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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

To start this months report I'd like congratulate Peter Cirillo for collecting the 2008 CAMS SA / NT Circuit Racing Official of the Year Award at the CAMS Award Dinner, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.. David Mori was nominated as the SA Motor Racing Official of the Year along with Peter, (as he did win a State Award!), but was pipped at the post by Darryl Power, from the Southern Districts Car Club. Both David & Peter received a very nice framed certificate for being nominated. Darren Mattiski & I were there to make our table look good! (We failed; David's wife and Peter's partner for the dinner were much better looking!) It was a great night for all there.

While the congratulations are being handed out a big one must go to Darren Martin & Partner Jessica on the birth of their baby boy! Seth James - was born on Australia Day, no excuse for Mum & Dad forgetting this birthday. (Membership form & overalls, size 000 are on the way Seth!)

As many of you now know, we are selling lottery tickets in the Australian Central Community Lottery. 100% of the money raised will go to SAMROA & with 800 tickets, we stand to make \$1600.00!

To get your book of 10 tickets (or more) please see Bronwen, let's all get behind this to assist your association. It's only \$2 per ticket, an easy sell!

By now all those who are Officiating at the Clipsal 500 would have received their placements. In that newsletter from Clipsal 500 is an invitation for all to attend the March General meeting on Tue 17th. I intend to make the formality side of this meeting short, so we can enjoy the company of other interstate officials and swap racing yarns! Please come along and enjoy the night.

The next General Meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at the Veneto Club 8pm.

See you all there!

Paul.

**Cover Photo:** Club members Peter Cirillo (Left) and David Mori celebrating their nominations at the recent CAMS award night (looks like the Vino was pretty good). Photo: Paul Hart

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

10 pin bowling is on Sunday 15 February at Ingle Farm Bowl and we are expecting 10-12 people to attend at this stage.

At this stage we are looking at organizing the following events for the remainder of the year:

- Go-karting/BBQ 16 or 17 May
- Monarto Zoo 14 June
- Quiz night/(BBQ?) 11 or 18 July
- Annual dinner/awards 22 or 29 August
- Comedy Club/Xmas dinner 21 or 28 November

We are also looking at possible venues for the annual dinner – which is fast approaching. If you have any suggestions for social functions please contact one of the social committee - Peter Tann, Bob Schofield, Jodie Johnson or Scott Chamings

### Special Offer – Club Port



We still have a number of bottles of the Club 30th anniversary port available.

In order to clear remaining stock, quantity discount are being offered:

2 Bottles for \$35

3 Bottles for \$50

4 Bottles for \$60

**That works out at \$15/bottle for a 25-Year old port.**

To purchase some of this Port (would be a good collectors item or a winter warmer), see Peter Tann to arrange payment.

**Note: March General Meeting will be a day early  
Tuesday March 17th**

## T&CC Report

Hi and welcome back to motorsport thank you for volunteering your time. For those of us who attended the Superkart & Modern Regularity event on the 8<sup>th</sup> it was a pretty good day all round. Sadly there's one less Evo7 in Adelaide as the front end of one got shortened at 4.5. So who say's nothing happens at turn 4..? Expect the unexpected because anything can and does happen. A job well handled by those at points 4 & 5 with excellent radio calls coming in for that incident. However, other flag points were extremely bad at radio calls. Please think of how you made your radio calls when you were on comms. Did you waffle on about irrelevant stuff? Did you take 25 words to say they ran wide and continued? Remember,... You need to keep any radio transmission as brief as possible and only provide the necessary relevant information for the Clerk of Course to make executive decisions. Anything else, including your diagnosis of mechanical faults or other is not required, as all you are doing is taking up air time that may be needed for more important transmissions. Even with the incident described above, there was a low priority transmission in progress, which was overridden by a priority call. So I'm sure you all understand the need for radio silence unless you have a useful and constructive transmission.

For those who attended the Seniors training day and acted as seniors on Sunday I hope you were able to put into practice the things we discussed and agreed on how to manage a flag post and it's crew. So for **all** race meetings it is expected that **all** seniors will make extra effort in managing their point in a professional way rather than just seeing it as a social event where periodically you might need to wave something. Similarly, all 2IC's need to approach their position with professionalism, instead of assuming the Senior will sort things out when they get here. Remember that were are all on the same side here and so far no-one is working as a team....were still a group!!! Don't believe me,...check the definitions of each. I also noticed marshals leaning against spectator fences, on the phone and demonstrating what seemed to be a general lack of interest... Is it that boring..? (don't answer that one!!) So we need to try and lift the standard as we are slowly but surely slipping downward. Have you noticed how many SAMROA members now occupy positions within CAMS..!! **Simply put, SAMROA is recognised as being the most professional motorsport officials association in Australia** (but that's slipping away) and we get approached for input, assessment and more from the executives at CAMS. Should the membership as a whole (YES, you included) continue to allow these little problems to embed themselves in our standard skillset, then, we will surely lose that status. So, be like Lleyton "Come On....!!" Let's get it together.

## T&CC Report (Cont..)

Happier words now!!

Don't forget the Twilight coming up. Typically were not done until 2130 or thereabouts so tell the family you'll be late. With that you may have noticed the nights have got a bit "chilly on the willy" and you need to be prepared for when the sun goes down. But as we're all good officials, I didn't need to remind you of that anyway.

**FIRE TRAINING:** Yes it's on again..! This will be in July, with a final date to be confirmed with Women for Wheels and published soon. This will be a **MANDATORY TRAINING EVENT**. Yes you read that correctly..!! As we have had no fire training for at least the last 4 years, it's prudent that **ALL** officials get trained. **NO Excuses**. The T&CC is in negotiations with several Fire Extinguisher servicing agents so we should have more than enough portable units for everyone to hopefully have at least 2 attempts at fire suppression on a vehicle

**CALENDAR CHANGE: The 6 Hour Modern Regularity Relay has been moved from it's announced date to 17<sup>th</sup> May.** This date change will also be reflected on the race events Database so please make the change in your diary.

By now you should all have got your letter with your placing for the Clipsal500, 2009. Congratulations on those who have moved to a position of increased responsibility as events as such require quality professional officials of which you are. "pat on the back for ya..!!" You would have also noticed a flyer advertising the General Meeting on the Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, which is immediately prior to the Clipsal. This has gone out to **ALL** officials of any capacity who will be working there this year. The intention is to promote the club outside of SA, expand our social ability and attract interest in the club event the weekend prior. As you may be aware some officials arrive to sight see / holiday in Adelaide the week before so it's a great chance for interstate officials who may not get to see Karts, to do so. Remember this is a social event where interstate and international officials can get to know us.

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|----------------------------------|--|
| SCCSA Champ. R1 (Twilight)       | Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb                 |
| Superkarts and Modern Regularity | 15 <sup>th</sup> March                   |
| V8 Supercars – Clipsal 500       | 19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> March |

## T&CC Report (Cont..)

Finally, some of you were placed in training positions during the Superkart event on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The T&CC surely hope you enjoyed your new positions and will be most willing to assume those roles again during the year. Training officials at new roles is what the T&CC want to do every race meeting but without sufficient numbers, it simply can't happen. Have you noticed there always seems to be the same circle of people doing other jobs..? Ever wondered why you don't get a gig..? Not enough people to go around is the simple answer. So please, if you can attend the club level events (don't just be a once a year official) you'll be contributing to an environment that is conducive to training, positioning yourself to receive an incentive scheme gift, and more so, keeping your own skills up to date. How many times have you thought to yourself, I've been doing this long enough now and should be able to do this with my eyes wide shut, but why am I making mistakes..? Practice makes perfect.....!!

Don't forget, Twilight meeting on the Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and Superkarts on March 15. See you there!!

Andrew Leitch (Secretary)

T&CC

## How the fight started...

One year, a husband decided to buy his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year, he didn't buy her a gift. When she asked him why, he replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....

My wife walked into the den & asked "What's on the TV?"

I replied "Dust".

And that's how the fight started.....

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive. So, I took her to a petrol station.

And that's when the fight started.....

## How the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 200 in about 3 seconds. I bought her a scale.

And that's how the fight started.....

I asked my wife, 'Where do you want to go for our anniversary?' It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation. 'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!' she said.

So I suggested, 'How about the kitchen?'

And that's when the fight started....

A woman is standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She is not happy with what she sees and says to her husband, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.' The husband replies, 'Your eyesight's damn near perfect.'

And that's when the fight started....

My wife and I are watching Who Wants To Be A Millionaire while we were in bed, I turned to her and said, 'Do you want to have sex?'

'No,' she answered.

I then said, 'Is that your final answer?'

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying 'Yes.'

So I said, 'Then I'd like to phone a friend.'

And that's when the fight started....

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of VB for \$14.95. Instead, she bought a jar of ice cream for \$7.95. I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the ice cream.

And that's when the fight started.....



## How the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife. 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

And that's when the fight started.....

I rear-ended a car this morning. So, there we were alongside the road and slowly the other driver got out of his car.

You know how sometimes you just get soooo stressed and little things just seem funny?

Yeah, well I couldn't believe it. He was a DWARF!!!

He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!!!' So, I looked down at him and said, 'Well, then which one are you?' And that's when the fight started.....

My kneecaps still hurt.

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office.

She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too.'

And then the fight started...

## Signs of stroke..

One of our members recently had a minor stroke, which they were unaware of at the time. The prognosis is for a full recovery, but they wish to make sure that everyone is aware of the signs of a stroke. The following has been reproduced from the stroke foundation website ([www.strokefoundation.com.au](http://www.strokefoundation.com.au)):

As many stroke survivors can tell you, there are often early signs of stroke.

The **FAST** test is an easy way to recognise and remember the most common signs of a stroke.

The **FAST** test stands for:

**F**acial weakness - can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye drooped?

**A**rm weakness - can the person raise both arms?

**S**peech difficulty - can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?

**T**ime to act fast - call 000 immediately

All the signs of both stroke and TIA may be any one, or combination of the following:

- **Weakness** or **numbness** or paralysis of the face, arm or leg on either or both sides of the body
- **Difficulty speaking** or understanding
- **Dizziness**, loss of balance or an unexplained fall
- **Loss of vision**, sudden blurred or decreased vision in one or both eyes
- **Headache**, usually severe and of abrupt onset or unexplained change in the pattern of headaches
- **Difficulty swallowing**

### Look out for the signs of stroke and live

Stroke is always a medical emergency. If you experience any of these symptoms yourself or recognise them in someone else, call 000 even if the symptoms last for only a short time.

## World's greatest Shave...

For those of you wondering who I am my name is Andrew Hindes and I am a grid marshal at the Clipsal 500 and at Mallala.

I have done this once before 2 years ago and decided to have a go again to try and raise more monies for the leukaemia foundation and therefore will be totally bald at this years Clipsal event. Please be generous as this is a worthwhile cause.



I'm taking part in the Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave this year., I'd like you to support me by making a secure online donation using your credit card.

Take a look at my Profile Page by clicking this link:

<http://my.imisfriendraising.com.au/personalPage.aspx?SID=49632>

- Every hour of every day, at least one person in Australia is diagnosed with leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma.

- Every two hours, someone loses their life to blood cancer.

Please help me raise as much as I can for the Leukaemia Foundation. Their vital work provides patients with practical support during their long and tough treatment, as well as funding important research.

Thanks for your support!

Cheers  
Andrew Hindes



## Australian Central Credit Union Community lottery

SAMROA is participating in the Australian Central credit union community lottery this year, with 800 tickets (80 books) allocated.

The concept of the lottery is that the Australian Central credit union and sponsors will provide tickets, prizes and run the lottery while community organisations sell the tickets and (after banking) receive 100% of the ticket monies received. This is a great opportunity to raise some funds to help finance additional training and updated equipment.

You can assist either by helping sell tickets or by buying tickets in the lottery (\$2 each, lots of great prizes). Please see Bronwen for a book (or more) of tickets.

## Billeting WA guests...

While fairly short notice, a proposal has been put forward to bring some officials over from WA to attend the Adelaide Clipsal 500 in March in order for them to gain additional experience at the national level.

One of the issues would be of providing suitable accommodation for them, a solution would be for some of our member to provide this accommodation for the Clipsal 500 period. If anybody is able to help, please contact Darren Mattiske ASAP.

## Training Courses online

CAMS has recently upgraded the training material available on the web – of particular interest are the introductory and Circuit racing officials modules.

For those considering licence upgrades, the online modules provide a means of completing the required learning without having to wait for a class to become available. For details see the CAMS website/Officials page/National officials training calendar or call 1300 657 673

## Congratulations

Glen Malthouse has just become a Great-Grandfather with the birth of Kaylee (5pd 10 oz) on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January.

Glen also has a set of car ramps for sale, \$20 for the set, his phone number is listed inside the front cover.

## Time attack – Help wanted

The Mitsubishi GSR/EVO Club are again presenting the Phillcom Rally Time Attack on 29th March. The sprint based event will be attracting some impressive machinery and drivers to battle for the fastest lap. Limited to 30 entries, 5 on the circuit at once. The Mitsubishi GSR/EVO Club require a few volunteers to man flag points for the day. Any help will be much appreciated, and you will be looked after. Please register your interest.

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CLUB  
**Time Attack**  
Round 1  
Mallala 29th March

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| Tuner VS Tuner Battle      | Trophies for class winners |
| Timed 1 lap sprints        | Limited to 30 entries      |
| Unrestricted Modifications | Spectators FREE            |

For more info visit [www.gsr-evo-club.net](http://www.gsr-evo-club.net)

## Trade Discount at Ray's Outdoors:

SAMROA is now a 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:



61-69 West terrace ADELAIDE  
1 Phillip Highway ELIZABETH  
Harbour Town ADELAIDE  
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## KWIK STIX Sponsoring SA Officials

Kwik Stix are sponsoring Motor racing officials in South Australia by providing over 2,000 gift vouchers to officials working at events.

People who have been to their restaurants will agree that they provide great food and good service at a good price.

The new meal vouchers are now for "one main meal" at all restaurants owned by The New World Lifestyle group. The New World Lifestyle group own several restaurants throughout Adelaide

**Kwik Stix** - North Adelaide, Bedford Park and Parafield.

**Charminar** – Norwood, Brighton and Plympton

**Oriental** – Hove and Holden Hill



**Members that will be celebrating Birthdays in the coming month Happy Birthday!!**



**February**

**Steve Santinon (21<sup>st</sup>), Peter Stevens (22<sup>nd</sup>), John Stacey (25<sup>th</sup>)**

**March**

**Bill Bayzand (9th), Paul "Fred" Hart (16th)**



## SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On  
Badge - \$6



SAMROA Cap - \$10  
(Hurry – only 2 left!)



SAMROA Sticker - \$3  
(10cm across)



SAMROA Logo Pin  
(Metal) - \$3



SAMROA Polo - \$40  
(1 Large & 1 X-Large left)



SAMROA Cross Flags  
(Metal) - \$3



### NOW AVAILABLE:

SAMROA 30th year Souvenir badges...  
\$10 each

There are also some 'heritage' 21st anniversary badges  
available too...



### Last Chance!! – SPECIAL OFFER

Limited Edition 25 Year Old Vintage Tawny Port. A bottle of  
this excellent drop can be yours for only TWO for \$35,  
THREE for \$50 or FOUR for \$60

*Club Overalls are also available \$90 – includes embroidery*  
All Purchases are to be made from the Treasurer, Peter Tann.



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