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# President's Report

Welcome to the October Newsletter.

As I write this some of our officials are preparing to travel, both interstate and overseas to officiate at motorsport events. To those of you making the annual pilgrimage to the mountain – drive safe, stay safe and have fun. Those of us staying home will enjoy trying to spot you on the TV coverage! To Lawrie Schmitt, David Mori and Tony Aloï who are attending the inaugural Russian Formula One Grand Prix in Sochi as part of the CAMS International Training Team - we hope you have a wonderful time and can't wait to hear your stories when you return!

On the 30th of August we celebrated the club's 36th Birthday with a lovely dinner at the Hackney Hotel. The night was made even more special by having Dunlop V8 Supercar driver Todd Hazelwood as our guest MC for the evening. What an impressive young man! He certainly gained a few more fans from the night and we wish him well on his motorsport journey. The highlights of the night included the presentation of the awards for the Club Member of the Year and the Most Improved Official.

This year, the committee decided to think outside the square when it came to choosing the Kaye Morisset Memorial Club Member of the Year. We chose someone who has dedicated many hours to the club over the last 6 years for little or no recognition. Fran Tann (Peter's better half!) has worked tirelessly each month, editing, proof-reading and finally publishing our newsletter. So a very big thank-you to Fran and a well-done to Peter for keeping it a secret!

The T&CC award for the Most Improved official was this year given to Shaun Halliday. Shaun started with SAMROA just over 2 years ago, and since then has attended most Mallala meetings as well as the SAMROA first-aid, fire and communication training days. Shaun has not only shown himself to be a capable senior on a flag-point, he has also shown his ability in working in other areas such as form-up and recovery. It's this dedication and willingness to tackle other roles when asked to, that the T&CC recognised in Shaun, choosing him to receive the award for Most Improved Official. Well done Shaun!

## President's Report (Cont.)

The Superkarter's have lain down the challenge to SAMROA for the Interclub Challenge trophy. This time it's bowling and to give them a chance, we've invited the Modern Regularity guys to join in. It's on at AMF Woodville on Thursday October 16th from 7pm. There may still be places left on the SAMROA team by the time you read this – contact Darren Mattiske on [dmattisk@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dmattisk@bigpond.net.au) or phone 0412 823 171. The general committee has agreed to subsidise the SAMROA team, cost is \$15 for 2 games, shoe hire and nibbles. Even if you don't bowl - come on down, I'm sure it will be a fun night away from the track to get to know each other better and enjoy ourselves.

Our next General Meeting is on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October from 7:30pm upstairs at the Royal Hotel, Kent Town. Hope to see you there.

Bronwen

### Newsletter publication dates

Some of you may have wondered what happened to the September newsletter. In short, due to a lack of material...there wasn't one.

Traditionally, the newsletter has been published the Thursday before a general meeting...which is now the Second Wednesday...but every second month.

Following this rule, the publication dates for the last two newsletters for 2014 will be:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November and  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Remember we need a few days to edit the newsletter before publication, so having material in a early is very welcome.....**

**Andrew & Thomas**

**Cover Photo:** Club member of the year, Fran Tann.

**Photo:** Peter Cirillo. More photos from the dinner on the SAMROA website.

# T & CC Report

Well, can you believe the 2014 motor racing season is almost complete with only three race meetings left until the end of the season.

Diary Dates: October 26th SuperKart and Modern Regularity

November 1st SCCSA State Round 4 – Twilight event

December 7th SuperKart and Modern Regularity

2014 has been an exciting year with the T&CC being able to place many officials in new roles on and off the track. Please remember if there is a new role that you would like to try within the club please let members of the T&CC know. We are always looking at succession planning.

Nominations are now open for the T&CC. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. The T&CC assist in management of personnel at each event, plan training and assessments and support the club. To be a member of the T&CC you must hold a minimum of a bronze license. If you're interested in joining us on the training competition committee please let a member know (see inside front cover for contact details).

We are also on the lookout for new WHS representative for the club. The WHS rep. can hold a general license and you will be required to attend the T&CC meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month). Please if you're interested in holding this position please let a member know (see inside front cover for contact details).

Elections for new members of the T&CC will now take place at the December meeting; this is due to the number of officials that will be interstate and/or overseas officiating at events at the October meeting.

To all of the members that are travelling in the next few weeks whether it is interstate to Bathurst or overseas to Russia for the Formula One, please take care of yourself and your travelling companions we like to see you trackside at Mallala for the remaining race meetings.

## T & CC Report (Cont.)



Tony Aloï travelling to Russia for the Formula One Grand Prix, along with David Mori the only two representatives from SA that are going. (Photo courtesy of CAMS)

There is a General Meeting for all members on Wednesday October 8, 2014 at 7:30 pm held at the Royal Hotel, Kent Town.

Two members of the T&CC are getting married in the next few weeks. To Brad Morrison and Megan and Adam Litchfield and Minny; from everyone at SAMROA we wish you all the best.



### Happy Birthday!

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

**September:** Lui Mori (6<sup>th</sup>), Paul Bonnett (20<sup>th</sup>), Peter Tann (26<sup>th</sup>), Peter Jury (28<sup>th</sup>).

**October:** Cathy Croci (4<sup>th</sup>), Life Member Ted Blackwell (7<sup>th</sup>) Peter Cirillo (15<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Avery (25<sup>th</sup>)

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# Save the Date

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## **2014 SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY MOTOR SPORT AWARDS**

**Date:** Saturday 31st January 2015

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** AAMI Stadium Function Complex

**OFFICIAL INVITATIONS TO FOLLOW**

**CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT LIMITED**



## **CAMS Illicit Drugs Program**

CAMS have put in place a new illicit drugs in sport program which means that competitors AND OFFICIALS can be tested for illicit substances.

People need to be aware that some of these substances are present in some medications (particularly for cold and flu). If you NEED to use any of these medications, you can obtain an exemption – the form for this is available on the CAMS website and will need to be filled in by your medical practitioner.

Further information including a list of banned substances and an application for exception based on medical grounds are available from the CAMS website at:

<http://www.cams.com.au/motor-sport/safety/illicit-drugs-in-sport-%28idis%29>



A recent event in SA saw approximately 30 competitors AND OFFICIALS tested...be aware of what is in your medicine.