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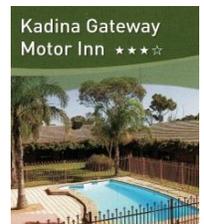
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## President's Report

Welcome to March Newsletter. A lot has been happening and this year seems to be flying by. The Adelaide 500 has come and gone. You can view the Officials Thankyou video on YouTube by clicking on the link. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmHjbE8CGXs>) The new officials program at the Adelaide 500 will have a positive effect on SAMROA and will enable us to rediscover the enthusiasm of new officials. Thank you to Bruce and Lisette for your time and effort in organising the New Officials program. 20 new officials were introduced to motorsport officiating this year. We need to retain and harness their enthusiasm for the benefit of the association by building on the members' skills and striving for an effective group that can supply first class support to motor sport at both Mallala and The Bend.

A huge thanks to Steve Lewis for arranging the SAMROA trailer and display over the 4 days. Congratulations to sector 8.2 for winning the A-Team award. 8.7 and 9.0 must feel hard done by after cleaning up 8.2 mess all weekend. Also, well done to those in Race Control and making the calls, we only have a hint of some of the issues they face, and the event runs smoothly.

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 of much lately think about what you could contribute and how that can affect the sport.

The upcoming Shannon's Nationals at The Bend Motorsport Park is an exciting time for SAMROA and South Australian motorsport in general with the inaugural event at the new venue less than a month away. Many of us would have seen the regular posts on Facebook of the corners and seen the grass being laid trackside.

Please remember that it will be a construction site right up to the event and I ask each and every one of you to use your skills, experience and initiative to help identify and resolve any issues that may arise. If you have not yet registered and would like to attend please email [jorrocksc@bigpond.com](mailto:jorrocksc@bigpond.com) and I will forward you a registration form.

I would like to wish the members heading over to Melbourne for the start of the new F1 season this weekend safe travels. For the benefit of the readers new to SAMROA, we have Cathy & Steve Croci, David Castrechini, Steve Clift, Darren Mattiske, Karl Fleming working as sector marshals and Tony Aloï as a course car driver.

The next SAMROA General meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the Reepham at 7.30pm, come along early and join us for dinner. We will have the supply of SAMROA Polo shirts at the next General Meeting on April 11 at the Reepham Hotel. \$40 if anyone want one. Just a reminder that the trackside uniform order form is on the website

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual dinner will be here before you know it, it would be fantastic to see as many members, past or present attending. More details to follow in the Newsletter.

Please all stay safe over the Easter Break.

Yours in Motorsport

Janelle Orrock.

**Cover Photo:** 2017 SA/NT CAMS Awards Night. Pictured we have Rear: Karl Fleming, Darren Mattiske, Steve Lewis, Christian Thiry. Front: Peter Tann, Lisa Totani, Janelle Orrock, Rob Thiry and Peter Cirillo. More info on page 11.



*Happy birthday to our members who have either celebrated a birthday in February and March or will be celebrating in April.*

### **February**

Shaun Doecke – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Clift – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Lisette Hutchins – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Shaun Halliday – 13<sup>th</sup>  
Peter Stevens – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Brad Morrison – 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **March**

Thomas Harris – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Nadia Heinrich – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Janelle Orrock – 21<sup>st</sup>

### **April**

Grant Sims – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Christine Katzer – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Dieter Von-Zieden – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Tom McDonald – 11<sup>th</sup>  
David Mori – 11<sup>th</sup>  
Matthew Johnson – 15<sup>th</sup>

## **From the Editors**

Thank you for all the contributions this month's newsletter.

Please send material for the next edition by **May 11<sup>th</sup>**

As always, we highly encourage all members to share stories and photos of motorsport trips and useful information.

*Please note, for anyone interested in registering as an official for the Tailem Bend Shannon's Nationals event on April 13-15 2018, the registration form will be sent as a separate attachment from the database due to the editing format or by following this link:*

<http://samroa.org.au/shannons-nationals-the-bend-13-15-april/>

## Social committee Report

The biggest event that is being organised at present is the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner.

The dinner will be held at the Adelaide Oval on the 27<sup>th</sup> October with tickets being **\$120.00 per person**, this price includes a 5-hour drink package. The dinner will be formal attire and tickets can be paid for in instalments by using the EFT details below. If you are paying in instalments, please remember to put your name as a reference.

We hope to see as many past and present members that we possibly can so if you have friends that have been members please let them know.

Have a fantastic Easter!

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## T&CC Report

Hi and welcome to the March T& CC Report. Well we have had a crazy start to the season with three consecutive events.

To start with, there was Round 1 for SCCSA followed by Superkart Modern Reg then the 500. The first two events were well represented with good numbers in attendance. Thank you to those members who came out to support the club at the grass roots level.

It was great to see the Adelaide 500 back to where it was a few years ago with record crowds, great racing, a fun and friendly environment amongst our peers whilst showing the professional side of what we do. The T&CC congratulate you all on a great weekend.

Having said the above, I would like to address the importance of descriptive reporting-not just to the officials at the Round 1 State Championships but to the membership as a whole. It was brought to my attention that several incident reports at the first race meeting taken to the Clerk Of Course were not able to be used for evidence due to the lack of description in the report. Car numbers getting mixed up or the description on the front did not match the sketch on the back of the form.

This was not only disappointing but also embarrassing as the T&CC held a 'back to basics' course just two weeks prior which included incident report writing. At this course, we had several new officials which was great however, this course was not only for new people but the general membership of which there were only a handful present. The Incident report needs to be written by either yourself or with another official who saw the incident. The form should be completed in such way that the information and description provided (facts only) matches the sketch on the back. Please do not pass the form onto Chief Flag until all team members have proof read the form and agree with what is written. The Chief Flag then reads it before it is taken to Race Control.

Please take your time to write the report to the best of your ability so the information can be used to make accurate decisions.

Thanks to Darren Mattiske for replacing the flag holder at Post 6 at Mallala. The SAMROA shed has also been cleaned and tidied prior to the start of the season so please make an effort to keep it that way throughout the year.

A Cams display was erected at the 500 this year with various Cams affiliated clubs being involved, this included SAMROA. Our trailer was placed on display with promotional materials abound. On Sunday, I spoke to Melissa from Cams who clarified that a lot of interest was coming forth, hopefully this means SAMROA will be getting even more new people to train.

If you are interested in any of the State Championship Rounds please put your name down **no later than two weeks before the event**. This assists with catering purposes among others. Names for the Super kart / Mod Reg will be **taken up to and on the day of the race meeting**. Similarly, if you become sick or are unable to attend, please inform us as soon as possible. A date to attend a familiarization day at The Bend has not been finalised yet. The moment we get some news we will let you all know.

Upcoming Events		
April 13-15	The Bend	Shannon's Nationals (Not a SAMROA event – please contact Janelle to register)
April 21-22	Mallala	All Historic Event
April 28	The Bend	GT Sprint
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mallala	Peter Hall 6 Hour Regularity
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mallala	Superkart/ Regularity

Don't forget to start getting your names down for the events via the database, the red book or ring a T&CC member so they can do it for you.

All for now - Steve Lewis.

## My experience as a new official – Deborah Squires

Dear readers,

As a new official, I started off by attending the Back to Basics Workshop February 2018 held at the Sporting Car Club of SA. It was invaluable, educational and made me feel “I can do this.” It was well presented in a relaxed atmosphere by seasoned officials.



Two weeks later I was at Mallala with all the “what ifs,” doubting myself and my mind racing with flag colours, hand signals and their meanings. As we gathered for the morning “spill” I stood amongst the officials thinking “run for it” but I didn’t. I was teamed up with experienced officials at post 5 Tom Weston and Karl Fleming. They were accommodating, understanding, encouraging and answered all my questions. At first, I stood back watching, listening and absorbing not only my supervisors but the environment I was in. Then suddenly there was a flag in my hand with Karl talking to me through each wave of the flag, then came blue and so on. At the end of the day I was tired but my confidence had to lifted to new heights with the positive feedback I received.

The following Sunday I was back. On post 4 with Mr. Jury, yes it was just the two of us so it was time for me to be on communications for the very first time. Now that’s a whole new language but I was fortunate that I only had to let race control know that our post was clear. As you can imagine I still have a lot to learn. It had been a great 2 weekends at Mallala.

Then came the big one, the Adelaide 500 - a concrete jungle as I soon discovered. A last-minute change from sector 6 to sector 8.5 was a baptism of fire, four full days at 8.5 with an amazing team led by Grant. Kim Wilson took me under her wing which I was very grateful for.

As busy as we were both Grant and Kim settled my nerves and gave me much needed advice and insight into this grand event. We all worked as a team, everyone pitched in when needed and I was never treated as a newbie but part of the team. I couldn't have asked for a better team and experience as a first timer at the 500. The most significant difference that I had was to adapt to my surroundings, everything was so much faster, reaction times had to be quicker and when I relieved on flags the limited visual time of responding was incredibly different to the open space of Mallala.

My advice new officials wanting to start out in this crazy world we call motorsports would be listen, take directions as given, adapt to the environment, take on board advice and constructive criticism with the same humility as positive feedback. Each race, every lap comes with an unknown so try to stay calm and not panic (easier said than done). A wise man once said to me “learn the fundamentals and apply them to any event”. Yes, Karl's voice is still in my head.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me this far. A big thank you to Kim Wilson and Steve Lewis for their ongoing support, the Sporting Car Club of SA, SAMROA and my family for their enormous encouragement and support.

## SA/NT CAMS Motorsport Awards wrap

On Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, competitors, volunteers, personalities and CAMS representatives from motorsport within SA and NT gathered at Sfera's to celebrate and recognise their peer's achievements from 2017. SAMROA was well represented by its members but better yet, a few were among the successful recipients recognised for their dedication, commitment and service to the sport. In particular, Steve Lewis, who gave 3 speeches for his awards that recognised his tireless and invaluable contribution to mentoring new officials. It was a very enjoyable evening for all in attendance. We congratulate our members (listed below) on their wonderful achievements.

**Castrol State Official of the Year:** Steve Lewis

**Circuit Official of the Year:** Steve Lewis

**CAMS Service Awards:** Janelle Orrock, Peter Cirillo, Steve Lewis

**Chaplains Award:** Lisa Totani



# Minutes of SAMROA general meeting

## Meeting Details

Date & Time: 14 February 2018 @ 1930 (7:30pm)  
Location: Reepham Hotel  
273 Churchill Road, Prospect, SA 5082

Meeting Opened: 19:35 (7:35 pm)

**Present:** Darren Mattiske, Steven Lewis, Peter Stevens, Chris Anderson, Elise Lopez, Kimberley Stevens, Brad Morrison, Alec Donnen, Matt Avery, Jackie Schlein, Graham Church, Andrew Robinson, Ray McGuinness, Tony Musarella, Danny Tresize, Tony Aloï & Tom Weston.

**Apologies:** Janelle Orrock, Peter Tann, Shaun Halliday, Lisa Totani, Nathan Fenn, Rod Mountifield, Peter Cirillo, Ash Penhall, Christine Katzer, David Castrechini & Kim Wilson.

**Visitors / Guest:** David Vaughan

## Announcements / Reminders:

### Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes (December 2017) were placed on the tables for members to read. Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Peter Stevens. 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 Ray McGuinness that the correspondence list be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

### **Business Arising from the Correspondence:**

- No business arising from the Correspondence List.

### **Reports from Other Committees:**

#### **WHS** (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- First race meeting for 2018 is this Saturday (State Championship Rnd 1 – Mallala) Temp expected high 20's so come prepared. Remember Hydration, Sunscreen, Snacks and be careful.

#### **T&CC** (Presented by Steve Lewis)

- Shed Cleanup has been done – Reminder to keep it clean!!
- First two race meetings – State Championship – CFs will be Peter Stevens / Brad Morrison (Gate list is now closed) Superkarts / Modern Reg (25<sup>th</sup> Feb) CF will be Ray McGuiness – looking for some more experienced officials to look after new volunteers.
- Still waiting to organise a meetup between the CFs and CoCs. Will happen at some stage.
- Back to Basics – went well with plenty of new, interested Volunteers but would have liked to see more of the senior officials come along to add their experiences / knowledge.
- Australian Motor Racing Series (Rnd 2 – Mallala 06 to 08 April) This is an AASA sanctioned event, SAMROA has no problems with our members attending this race meeting but there is to be NO use of our shed or equipment, No display of our official uniforms and most importantly, NO display of any CAMS (or Affiliated Clubs) logos.

### **New Membership Applications** (For General Committee's Approval)

#### **CAMS** (Presented by Paul Bonnett. Last Meeting Held 16 January 2018)

- SAMROA Affiliation Application for 2018 has been approved – Certificate to be sent out in due course.
- Only first meeting for 2018 – not much from State Office:

## **STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT**

- No meeting has been held.

## **MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT** (Presented by Darren Matiske)

Had first meeting for 2018 last night

- SCC-SA has a new Motorsport Manager, Naomi Maltby.
- New racing category, 2ltr Sports Sedans. Will be running with the Improved Production guys.
- Couple of upcoming events at Tailem Bend: 28 April, SCCSA GT Sprint – rumours are of a couple of F1's appearing. (Keith Williamson will advise how to get your name in for this event shortly) November 10/11, Improved Production Nationals.

## **WEBSITE / IT**

- SAMROA Facebook posts now appear on front page of Web site.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

- Social Committee is looking for new volunteers / new ideas.  
Updates on Anniversary Dinner.
  - Tickets \$120.00 per person (no discounts) A new Banking Account to be set up to allow monthly payments)
  - One man Band / MC has been decided (Old Friend) Troy Harrison.
- Reminder that Parking could become a problem if there are any events on.

## **PROMOTIONS**

- Promotion of SAMROA at some local shows went well towards the end of last year. Already seen a few new members, also seen interest by a few from the New Officials Program – 2018 Adelaide 500.

## **SCC-SA** (Presented by \_\_\_\_\_)

- No Meeting has been held.

## **COMMUNITY LOTTERY UPDATE**

- 2018 Community Lottery (Application form in – awaiting notification) Haven't heard of any updates on when On-Line sales commence. Looking like Paper Tickets will be available until after the Adelaide 500. (As in previous years)

## **General Business**

- As a reminder, if you are not able to attend Clipsal or Shannon's – contact the organisers, these are not SAMROA events. (Contact numbers will be supplied within the Official's Newsletters.
- State Round events and Database Cut-off dates. From now on, when a CF says that an Event has a cut-off date, this will now need to be strictly adhered to. There cannot be any additions after the date has passed. Easiest plan of action is to get your name on database ASAP, even if you are in doubt of attending; BUT – IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND, HAVE THE DECENCY TO INFORM THE CF – DON'T LEAVE IT FOR HIM / HER TO FIND OUT ON THE DAY!!
- Shannon's Nationals: Camping options @ TB – Camping grounds will not be totally ready however; some options will be made available (TB Football Oval may be one of those options) Just be mindful that this is a new circuit and not everything is going to magically be ready for the first couple of Events.
- Andrew Robinson contacted Radio Station 102.3 informing Jodie and Soda of the aspirations of (Peter Tann's grandson) Alex on becoming a fireman. (Alex is 8 yrs. old and blind due to cancer on his brain) Listen in on Mix102.3 Brekki show and all the updates are on [www.mix1023.com.au/shows/jodie-soda/makealexsdays](http://www.mix1023.com.au/shows/jodie-soda/makealexsdays) Alex's big day is 12:00 Friday 23Feb at the Haigh's Building, Beehive Corner in the city.
- Congratulations to a terrific couple; Tom Weston & Elise Lopez are getting married. All of us at SAMROA wish these two all the happiness that the day brings – see you on the Honeymoon (Adelaide 500)

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

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 11 April 2018**

**Venue: Reepham Hotel**



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