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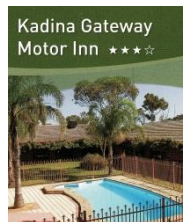
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President's Report

Welcome to the November/December newsletter.

The AMF will be held on the 9th and 10th of December and we are still looking for people to man our promotional stand. If you could please put your name on the database that would be greatly appreciated.

Paul Bonnett and Darren Mattiske attended the calendar meeting on the 16th November and we will then be able to advise dates for next year. This will include some adventures to Tailem Bend for us all.

I would like to thank all the outgoing members of the T&CC for their hard work over the last 12 months and would like to welcome the new members (and past returning members) to the committee.

Remember our next general meeting will be on the 13th December at the Reephram Hotel at 7.30pm.

Have a great Christmas and New Year.

Yours in motorsport Janelle

Cover Photo: Adelaide Heats up.... Victoria Park gets ready to roar with the Adelaide Motorsport Festival this weekend.

Photos courtesy of Troy Bayliss and the [Adelaide Motorsport Festival Facebook page](#)..

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 (second Wednesday of even months), the next meeting is on Wednesday 8th February.

The January newsletter will be published on FRIDAY 5th January...Please submit material to the editor by 5:00pm

T&CC Report - November

A new Training and competition Committee was formed at the October meeting consisting of Darren Mattiske, Steve Lewis, Chris Hutchinson, Brad Morrison, Peter Stevens & Nathan Fenn with Paul Bonnett as the WH&S representative.

The Adelaide Motorsport Festival is on this weekend (December 9th and 10th) where I would invite any of our members that worked at Adelaide Grand Prix to relive the sounds of the F1 cars of that era.

A huge thank you to the team that was out at our last Superkart/Mod Reg meeting. We had enough people to fill all flag posts. The only feedback I have heard from the members was that it was windy, windy and windy!

Paul Trengrove and Charise Bristow from The Bend where at the October State Council Meeting with an update of our new playground. Details below:

Bitumen started getting laid on Oct 24

- will take 5 weeks
- 12 weeks to cure

1st race meetings in April

- Major international GT event
- Shannon's Nationals
- Supercars in August

Windows currently going into pit straight building

- Will finish laying the circuit, then do paddock area then do the stadium
- Everything will open the same time as Circuit
- 4x4 & Rally already finished
- Drag strip will be in stage 2 and will begin after the circuit and finish in late 2019

T&CC Report – November (Cont.)

- The OTR will be finished in Dec. Largest ever.
- 5 show homes being built
- Single garage/3 bedroom \$200,000 to large \$2M

Memberships

- Intro – still some left – drive circuit before anyone else
- Diamond – spectator gold lounge & track time

Bookings

- Prices released and take bookings in 2 weeks

GT Circuit

- 32 flag points (that is thirty two)
- 4.9km

Short Circuit

- 12 Flag points
- 1 km longer than Mallala

Grade 2 medical – tender to operate centre is out now

No budget for recruiting officials

I believe we will have a familiarization day at The Bend before the first event in April.

The Club is starting a recruitment drive with a presence at the Adelaide Motorsport Festival and major shopping centre plus in the Murray Bridge & Tailem Bend area. If you can assist, please contact a member of the General Committee or T&CC.

The calendar meeting was pushed out to November 16. We will attempt to get a SAMROA calendar with all the Circuit Racing events out as soon as we can after that.

Darren Mattiske.

T&CC report – December

Hi and welcome to the December T& CC Report.

This is my first report in some 20 years since I was on the executive Committee and the Training and Competition Committee. I guess you could say it's been a long time between drinks.

Firstly, I would like to welcome the new T& CC for 2018 and thank those members for standing on the Committee for the New Year. Thank you also to those members who served over the past 12 months but have now chosen to stand down and for the work that was produced in that time. Well done.

I would like to thank the members that made it to Mallala for the last round of the Superkart, Mod Reg on the 19/11/17, we just made it with the numbers we had. Thanks to the kitchen staff for organising a tasty chicken and salad lunch that was very much enjoyed.

With the racing season now over, we can rest up in preparation for the 2018 season. The calendar for 2018 is looking a whole lot busier than what SAMROA has ever seen.

Your club is looking at 30 plus events next year shared between 2 venues, Mallala and The Bend. This does not include any Major International Event that The Bend may wish to add.

At this point I would like all members to spread the word of our organisation to friends, family, acquaintances and strangers to try and help build on our membership to help make the work load a lot easier on everyone.

T&CC report – December (Cont.)

Next year's calendar starts:

17th Feb, Round 1 Masters of Mallala.

25th Feb Superkart, Mod Reg, followed by

1st to 4th March Adelaide 500.

Let's get some good numbers out to the first two events to blow out the cobwebs in prep for Adelaide's finest.

Heading into the summer months it is a timely reminder to check your race bag and ensure that it comprises of suitable attire, hats, sunglasses, water bottle etc. We encourage all members to bring their own water and some snacks just in case what is supplied isn't enough. The 2018 calendar is currently going to print and our copies should be available soon.

Dec 16th will see the club ute and trailer being included for show in Taillem Bend's Annual Christmas parade. The ute will be "suitably dressed" with tinsel and other decorations to look the part and photos will be in the next magazine. After the parade all floats etc. meet in a reserve for the fair where we will be able to promote the club to the public and hopefully recruit more members.

Steve Lewis.



Happy Birthday!

The following members had birthdays in November please help us wish them a Happy Birthday...

Nathan Fenn and Grant Paproth (1st), Shain Field (5th), Kim Wilson (7th), Chris Hutchinson (19th), Tony Aloï (21st), Caela Sims (23rd), Chris Anderson (26th), ife members David Castrechini and Rob Thiry (28th), and Life Member Lawrie Schmitt (29th)



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A big thank you to all of those that helped with the annual dinner.

Planning for the 40th Dinner next year is under way with the life members organising this. It should be a great celebration, more details to come over the next few months.

If you would like to join the social committee please let Bron, Janelle or Matt know as the more the merrier.

Happy Birthday!



The following members are Having birthdays in December - please help us wish them a Happy Birthday...

Lisa Totani (1st), Kimberley Stevens (4th), Graham Church (9th), Ray McGuinness (12th), Life member Bryce Crawford (14th), Darren Mattiske (17th), Chris Monck (18th), life Member Bob Schofield (25th) and Ben Anderson (29th)

Steve Clift – Bathurst Review

"I was originally allocated to Sector 8, but with scratching's, was transferred to Sector 19.7, overseeing Posts 19.5 & 19.7 on Conrod Straight. The team consisted of New South Welshmen and Victorians, with 2 trackside for the first time. These posts straddle the hump on Conrod Straight, which is used by the TV cameras to hide the helicopter as it flies above the cars, during the shootout.

On the first day we were visited by Alex Rollo who plucked the right front wheel off at Forrest's Elbow, Simona De Silvestro who ran out of fuel, Steve Johnson's Mustang exploded doors and windows along the straight and a Toyota 86 also having a few issues.

Initially I was disappointed with not being on top of the mountain, however, we had more action in a day than most Sectors had for the whole weekend. The only other incident other than debris, was a heavy hit into the wall by Bob Wisely in his Torana A9X, which then dutifully slid into the Chase, for someone else to clean up (Share the love they say. Ed.).

We saw what David Reynolds saw! Those watching interviews after the event would be aware that he and several other drivers saw a person maximizing their Vitamin-D intake on the edge of the track (in private property) during a safety car period. Actually, there were 4 over the whole weekend, to the delight of everyone opposite our posts (the marshal's remaining focussed of course.) All I can say is, they were certainly maximising their Vitamin D intake in 14C weather. Literally, I have now seen everything at Bathurst!

Bring on 2018.

Steve

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 11 October 2017 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Reephram Hotel
273 Churchill Road, Prospect, SA 5082

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

Present: Janelle Orrock, Paul Bonnett, Darren Mattiske, Kimberley Stevens, Lisa Totani, Peter Tann, Andrew Robinson, David Lans, Ashley Penhall, Jackie Schlein, Chris Anderson, Nathan Fenn, Shaun Halliday and Dieter Von-Zieden.

Apologies: Brad Morrison, Rod Mountifield, Graham Church, Steve Lewis, Matt & Jodie Johnson, Matt Avery, Caela Beaton, Karl Fleming and Chris Hutchinson.

Visitors / Guest: Doug Bell

Late: Peter Stevens & Ray McGuiness

Announcements / Reminders:

- Vote tonight for new T&CC

Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes (August 2017) were placed on the tables for members to read. Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Shaun Halliday. 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 Peter Tann that the correspondence 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 (Shaun Halliday)

- All pretty quiet – Safety barrier has been installed at FP2 but is causing concerns with the slots cut to allow the flags to pass through.

T&CC (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Last meeting 9th October – no quorum!
- Proposed 2018 Calendar – few concerns on days spent trackside. Events are split between Mallala & TB which means more days officiating, but we still have same number of volunteers. Could have some problems brewing.
- Voting tonight for new Committee – General Business

New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)

- Nil

CAMS (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Last Meeting Held 19 September 2017)

- Email distributed re. developing child safe policies. Courses are available through Office of Recreation and Sport. SMSCA also run courses. Recommends that all clubs implement their own policies.
- CAMS Office keys and alarm codes have been changed.

- CAMS Office entry foyer has had a small facelift – new artwork and notice board, Honour Boards to be updated also.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- From the last State Council meeting: Reminder to ALL Officials that your Participation Record Book is required to be kept up-to-date will every CAMS sanctioned event you attend.
- Banned substances list for drug testing – can still take some time for exemptions to be recorded.
- Rob Thiry & Vince Ciccarello – will be organising a meeting with Peregrine (Tailem Bend) staff re Official's requirements.

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- No report.
- 5 rounds of State Championship proposed for 2018 – 3 @ Mallala, 2 @ TBMSP

WEBSITE / IT

- New Committee Information updated (T&CC information will also be updated after tonight's voting)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- 40th Anniversary Dinner: Booked Adelaide Oval. Club Patron Vern Schuppan AM has been invited and accepted. Greg Rust has been approached as a possible MC.

PROMOTIONS

- Is it too late to organise a promotions stand at the upcoming Holden Cruise – may be worth a try.
- Darren has been getting details on how to get into Westfield Shopping centres for a possible display.
- How many Country Shows are left for this year?? Stand organised for Motorsport Expo.
- Two boxes of SAMROA flyers at tonight's meeting – everyone encouraged to take a bundle and distribute.

SCC-SA (Presented by Ray McGuinness)

- Discussed 2018 Calendar.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY UPDATE

- Community Lottery is now over for 2017.
- \$560.00 raised by Ticket Sales handed to Treasurer.
- This year we took 50 books. 2 Books lost, Books sold 28.

SAMROA has purchased the remaining 20 books.

- **200 Tickets** – Ticket Numbers: 589051 to 589070, 58938 to 589550.
- Lottery was drawn 04Oct17 – checked results – 100% record seems to be intact – no winners from the tickets we sold!!

General Business

- T&CC Nominations:

Secretary called for any further nominations: Current nominations are:

Darren Mattiske and Steve Lewis from General Committee.

Other nominations: Paul Bonnett (WHS) Bradley Morrison, Peter Stevens, Nathan Fenn, Chris Hutchinson.

T&CC should consist of a minimum of 7 members and currently we have the 7 members with no further nominations. No voting is required.

Just as a reminder, The WHS position is the only position on this Committee where you don't need to hold a Bronze Level licence (as a minimum) If anyone wishes to fill this position, then I'd step aside to allow it to happen. (But you will need to have had some OHS / WHS training in the past to help you understand the laws and regulations)

Promotional Trailer Registration?? How do we register? Trade plates have been used in the past. (Rego number is TZO 081) Action Point for Darren to investigate.

General Business (Cont.)

- Discussion on the new shirts and uniforms. A supplier has been found for Female White shirts but due to them being a “smaller fit”, the large SAMROA logo (traditionally on the back of our overalls) is to be embroidered smaller. Guys shirts have the room for the normal large logo, but an option is here if you wish the smaller one. New (or is it Current) CAMS Logo “We Are Motorsport” will be printed on all the new merchandise.
- There is now increased Insurance cover from CAMS for Officials but you are only covered when working at CAMS sanctioned events. Look at the CAMS Web site for full details.
- Peter Tann spoke about the difficulties getting sponsorship for clubs these days – it is very tough as very few companies will give out money. A few clubs now are utilising advertising on social media in return for merchandising or gifts.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:36 (8:36 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 13 December 2017**

Venue: Reephram Hotel

Rod Mountfield – Bathurst Review

This has been an annual pilgrimage for myself & the 2 Women for Wheels mates I go with every year for the last 14 years. The group we camp with in the officials' campground, as well as the regular & frequent visitors, are a great bunch of like-minded people who enjoy their motorsport & each other's company. This is as much a reason why we make the journey every year as the motor racing itself.

When you approach the township of Bathurst you can "hear the mountain calling" & you await the opportunity to be part of a major iconic event that I grew up with watching it on TV. It's like no other circuit with the steep ascent & descent, tight corners & fast straights with the odd chicane thrown in for good measure.

Thursday, (day 1) is about familiarisation with the section of the circuit you are working, going through what ifs & who can handle what. You await the first cars on track with anticipation, then the big boys come out to play when the V8 Supercars get released. This is what it's about.

I make no assumptions about what motivates each of us as individuals & drives us to be involved in motorsport, but for me it's being part of the action & a chance to be up close. It's also about the fellowship with other officials, as much a part of this event due to our close living arrangements over the journey.

For me the event was relatively uneventful, however, enjoyed the experience none the less. I hope to see more of our members return to the mountain in 2018 as well as first timers."

Rodney

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