or email to [charise.bristow@cams.com.au](mailto:charise.bristow@cams.com.au) .

The last meeting saw some officials trying out new positions. The feedback was very positive and thanks to those officials for giving it a go. The more we can multi skill, the better the flexibility trackside and also, the understanding of other roles. If you would like to try something different, let the T&CC know. Some positions are outside our control, however, we will do the best we can to accommodate you, where we can.

That's about it. I don't need to remind you to dress appropriately in the cold weather. There is only one cold month to go. Everyone was well prepared for the cold at the last meeting, so well done.

Stay safe. See you trackside soon.

# Happy Birthday!

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays this month...



Colin Leaker (2<sup>nd</sup>), Andrew Robinson (a.k.a Captain Cupcake, 11<sup>th</sup>),  
Alan Candy (25<sup>th</sup>)

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## Thank you and goodnight....

After several years of work editing this Newsletter, Pete's wife Fran is standing down for a well-deserved break. These duties will be taken over by Thomas Harris and Andrew Robinson.

If you can send items of interest to the editors at [editor@samroa.org.au](mailto:editor@samroa.org.au) it will get to the right people..... and items will be very much appreciated.

Hopefully Fran will be at the dinner so that we can all thank her in person for her work.



*South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association  
2015 Dinner*



*in the Torrens room of the Hackney Hotel  
(95 Hackney Road, Hackney)  
On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 6:30pm sharp.*

*Semi-formal attire*

*Special Guest MC... Young Gun Dunlop V8 Supercar driver Todd Hazelwood!*



*Tickets: \$55 members, \$65 non-members..contact the Treasurer*

# “FOOD” FOR THOUGHT!

Some variety for the next barbecue?

WELCOME TO THE



YOU - HIT - IT  
WE - SPIT - IT

## ROAD KILL GRILL

### APPETIZERS

The Chicken That Didn't  
Quite Cross The Road  
(Tastes twice as great when it's  
slapped on our plate)

Flat Cat  
(Tastes really neat when it's fresh off the street)

### ENTREES FROM THE WILD SIDE

(It's gotta be tried while it's still in the hide)

Center Line Bovine  
Chunk of Skunk  
Smidgen of Pigeon  
Road Toad Ala Mode  
Outta Luck Duck  
Bee Beep Sheep  
Whippoowill on a Grill  
Shake'n Bake Snake  
Swirl of Squirrel  
Rigor Mortis Tortoise

All entrees served with REALLY fresh squash  
and our famous Ultra Dead Bread

FOOD'S ALWAYS MORE FUN  
WHEN IT'S KILLED ON THE RUN

### LATE NIGHT DELIGHTS

Rack of Raccoon - Awesome Possum  
Smear of Deer  
(Served French Fried right after dark)

### CANINE CUISINE

(You'll eat like a Hog when you try our Dog)

Slab of Lab - Pit Bull Pot Pie  
Cocker Cutlets - Sharpei Fillet  
Poodles'n Noodles - Snippet of Whippet  
Collie hit by a Trolley  
German Shepherd Pie

YOU HAVEN'T LIVED  
UNTIL YOU DINE ON WHAT DIDN'T

### GUESS THAT MESS!

The daily special treat that  
adds adventure to dining

If you can guess what it is,  
you eat it for FREE!

### BAG'N GAG

Our daily take-out lunch special!  
Anything dead between 2 slabs of bread

Those going to Bathurst may be aware of some of the Australian options.... Such as the Roo Stew or the Echidna enchiladas...

# **Annual General Meeting**

## **Weds 13<sup>th</sup> August at the Royal Hotel**

(Cnr North and Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town) from 7:30pm

Remember that this is YOUR opportunity to select your representatives on the General committee...and YOUR opportunity to stand up and contribute to your club.

At the last general meeting, the following nominations were taken:

President:

Andrew Leitch (Accepted)  
Bronwen Williamson (undecided)

Vice President:

Tony Aloï (undecided)  
Peter Cirillo (declined)

Secretary:

Paul Bonnett

Assistant Secretary:

Darren Mattiske (accepted)

Treasurer:

Ray McGuinness (accepted)

Committee:

Grant Sims (accepted)  
Andrew Robinson (accepted)  
Caela Sims (accepted)  
Janelle Orrock (Declined)  
Lisa Totani (accepted)

Nominations are still open.

Remember...you must be financial to be on a Committee and to vote.

# people's choice

## COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Well folks, it is the middle of July and time is running out for you to finish selling your tickets and get them back to me by July 31.

By law you must stop selling the tickets on the 31<sup>st</sup> July. After that, I will only have two or three days to collect and account for ALL of the tickets, get a cheque from our treasurer and return all the paperwork to the People's Choice Office. Just to remind you; as in previous years, we have to account for every ticket, so if you find you have lost some tickets, I need to know this so I can fill out the relevant forms.

If you have sold your tickets, or , you find yourself in the position where you have some left over which you can't sell; let me know and we can organise a time for you to return them – please don't leave it until the last week.

My contact details are in the front of this Newsletter – hope to hear from you soon.

Cheers

Paul Bonnett

Secretary.