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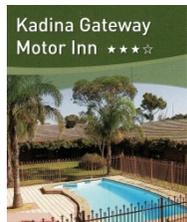


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President's Report

Welcome to the April newsletter.

As I write this, some of our members are enjoying the sights and sounds of the Bathurst Motor Festival representing SAMROA. Adam Litchfield, Matthew Johnson and Ray McGuinness were the three chosen officials to attend the event with the generous help of the SA Saloon Racing drivers. We look forward to hearing all about the event on their return.

Next up is our own Historic Meeting – traditionally held over Easter, this year it has moved to the Anzac Weekend. Practice will start at 12 noon on Saturday and racing will continue through to approximately 8:30pm. Sunday is looking to be a 9:30am start (after the traditional free breakfast) with a finish time of around 4:30pm.

With the late start Saturday, officials are being asked to bring our own lunch. Stay tuned to your emails on this – we may well put on our own early BBQ lunch at the SAMROA shed. We will be given a light snack to begin the day with and have a dinner break around 5pm. Camping is available Saturday night. If you wish to camp Friday night – drop me an email at president@samroa.com.au and let me know names and expected arrival time so I can pass them onto Clem. Clem will be locking the gates overnight, so you need to be sure you will arrive early.

At the last general meeting our uniform was discussed at length. This has come about due to our overall manufacturer (Revolution Racegear) advising us that the cost of overalls will now be \$190 (that's before embroidery). Thanks to the helpful discussion held at our meetings, we are investigating a number of options moving forward.

Don't forget, we're holding meetings monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. That makes our next meeting on the 8th of April, upstairs at the Royal Hotel, Kent Town from 7.30pm.

Bronwen

T&CC Report

A big 'thank you' to all those who attended the Masters of Mallala twilight meeting on 21st March, we had good numbers which helps over a long day; it also helps us to share our trackside experience with others. The racing season is truly underway.

Race meetings for this month are:

12 April Superkarts and Modern Regularity:

These events provide great training opportunities – for new people, for those developing in a leadership role and a chance to train people in new positions when we have the numbers to do so.

25-26 April Mallala Historic Race Meeting:

Saturday, ANZAC Service at 10AM and a 12pm race start. This event is a great opportunity to see some rare and vintage vehicles on the track and in the paddock.

3-May Peter Hall Memorial 6-Hour regularity relay:

This is a different event, similar to Modern regularity but with competitors arranged in teams scoring points collectively over a 6-Hour regularity session. Lots of practice in the use of the Blue flag while doing something a bit different.

It is necessary to get your names down as soon as possible. The numbers need to be passed onto all groups involved in running the race meeting (particularly the Historic meeting). We are also trying to arrange placements to allow more training opportunities at race meetings (e.g. Chief Flag), and getting names in early help us to plan this. That said, it is much easier to take your name off the list before the event than getting it put on there in the first place..

You can add your name to the list by using the Database, contacting a T&CC member (see inside the front cover of the newsletter) or contacting the Chief Flag mobile (0448-633-382). Remember though, that if you send a text to the chief flag mobile, include your (full) name so that we know who it is....

As we are getting more people in new roles, we are asking that the feedback sheets be filled in whenever we have more than 1 person in a role (e.g. formup, starter etc). They may seem like a pain, but these sheets are important to the T&CC as a tool for getting information of how people are developing, and how we can help them with their development.

CAMS Training

New CAMS training courses are coming. The courses have been completely overhauled thanks to the efforts of David Mori, SAMROA Life Member and CAMS Training Manager.

- Silver Module (Adelaide)- Saturday 18th April 2015
- Event Command (Adelaide)- Sunday 19th April 2015
- Event Assessor (Adelaide)- Sunday 30th May 2015

For details of how to enrol please look at the CAMS Training article in this newsletter or contact the CAMS SA office.

SAMROA Training

The T&CC is looking at training for later this year, in particular First Aid training before November so that our certification remains current. Fire training is also being looked at as well. Will post more information when it becomes available.

Finally, a reminder that we still have a position open in the T&CC. You need to have a Bronze licence to be a member, but it can be a learning opportunity to see how things work behind the scenes to arrange and review our participation at events. If you are interested, talk to one of us...

That's about it for the month, hope to see you trackside soon.

The T&CC.



Upcoming Officials Training Modules

More courses will be organised for 2015 around Australia and the course information will be updated on the website as it becomes available.

For the most up to date information on courses that are available for you to attend, please visit the [CAMS website](#)

South Australia

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- Event Command (Adelaide)- Sunday 19th April 2015
- Event Assessor (Adelaide)- Sunday 30th May 2015

For more information or to register now: sa@cams.com.au

Modules Available Online

- Introductory module
- Bronze Circuit Official
- Bronze Event Administration
- Bronze Event Command
- Bronze Rally Officials
- Off-Road Officials

For more information or to register now: Call CAMS Member Services on 1300 883 959 or email our Member Services team at: memberservices@cams.com.au

Event Assessment Process

1. Booking an Event Assessment
2. Planning the assessment
3. Conducting the assessment
4. Submit forms

For more details on each step, please [see here](#)



MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 11 March 2015 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Royal Hotel (Cnr North and Dequetteville Tce,
Kent Town)

Meeting Opened: 19:40 (7:40 pm)

Present: Bronwen Williamson, Paul Bonnett, Ray
McGuinness, Robert Holloway,
David Lans, Graham Church, Lisette Hutchins, Karl
Fleming, Matt Avery,
Peter Tann, Caela Sims, Shaun Halliday, Lisa
Totani, Andrew Robinson,
Chris Hutchinson and Matthew Johnson.

Apologies: Tony Aloï, Darren Mattiske, Jodie Johnson, Brad Morrison,
Janelle Orrock,
Aaran O'Leary, Rod Mountifield, David Mori, Peter
Cirillo and Rob Thiry.

Visitors / Guest: David & Narelle Vaughan, Chloe Trotta &
Joe Moutaras.

Late: Bob Schofield

Announcements / Reminders:

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Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes (February 2015) were placed on the tables for members to read. Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Matthew Johnson. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Overalls were washed after the last event – all ready for the next one March 21.
 - Letter to Vern Schuppan A.M. has been typed and sent out.
 - SAMROA Corflute signs were hung around the Clipsal Flag points – perhaps a little too early to see if they had any interest.
- Clipsal ran their own Junior Officials Program this year – big well done to Lisa and Lisette for the job they performed over the weekend.
- No further business arising from minutes.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached)
Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Caela Sims that the correspondence be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- No business arising from the Correspondence List.

Treasurer's Report: (February 2015)

Opening Balance: \$ 3, 064.41

Receipts: \$ 1, 935.30

Outgoings: \$ 1, 085.56

Closing Balance: \$ 3, 914.15

\$ 3, 914.15 + \$ 14, 589.73 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 18, 503.88

The report was moved by Ray McGuiness. Seconded by Andrew Robinson. All voted in favour that report be accepted.

Accounts for Payment:

- Postage for Newsletter - \$28.00
- Royal Hotel: Room Hire is \$60.00

The Accounts for Payment were moved by Ray McGuiness. Seconded by Peter Tann.

All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS (Presented by Shaun Halliday)

- Found a book on Hydration / Dehydration – will try to reproduce it for Web Site / Newsletter.
- At any event, whether it be hot or cold, If any of you ever feel sick at a point – don't be a hero - stand down! It is better to rest than try to “tough” it out and risk further injury.

Looking at a portable shelter for Form-up and some proper Eskies for the Flag Points.

- Discussed the known safety problems at FP4: All that can be reported has been reported! SAMROA can't really do much more, just be aware of your surroundings and be careful.

T&CC (Presented by Caela Sims)

- Child Protection courses – First one next Monday night. Will be plenty more opportunities for us to undertake the training. There are two online modules that need to be completed before attending the course.
- We had 7 or 8 new officials who came out for the first event of the year – all were contacted after and good to say that none were put off by the hot conditions – all have vowed that they will be back out in the future.
- Looking at revamping the Mentoring program later in the year

- Reminder of the upcoming training courses (see CAMS Section) Could also be running a First Aid refresher / renewal course in maybe Nov. Also WfW have advised of a possible refresher course sometime this year – stay tuned for any updates.

CAMS (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Last Meeting held 17 February 2015)

- CAMS Affiliation renewed. Pack picked up / CAMS Manual to be placed into CF briefcase.
- CAMS SA/NT Motorsport Calendars now available. Council members very upset with format – no Club Information!!
- Officials Training available:
 - Silver Module: 18Apr15,
 - Event Command: 19Apr15,
 - Event Assessor: 30May15,
 - Circuit Module: 07Jun15,
 - Rally Module: 28Jun15, and
 - Unravelling CAMS Manual: 16Jun15 (? - need to check date)
- Secretary showed an example of his new Official's Passbook, no individual colours, no room for consecutive personal / licence details to be inserted, no training details at rear of book and a lot thinner than our current books. President will raise concerns with David Mori.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT (Taken from last CAMS Meeting)

- Rob Thiry spoke of:
 - Nominating officials for the CAMS and Fabulous Officials Awards,
 - Official's licensing system is being changed, and
 - Young Officials program was run at the recent Clipsal 500.

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT (Darren Mattiske was apology at meeting)

- No report.

WEBSITE / IT

- 2015 racing calendar has been updated.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Looking for ideas for next Dinner (one suggestion has been SCC-SA clubrooms)

PROMOTIONS (Darren Mattiske apology however from last Committee Meeting)

- SAMROA Corflute Signs were used at Clipsal – unsure of recruiting value at this time.
- Would like to start running displays at shopping centres again. Peter C. has spoke to Sam and Yasser Sharhin about promoting SAMROA at On The Runs.

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA (Presented by Grant Sims)

- Looking into problems with the light panels at Mallala
- At the Master of Mallala Twilight – SCC-SA will be trialling an open wheeler under lights to gauge if feasible to run races.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY TICKETS

- Forms have been lodged – 70 books. (May return some this year)
- Online Ticket Sales begin Mid-March 2015 / Paper Tickets will be available for collection / go on sale 01May15. Will not be available for selling at Clipsal sign-on.
- Attended an information session last night about selling tickets online – hope to go live later this month.

General Business

- Uniforms: Due to a large price hike on our overalls, Committee has started looking at alternatives. Is it time to move away from our traditional overalls and adopt the shirt / trousers as our “working” uniform (Keep Orange / White to preserve our heritage) Overalls will not be replaced, however, if a member wants to replace their overalls, then the cost will be on them. There was discussion on a suitable shirt – needs to be long sleeved and be able to accommodate our embroidery. (also it should not be made of flammable material) Chloe volunteered to bring in an example of her work shirt – next meeting.
- Darren's JDP is looking for another Hyundai Excel (or another motor to suit) If you know of one, contact Darren Mattiske or Peter Tann.
- Mount Alma Hillclimb is weekend 28/29 March. Promoters are looking for officials to help out.
- Dave Vaughan – Once again collecting your unwanted motorsport caps and shirts for Caps4kids / Tees4Teens. Targets for 2015 are 500 caps and 150 tee shirts. Empty your cupboards and donate to this worthy cause. You can deliver them out to Mallala and Dave will collect at the next meeting – Anzac Day Historics. If you want to see how the donations are going, look up www.caps4kids.com.au or like on BookFace.
- Big thank-you passed on by Karl Fleming – All of the competitors on the day were really appreciative of all the Officials who worked in the heat at the Superkarts / Modern Regularity meeting (15Feb)

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 21:00 (9:00 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (9:1530 pm) on 08 April 2015**

ROYAL HOTEL, 02 North Terrace, Kent

Town

A Message from the Editors

Thanks for all the contributions to the newsletter for April they were all in on time. Next deadline for articles will be **Friday 9th of May at 5PM.**

Andrew & Thomas



Happy Birthday!

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

Grant Sims(05th), John Silverblade (06th)(60!!), Dieter Von Zieden (11th),
Life Member David Mori (11th), Matthew Johnson (15th), Robert
Holloway(18th).

Photo's taken by: Christopher Hutchinson (front)
Thomas Harris (back)

Can you help?

SAMROA Member Peter Tann is currently helping to run the Tarmac JDP, after receiving a car and working on it the car broke down. Only managing to complete half a lap of the Mallala track.

Currently he is trying to source either a free or a very cheap Hyundai Excel twin cam motor or whole car. So if you know anyone who might be able to help give Peter Tann a call on 0417867403.

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Vettel Astonishes at Malaysia

The German, who signed to the Maranello based Scuderia Ferrari last year, has scored his first victory for the team and the first victory for Ferrari since 2013 surprising many teams including Mercedes who had dominated for 8 races dating back to the 2014 season. Differing strategies behind the safety car left Vettel out and allowed him to make a two pit stop strategy work. As a moment of irony, Vettel passed his former team, Infinity Red Bull Racing and its new number one driver, Daniel Ricciardo who finished 10th.

"A phenomenal day. How does it feel? It feels incredible, to see the guys when I looked down from the podium. I can only recall the victories Fernando [Alonso] had at Ferrari and especially Michael [Schumacher]." The four times world champion reflected after the race.

Currently Lewis Hamilton leads the championship by 3 points with Vettel second and Rosberg third. Mercedes leads the constructor's championship from Ferrari and Williams.

Lowndes Misses 100th victory at Tasmania

Having won the first two races of the weekend and scoring pole position for all three races, Lowndes was attempting to become the first V8 Driver ever to have a century of race wins.

After an incident with David Reynolds at turn two, the Red Bull Racing Australia driver was penalised with a drive-through penalty from race stewards. His teammate Jamie Whincup went on to win the race and move into second for all-time race wins with 91 to his name surpassing Mark Skaife.

Lowndes will have the opportunity to make the phenomenal milestone for any driver at Perth with its three races. Barbagallo racetrack is also where Lowndes broke the previous record held by Skaife.

Currently Jamie Whincup leads the drivers Championship from James Courtney and Craig Lowndes.



Our wonderful winter fashion on display by Chris Anderson

We hope you all had a safe and fun Easter!