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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By the time you read this, we will be well and truly in the grips of the Clipsal 500. It is a demanding time, but one to enjoy and to reflect on what the SA motorsport community can do.

It is with regret to hear that Adam Litchfield has stood down from the T&CC. Unfortunately; it has become increasingly difficult for him to juggle work and motor sport, particularly playing a key role in the T&CC. I hope that Adam continues to join us trackside – when work permits. This leaves a position vacant on the T&CC...

On the plus side, I wish to give a warm welcome to Darren Martin who has agreed to fill the vacant position in the general committee, and has also joined Scott and Jodie on the social committee. The social committee is working very hard at the moment organizing a venue for the annual dinner and is also trying to organize a few social events for later in the year (one idea is a shooting range).. if you have any ideas, let Scott, Jodie or Darren know.

I am disappointed to notice some writing from a member who is disgruntled with the club. This is not going to change anything. If you have issues, discuss them with your elected committee members – or stand for a place on one of the committees. With Adam standing down from the T&CC, there is a position open and an opportunity for you to help solve what issues there may be. Your call.

We currently have a couple of important things happening at the moment..

The option uniform is still chugging along, we are slowly getting order for this, but we need to purchase a minimum of 50 shirts to start off with. Get your orders in – order form is inside your mailing slip.

The Australian central credit union community lottery is also happening again – see Peter Tann for some tickets to sell. This is a great way of helping with the club's finances – which helps us to help you.

The Veneto club is currently reassessing its operations, and so our meeting venue is also up for review. At the moment (Tuesday 9 March) they cannot confirm the venue for Wednesday. If we have to move the meeting I will advise by email/telephone call early next week.

Anyway... enough from me... time to get an early night.

Andrew.

**Cover Photo:** SAMROA Member Paul Hart starting a Superkart Race  
**Photo:** Andrew Robinson .

## T&CC Report

Its two meetings into the new race year and so far the numbers that we have had attending the meetings has been great, so I would like to thank all of those that answered my plea for more numbers and also to welcome the new faces that we saw, I hope we see you all thru the year.

The racing was pretty good at the twilight with no huge dramas but one thing that was brought to my attention from a few different saucers was the standard of blue flagging. It was mentioned to me that often the lead cars were not given good blue flags or in some cases no blue at all, this was despite race control giving all points very good notice.

I do know that we had lots of drivers and new people on the points but this is no excuse as the senior people on the point should have stepped in and guided the new guys, I hope that in the upcoming races that we can all remember to help the new guys and keep all of us up the high level of flagging that SAMROA has, I know from going to events interstate that we are right up there and I would hate to let our standard slip.

As I look out the window and see the Clipsal track I hope that all of us have a safe and fun time this week and that I stop cheering for the cars that are no longer Fords, damm these unfaithful turncoat teams, but that's ok, Ford will win again soon.

On a more serious note, I have stood down as Chairman of the T&CC as of last week, due to work issues and time and other bits and pieces I can't devote the time that's needed to the committee, I have the utmost faith in Andrew Leitch and the rest of the crew to carry on the good work that the committee has started this year.

Adam

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## Vale – Kevin Shearer (Cont.)

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The motorsport community is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of one of its longest serving Historic Eligibility Officers, Kevin Shearer, following a battle with cancer.

Kevin, 72, was widely respected for his knowledge of historic competition. He was a strong advocate for CAMS and worked hard to maintain a strong and mutual beneficial relationship between all groups for the benefit of motor sport. His passion for historics saw him compete at race circuits and hillclimbs all over the East Coast of Australia.



From the early 1970s Kevin could be found working as a track official at Collingrove amongst other volunteer work before making his first competitive outing in an historic vehicle in 1973. He soon became very proficient in competition obtaining class track records at Collingrove, Adelaide International Raceway, Mallala Motorsport Park, Winton Raceway and Amaroo Park.

Kevin's love and passion for motor sport did not stop at competition. He had a long involvement with the Sporting Car Club of South Australia as a committee member of the Veteran Section, Vintage Section and Historic Racing Register – culminating with a long term as the Chairman of the latter. His volunteer roles within the club resulted in being presented with the Histcomp Trophy for services to the club in 1978 and life membership in 2002.

Kevin was also an outstanding CAMS scrutineer and provided these services to many race meetings in South Australia when he wasn't able to compete including events such as the Australian Formula One Grand Prix, the Le Mans race and the Clipsal 500 V8 Supercar event.

Kevin was also one of the biggest influences on drift events being so successful in South Australia under CAMS where he took on the inaugural Chief Scrutineer role until his illness in 2007.

We extend our to Kevin's wife Joan and to his family and friends during this sad time.

### -----HELP WANTED-----

The Mitsubishi GSR/Evo club are running a 3-event Supersprint series this year, and they have approached us for assistance to provide people with flag experience who are able to man 3 flag points at their events.

Upcoming dates are Sunday 25th July and Monday 4th October. Anybody who can help is asked to contact Tristan Catford on 0400 820 745 or [info@gsr-evo-club.net](mailto:info@gsr-evo-club.net)

Food & drink provided... any help is very much appreciated.

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



**March**

**Brett Unsworth (21<sup>st</sup>), Rob Richter (28<sup>th</sup>)**

**April**

**John Silverblade (6<sup>th</sup>), David Mori (11<sup>th</sup> – the big 40), Dieter Von Zieden (11<sup>th</sup>)**

**Matthew Meegan (15<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating 60 wonderful years), Matthew Johnson (15<sup>th</sup>)**



**Matthew Meegan (Left) who is turning 60 this month (photo: David Lamplough, Women for wheels) and David Mori (right) turning 40., photo from Facebook.**



**Australian Central Credit Union Community lottery**

SAMROA is participating in the Australian Central credit union community lottery this year, with 1,000 tickets (100 books).

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 Peter Tann for a book (or more) of tickets.

**Our BBQ Lunch supplied by:**



# THE SAMROA SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU !



2010 Calendar of events		
Date	Event	Location
25-28 Mar	Australian F1 GP	Melbourne
3-4 Apr	National Historics	Mallala
11 Apr	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
1-2 May	SA Circuit Racing Champ Rnd 2	Mallala
23 May	6 Hour Mod Reg	Mallala
29-30 May	Shannons Nationals	Mallala
4-6 June	Bigpond 300	Barbagallo
5 June	HQ Enduro	Mallala
18-20 June	SKYCITY Triple Crown	Hidden Valley
20 June	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
18 July	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
15 Aug	Superkart/Mod Reg State Champ	Mallala
21-22 Aug	SA Circuit Racing Champ Rnd 3	Mallala
26 Sept	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
2 Oct	Lobethal Grand Carnival	Lobethal
30-31 Oct	SA Circuit Racing Champ Rnd 4	Mallala
7 Nov	Superkart/Mod Reg	Mallala
18 Dec	Officials Appreciation Day	Mallala

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Do you enjoy the BBQ lunches at the Superkart meetings, BBQs after some events, the Annual Dinner, or crushing the Superkart Club to defeat when they are brave enough to challenge us??

All these activities happen because of the members of the social committee.

Not much time is needed from members of the committee, we meet once a month for an hour or so on a Monday night at the Para Hills Community Club for a drink and to discuss what supplies are needed for the shed and upcoming activities.

While we now have 3 people on this committee, we could always do with some assistance to keep the BBQs and Events occurring, so come on and join the committee.

Members partners or family members are also encouraged to join, perhaps this is a good chance to check out this club that the other half runs off to on the weekend!

**Contact Jodie Johnson on 08 8562 3528,  
Scott Chamings or Darren Martin (inside front cover)  
to register your interest.**

## SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sew On  
Badge - \$6



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(Metal) - \$3



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(Metal) - \$3



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

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### April Newsletter:

April issue will be printed on Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> for post on the Friday.

Final deadline for material is **9:00AM Thu 15/4**. Earlier is appreciated.

Thanks to Peter Tann for his assistance in printing the newsletter each month.



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