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President's Report

Welcome to the March newsletter.

The motorsport season has well and truly kicked off! A big thank you to the officials that attended the February Superkart and Modern Regularity event. With the temperature at 42 degrees, it was a trying day for all. Thanks to the Adelaide Superkart Club and the Track Time Motorsport Modern Regularity competitors, there was extra water and powerade.

This year's Clipsal 500 didn't disappoint. We had fires in the Army burnout car and a Ferrari on parade. The Super Stadium Trucks were a favourite with the crowd and officials alike, seeing the truck roll over the finish line on Sunday was quite spectacular! Well done to Karl Fleming and Grant Paproth who as Sector and Tango Sector Three took out the A-Team Cup.

Lisette Hutchins and Lisa Totani spent 3 days of the Clipsal 500 introducing new officials to the world of officiating. From all accounts they did a great job, well done girls.

For those of you travelling to Melbourne next week for the Grand Prix, safe travels. We look forward to hearing your stories when you return. March 21 is the date for the Sporting Car Club's first race meeting of the year, the traditional Twilight event. If you don't already have your name down for it, do so quickly before the gate list gets cut-off.

Don't forget, we're holding meetings monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. That makes our next meeting on the 11th of March, upstairs at the Royal Hotel, Kent Town from 7.30pm.

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T&CC Report

Firstly I would sincerely like to thank everyone who attended the Superkart and Modern Regularity meeting on the 15 February. It was a very hot day and through the efforts of the Steven Clift (Chief Flag), SAMROA General, T&CC and Social Committees, Adelaide Superkart Club and Track Time Motorsport, working together to coordinate extra provisions to run a safe race meeting for all.

MAD MARCH is here and another great Clipsal 500 event behind us. Congratulations to Sector 3 for taking out The A Team Cup. Sector Marshal Karl Fleming, and his sidekick in training Grant Paproth keep their team busy as Turn 3 became the most expensive spare parts yard in Adelaide. The final tally included McLaren, Ferrari, Gineeta, Audi, Porsche, Mercedes, Holden and a slightly used Channel Ten camera with camera man. Sadly the camera didn't make it. All others were ok.

Congratulations also to Robert Thiry for putting together the New Officials Program. Rob enlisted two debutants of the CAMS Young Officials Program, Lisette Hutchins and Lisa Totani who stepped up to the challenge to spearhead the program and show the new officials all the aspects of motorsport officiating. Lisette and Lisa did a fantastic job with limited time and resources to show what can be done by our newer officials to benefit motor sport for the future.

The program was put together in a very short time frame and plans are for 20 new officials next year. So if you know someone interested, between the ages of 16-25, get in touch with the T&CC and we can point you in the right direction.

Now that we have blown out the cob webs we get back to grass roots motorsport with our first round and Twilight with the new **Masters of Mallala Series** on Saturday 21 March. The name has changed but the cars and racing is the same. Unfortunately we still need more names in the Red Book for this meeting. At this time we would not be able to supply enough officials. Please use the public database or contact a T&CC member. Remember the cut-off for names for the twilight will be Monday 16 March.

Other upcoming meetings are;

12 April Superkart and Modern Regularity

25-26 April Mallala Historic Race Meeting. Saturday, ANZAC Service at 10AM and a 12pm race start.

T&CC Report Continued

It is necessary to get your names down as soon as possible. The numbers need to be passed onto all groups involved in running the race meeting. We are also trying to arrange placements to allow more training opportunities at the race meetings. Please look ahead and see if you're available for future meetings. Remember it is easier to take you off the list than to put you on the list later

CAMS Training

New CAMS training courses are coming. The courses have been completely overhauled thanks to the efforts of David Mori, SAMROA Life Member and CAMS Training Manager.

- Silver Module (Adelaide)- Saturday 18th April 2015
- Event Command (Adelaide)- Sunday 19th April 2015
- Event Assessor (Adelaide)- Sunday 30th May 2015

For details of how to enrol please look at the CAMS Training article in this newsletter.

To everyone attending the F1 Grand Prix have a wonderful and safe trip and see you trackside soon.





Upcoming Officials Training Modules

More courses will be organised for 2015 around Australia and the course information will be updated on the website as it becomes available.

For the most up to date information on courses that are available for you to attend, please visit the [CAMS website](#)

South Australia

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For more information or to register now: ss@cams.com.au

Modules Available Online

- Introductory module
- Bronze Circuit Official
- Bronze Event Administration
- Bronze Event Command
- Bronze Rally Officials
- Off-Road Officials

For more information or to register now: Call CAMS Member Services on 1300 883 959 or email our Member Services team at: memberservices@cams.com.au

Event Assessment Process

1. Booking an Event Assessment
2. Planning the assessment
3. Conducting the assessment
4. Submit forms

For more details on each step, please [see here](#)



MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 11 February 2015 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Royal Hotel (Cnr North and Dequetteville Tce,
Kent Town)

Meeting Opened: 19:45 (7:45 pm)

Present: Bronwen Williamson, Paul Bonnett, Darren
Mattiske, Ray McGuiness, Rod Mountifield,
Robert Holloway, Caela Sims, Grant Sims, Lisette Hutchins,
Jodie Johnson, Grant Paproth, Tony Aloï, Janelle Orrock, Matt
Avery, Graham Church, Lisa Totani, David Marshall
and Bob Schofield

Apologies: Brad Morrison, Matthew Johnson, Peter Cirillo, Adam
Litchfield, Shaun Halliday, Andrew Robinson, Rob Thiry,
David Mori and Paul Hart

Visitors / Guest:

Late:

Announcements / Reminders:

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Previous Minutes:

Copies of previous minutes (December 2014) were placed on tables for attendees to read. Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Robert Holloway. All voted in favour that minutes be accepted.

Business arising from the minutes:

- No business arising from the minutes.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached)

Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Janelle Orrock that the correspondence be accepted. All present voted in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Received Letter from Association's Patron: Vern Schuppan A. M. wishing us best wishes for Christmas / New Years. Secretary will draft up a reply advising Vern of the CAMS Award winners.
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- No further business arising from the Correspondence List.

Treasurer's Report: (December 2014 / January 2015)

	DECEMBER 2014	JANUARY 2015
Opening Balance:	\$ 3, 165.60	\$ 2, 824.41
Receipts:	\$ 6.11	\$ 240.00
Outgoings:	<u>\$ 347.30</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Closing Balance:	\$ 2, 824.41	\$ 3, 064.41

\$ 3, 064.41 + \$ 14, 362.18 in Term Deposit. Total = \$ 17, 426.59

The report was moved by Ray McGuiness. Seconded by Janelle Orrock. All voted in favour that report be accepted.

Accounts for Payment:

- Scooter Registration 63.00
- CAMS Affiliation – 546.00 (bob S. moved that we pay – rod seconded)
- Royal Hotel: Room Hire is \$60.00

The Accounts for Payment were moved by Ray McGuiness. Seconded by Rod Mountifield.

All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS

- Hot weekend coming up for our first event of the year – start preparing sooner than later. Rehydrate a couple of days in advance.

T&CC (Presented by Tony Aloï)

- Shed Cleanup – All ready for the first event of the year. Also big thanks to Andrew R. for cleaning / repairing overalls – club overalls used on weekends will now be taken away and washed before the next event.
- First race meeting this weekend – keep an eye out for some of our members in regularity cars.
- Anything planned to honour Loui? Will do a minute silence at Mallala but it has been requested that nothing be done at the Clipsal due to the length of time since his passing..
- When attending the Clipsal 500 and you visit the merchandise stalls, we ask that you remember our R&R Scheme and ask for donations – can only try!!
- Caela has taken over the New Members position from Steve Clift

CAMS (Presented by Paul Bonnett – First Meeting for 2015 Held 20 January 2015)

- 2015 Affiliation applications (received so far) were announced – SAMROA's wasn't called – has ours been sent in? Once received, Secretary will pick up pack at the next State council meeting.
- SA/ NT calendars have been delayed – CAMS Melb has taken over production and State Office has only just received proof copy – SC is disappointed in these delays. Also CAMS Manuals will be a bit late as well.

- Training Calendar has been set for first half of 2015. Go to CAMS Web site to find dates.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- Peter Cirillo was an apology at this meeting, also there has been no meeting for 2015 as yet.
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MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- No quorum at the last meeting – next meeting will be in March. Darren gave a brief overview of what MRP is and does.

WEBSITE / IT

- Needs some new content / Calendar needs to be updated.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- SCCSA Clubrooms is one possible venue for next Dinner – could be a Gormet BBQ and could be held 09 August although it is early days. Any ideas for a venue, let the Social or General committees know.

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Darren Mattiske)

- Very little in the way of club displays at this year's Clipsal – there will be a CAMS display just like last years Australian GP. The SAMROA coreflute signs will be placed around the circuit and the “Looking for Officials” flyers will also be placed in the credentials bags. Any other ideas for promoting the club – let the Committee know.

SPORTING CAR CLUB of SA

- No meeting as yet for 2015 and we are still looking for a delegate. After discussion, Grant Sims volunteered. Darren Mattiske nominated Grant as our SCC-SA Delegate, Grant accepted but for only a trial period.

COMMUNITY LOTTERY UPDATE

- Forms have been lodged – 70 books. (May consider returning some this year if it looks like we are not selling them)
- Online Ticket Sales begin Mid-March 2015 / Paper Tickets will be available for collection / go on sale 01May15. Will not be available for selling at Clipsal sign-on.

General Business

- At this year's Clipsal 500, If you have requested a disabled car park you will need to display both the Clipsal and a valid Disabled permits to avoid a council fine.
- Bob S. made a suggestion that with the lowish numbers that have turned up tonight, was it actually worth returning to monthly meetings. Just need to be mindful that tonight's meeting is the first of the year and is very close to the Bathurst 12hr race so some members are away. Trial is to run until AGM so we will re-assess after that date.
- Darren gave a bit of an update on what's happening out at Mallala – admitted that they won't make money from motorsport but plenty of exposure / other avenues for making money. Hire prices of the track will be on par with Mallala which is very attractive.

The Shannons Nationals could most likely be a precursor to a second V8 Supercar race for SA in 2016.

Some questions are starting to be asked about facilities for officials. In all probabilities, the officials will be well catered for with a proposed hotel and on-site camping / accommodation block. We just need to wait and see.

- JDP will be running again for 2015. Preferred ages are 14 to 17: Will be run over the usual 4 days and participants will have the opportunity to lease the car for regularity events at Mallala.
- Discussions on Bathurst 12hour and if the CAMS Insurance is sufficient to cover officials. If in doubt, you can always take out extra Medical Insurance.
- Club Sponsorship – Matthew Avery knows someone who works at Pacemaker Headers / Superlok who sponsors his sporting club – can he ask about some form of sponsorship?
- Clipsal 500 will be running their own Junior Officials program this year. Looking for volunteers to participate.
- CAMS Awards – Couldn't let the meeting finish without once again congratulating Lisette Hutchins, Tony Aloï and Rob Thiry on their awards at the recent CAMS Dinner. Lisette won the Inaugural 2014 Junior Official of the year, Tony won the 2014 Circuit Official and went on to win the SA Official of the year and Rob was presented with a CAMS Service Star for his work in recruiting, training and mentoring of motorsport officials over a period of 15+ years.

Well done and congratulations to all the award winners.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 21:40 (9:40 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 11 March 2015**

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ROYAL HOTEL, 02 North Terrace, Kent Town

A Message from the Editors

Thanks for all the contributions to the newsletter for January they were all in on time. Next deadline for articles will be **Friday 3rd of April at 5PM.**

Andrew & Thomas



Happy Birthday!

The following members have, or are celebrating birthdays...

Thomas Harris (14th), Paul Hart (16th) (50!!) & Janelle Orrock (21st).

SAMSP Name the Venue Competition!

We are giving motorsport fans the chance of a lifetime!

SA Motorsport Park has so far been the name we refer to for this exciting project. But it's time for something new!

We want YOU to NAME THE VENUE and if we choose your idea, not only will you have life long bragging rights, but you will be a passenger in a Porsche GT3 Cup race car for a hot lap at Mallala, plus a merchandise pack of "HTFU" products!

You can ONLY enter the competition via our website at

www.samotorsportpark.com.au .

Simply click the "Competition" link and tell us your idea for the name of the motorsport complex!

There is no limit to your creativity. Perhaps the name will reflect the history of the local town or region, or possibly a reference to the nearby Murray River. Maybe it will pay homage to famous race drivers, international race venues or something completely different and unique.

Entries close Friday 3rd April 2015 and you can enter as many times as you like.

Clipsal 500 Young Officials Team Report

Over the Clipsal weekend Lisette and I were privileged to mentor and work with a new bunch of young officials. Organised and run by Rob Thiry, 7 young people between the ages of 16 and 25 were given the opportunity to experience a variety of roles available to volunteers in motorsport including flag marshalling, scrutineering, pit lane and support paddock. They were even luckily enough to visit race control and ride in a course car. Though challenging at times to control their excitement we were impressed with their enthusiasm to learn and get involved.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank every SAMROA member who welcomed a young official into their working environment, your input and valuable knowledge no doubt made their experience worthwhile.

We're confident of seeing a number of young officials come out to Mallala during the year, remember to always be welcoming and friendly – not only is Mallala a very different atmosphere to the excitement of Clipsal but it can be very daunting working at a flag point.

From Lisa and Lisette.



Can you help?

SAMROA Member Peter Tann is currently helping to run the Tarmac JDP, after receiving a car and working on it the car broke down. Only managing to complete half a lap of the Mallala track.

Currently he is trying to source either a free or a very cheap Hyundai Excel twin cam motor or whole car. So if you know anyone who might be able to help give Peter Tann a call on 0417867403.

Clipsal 500 Marshal's video posted to YouTube

Anyone who went to the post-race dinner for Clipsal saw the awesome job that Channel 10 put into this year's marshal video and only a few days after the event the video was successfully posted to YouTube so those who didn't get to see it now can and those who did can watch it again by visiting the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euNiV6PwUto>

Fernando Alonso to miss Melbourne Grand Prix

The Spaniard is due to miss the Melbourne race after doctors advised that racing so soon after his preseason accident could cause further issues if he was to have another accident. The former Ferrari now Mercedes driver suffered a concussion after his car hit the wall between turns 3 & 4 at the Barcelona testing session. "It will be tough not to be in Australia, but I understand the recommendations. A second impact in less than 21 days "NO" #countdownMalaysia" the Spaniard wrote to his fans on twitter. Danish driver Kevin Magnussen is scheduled to replace the Spanish driver as a substitute for the Melbourne Grand Prix which takes place on the 13th – 15th of March.

Crash during Australian GT causes approx. 1.7M Damage

During the rolling start of race 3 for the Australian GT driver Paul Kelly hit the wall after losing control of his Ferrari by himself however the car returned to the racing line causing various cars including Audi, McLaren, Porsche and Ginetta made contact with the Ferrari. Unfortunately, this caused the track to be blocked causing the safety car to come out so that the carnage could be cleaned up.

A video of the carnage can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy1J-L7PuTI>

Triple Eight Team to expand in 2016

We learnt this week that the 2014 Constructors Champions are set to race three cars in the 2016 season signing on driver Shane Van Gisbergen for three years completing a lineup of 2014 Driver champion Jamie Whincup and Five-time Bathurst 1000 winner Craig Lowndes.

The 25 year old New Zealander has already made his impact on the sport since joining V8's in 2007 and has won 9 races, seven of which were in the past two years.

“With Jamie, Craig and now Shane at the wheels of the Triple Eight Holdens, we will be fielding the strongest line-up in one of the world’s most closely fought categories, but for now we are focussing on the 2015 championship.” Triple Eight Managing Director Roland Dane said.

The Team has also had its partnership with Red Bull extended to the end of 2017 with the option for 2018.