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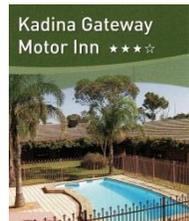
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The South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association (SAMROA) Inc. is a volunteer organisation affiliated with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) Ltd.

President's Report

For those that are not aware yet, Bronwen has chosen to take some leave from her role as President for the next few months. During this time, I will be taking over the reins.

I was reading some old newsletters and I found this as part of Lawrie's last President report before he stepped down (coincidence?) in August 2001 and is timely to repeat it.

To take advantage of the healthy base of officials which now exists we need to be proactive in encouraging members to participate on a regular basis. This will happen if individuals feel that they are making a worthwhile contribution and this will follow if they are suitably skilled and able to feel confident in their actions. To achieve this we need to maintain a high level of experienced officials who can pass on their knowledge. A very important part of the process is for experienced officials to make a commitment to attend race meetings on a regular basis to provide adequate supervision and to train new members. If you've been around for a while and haven't come out to events much lately think about what you could contribute and how that can affect the sport.

I would like to thank the relatively new members (especially the number of females members) representing the club at events. The feedback I have received is they are doing well. We still need to harness the skills and knowledge of our experienced members.

As part of the general meetings, we will spend some time discussing skills and reviewing incidents from previous race meetings and see what we can do to improve.

The Peter Hall Memorial - 6 Hour Regularity Relay was held on the 1st May with a good turnout. Even with a few late withdrawals, we had enough for 2 per point plus start/finish. For those that are interested, 2 teams from the Austin 7 club came 1st and 2nd

We are still looking for more people for the next 2 events, Superkart/Mod Reg on the 15th and the State Championships on the 21-22 May. We must thank the guys from the Circuit Excels donating some of their sponsors

President's Report (Cont).

product to a random officials at the State Championships. If you haven't got your name on the gate list, yet please do as soon as possible.

Annual dinner planning is almost complete and details should be further on in the newsletter. Great location and affordable.

The social committee has booked the Birdwood Museum for the 10th December for the Christmas breakup get together and more details will be available closer to the time. The social committee is dangerously short of members if you would like to be part of this please let Janelle, Lisa or Matt Avery Know.

Some other important dates

- Memberships due in June.
- June and July taking nominations for the General committee
- July and August taking nominations for the T&CC please remember must be a minimum of bronze for this.
- August 10th AGM
- Dec 10th Birdwood Mill BBQ
- Q1 2017 dinner at TAFE training restaurant

The next general meeting this Wednesday at the CAMS office @ 7:30. These meeting is not only a good opportunity for members to catch-up, but is also used to discuss various issues about the club and about the sport. Catch up beforehand at the Royal Hotel for a meal from 6.00.

Hope to see everyone trackside soon.

Janelle Orrock

Cover Photo: The Calm Before the Storm
Pit Lane at Symmons Plains raceway at the recent V8 Supercars
meeting. See T&CC Report on page 10

Photo: Paul Bonnet

Getting to know you.....Ray McGuinness

OCCUPATION: Accountant

WHO DO YOU LIVE WITH:

Gail (Wife)

FIRST MOTOR RACE ATTENDED:

AIR 1977 Touring cars

FIRST CONCERT ATTENDED:

Ike & Tina Turner, Thebby '77

FIRST CAR:

LX Hatchback

FAVORITE STREET CAR(S):

BMW M3

FAVORITE RACE CAR(S):

Holden Commodore VE

FAVORITE DRIVER(S):

Lowndes, McLaughlin

FAVORITE RACE TEAM(S):

888, Techno

WHY DID YOU JOIN SAMROA:

Graham Church brought me out

INTERESTS/HOBBIES:

Flagging, Reading, Travel

FAVORITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:

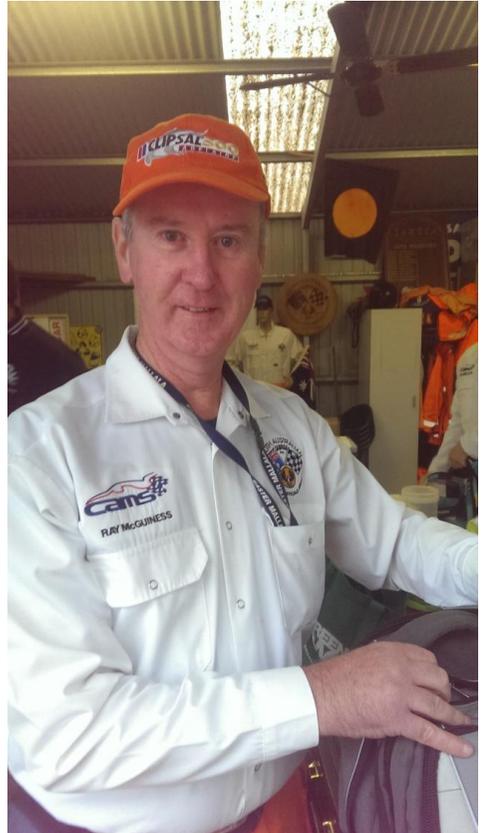
Europe - History

PET DISLIKES:

Politicians, Political 'Animals' in the workplace

IF YOU COULD ONLY HAVE ONE WISH WHAT WOULD IT BE:

Drive at Bathurst



We hope to have more of these Introductions to our members over the coming months. If you wish to be known, send a copy of YOUR answers to your questions to editor@samroa.org.au

You can attach a photo, otherwise we will take one of you at the track – or find one for you. Ed.



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Mr Henningsen will be supporting the SAMROA Dinner, further information is to follow.

Guess who.....



From the Archives....Can anyone guess Who, Where and When?

All will be revealed at the General meeting on Wednesday evening....

T&CC Report

Well Folks, It's been a busy 4 months in "Motor Sport Land" for us and when you look at the calendar we really only have two more events to go and we'll find ourselves almost half way through the year!! Hard to believe isn't it??

Those two meetings are:

15 February 2016: Super Kart / Modern Regularity; and

21 / 22 February 2016: Master of Mallala State Championships Round 2. Andrew Robinson and Alex Varcoe will be Chief Flag and Assistant for this meeting and don't forget to get your names on the database very soon as the attendance list will need to be sent to the SCCSA later this week.

In the next couple of days, I'll be loading up the remaining events for 2016 to our database / red book which leads me onto something that we need to clarify.

If you have your name on the database for an upcoming event and for what-ever reason, you find you cannot attend, please ONLY use the Chief Flag Number 0448 633382 to advise them that you won't be there (another tip: Put YOUR NAME in the text message you sent...not just 'can't make it)). I am well aware of the "good intentions" and convenience of using Face Book or sending Emails but these can go unread on the day and the first time the CF knows about the absence is when he rings early on the Sunday morning to find out where his officials are. Also, we ask that you get your names on the database early so that the CF can plan his placings in the days leading up to the event, particularly as we are trying to put people into new roles. If you know that you cannot attend, then have the courtesy to inform someone before you either remove your name from the database or simply just don't turn up on the day! Some might say that it is part of the duty of the CF; to which, I, unfortunately have to agree, but with the gates of Mallala opening at 7:30 and briefings around 8:00, it is just one less inconvenience on the day that can be avoided just by communicating a bit better.

T&CC Report (Cont..)

And just one thing more about the CF phone and the database, the phone will hopefully be getting an update as soon as I run it past the Committees. As we are also getting close to membership renewal time, this will give us a perfect opportunity to update our member's details (phone numbers etc.) on the database. If any of your details have changed recently, have you updated them on our database??



Just a reminder when communicating to take a BREATH and remember the ABC's: Accuracy, Brevity and Clarity

T&CC Report (Cont..)

We recently had the Historic meeting out at Mallala and a couple of incidents occurred that I wish to bring to bring up:

- Lights and the Light Panels: The SCCSA rounds insist that we use the light panels, backed up by the flags! That will not change – we just need to accept it and work around the known shortfalls. Who holds the panel in the point? That can be up to the senior but just remember two things: Power can fail so you need to be ready to grab the flags and you should still stand face-to-face to each other as if you had flags in your hand – this ensures that you have total visibility and you are paying attention!
- Yellow Lights / Flags: This one is simple – If something happens in your sector “USE THEM” It should not be left up to the next Flag Point to ask RC for a yellow to be displayed or someone to run over a drive train component because they haven’t been warned!! And if there are Marshalls on track cover them with the FLAGS – it gives them the knowledge that they are being seen and protected.
- White Lights / Flags: Why do we use these at the Clipsal (or any other major meetings we do) but completely forget them at Mallala?? If there is a slow moving car or a service vehicle in your sector – display the light or flag (personally, I prefer the flag as it alerts the next point that something slow is approaching), a call of “Car xxx circulating slowly” can also help give people a ‘heads up’
- And finally, Lack of Adhesion Flag: If you have *a suspicion* that a car is losing fluid, don’t call up RC and ask if you can put the flag out – do it and then tell RC what you have done!! Display the flag and THEN go have a look, they can still race – but they will(?) be aware of the potential change in surface conditions.

You may well be reading this and say “I’ve been an Official for so many years – why is he telling me the basics?” But it’s the basics that seem to be slipping... As I mentioned earlier, we don’t make these mistakes at a Clipsal so why do we make them at a Mallala meeting? Believe me when I say that the drivers do notice what we do and they are the first to bring it

T&CC Report (Cont..)

To race control's attention. Sorry for the gloom but sometimes it just needs to be said. We do an important job, and it's important to do it well.

Part of the fun of doing what we do, is the opportunity to travel interstate and overseas. Personally, I haven't done much travelling as work usually gets in the way, but recently, I decided to go over to Tasmania and work at the Symmons Plains V8 Supercar event. It was a great trip but what I also managed to do was to hopefully open the communication between SAMROA and Motorsports Tasmania for us to attend their meetings and for more of them to come over for our Clipsal 500. Our details will be on their web site and theirs on ours.

So just to close, you will be well aware that our warmer months have now passed and it is now time to prepare for the cooler weather that we will encounter, remember that the cold can be just as bad as the heat!! One good thing is that we've already started stocking up on the soups in the shed. A good set of wet weather gear (See Page 17) and a way of keeping your belongings dry go a long way to keeping warm by keeping you dry and out of the wind. With your clothing, having a few layers works better than one big thick coat as you can remove the layers progressively as the day warms up.

Hope to see you all out at Mallala on the 15th, 21st and 22nd of this month, stay safe and most importantly look after one another.

Cheers for now

Paul B and the T & CC.



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MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 13 April 2016 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: CAMS State Office
3/43 King William Street, Kent Town, SA, 5067

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

Present: Bronwen Williamson, Janelle Orrock, Paul Bonnett, Darren Mattiske, Ray McGuinness, Lisa Totani, Shaun Halliday, Andrew Robinson, David Castrechini, Graham Church, Peter Tann & Matthew Avery.

Apologies: Brad Morrison, Peter Cirillo, David Lans, Karl Fleming, Ashley Penhall, Lisette Hutchins, Jodie & Matthew Johnson.

Visitors / Guest:

Late:

Announcements / Reminders:

- Nil

Previous Minutes:

March meeting was not held due to not reaching a quorum. Copies of the previous minutes (February 2016) were placed on the tables for members to read. Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Matthew Avery. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- No business arising from the February minutes.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

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

Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Ray McGuiness 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:

Feb 2016

Mar 2016

Opening Balance: \$ 6, 919.94 Opening Balance: \$ 7, 350.29

Receipts: \$ 1, 126.50 Receipts: \$ 1, 668.

Outgoings: \$ 696.15 Outgoings: \$ 185.

Closing Balance: \$ 7, 350.29 Closing Balance: \$ 8, 833.91

\$ 8, 833.91 + \$ 14, 934.52 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 23, 768.43

Report was moved by Ray McGuiness. Seconded by Dave Castrechini. All voted in favour that the reports be accepted.

Accounts for Payment:

- Janelle Orrock: Social Club purchases: \$ 355.55
- Andrew Robinson: Postage of Newsletters: \$ 20.00
- No further accounts for payment.

Committee has discussed the option of paying the Accounts for Payment directly into people's Accounts. No problems, just need the correct banking details.

The Accounts for Payment were moved by Ray McGuinness.
Seconded by Matthew Avery.

All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS (Presented by Shaun Halliday)

- Need to follow up on a TRA raised for the down pipe @ FP6 – doesn't seem to have been fixed.
- Also a couple of new TRAs need to be raised – no further action (from us at least) is required of the condition of the wall between FP8 and FP1 as this is now under the scrutiny of the Stewards Panel. However the Conveyor material on top of the tyres at 8 & 1 are tripping hazards.

T&CC (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- R&R Scheme items starting to flow in
- Completed meeting Minutes to be put into drop box

New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)

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No new membership forms have been received at the moment but both Committees are looking at stream-lining the new member application policy. Some forms were handed to our New Members Officer and these need to be checked to see if they were actioned.

CAMS (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Last Meeting Held 15 March 2016)

- Bronze Circuit Module cancelled
- Introductory Module was held.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT (Presented by Lisa Totani)

- CAMS Mentoring module has been postponed – looking for expressions of interest for prospective mentors
- CAMS Drug and Alcohol testing – All members need be aware of some common drugs that can trigger a positive reaction. (Maybe we need to put some information in our Newsletter)
- Still room in the budget for another Expo. What ideas can SAMROA contribute?

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

- Meeting last night – nothing discussed that affects SAMROA.

WEBSITE / IT

- Secretary has a new computer – one that has software that is still supported.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- SAMROA Dinner has been booked for the 13August. Prices will be \$ 35.00 members / \$ 45.00 non-members. Venue will once again be the SCCSA Club Rooms.
- Looking at something different for the next Superkart / Modern Reg. Event. Lunch will be Hot Dogs and Soup.

PROMOTIONS

- Investigating a display at the upcoming Murray Bridge Show. Good idea considering the building interest in the new Tailem Bend race track currently being built.

SPORTING CLUB of SA

- The fitting of Race Receivers in cars is still being investigated.

- Passenger Rides in Race Cars – CAMS is looking at revising the policy in which the passengers will require the same protection as the driver. Unsure of the outcome on this and how it will affect display rides.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY TICKETS

- On-line ticket sales continue and now the paper tickets are also available for sale. Secretary has the books, asking that ALL members take at least one book to sell!!!! Not due back until mid-September.

General Business

- SAMROA Vehicle – what is happening?? The subject of a new vehicle has been put on hold until we get an idea on what we need for Tailm Bend. The Scooter can be taken away and given a bit of a rebuild (This has been discussed at previous Committee meetings – the trailers are being treated to an upgrade also) Big thank you to Ben and the two Chris s' (Anderson and Hutchinson)
- Question was asked re Catering at the recent Sunday Superkart meeting – Was there enough food?? Nobody heard any complaints so we can only assume that it all went OK. Social club is thinking of an alternate menu such as Soup and Hot Dogs for upcoming events.
- Some of the fatigue matting at the flag points is very brittle and falling to pieces at Mallala: Who would be responsible to replace it?? The original matting was donated some years ago by a SAMROA member; could we approach MMSP and ask them or contact a company who could possibly donate some old stock?? It was decided that the Committees will investigate further but we are unsure of the outcome.

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- Paul Bonnett spoke of his trip to Tasmania and working at the V8 round at Symmons Plains. Spent the three days in pit lane with the speed guns but was really wishing to be on a flag point! (hairpin would have been great) The Tasmanian crew were very welcoming and it was interesting to learn that the problems we have in recruiting / retaining officials are the same over there. There are two tracks in Tasmania, Symmons Plains near Launceston and Baskerville which is near Hobart – some of them were asking about coming over for a future Clipsal 500, I have promised that I'll supply them with our details and put them on our mailing list for our Newsletter. Their Tasmanian contact details will also be put up on our website for future trips. All told, I was over there for 8 days and found it very hard to come home!!

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

Next Meeting: 11 May 2016. Time: 19:30 (7:30 pm)

Venue: CAMS State Office, 3/43 King William Street, Kent Town, SA, 5067

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Happy Birthday!
Paul 'Karo' Karamanov (25th May)

From the Editors

Thanks for all the contributions to the newsletter for this issue. The newsletter is usually published the Friday before a General meeting, the June meeting is on Weds 8th June, so **the June newsletter will be published on Friday 3rd June.** 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.

Andrew & Thomas.



Cars & Christmas



Save the date for our end of year family BBQ to be held
at the Birdwood Motor Museum, Shannon Street,
Birdwood.

10th December 2016 from 1:30pm

More information to follow later in the year.

Map - <https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Motor+Museum/@-34.8678545,138.7837934,11.67z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xa47b218940591ce4!8m2!3d-34.819793!4d138.954992>

2016 MOTORSPORT CALENDAR

15 May 2015	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
21 – 22 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
13th August	SAMROA Dinner – Save the date !!
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
6 – 8 October	V8 Supercars Bathurst*
16th October	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity (TBC)
16 October	ADDED – Superkarts and Modern Regularity
12 November	Master of Mallala Series Round 4
13 November	Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
17-19 November	Classic Adelaide Rally*
19-20 November	Adelaide Motorsport Festival*

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

Adelaide Motorsport Festival is now on 19th and 20th of November.

SCCSA Round 4 Twilight is now on November 12th.

November Superkarts and Modern Regularity is now on November 13th.

An additional Superkarts and Modern Regularity event has been added, to be held on October 16th.



You are invited to SAMROA's 38th annual dinner

Saturday 13th August, 2016

Pre-dinner drinks and canapés from 6:30pm

Formalities from 7pm

The Sporting Car Club of SA, 51 King William Road, Unley

Neat casual attire

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Please advise us of any significant dietary requirements.

Please RSVP by 21st July, 2016

social@samroa.org.au or Janelle - 0427155909

Tickets can be purchased from the treasurer or EFT

BSB: 633 000 **Account:** 157234915

Reference: "Dinner full name"