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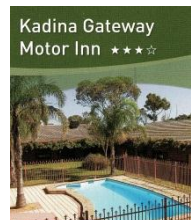


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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Wasn't it great to see so many members out for the Shannon's Nationals. Pity we did not get the same for the Easter Histories, not to worry. You may have noticed we have new flag point bags, these were spotted by Andrew Leitch and with the General Committee agreeing with the suitability for our use, 8 were purchased. Even though these have a tough exterior, can you please look after them.

It's been a busy couple of months for us, but I'm happy to say that we have handled the amount of race meetings well, assisting the associations we officiate for in a professional manner. I thank everyone who has assisted in this.

With this being May and our AGM only a few months away I feel it's time to let you all know that I will not be standing for any Committee position in the future. It's time for a break, a time to relax and be able to concentrate on my paid job, which is getting busier as I climb the corporate ladder (so to speak)

Please join us at the next General Meeting which is on the 11th June, 7.30 at the Royal Hotel. 6.30 For a meal beforehand.

Cheers for now.
Paul Hart.

Cover photo: Easter Histories 2014 courtesy Peter Tann
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T & CC Report

By Steve Clift

Can you believe that the big ticket motor racing events for South Australia are over already? Now we get down to good basic club level racing, for the rest of the year. Thank you to all the officials who have put their hand up over the past 2 months. It has been a marathon, but SAMROA has come out strongly and performed extremely well. It has also been amazing seeing many new officials out during that period, including several under 18's, so encourage them, invite them to bring their friends and family out, and above all, look after them.

As mentioned, we now enter a more measured period on the calendar, with would you believe, only 9 meetings remaining for the balance of the year. This gives everyone the chance to catch their breath and ensure that numbers are good for every event. The next couple of meetings are:-

Superkarts	Sunday	25 May
SCCSA Rd 2	Saturday/Sunday	31 May/1 June
Superkarts	Sunday	13 July
Superkarts	Sunday	10 August

Place your name in the Red Book or on the database as soon as possible.

Officials who have worked at Flag Point 4 in recent months would note that there has been a change in the flooring. There are small bolts in the centre of the “bunker”, which cannot be altered, therefore please be aware of this and when setting yourself up at the point, plan a safe escape route, avoiding these bolts. All Senior's at the point in future, please note this in your briefing and discuss how you as a team, will manage the situation during the day.

Another issue is the recently installed lights blocking the view of officials. This matter has been raised with the appropriate people, however it is up to Senior's again in their briefing, to discuss how the team is going to manage the Point and perform their duties to the best of their ability, on the day.

Training is in full swing, with the Fire Training to be held this Saturday, 10 May at AIR. I understand that bookings on the database can be taken until Friday 9 May, so if your name is not down, reconsider and participate in some great hands on training. I am sure all participants will get a lot out of the experience, I know I will, especially reducing the population of Alfa Romeo's, by one.

T & CC Report (cont.)

The next SAMROA training is on 20 July, focusing on Communications. I know that some great scenarios have been developed and a live communications network will be set up to create a realistic experience, so get your name down as soon as possible. More details will follow closer to the event. If you would like to discuss any other aspects of officiating or training, please do not hesitate to contact one of the T&CC members.

CAMS also have opportunities available for training as follows:-

Circuit Module	24 May
Silver Module	24/25 May
Stewards Module	26 July
Event Assessor	TBA
Dissecting the CAMS Manual	TBA

If you wish to participate or register an interest, then contact Charise at the CAMS SA office on 83614801 or email to charise.bristow@cams.com.au.

There was an issue recently, where officials left the safety of Flag Point 2, to attend to vehicles adjacent to the dam wall. Several things were highlighted by this; the first is always stay behind the first line of protection until next to the vehicle. This would mean walking on top of the dam wall where ever possible, facing the oncoming traffic. The second thing is that as Point 2 is the only point in the centre of the track, unless there is a significant emergency, officials' should stay within the bunker until the completion of the event or the race has been neutralised. Appropriate flags should also be used when officials are exposed.

The Shannon's Nationals Porsche GT3 40 lap race was a great example of blue flagging in a race. How did your team go? There are several things to remember. After the race settles down, start to write down the running order and with a field of say 15, you should be able to record them all. The other aspect is that say the 5th or 6th car lapping a tail ender deserves the same respect as the leader, so remember to keep a close eye on every competitor's position, as the field meshes together.

We are now entering a cooler period of the year, so please prepare yourself accordingly. Warm clothes, warm drinks, waterproof protection and boots. Sneakers can be a trap if they get wet, so look for something a bit more substantial, as winter sets in. If you do get caught out and are feeling a bit "off", refer to your Senior immediately, so that you can get out of the elements as soon as possible.

Well, that's about it. Looking forward to the more leisurely pace ahead and the opportunity to participate in some great training.

See you trackside soon and until then, stay safe.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 09 April 2014 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Royal Hotel (Cnr North and Dequetteville Tce,
Kent Town)

Meeting Opened: 19:40 (7:40 pm)

Present: Paul Hart, Paul Bonnett, Peter Tann, Darren Mattiske, Tony Aloï, Andrew Leitch, Robert Holloway, Brad Morrison, Jodie Johnson, Caela Sims, Grant Sims, Chris Hutchinson, Matt Avery, Barry Hughes, Steve Clift, David Mori, Bronwen Williamson, Peter Cirillo and Shaun Halliday.

Apologies: Loui Mori and Matthew Johnson,

Late: Bob Schofield

Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes (February 2014) were placed on the tables for members to read. Secretary (Paul Bonnett) was not at February's meeting – minutes taken by Ass't Secretary (Darren Mattiske) President (Paul Hart) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Andrew Leitch. All members voted in favour that minutes be accepted after a few corrections. (See Business Arising)

Business arising from the minutes:

- Time of next meeting (09Apr14) and the meeting closed times were incorrect. Actual finishing time was 21:25 (9:25 pm) and was placed in wrong spot on word template. All members should be aware that General Meetings start at 19:30 (7:30) If there are any changes, members are informed well in advance.
- Thank-you to Chris Hutchinson for restocking of the shed.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

(cont.)

- Point in General Business re WHS requirements at the 2014 Clipsal – This was a discussion on the assumed requirement that if you drove a Golf Buggy or Motor Cycle then you would require a licence and all participants in the Driver's Parade would require a helmet. As it transpired, these requirements were relaxed prior to the event.

Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached) Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Jodie Johnson that the correspondence be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- No business arising from the Correspondence List.

Treasurer's Report: (February / March 2014)

	FEBRUARY 2014	MARCH 2014
Opening Balance:	\$ 1, 876.77	\$ 1, 768.96
Receipts:	\$ 455.90	\$ 0.09
Outgoings:	<u>\$ 563.71</u>	<u>\$ 556.20</u>
Closing Balance:	\$ 1, 768.96	\$ 1, 212.85

\$ 1, 212.85 + \$ 14, 025.78 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 15, 238.63

The report was moved by Treasurer (Peter Tann) Seconded by Caela Sims. All voted in favour that report be accepted.

Accounts for Payment:

- \$200.00 – Social Club Top up
- \$60.00 – Royal Hotel: Room Hire for tonight's meeting.

The Accounts for Payment were moved by Treasurer (Peter Tann). Seconded by Shaun Halliday. All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

(cont.)

Reports from Other Committees:

WH & S (Presented by Caela Sims)

- SAMROA Hot Weather Policy – Still some debate whether we actually need one but Brad and Caela are progressing – Still a “Work in Progress”

T&CC (Presented by Tony Aloï)

- Thank you to Andrew Leitch for finding and ordering some suitable tool bags that will replace the existing flag point bags.
- Fire Fighting Training – May 10, Adelaide International Raceway. Very extensive day and all members attending are encouraged to make the most of it. For people who can't make it, can we video????
(Would have to ask permission etc. but will make enquiries)

Also planning a Communications (upskilling) Course – 20 July at the SCCSA club rooms. (More information will be released at a later date)

- Upcoming Training Events: (Contact CAMS to register)
Silver Module: CAMS Office 24/25May,
Circuit Module: SCC-SA Club Rooms 24May, and
Stewards Module: CAMS Office 26July.
- Discussion on SCC-SA Form-up Personnel over Easter – SAMROA is aware of the growing problem but unfortunately (at this time) it is not SAMROA's responsibility to supply personnel to help out. (Sometimes struggling with our own low numbers)
- Interested in an upgrade – give T&CC plenty of notice for them to arrange!!
- Solar panel for the installed lights at FP5 – has there been any feedback about moving??

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

(cont.)

CAMS (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Last Meeting Held 18 March 2014)

- Charice was absent from meeting - Nothing from State Office.
- Plenty of interest in CAMS at Melb F1. Merchandise is quite popular.
- Discussion on Clipsal CAMS display, may form a “working panel” for next year's event. As Charice was absent, the topic of the display will be discussed at April meeting.
- SAMROA will contact CAMS on furthering training for the Junior Officials.
- Reminder on mandated use of Frontal Head restraints to become compulsory for all International and National circuit, road and off-road events from mid 2014 onwards. State events will be from Jan 2015.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- Nothing to report – Tony Aloï will be attending next meeting in Peter's absence

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- Nothing to report from MRP – although there was a discussion on flags / lights at Mallala.

WEBSITE / IT

- Findon Crash Repairs have been sold – it has been requested that any reference to Findon Crash be removed from the Web Site and Newsletter.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Presented by Jodie Johnson)

- Annual Dinner for 2014 will be at the Hackney Hotel. Have approached Dean Canto as a possible MC. Examples of Menus were discussed and it was decided to once again contact Hackney Hotel and make a tentative booking. (Stay Tuned for more updates)

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

(cont.)

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Nothing to report – Corflute signage was produced / supplied for Clipsal – 11 out of 15 were returned. If we wish to use them out at Mallala for upcoming Shannons event, we should contact promoter and ask permission.

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA (Presented by Bronwen Williamson)

- Bit of a Discussion / Feedback from the re-scheduled State Round Round 1. General discussion ensued on the installed lights again – whilst personnel are adapting to the use, there are currently several ideas on how they should be used – all agreed that eventually we will need to promulgate some kind of guide but until then, we will take it event by event and gather further feedback.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY TICKETS (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- Only have picked up 60 books this year. Currently 27 books out with Peter C. and the Committee.
- Will continue with emails / newsletter articles requesting that members take and sell them. Will make sure they are available at our upcoming meetings.

General Business

- Flag Point Bags: Briefly mentioned by T&CC – Andrew Leitch has ordered some Tradesman Tool Bags big enough to replace the existing worn bags. It was hoped to have one tonight to show everyone but order hasn't been received.
- Overnight camping is available for the Easter and Shannons events out at Mallala.
- As we all know, April 25 is Anzac Day. It is also the free practice day for the Mallala round of the Shannons Nationals. Bob S. voiced his concerns over race meetings being run on Anzac Day when it should be a day of respect to present, past and fallen service personnel. It was explained that no-one is forcing people to attend the Friday event and nothing would be said if they chose to attend dawn services / marches instead.

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

(cont.)

- Shannons Event 26 / 27 April: There will be a requirement to supply a pit area marshalling team (Form-up(?)) Will need to push for as many personnel as possible to ensure all points are covered. Question was asked “Have the CAMS Junior Officials from Clipsal been informed? – Answer is yes!!

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:40 (8: 40 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 11 June 2014**

ROYAL HOTEL, 02 North Terrace, Kent Town

Just one of the amazing machines on show at the inaugural Adelaide Motorsport Festival – photos and report courtesy Andrew Leitch



Happy Birthday!

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays this month



Scott Chamings	5 th
Andre Wilson	16 th
David Micallef	19 th
Paul Karamanov	25 th

POSITION VACANT

Your current editor will be stepping down following production of the August newsletter. Now is your chance to put something back into your club.

This position requires approximately two hours per month, in the comfort of your own home, to compile articles, pictures and reports from other members.

You will need:
a computer/laptop
working knowledge of Microsoft Word
a current email address.

If you are not ready to commit to a committee or take a more public role for the club, this could be just the job for you.

Any questions? Speak to one of your committee members or email:
editor@samroa.org.au

Adelaide Motorsport Festival



On Sunday April 13th many of you would have been aware that the sporting car club held the inaugural AMF, in the Victoria Parklands utilising part of the Clipsal circuit. The event started out like most motorsport events with Scrutineering and Documentation. Working as an Assistant Secretary with Janelle Orrock and Jack Holding at the

Adelaide Motorsport Festival, Bronwen rocked up to the City Holden workshop on Pirie Street, just before 6pm on the Thursday night for documentation. The owner of City Holden had kindly allowed the use of the workshop and car park opposite for scrutineering. In the following 2 hours approximately 150 competitors came through the doors. The majority were entered in the Saturday Windy Point Hillclimb which was cancelled and marred by an unfortunate incident. Our thoughts go out to the injured. Everyone was in high spirits and it was great to see such a variety of cars come through. Janelle and I handled about half of the 120 competitors entered in Sundays Supersprint, completing their documentation (checking their CAMS licence and club membership are current) before sending them to the scrutineers. With Wakefield Road closing at 6:45am on Sunday and documentation due to start at 7:15am at Victoria Park, extra caffeine was the order of the day!

The Secretary's "office" was a marquee with a couple of trestle tables set up on the grass beside pit-exit.



Adelaide Motorsport Festival (cont.)

The cars formed up on the bitumen bicycle track that joins on just before Turn 14 of the Clipsal circuit.

The following two hours were a blur, those competitors that hadn't been able to attend Thursday's scrutineering came to see us with their documentation, drivers and pit crew were given wrist bands, and officials were signed on. We handled photographer and media signing on, checking our paperwork and fielding questions from competitors. Because we were set up right beside the track, we had a great view of the cars as they left form-up and also as they entered turn 14 each lap.

Janelle spent the day trying to decide which she preferred – the black or the silver Aston Martin Vantage.



Whilst Bronwen ogled Kevin Weeks' Ford GT GT3 and soaked up the rich smell of fuel in the air!



As is normal, everyone gathered around for a briefing by the Clerk Of Course. Vince Ciccarello did a fantastic job of getting us prepped and ready for the day's proceedings with Steve Croci doing an excellent job of managing trackside personnel even though several who placed their name on the list failed to show up on the day.

We were privileged to have Glen Dix standing amongst us which helped create that all inclusive "team feeling".

Adelaide Motorsport Festival (cont.)

Many thoughts took place on how the days categories and many officials took careful note of the information provided to assist us but others..... Well, they took it all in their stride.

As with all officials, we have a bonding that cannot be rivalled and it was demonstrated by Grant that he loves his fellow official.....

Not sure if Chris agrees though....

The day started off in a very relaxed manner but we were always “professional” and everyone settled in to watch the action. Many of the first cars out displayed some interesting driving styles and we got to see a few get very “out of shape” exiting from the chicane. There were no real issues and no contact at any post during the event but we got to see some great machinery like these.



The following images are some of the machinery on track during the day.



Adelaide Motorsport Festival (cont.)

Even Steve Lewis & Clipsal Chase car got a run...!! Smile Steve.. ☺



And for those in bikes, there were a few oldies putting around too.....



Adelaide Motorsport Festival (cont.)



So with all this history (and Steve) circulating the Victoria Park circuit, it makes you have faith that one day the current Formula 1 cars may again circulate. But never the less, let's hope the festival will become a regular event on the calendar and continue to grow and attract some more of the older F1 style cars. It would be good to see some of the late 1980's or early 90's Formula One cars take to the track. Thankfully we had an incident free day and everything ran smoothly. The atmosphere of the event was wonderful; everyone was relaxed, the public were able to wander through the "pits" and chat to the drivers. If you missed it this year, make sure you get your name down for it next time – it really was like an old-style picnic meeting..... Well done to the Sporting Car Club.....