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President's Report

Season's Greetings

With Christmas only days away, it's time to reflect over our year and look towards 2016. The CAMS SA calendar has been finalised, you'll find a list of events for next year included in this newsletter.

We had a small turnout at the December General Meeting however we still made good use of the bar for Christmas drinks afterwards. At the meeting, it was decided to move our monthly general meetings to the CAMS State Office, starting in February. This will ensure we have a room each month, and better yet – it's free! The only change will be that the meetings will held on the SECOND Wednesday of each month, starting February 10.

The Christmas BBQ was well attended, much thanks to Jodie Johnson for organising it and arranging for Santa to visit. Darren showed us how to play the game of Kubb – throwing pieces of round wood at pieces of square wood with many rules to adhere to! It was lovely to enjoy the company of others with our families away from the track. Look forward to doing it all again next year (with less eskies!).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our committees, panels and other helpers. I'm fortunate to be working with so many capable and helpful people, all working countless hours behind the scenes, to ensure our club runs smoothly. Thank you!

Our next General Meeting is set for the 10th of February, 7:30pm at the CAMS Office – 3/43 King William St Kent Town. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stay safe,

Bronwen

T&CC Report

Well Folks, we are finished for 2015. It is now time to pack away the overalls, remove the out-of-date snacks from our bags and (most importantly) re-acquaint ourselves with the other people who share our homes – you know, those people known as your real family. (Not the extended motor racing variety)

As Chief Flag on the Saturday and on behalf of Grant Paproth who was CF on the Sunday, I would once again, like to say a huge thankyou to all those members who came out for the Twilight event (Sat Nov 21) and then backed it up with the Superkart Meeting on the Sunday. This back-to-back weekend has occurred now for a couple of years and no matter how many times we try to get it changed, it is the allocation of the dates that is unfortunately out of our control. Every year we look at the numbers leading up to this weekend and wonder if we will manage to provide the support – well we always somehow do manage and it is a testament to the commitment and professionalism to every one of you that attend. We know that the drivers appreciate the commitment also. And we can't not mention how so good it was to see 8 new potential members come out to experience what we do on that weekend. We have the CAMS Expo and displays at the Motor Sport Festival and Adelaide University to thank for the growing interest – at least 5 of the attendees have promised to return in 2016 – great news!!

Speaking of 2016, the final draft of the SA/NT Racing Calendar was approved at the recent, November CAMS State Council meeting and in the next couple of weeks, the events that concern us will be added to our database. Just for your information the first three races for 2016 are:

- 20 February – Master of Mallala SA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – Twilight,
- 28 February – Superkart / Modern Regularity,
- 03 to 06 March – Clipsal 500, and
- 17 to 20 March – Formula 1 Australian GP

T&CC Report

Before the new T&CC was elected, there was an “upskilling” day being organised for some time early in 2016 (before the Clipsal 500) I and the newly elected Committee are still keen for this to happen but it may not be in February! Please be patient with this and you have my assurance that we will do whatever possible to ensure that it does occur. First Aid and Fire Fighting refresher training could also be looked at but just remember, the T&CC are here for your training and progression. If there is something you feel could benefit everyone, then bring it to our attention – we will listen to all ideas! CAMS State office also release their training dates early in the year, so watch out for notifications in future newsletters.

07 February, there is a Porsche Club Supersprint being held out at Mallala. Ordinarily, this would be the perfect opportunity to get out to the shed and give it its annual spruce up ready for when the new season starts; well, the recent Pinery bushfire has put paid to those plans! As tragic the fires were, we are thankful that Mallala and the Motorsport Park has survived relatively unscathed. As I write this, no-one from the Committees have yet been able to get out to Mallala and assess if there was any damage – one would assume that there’d be smoke damage and also power was cut but most of the gear had already been removed from the fridges after our last event for 2015. Apart from that, I took all the overalls and raincoats home for washing and Bronwen took all the flags for some maintenance so we know they are OK. We’ll keep you all informed when we finally get the chance to visit the shed.

I think that’s about all I wish to say for now; we will bring you all up-to-date with our plans for 2016 in a future article. On behalf of your T&C Committee, I have been asked to express our sincere thankyou for ALL of your efforts throughout 2015. To each and every SAMROA and Potential member and most importantly, not forgetting their families, have a Happy and Safe Festive Season and we will all see each other again in February 2016.

Paul B and the T & CC.

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I am taking orders for Flag Marshals of the World (FMOTW) patches for your overalls. I have 5 large (13cmx7cm) available right now at \$10.00 each. Cash Only.

Small ones (5cm x 9cm) also available but will need to be ordered in.

If interested please let me know – caela.sims@gmail.com

For more information about FMOTW see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/91128600751/>



Other Events...

Liqui Molly Bathurst 12 hour, 5-7 Feb. 2016

Officials applications are no open for this event. You can apply at their website:

<http://www.bathurst12hour.com.au/event-info/officials-and-volunteers>

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 09 December 2015 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: The Robin Hood Hotel
315 Portrush Road, Norwood, SA 5067

Meeting Opened: 19:30 (7:30 pm)

Present: Bronwen Williamson, Janelle Orrock, Paul Bonnett, Ray McGuinness, Darren Matiske, Andrew Robinson, Matthew Avery, Shaun Halliday, Peter Cirillo, Tony Aloï, Shaun Field, Ashley Penhall, Lisette Hutchens and Adam Litchfield (Left early)

Apologies: Rod Mountifield, David Lans, Jodie & Matthew Johnson, Graham Church and Lisa Totani.

Visitors / Guest:

Late:

Announcements / Reminders:

- Membership Renewals were Due JULY 2015. Non Financial members will become EX Members at the end of this month.

Previous Minutes:

Due to no November meeting, copies of the most recent minutes (October 2015) were placed on the tables for members to read. Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Ashley Penhall. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- No business arising from the previous minutes.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached)

Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Janelle Orrock that the correspondence be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- RTS (SAFMA) Newsletters: Contact has been removed from the list – will need to find a new address.
- No further business arising from the Correspondence List.

Treasurer's Report (November 2015)

Opening Balance: \$ 8, 208.46

Receipts: \$ 545.00

Outgoings: \$ 1, 619.10

Closing Balance: \$ 7, 134.36

\$ 7, 134.36 + \$ 14, 770.17 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 21, 904.53

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

Accounts for Payment:

- Andrew Robinson – Newsletter Postage \$28.00
- No further Accounts for Payment.

The Accounts for Payment were moved by Ray McGuiness. Seconded by Paul Bonnett. All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS (Presented by Shaun Halliday)

- Discussion on the general basics on what to bring out to race meetings – details are in the handbook, but a lot of the newer members haven't received theirs yet.

T&CC (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- Next meeting is 14th December (Maybe)
- New Calendar will be loaded to database over the Christmas / New Year's break. Then we can allocate CFs. Also start looking at members who are keen to step up into new roles – but this should not be to the detriment of those who are already in the program.

New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)

- Secretary has been handed some outstanding Applications – these as far as we know have already been actioned but these can also be followed up over the break.

CAMS (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Last Meeting Held 17 November 2015)

- November meeting was last for 2015.
- SA/NT Office closed for Christmas Break. (21Dec15 to 08Jan16)
- 2016 CAMS SA & NT State Council Election of Office Bearers: No change – all positions uncontested.
- Final draft of 2016 Racing Calendar passed by Panel. Some NT events didn't make it but will be passed at first meeting in 2016. These won't be printed in the booklet.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT (Presented by Peter Cirillo)

- Passengers in vehicles – still ongoing discussions
- Organising a Silver course early in 2016
- Lisa and Lisette as SAMROA SOP delegates – accepted.

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Meeting last night - Nothing to report

WEBSITE / IT

- New photos on web site

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Christmas Picnic – Santa will make an appearance. Parents will be asked to buy a small gift if they wish Santa to present it to their child.
- Will be looking at organising another workshop tour next year – couple of ideas being discussed.

PROMOTIONS

- Need to plan upcoming promotions
- Introduction of an informal SAMROA Polo Shirt is ongoing (Couple of ideas of colours / layout – will organise a survey in the new year.)

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA

- Introduction of Race Information receivers – discussion still ongoing.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY TICKETS

- Closed for 2015.

General Business

- Peter Cirillo caught up with Barry Hughes recently, Tailem Bend update – currently are waiting on FIA approval. In relation to flag points, the 3.8km circuit will have 10 points whilst the track reported to be used for the V8's will have 12 flag points. There have some design changes made to the tracks and flag points to allow full visibility.

General Business (Cont.)

- Darren is interested in organising a “Junior pentathlon” for his JDP students next year – stay tuned for further information.
- SAMROA Historical data: Discussion on how we can gather and archive the historical data of our Association. 4 drawer filing cabinet at Secretary's place is full of old meeting minutes and “historically important” informations – this can be scanned and saved electronically as pdf documents – (Secretary) is not convinced if the “cloud” is a secure enough place to save it although our database could be. It has been a slow moving project by Secretary for a couple of years but I am still enthusiastic about completing it.
- At the last Superkart event (22November) one kart was carrying “GP” as its racing number. This was thought that it could cause some confusion. Do we need to add letters to our number boxes for black flag purposes?? It was thought that it wouldn't be necessary for letters but maybe GP could be printed on the back of the starter's SC board or simply use the black flag and point at the respective kart.
- Peter C. (as CoC on the day) asked who was at FP 4 at the last round of the Mallala Masters. Made comment on the good work with the recovery of the car with the broken tail-shaft. (Well done Grant Sims, John Dalby and Calvin) Peter also asked for an update on our replacement uniforms and embroidery problems. The Committee will provide an update ASAP as we are aware of new people joining recently who will ultimately want to purchase a uniform.
- As it is customary at the last General meeting of the year, President (Bronwen) moved that we put some money across the bar for drinks, It was motioned that the total be “up to \$150” including the usual tray of nibbles. Seconded by Darren M and was voted in favour by every one present.

General Business (Cont.)

- Venue for future meetings. There has been some discussion recently about finding an alternative venue for our future General meetings. The Robin Hood is alright but if our normal room is booked by a paying customer then our meetings are held in the front bar – also parking can be a bit of a hit or miss affair. The CAMS Office is an option and there is a Scout Hall in Prospect that has indicated that we could use the premises or we could look at some of the various pubs / clubs around Adelaide. For a temporary venue, it was decided that we would use the CAMS office but it means moving the meetings to the second Wednesday of each month. (The monthly meetings will also remain for the foreseeable future until the Committee re-assesses to see if the numbers attending still warrant a monthly meeting)

So our next meeting will be held 10 February 2016 at the CAMS Office, 3 / 43 King William Street, **KENT TOWN** (Don't get this confused with King William Street, ADELAIDE!!)

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:40 (8:40 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 10 Feb 2016**

**CAMS OFFICE, 3 / 43 KING WILLIAM STREET,
KENT TOWN**

Cover Photo: The Pinery Bushfire came so very close to the Mallala Motorsport Park on 25th November. Fortunately, only some unused outlying buildings were lost.

Other members of the Lower North community were less fortunate, however it would have been far worse without the efforts of the CFS and other volunteers.

Photo: Mallala Motorsport park Facebook page.



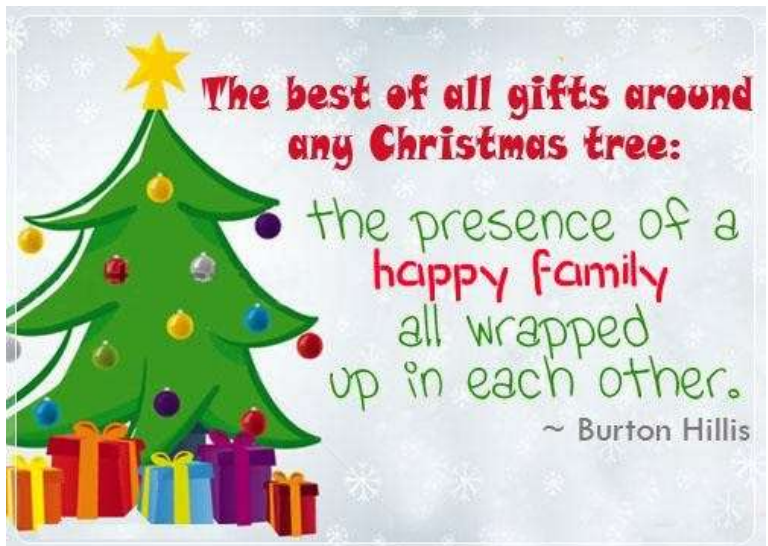
Happy Birthday!

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

Lisa Totani (1st), Graham Church (9th), Ray McHuiness (12th), Arran O'Leary (13th), LifeMember Bryce Crawford (14th), Darren Mattiske (17th), Chris Monck (18th), Life Member Bob Schofield (25th), Ben Anderson (29th)

From the Editors

Thanks for all the contributions to the newsletter for this month. The newsletter is usually published the Friday before a General meeting. **With no meeting in January, the January newsletter will be published on Friday 15th January. Early contributions would be very much appreciated any news, items of interest or photographs.** If you are trying to lay out a particular format, remember newsletter is on an A5 page size. **Andrew & Thomas**



PROVISIONAL 2016 MOTORSPORT CALENDAR

20 February	Master of Mallala Series Round 1
28 February	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
3 – 6 March	Clipsal 500 Adelaide [^]
17 – 20 March	Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix Melbourne*
10 April	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
23 – 24 April	Mallala Historic Race Meeting
1 May	Peter Hall Memorial Six Hour Regularity
15 May 2015	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
22 – 23 May	Master of Mallala Series Round 2
17 – 19 June	V8 Supercars Hidden Valley Darwin*
3 July	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
7 August	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Reg State Championship
20 – 21 August	Master of Mallala Series Round 3
2 – 4 September	Scouts Rally SA - ARC Round 5*
11 September	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity

PROVISIONAL 2016 MOTORSPORT CALENDAR...

6 – 8 October	V8 Supercars Bathurst*
13 – 15 October	Classic Adelaide Rally*
14 – 16 October	Adelaide Motorsport Festival – Supersprint*
19 November	Master of Mallala Series Round 4
20 November	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity

*Events SAMROA are not involved in at a club level (members may attend as individuals)

^Whilst SAMROA members attend this event as individuals, the club does receive a financial donation for our attendance.





*Save
the Date*



Date: Saturday 30 January 2016

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Sfera's Park Suites & Convention Centre

OFFICIAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW

CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT