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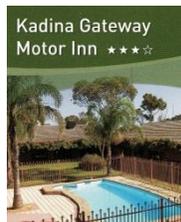


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President's Report

With only one Superkart and Modern Regularity event left this year, we start to look to the 2015 Calendar. Whilst the final CAMS Calendar is yet to be finalised the draft version I've seen looks much the same as this year.

The recent Twilight meeting was well attended; it was great to see many new faces. I think we set a new record for females working at flag points that day – a total of 7 women trackside, go girls!

We managed to lose the Interclub Challenge trophy; the Tracktime Motorsport guys from the Modern Regularity now have the dubious honour of finding a home for that massive trophy! I want to know if Karl Fleming had to bowl blindfolded as a handicap?!

SAMROA has been approached to provide 3 officials to work trackside at the Bathurst Motor Festival at Easter 2015 by the Saloon Car Racing SA group. Further details are in this newsletter for those interested. This is a fantastic opportunity to represent our club interstate and we are thankful to the Saloon Car Racing SA group for this.

The Committee are trialling a new SAMROA Mobile App! We're only in the early stages of seeing what it can do and how we can use it as a club, but it looks promising. Even better is that it's free to download and free to use! Stay tuned for more details in the New Year.

Two SAMROA members have been nominated for awards to be given out at the CAMS Dinner to be held on January 31st 2015. Tony Aloï has been nominated for the SA Official of the Year (Circuit) Award and Lisette Hutchins has been nominated for the SA Official of the Year (Junior) Award. We wish them both well.

Bronwen

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T & CC Report

December 7th Superkart and Modern Regularity meeting is the last chance to get your motorsport fix for the year. Come out and see your SAMROA family before the Christmas break.

Next season calendar is looking good with 15 SAMROA events, also the Adelaide Motorsport Festival and Clipsal 500. The final dates should be out late next week. Please have a look at your calendars and put your name in the red book, on the database or phone a T&CC member.

T&CC Nominations are still open up until the vote at the General Meeting on 10 December. This could be your chance to guide the club through some exciting times as SA Motorsport Park, at Tailem Bend, ramps up the circuit construction which should see cars on the new track late next year. Send you T&CC nominations to the General or T&CC committee members, or on the night.

Don't forget to attend on the December General Meeting for your chance to vote.

Tony Aloï

We also recently received some feedback from the sporting car club:

Good afternoon,

Just a thank you for your efforts on Saturday and may I request that, where Applicable, you pass on our appreciation to your crews.

The weather can only be described as ideal, with, so far as I can establish, all parties happy.

If I don't see you before may I take this opportunity to wish you, your, teams and your families all the compliments of the upcoming festive season.

Attached is a copy of the promotional flyer for next year. We can all use Clipsal as training for Mallala!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Keith Williamson

Well done all keep up the great work!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – BATHURST MOTOR FESTIVAL

EASTER 2015

SAMROA has been approached by Saloon Car Racing SA to select three members willing to travel and work as officials trackside at the 2015 Bathurst Motor Festival at Easter (3-5 April 2015). Saloon Car Racing SA is offering to provide financial assistance (\$500 per official) to contribute to the cost of travel and accommodation for the event.



The SAMROA committee is now calling for expressions of interest from members who would like travel to Bathurst and participate in the 2015 Bathurst Motor Festival.

The Selection Criteria for officials is as follows:

- Applicants must be available to provide their own travel to and from Bathurst and accommodation during the date of the event from 3rd – 5th April 2015
- Be a current financial SAMROA member
- Hold a current CAMS Bronze level or above Circuit Official licence
- Must have good skills in: communication, leadership, teamwork, a professional attitude and be an ambassador for SAMROA

Expressions of interest are only being sought for trackside officials.

In the interest of transparency, SAMROA members David Mori and Rob Thiry have been enlisted to assist the SAMROA Committee in identifying suitable candidates.

Please submit your expressions of interest, with a short CV ensuring the aforementioned criteria is covered, to

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EASTER 2015 – Continued

SAMROA Secretary – Paul Bonnett

Email: secretary@samroa.org.au or by post: SAMROA, GPO Box 1312, Adelaide, SA, 5001

Expressions of Interest must be received by COB 21st November.

More information about the event can be found at -
<http://bathurstmotorfestival.com.au/>

Newsletter publication dates

Next Newsletter:

Thursday 4th December

Remember we need a few days to edit the newsletter before publication, so having material in a early is very welcome..... Thanks to Jodie Johnson and Thomas Harris for their Articles in this months newsletter.

Andrew & Thomas

Happy Birthday!

The following members have, or are celebrating birthdays...

Grant Paproth (1st), Ron Stevens (2nd), Tanya Norman (10th), Mathew Jones (16th), Chris Hutchinson (19th), Tony Aloï (21st), Caela Sims (23rd) (40!!), Chris Anderson (26th), Life Members Rob Thiry & David Castrechini (28th), Life Member Lawrie Schmitt (29th)

Save the Date



2014 SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY MOTOR SPORT AWARDS

Date: Saturday 31st January 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: AAMI Stadium Function Complex

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Singapore Grand Prix Trip – Thomas Harris

Recently I was blessed with the opportunity to travel on my first trip overseas to Singapore to attend the Singapore Grand Prix as a Flag Marshall, I was allocated to work with the team at Sector 9R and I also thank them for welcoming me into their family.

Whilst there I spent a few days as a tourist as well taking in the sights and sounds of Singapore it was an amazing experience which would not have happened without Cecil Hamilton (Chief of Communications, Singapore Grand Prix) allowing me to stay with him and his family during my 10 days there.

Before the event I was given some pretty dreadful news that my mother had been re-diagnosed with cancer however we both agreed that I should continue to go over and make the most of it, for those wondering mum is currently receiving treatment and so far the results are promising.

My first few days entailed walking around Orchard Rd and also taking a flight on the Singapore flyer (in my own pod whilst enjoying a glass of champagne), then I spent four fantastic days watching and marshalling the wonderful machines that they call F1's (Historic and Current) with Lewis Hamilton winning the race along with Sebastian Vettel and Australia's own Daniel Ricciardo alongside on the podium there was also the Asian Porsche Carrera Championship it was an amazing time and I'm sure I will be returning there in the near future, plus you get all kinds of goodies including a officials T-Shirt designed by officials and selected by officials.

After the Grand Prix I spent the next day at the Singapore Zoo and Night Safari even trying a Singapore Sling one night, the following day I went to Sentosa where the Aquarium, and water park were (unfortunately a lot of my photos from both were pretty bad) but I also made a stop past the Casino walking around inside for a while (all a bit too crazy for me) that night I took a big leap out of my comfort zone and tried both chilli crab and pepper crab which were both interesting.

On my final day I went and walked around Gardens By the Bay which was amazing so many wonderful colour's and plant life before returning home to pack and leave for Changi Airport but not before enjoying a nice bowl of chicken rice, my flight didn't leave till 11:55PM so I had quite a while to do what most people do in Singapore... walk around the airport and also enjoyed a cider before quickly running and getting on my plane.

My trip was amazing and I would definitely recommend 1. to my Marshall friends when you are confident take the plunge and go to the Singapore Grand Prix you won't regret it and 2. to my other friends go to Singapore and spend a few days there, for me it was the best place to start what will hopefully be more adventures around the globe in the future.

My First Trip to Bathurst 2014 –Jodie Johnson

My first trip to Bathurst started a week before the big race. I travelled with Matt and Grant. We went in a 4WD and took the camper trailer with us.

After dropping the kids off with their Grandparents for the week, we left Aberfoyle Park at about 4:30pm on the Sunday and drove to Lamaroo for the first night. We figured it wouldn't mean as much driving all at once. We stayed at the Lamoroo Pub and went to the local Deli / takeaway for tea. We ordered pizza and got some sleep for the night, listening to the entertainment of some locals pretending to play golf.

We got up bright and early and were on the road by around 7am. Grant drove the first stopping briefly at Balranald to get some breakfast. Once at Ouyen, we changed drivers to Matt and kept going. Getting into Hay at about 11:15am, we debated briefly about stopping for an early lunch; but since the bakery wasn't open, I jumped in the drivers' seat and tackled the Hay Plain.

The car was a breeze to drive and the 285Kms seemed to go by pretty quickly. We made a quick pit stop at Rankine Springs for the boys and before we knew it, we were in West Wyalong and I was starving for some lunch!! The bakery was open (just), so a late lunch was in order.

Grant, Matt and I decided to rest and relax for the night so we got a cabin at the caravan park and waited for Matt Avery, Chris Hutchinson and Lisette Hutchins to catch up to us.

Once they had arrived, we all walked down to the pub for a good meal and picked up some ice cream for dessert before deciding that we were sleeping in the next morning!

Grant decided that he was going to drive from West Wyalong to Bathurst, so after a shower and breakfast we were off. The closer we got to the Mountain, the more excited the boys got. Two and a half hours later, we arrived at Bathurst!

We got our credentials and in we went to set up our campsite. We were directly behind the pits and the Red Bull guys. Whilst setting up, Chris Anderson came down and said hello. Once set up, we went into town and got some shopping for the week.

It was pretty cute shopping with the guys. People were very nice and friendly, but we did get some strange looks, and I think it was because I was shopping with 2 men – they didn't quite know what to think!!

Once the shopping was done we went for a walk through the pits and just relaxed after unpacking the car.

The next day we went into town for the Truck Parade (very noisy!!) and Grant got some signatures before we headed back to the track. As is tradition, we then went for a walk around the track – big mistake!! I discovered just how unfit I am!!!! The TV does not do the track justice. Its long and the hills are steep; took me about 2hours to walk it (about 1.5hrs to climb it!) and I was exhausted after it. The best bit was as we were walking into pit lane, DJR were unveiling their livery for the weekend.

The welcome dinner was held that night in the “muster shed” where caught up with the remaining SAMROA members over for the race. I discovered I was placed at 1.6L and I had Ben Anderson with me. Matt was placed at 9.0R and Grant was at 22.2L. We discovered that SAMROA covered pretty much the entire track from start to finish – very cool!!!

Up early the following morning for our first day trackside. My sector was from Victoria and his name was Arthur. Ben and I also had another flaggie with us from Victoria also and her name is Zoe. We became pretty good friends with the people on point. It was an eventful day full of red flags, but thankfully none with us. It was good being trackside and we were all comfortable with everything, even though the bus that transports officials around the track only started dropping people from Post 2, so we had to hike it up the hill to 1.6L; which was situated under the Pedders sign on mountain straight – right out front of the winery!!!

Day 2 was just as good, but we gained an extra flaggie who came to us from 22.2L. Craig was also from Victoria and slotted in with us perfectly. We had a v8 ute pull up at our point (got hit from behind) and once he got out the ute, decided that he wasn't very happy as he threw down his helmet! And the wildlife also decided to visit – a female and her joey.

By the end of day 2, I was getting tired but was ok. Most of the members who were over from SAMROA went into the RSL for dinner and we got our own table in a separate room as they were pretty full. The meal was excellent and it was a good night out.

Day 3 began with a slight sleep in and the crew at 1.6L gained a new member named Bec from Newcastle. By this stage we had 5 on point, aside from our sector and decided that it was probably not really required. Day 3 was interesting as we had a visit from the local wildlife who decided it would be a great idea to cross the track whilst the Dunlops were going around! It was the same pair as the day before only this time the joey made it over the fence and unfortunately got hit twice. It did survive and we didn't see them for the remainder of the weekend.

Whilst at 1.6L, we had a very good view of turn 2 and all the carnage that happened there. We were watching them go into the corners 3 wide, and thinking that this isn't really going to work – it didn't!! Saw all the carnage and was actually grateful I wasn't there!!!

Went to bed a little early on Saturday night knowing we were getting up early the next morning as we were due on track for a comms check at 7am. It made for a very long day and I think the only thing the main race didn't have was rain or snow as it had everything else, including a red flag!! The last red flag for Bathurst was apparently back in 1992. It was actually perfect timing as I had just sat down for my lunch break!!

The local wildlife made an appearance after the restart around at 22.4R; however this one didn't survive. By then end of the race the entire flag point were madly cheering on the Ford boys to catch Red Bull and I think we cheered louder than the crowd when Ford crossed the finish line first!!

I was utterly exhausted as we didn't sign off from point until 7pm and 12hours on point is one long day!! The three of us went over to the muster shed for the farewell dinner and compared stories and said good bye to our new friends.

As we were leaving early the following, Grant, Matt and I packed up and loaded the car as much as we could, ready for the next morning. I must admit, getting up at 5am and packing the camper trailer away was not my idea of fun and I also didn't sleep well. After getting it all packed up, we were off by just after 6am NSW time. As Grant was wide awake, he drove the first leg home to West Wyalong. I then drove the Hay Plain again during which both boys fell asleep. Once at Hay we stopped quickly for toilets and got some lunch from the bakery and Matt then took over the driving with Grant doing the last leg.

It was near on 6pm when we pulled into Taillem Bend and decided that we were going to stop for some tea and pulled into the Bridgewater Inn. After dinner, it was a 20minute drive to Grant's place and we unloaded the car and Matt and I continued home to see our kids, who I swear all had growth spurts whilst we were away and I missed like crazy!

Overall, I had a ball and would definitely recommend going at least once and it's a must with friends. I will definitely be going back as the Mountain definitely knows how to call once you've been!!!

