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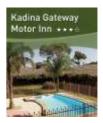


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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

To the financial community "Happy New Year"

And to everyone – welcome to July's Newsletter. Being July, winters well and truly set in. could that be the reason that trackside numbers have been down at the past few month's race meetings? On a brighter note it was good to see a lot of members at the last General Meeting, which is a great opportunity for exchanging information & ideas. So if you do have any ideas that you feel can make a positive difference to your association, please make them known to us.

If you feel strongly about your ideas and can see yourself a member of the General Committee why not have yourself nominated for a position.

Many of my reports are written a few days before an event to make sure the editor has them to be placed in the newsletter; this was certainly the case last month when I thanked everyone for their efforts at the State Rnd 2. Now I want to give extra thanks and praise to all trackside officials for their efforts during that difficult time. Know one likes to hear of a death of someone who puts their very best in to what they do, but it does happen. Michael's incident did shock us all. But I'm pleased to report that all Officials at Mallala that day have recovered well and are ready to for fill their duties again; this includes the new guys who had their first taste of Motorsport at Mallala. I personally welcome all officials to pick up the reins again and continue with what we do best! No matter how long it's been.

The Social Club have tried something different lately, instead of a BBQ at the end of a day, (Superkart & Mod Reg) they have been placing out dips, biscuits for all to enjoy. Not only is this easier to prepare but much easier to clean up. Especially with the lagging numbers of recent times.

As we know the MG Car Club of SA have been celebrating the 50th Birthday of the MGB. And SAMROA wishes them a Happy Birthday!

President's Report (cont.)

Between August & October they will be having 4 MGB's and memorabilia on display at the Birdwood Museum, as well as a couple of runs through the hills. Anyone interested (MG Enthusiasts) can contact Adrian Ward for further info 0400 577 169. <u>adrianward@adam.com.au</u>

They were lucky enough to have a display of cars in Rundle Mall on the 11th of June, so I'll leave this report with some photos of that display. Please don't forget the next General Meeting which is also the AGM. Until then!



The next General Meeting – 08th August, 7.30 Sunnybrae Farm. With the AGM to follow the General Meeting after a short break

Reminder: subs are now due

Remember to vote at the AGM you must be a financial member of SAMROA

Social Committee Report

The Social Committee are planning a **social dinner** and have decided on Brunelli's (formerly Sapore), corner of Payneham and Lower North East Roads. Come and join us on Friday 20th July at around 6.30pm.

Partners are welcome (and encouraged) to attend.

If you are interested in coming along, please let Peter Tann (text 0417 867 403 or email <u>peter.tann@gerardcorp.com.au</u>), Jodie Johnson (0457 174 788) or Darren Mattiske (0412 823 171) know

Annual Dinner

Please note a change of date to 15th September as the original date we wanted was no longer available when we went to confirm the booking.

The venue is Dimples Restaurant & Function Centre at Tea Tree Gully Golf Club, Hamilton Road, Fairview Park.

We have also managed to secure the services Troy Harrison as our entertainment for the evening.

Costing has now been completed. Members cost will be \$45, non members \$55.

As in previous years, the price will include a drink on arrival with subsequent drinks for your own expense.

We will again offer the ability to pay progressively up to the event.

Social Committee Report (cont sort of)

Memorobilia

As many of you would know, Fran & I have been members of Cancer Council SA – TTG Branch members for a number of years helping to raise funds for research and other programs. A couple of weeks ago we helped organise a quiz night which also included a silent auction.

Amongst the items were some Clipsal 500 10 year books which Chris McCarthy (Macca) got signed for me by the drivers who attended the Grand Opening of Revolution Racegear.

They were Will Davison; Dave Reynolds; Tony D'Alberto; Shane Van Gisbergen; Lee Holdsworth; Tim Slade; Garth Tander; James Courtney; Russell Ingall; Nick Percat; Jamie Whincup & Craig Lowndes.

As the Quiz night was not bristling with testosterone fuelled race fans, the books did not reach the reserve price I had set and were passed in.

If anyone is interested in making me an offer (remember this is for charity) for any of the books, please let me know before the AGM (then I will try Ebay).

As well as the books, Chris (good man that he is) also got some shirts signed by the above drivers as well. I have 2 shirts signed by Ford drivers, and 2 shirts signed by Holden drivers.

One shirt of each (Ford & Holden) I am donating to the reward and recognition scheme.

If you have been out to lots of qualifying meetings and are at the head of the queue, you may be lucky and get to select one.

If not, I am open to offers, and will bring books and shirts along to the next General Meeting on Wednesday 8 August.

From Peter Tann

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time:	13 June 2012 @	9 19:30 (7:30pm	n)	
Location:	Sunnybrae Function Centre			
	Tikalara Street	Regency Park	SA	5010

Meeting Opened: 19:37 (7:37 pm)

Present: Paul Hart, Andrew Robinson, Peter Tann, Paul Bonnett, Darren Mattiske, Tony Aloi, Robert Holloway, Scott Chamings, Brad Morrison, Andrew Leitch, Darren Martin, Matthew Johnson and David Lans.

Apologies: Steve Clift, Jodie Johnson, Grant & Caela Sims, Rod Mountifield, Grant Paproth, Steve Santinon & Peter Cirillo.

Visitors / Guest: David Vaughan & Ram Nagappan (Potential New member)

Late: Bronwen Williamson & Bob Schofield.

Announcements / Reminders:

• Next general meeting will be in august – this will also be our AGM

Previous Minutes:

Previous Minutes (April 2012) were Presented and Moved by Secretary. (Paul Bonnett) This was seconded by Andrew Leitch. All voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Andrew R and Peter T abstained from voting (Were not at the last meeting)

Business arising from the minutes:

- Electrical Test and Tagging of the lighting equipment used at the last Twilight meeting: This will be handled by both the SCC-SA and Clem Smith.
- No further business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence:

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. Moved by Matthew Johnson. Seconded by Brad Morrison that the correspondence be received.

All Voted in favour; Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

• (Outgoing letter sent to Greg Smith) The Australian Officials Committee (AOC) and State Officiating Panel (SOP) have come out and suggested that SAMROA has acted accordingly in taking Greg from track-side duties. SAMROA will continue to support Greg and continue to find other jobs to help keep him within the "motorsport community"

• No further business.

Treasurer's Report: (April / May 2012)

	APRIL	MAY
Opening Balance:	\$ 3, 733.85	\$ 4,417.88
Receipts:	\$ 1, 820.00	\$ 1,975.00
Outgoings: Closing Balance:	<mark>\$ 1, 135.97</mark> \$ 4, 417.88	\$ 262.00 \$ 6,130.88

\$ 6, 130.88 + \$ 5, 468.75 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 11, 599.63

The Treasurer's Report for May 2012 was moved by Peter Tann. Seconded by David Lans. All voted in favour that the report be accepted. (David Vaughan abstained)

Accounts for Payment:

- Room Hire Sunnybrae Function Centre \$ 50.00
- Andrew Robinson \$173.22 Newsletter Postage (Last two months)
- A Class Sports & Trophies \$750.00: Deposit for Badge Blanks
- Peter Tann \$12.00:

Accounts for Payment were moved by Peter Tann. Seconded by David Lans. All voted in favour that accounts be paid. (David Vaughan abstained)

Reports from Other Committees:

OHS&W (Presented by Andrew Robinson)

- In light of the Twilight Electrical Lighting Equipment needing to be tested, it has been discussed that we should take the opportunity to also look at our electrical equipment in the shed: This can be performed by the two Andrews (Robinson and Leitch who are both licensed)
- The Critical Incident which occurred June 02 has been discussed at both of our Committee Meetings and this General Meeting. The incident was handled very well by all of the Officials involved and as a Club, we should offer plenty of support to them if they find they need some assistance.

T&CC (Presented by Andrew Robinson)

- Low numbers of Officials at Mallala events are an on-going problem this year, we are only just getting the bare minimum numbers for the Superkarts / Modern Regularity events and most have been run with FP 4 and 6 closed. (And another thing for you all to ponder on It's always been the common belief that "Nothing ever happens at FP4 so it's OK to shut it down." WELL; a recent occurrence has proved that wrong what would have happened if we hadn't had the numbers and that FP was shut down??)
- Training Day:Looking at running it in July, preferably on a Saturday. An agenda is being put together and once we confirm the day, it will be placed on the Database. Keep an eye out for updates in the next Newsletter and Emails.
- Combination on the lock (Key access to the SAMROA shed) should be changed as the current combination is to easy to predict.

CAMS REPORT (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Meeting Held 15 May 2012)

- 2013 60th Anniversary of CAMS the board is looking at producing a commemorative book. More details will be released at a later date.
- Upcoming Training: Stewards Module 14 July,

Course Presenter – 15 July, and

Circuit Module (Intro) – 12 August

(Bookings can to be done by contacting the SA Office)

• Next CAMS Meeting will be 6:30, 26 July 2012 due to the CAMS Board visiting Adelaide and wishing to informally "catch up" with the attendees before the meeting commences.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT (Presented by Paul Hart in Peter Cirillo's absence)

• (As mentioned above) The letter sent out to SOP regarding Greg Smith has been sighted by the Australian Officials Committee and is now back with SOP. Both the AOC and SOP have said that SAMROA Committees were correct in their action and we will await their suggestions. (Until then, we will continue to find alternative tasks for Greg so he may continue attending race meetings)

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

- Alternative Medical Requirements Extended discussion.
- Issue arose from the Superkart meeting on the 20th May with the qualifications of the medical officers. Superkart activities were postponed until a doctor was on site. Awaiting a letter from Dr John clarifying qualifications and training of medical personnel provided by Mallala Motorsport Park. E-mail received from CAMS clarifying the requirements for a written report from a registered medical practitioner.
- CoC and Event Command licence holders to have an info evening to talk about issues, in particular the "Medical requirements - Alternative for Club, Multi-Club or State Championship race meetings". Vince would be happy to attend. Darren to arrange a meeting once all information is gathered and correct.
- OLT Forms:

An OLT form has gone missing. Ian Williams has requested for all OLT forms to be returned to the driver or given to the race secretary. If the Stewards request them, they are to be given a photo copy. Vince has already approached CAMS in Melbourne regarding this.

- Darren was asked if any type of track-side service has been organised to remember Michael Rooke at the next Superkart Meeting. Nothing that he is aware of, but something may be planned for a future meeting.
- At an earlier meeting, a question was asked if Hybrids constitute any type of risk to officials if involved in an accident. Darren will refer this question to the SOP and in the meantime, Darren Martin has volunteered to do some investigation on Hybrids.

Junior Development Program (JDP) Update

- All 12 positions for 2012 have been filled,
- Planning for 2012 activities is "on track", and
- JDP Excel is entered at the next "come'n'try Hill-climb, 14July12.

WEBSITE / IT

• The updating of our Web Site is an on-going task and will unfortunately take some time. It was discussed at our last committee meeting about possibly resurrecting the SAMROA page on Facebook. So that we don't have the same problems that led to the page being shut-down, it was thought that the page could be <u>Moderated</u> before the comments were displayed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- The TTG Golf Course (Dimples Restaurant) has been booked for our Dinner Date is now confirmed for the 15 September 2012.
- Planing a dinner night just a night out in a restaurant somewhere, date will be July 20.
- Also a possible Workshop Tour of Boost Works (Sponsor of Improved Production cars) No date as yet and may not happen until next year keep an eye on future newsletters.
- A Kart racing afternoon is being considered for November Venue and Time to be announced at a later date.
- TTG meats are now our supplier of BBQ sausages etc. They will be donating the gear for our BBQ day at Bunnings, Parafield later in the year. (Would be good if we support them also)
- Whilst at Mallala (BBQs) we need to be mindful of the extra officials when ordering the food, the timing officials (at some stage and by persons unknown) were told that they were not invited at lunch times and so have always stayed away. We think a letter should be sent inviting them to join us for lunch.

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

• Young Officials Program We have borrowed the CAMS Young Officials Program idea run at the AGP & Townsville V8's to recruit some new volunteers at the state championship rounds.

- Flyer in Adelaide Uni & Uni SA
- V-connect @ Adelaide Uni
- Use Survey Monkey to get details
- Charise at the CAMS Office has a KPI to create a Young Officials Program for the 2013 Clipsal 500 (SAMROA will be assisting CAMS in this program)
- We have one volunteer from Adelaide Uni (Ting Qiu) who attended on the weekend 02June.
- TTP Display / Promotion 14 / 15 July
 - Will be using a Superkart as an eye catcher
 - Need to arrange members to man the display

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA (Presented by Bronwen Williamson)

- Lighting equipment should be tested by the next meeting.
- Have started working on next years events- only one Twilight and the rest will be two day events.("Digi-lighting" equipment has been ordered)
- Targa Adelaide are having a night-time stage at Wayville Showgrounds and have asked for a motorsport display to be organised. Good opportunity for us to run a promotion.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY UPDATE (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- 43 books are currently out with Members to sell.
- **32** books have currently been sold (**\$ 640.00 has been banked**) The Lottery does not finish until the end of July but if tickets have been sold then return them to Secretary. Email to be sent out soon to inform members with books.

People with books out are:

Paul Bonnett 63978, Tony Aloi 63982, Darren Mattiske 63989 – 63991, Bob Schofield 63992, Peter Tann 63997, Andrew Robinson 64005 - 64011, Matthew Johnson 64010 - 64011,

Andrew Leitch 64013, Scott Chamings 64014 – 64015, Bronwen Williamson 64016 – 64017,

Darren Martin 64018, Caela Sims 64019 – 64029, Tom McDonald 64022 – 64023,

Alex Varcoe 64024, Grant Paproth 64035, Paul Karamanov 64036 – 64038 and the last book is 64027 – Someone from the Committee has this one (I failed to put the name down on my sheet!!)

General Business

- 02June SCCSA State Championships Rnd 2. David Vaughan came along tonight to have a short talk about the afternoon events and to outline the services available if any of us feel the need to talk.
- Next General Meeting (08 August) will also be our AGM Any nominations for the Committee can be made by contacting any current Committee Member or send to Secretary.
- Peter Tann has a couple of Clipsal Books and Shirts which have been signed by some of the V8 Racing Drivers – they are to be used as fund raisers for the Cancer Council. (Contact Peter if anyone is interested)
- Kwik Stik Vouchers are once again available to all volunteers who attend meetings out at Mallala. Thanks to Darren Mattiske for once again arranging these.
- The Kiosk out at Mallala has new owners and the word is that the choice of fresh food is a big improvement.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 21:15 (9:15 pm)

Next Meeting: 19:30 (7:30 pm) on Wednesday 08 August 2012 (AGM)



T&CC Report

With the cancellation of the HQ nationals, July is a quiet month and a good time to recharge the batteries. A big 'thank you' to all those who came out to support grass-roots motorsport. While the number of people at this event was tight, we were able to run a good event. A reminder that the next superkart meeting is on the 29^{th} July.

We have been tight for numbers for a while now which raises the questions: Why are numbers down and what can we do ?? If any of you have some ideas on things that would help (car-pooling, fuel vouchers etc) please let us know and we can see what we can do. In November we currently have a Twilight race meeting on the Saturday and a Superkart meeting on the Sunday and while we are looking at ways to help, any ideas from you would also be welcome.

On the 21st of this month we will be holding our first training day for the year – at the Sporting Car club, 51 King William Road Unley. On this day we will be going back through the basics – Communications, Managing incidents and writing reports, however then we will follow through the incident reports and look at what happens afterwards including how the Clerks of course investigate them. At the end of the day we will also look at what happens during a Steward's hearing and you will have the opportunity to present your evidence. The day is suitable for anyone – from new people through to those who have been around for a while. If you want to come along (and I hope you do), either add your name to the event on the database or let a T&CC member know.

For this month's section from the CAMS manual, we look at the standing regulations for Regularity events:

Standing Regulations - Modern Regularity

1. PREAMBLE

Regularities are variation of circuit rules to allow those competitors who choose not to race to run their vehicles for the enjoyment of themselves. It is a competition of setting consistent lap times. The continuing existence of regularities relies upon the exercise of common sense and, more particularly, good judgement on the part of organisers in accepting or rejecting entries for specific events. Gross variation in potential speed is not condoned.

2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Event organisers must be aware that widespread disparity of nominated lap times is undesirable in the interest of safety. Lap times likely to be nominated by competitors should be taken into account when arranging fields. Alternatively, organisers may assemble fields according to vehicle type or category.

T&CC Report (cont.)

Dicing by competitors shall not be tolerated. Once a competitor has been passed they may not repass the car that passed them for the remainder of that lap. No passengers may be carried in vehicles.

3. DETERMINATION

At a time prior to the event set by the organisers, each competitor will nominate a designated lap time (to the tenth of a second) for the event. Organisers have the right to refuse to accept a nominated time if it is deemed unreasonable. In such case, the competitor will be required to nominate an alternative lap time acceptable to the organisers. For each lap on which the competitor records a lap time less than his nominated time, a penalty of two points per tenth of a second of the error shall apply, and for each lap greater than his nominated lap time a penalty of one point per tenth of a second of the error shall apply. The winner is the competitor who has completed the required number of laps and has accrued the least penalty points. Once the competitor has completed the required number of laps no further scoring for that competitor shall apply. Any subsequent laps must be timed (see 4 below).

4. LAP TIMES

The organisers shall nominate a minimum lap time for each event. A maximum nominated lap time of 130% of the minimum lap time can be accepted. After practice the Secretary of the Event reserves the right to vary the minimum time with the Stewards approval to best suit the competitors entered. Due account of the field should be considered and there should be some headroom for any competitor to 'break' their time. There however, should not be too much time so as to compromise the safety of the event. Any competitor, who records a lap time lower than the minimum time, shall be excluded from the event and a black flag shown to the competitor. (This also includes any extra laps that a faster car may get in after their prescribed laps; therefore all laps must be timed.)

5. TRACK DENSITIES

The maximum track density for any event shall be as listed on the track licence.

6. ELIGIBLE CARS

Vehicles complying with Schedules A and B (refer to "General Requirements for Cars and Drivers" in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport) are eligible. 'Cruise controls' are not to be used.

T&CC Report (cont.)

7. EVENT STARTING

Competitors shall be marshalled in the pit lane or marshalling area (as appropriate to the circuit layout) in order of nominated lap times, with the fastest cars in the front. At the commencement of the event the cars are to be directed to enter the circuit one at a time until all cars have entered for a warm-up lap. Timing will commence for each car as it crosses the start/finish line at the beginning of the trial period (flying start) and will continue until the prescribed number of laps is completed. Competitors may continue until the end of the event is declared by the showing of the 'chequered flag. Competitors must be ready to start when a one minute board is shown to the field before the start. Failing to be ready when the one-minute board has been shown shall preclude that competitor from starting in the event.

8. COMPETITOR REQUIREMENTS

Competitors will be required to produce a CAMS Level 2S Licence as a minimum, together with proof of current membership of a CAMS-affiliated car club.

9. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Drivers must wear helmets and, in open vehicles, goggles/visors complying with Schedule D (refer "General Requirements for Cars and Drivers"). CAMS recommend that competitors wear an approved full-face helmet when driving in open vehicles (refer Schedule D). Fire-resistant clothing is not mandatory, but drivers must wear woollen or cotton clothing covering the body from ankles to wrist and neck, and suitable footwear.

10. GENERAL

Vehicle log books are not mandatory, but if a log book has been issued, it must be presented at scrutineering.

Reminder subs are now due

You should find a renewal form with this newsletter. If no details have changed, please note this and you will save the treasurer much time in checking.



Ed Says

Congratulations to members celebrating birthdays this month

August	
Member	Day
Greg smith	7th
Chris Paproth	7th
Geoff Sykes	9th
Geoff Vaughn	10th
Glen Malthouse	12th
Alex Varcoe	18th

July	
Member	Day
Leaker, Colin	2nd
Robinson, Andrew	11th
Adamson, Scott	21st
Candy, Alan	25th



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These and cover photos provided by members. Send me some of yours for inclusion in future newsletters.



SAMROA Sew On Badge - \$6

SAMROA Merchandise



SAMROA Sticker - \$3 (10cm across)



SAMROA Cross Flags (Metal) - \$3



SAMROA Logo Pin (Metal) - \$3



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

MPD "SERVICE OTHERS ONLY TALK ABOUT"

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 AIRPORT





Summary of SAMROA Meetings for 2012

Event	Date	Days	Chief
Training Day	21 st July 9am for 9:30	1	T&CC at Sporting Car Club, 51 King William Rd
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	29 July 2012	1	Karl Fleming
Annual General Meeting	8 th August	7:30pm	
SA State Circuit Racing Championship - Rnd 3	18 August 2012	2	Tony Aloi/Brad Morrison
S/kart Race + SA State Modern Reg Cham	9 September 2012	1	Paul Karamanov
Fire Training day	15 th Sept (tentative)		Venue: A.I.R. (to be confirmed)
SAMROA Dinner	15 st September		Tea Tree Gully Golf Club
General Meeting	Weds 10 th Oct	7:30pm	
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	14 October 2012	1	ТВС
SA State Circuit Racing Championship - Rnd 4 - Twilight	17 November 2012	1	Lui Mori/Shaun Field
Superkart Race Meeting + Modern Regularity	18 November 2012	1	Brian Agars/Andrew Robinson
General Meeting	Weds 12 th Dec	7:30pm	
Official's Recognition Day	15 December 2012	1	

You can put your name down for an event using the Database, the red book or by contacting a T&CC member/Chief flag.

Members Meetings Start at 7:30PM, SunnyBrae Function centre, Tikalara st, Regency Park (Behind Coopers Brewery, right on the outside of the bend) – Enter from South Road (First Right if heading from Regency Road)