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President's Report

Welcome to the January newsletter and the start of another busy year of motorsport. I hope you're all well rested after our summer break and that you were able to enjoy some time with loved ones over the festive season.

It's official – our general meetings are booked to be held at the CAMS office on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in February. Big thanks to the SA CAMS office for allowing us to use their space.

Last week a number of SAMROA members attended the beautiful memorial service for Megan Morrison, wife of Brad Morrison. As per Megan's wishes, the General Committee made a donation to the People's Choice Undies Run for Bowel Cancer. Our hearts go out to you Brad, and we as a club are only a phone call away if you need anything.

The Sporting Car Club is running State Championships for Circuit Racing this year. They have a new club manager – Paul Trengrove, formally of Peregrine Corp (Tailem Bend Motorsport Park).

Speaking of Tailem Bend Motorsport Park, latest news is that CAMS staff Bruce Keyes and Lawrie Schmitt (SAMROA Life Member) visited the site along with representatives from SAMROA and Women 4 Wheels in October. Barry Hughes reported that it was a very productive day and their inputs were valued. A property (with an existing house) not far from the track has also been purchased with a view to becoming accommodation for officials.

Before Christmas, CAMS ran a general officials course in Tailem Bend that was well attended by local people interested in becoming officials at the new circuit.

The social committee has commenced planning for the 2016 Annual Dinner. Save the date - August 13th. Further details to come.

We've got two meetings at Mallala before the Clipsal in March. Make sure you get your names down on the database early to ensure your name is on the gate list. Speaking of gate lists, I apologise if your name was missing from the list at the last Twilight meeting in November. Our gate list from Round 3 was printed in error, hence the confusion!

President's Report (Cont.)

A little birdie told me that Lisa Totani has been nominated for the CAMS SA Junior Official of the Year award! Congratulations Lisa – fingers crossed for 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. Hopefully we'll have a new casual club polo shirt on show at the meeting too.

To those officials heading to the Mountain for the 12 Hour in early February – safe travels and enjoy the experience. I understand the Clipsal placement letters will be sent out in early February so stay tuned.

Cheers,

Bronwen

Cover Photo: Australian Toby Price closes in on winning the 2016 Dakar Rally with a 30-minute lead and 2 stages remaining.

Photo: Official Toby Price website:

<http://www.tp87.com.au/>

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. **The February newsletter will be published on Friday 5th February. 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 the newsletter is on an A5 page size.

As Andrew will be at the Bathurst 12 Hour event, the *printed* newsletter will be sent a week after this.

Andrew & Thomas.

T&CC Report

Hi everyone, and welcome to the 2016 racing season! This year will be a wonderful year, filled with growth both on and off the track.

This year, the T&CC would like to help those wishing to expand on their current roles trackside and train more Seniors on point, new Starters, Form Up and Race Control personnel. We would also like to train a few new people in the Chief flag and Assistant Chief flag roles. If any of these sounds like something you would like to do, please get in contact with a member of the T&CC and we will help you to get to where you desire.

Our first 2 race meetings of the year are rapidly approaching. The first will be on February 20th for round 1 of the Masters of Mallala series; and the second being the first Superkart and Modern Regularity event of the year on February 28th. Both will be excellent opportunities to get rid of any cobwebs before the Clipsal 500 the following week. **The cut-off date for round 1 is on February 10th**, so please remember to get your name down on the database. Remember – it's easier to take your name off the gate list than it is to add it. If you do not have access to the database, please get in touch with a committee or T&CC member and we will add it for you.

As February is generally a very warm month, please don't forget that when you attend the track that you are prepared for the day with a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and lots of water and snacks for the day. Please also remember to hydrate with water for at least 2-3 days in advance – it's no good doing it on the day as you will already be dehydrated! And don't forget, if you don't feel well, please just let the Chief Flag know that you won't be out, we all understand that sometimes you just don't feel the best.

For all those, travelling to the Bathurst 12hour in a couple of weeks – have fun and play safe.

Well, that's it for the time being. I hope to see you all trackside in a few weeks for the first 2 events of the year before the Clipsal 500.

Jodie & the T&CC

Trade Discount at Ray's Outdoors

SAMROA is trade customer at Ray's outdoors, simply quote the Business name (South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association) or number D73564 at the register to get a significant discount. 28 stores nationwide, SA Stores at:

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Flag Marshals of the World (FMOTW) patches

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/>



Happy Birthday!

The following members have, or are celebrating birthdays in January...Jodie Johnson (4th), Dillon Robinson (12th)
Karl Fleming (16th)
Life member Alan O'Dea (22nd), David Lans (24th),
Life member Bruce Morisset (24th)



TRAINING SCENARIO

With the new year upon us, it's time to get our brain's back into gear for the new season. This year, the T&CC will be providing some scenario's for you to think about. Next Month will feature the answer as well as a new scenario to think about.

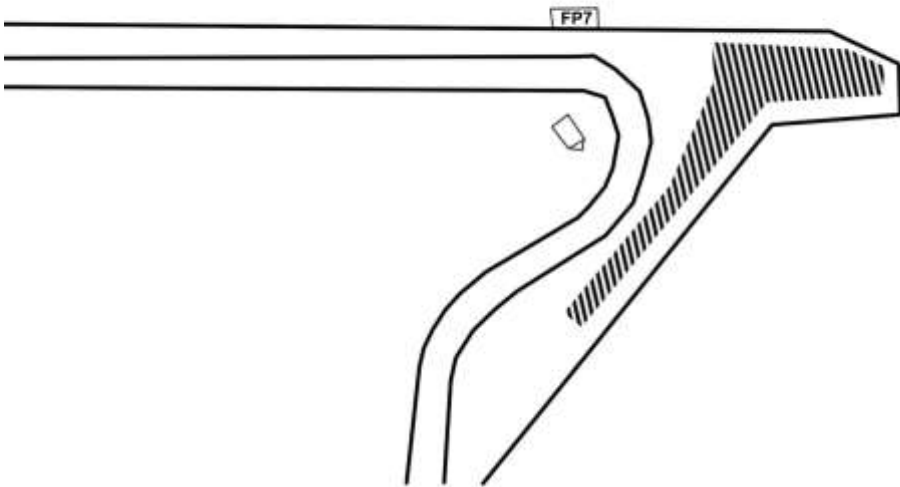
A car stops at FP7 to the inside of the track (Driver's right), as a team member in these roles explain/discuss/consider:

Communicator: Is this car is in a safe location?

Flags: Which flag's should be displayed?

Track: should you attempt to attempt to get to this car?

What factors are going to influence your decisions?



BRILLIANT FIELD FORMING FOR BATHURST ENDURO

One of the strongest fields ever assembled will contest the 2016 Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour at the iconic Mount Panorama.

Forty entries, including some of Australia's and the world's best drivers, will start on the grid at next month's endurance event.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ENTRY LIST](#) - including current confirmed drivers.

The international line-up includes 2015 LeMans 24 Hours winner Earl Bamber, former Formula One drivers Mika Salo, Andrea Montermini and Ivan Capelli and GT stars Christopher Mies, Christopher Haase, Marco Mapelli, Renger Van der Zande, Benny Simonsen, Alvaro Parente, Rob Bell and Toni Vilander.

They will be joined by 14 V8 Supercars drivers including six time Bathurst champion Craig Lowndes, Garth Tander, David Reynolds, Scott McLaughlin and Shane van Gisbergen.

Joining that list today includes Steve Owen and Luke Youlden, who will team with Roger Lago in the JBS Australia Lamborghini Gallardo GT3.

“With the outstanding mix of world-class internationals and some of Australia's finest V8 Supercars drivers, this is one of the most talented fields assembled for the Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 hour,” said Event Director John Casey.

“The growing importance of this race on the global stage, and now as part of the Intercontinental GT Challenge, is reflected by the manufacturer interest and the fact so many great drivers and teams want to come and race on the Mountain.

“When Nissan, Bentley, Phoenix Racing and Nissan confirm their drivers within the next two weeks, that list will get even better and we will be in for something special this February.”

Amongst the entries, factory teams from McLaren, Bentley and Nissan will be joined by teams enjoying works-support from Audi, Ferrari, Mercedes-Benz and Reiter Engineering (Lamborghini).

In total 11 brands and 15 models are represented on the latest entry list, representing Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the United Kingdom, United States and Germany.

33 GT cars are entered across the GT3, GT3 Cup and GT4 classes for this year’s race.

Defending winners Nissan, former race winners Phoenix Racing (Audi R8) and Erebus Motorsport (Mercedes-Benz) and Bentley team M-Sport are yet to publically announce their driving squads however all are expected to offer race winning potential between Australian and International stars.

A majority of the cars entered in the outright class are expected to feature at least one driver with the capability to contend for the prestigious ‘Allan Simonsen Pole Award’ on the Saturday of the event.

A recent addition to the grid is another entry from New Zealand: ‘Team NZ Motorsport’ confirming their participation in Class B with a Porsche 997 GT3 Cup Car to be driven by Will Bamber, Graeme Dowsett, John Curran and Craig Smith.

Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour tickets remain on sale via Ticketek with General Admission tickets gaining access to the entire precinct – including the pit / paddock area.

Campsites remain available in the Reid & Sulman campgrounds at the top of Mount Panorama with booking available via the Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 hour website. **The race will be broadcast live around Australia on the Seven Network on February 5-7. Race start is at 05:45 Local (05:15 Adelaide)**

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

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

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CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN MOTOR SPORT