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President's Report

Welcome to the November newsletter.

We're only days away from the last race meeting for the year. Saturday the 12th November is the SCCSA Twilight meeting which is backed up by a Superkart and Modern Regularity meeting on Sunday. At the time of writing, more names are needed for the Sunday. Over the course of this weekend for those members that are present and responded to the email in regards to vests they will be available for collection from the Secretary's office on the Saturday and on Sunday from the SAMROA shed.

The AMF will be the following weekend and we are still looking for people to man our promotional stand. If you could please put your name on the database that would be greatly appreciated.

Last Superkarts meeting saw our new Chief flag vehicle in action, I think all agree that it looks good and that it makes the Chief Flags job just a little bit easier. Once again thank you to Adelaide Vehicle Centre for their generous donation.

Paul Bonnett and Darren Mattiske will be attending the calendar meeting on the 10th November and we will then be able to advise dates for next year as the calendar is due to be finalised later this month.

President's Report (Cont.)

On the 10th December, the Christmas function will be held at the Birdwood Museum please go onto the database and put your name down as places are limited due to space constraints. There is a small fee for non-members and children and if you wish to look in the museum. Further to this, please remember that these events do not happen without support of the members and that we are seeking new members to assist with the social committee.

I would like to thank all the outgoing members of the T&CC for the hard work over the last 12 months Paul Bonnett, and Chris Anderson and welcome Darren Mattiske, Ashley Penhall, Brad Morrison and Graham Church to this years T & CC along with the existing members Shaun Halliday, Shaun Field and Chris Hutchinson.

Remember our next general meeting will be on the 14th December at the Reepham Hotel and Barry Frost will be coming along to give us all a bit of an insight into timing from years gone by to where it is at now.

Yours in motorsport

Janelle

Grand Prix Port Collection for sale

David Castrechini has a full set of Australian Grand Prix souvenir ports for sale – from the first grand prix through to the last ones sold (possibly 2012) including a Vern Schuppan port and a signed Dick Johnson port. This is a great opportunity to obtain a complete set of these collectors' items.

Asking price is \$3,000 for the set, if you are interested; contact David on 0408-510-066.



Cover Photo: The new Chief Flag vehicle, generously donated by Adelaide Vehicle Centre. See it live at one of the two remaining events this year....

T&CC Report

The new T&CC is starting to come together, many thanks need to go to Paul Bonnett and Chris Anderson for their work in the past year..and a welcome to Darren Mattiske, Ashley Penhall, Brad Morrison and Graham Church. The new T&CC is yet to hold its first meeting, so more to come on plans for 2017 in the December newsletter.

A HUGE “Thank you” to Adelaide Vehicle centre for providing us with a new vehicle for use by the Chief Flag. This will make our work much easier – and safer.

Two Events to go before the summer break – the Masters of Mallala Round 4 twilight meeting on Saturday 12th November with the last Superkarts and Modern Regularity the next day on the 13th November. These back to back events are unavoidable and it can be difficult to have enough people to cover both days. More people are needed particularly for the Superkart meeting..get on the Database, contact Chief flag (Paul Bonnett) if you can come along – he would be very happy to hear from you.

The T&CC



Happy Birthday!

The following members are celebrating their Birthdays during November...wish them a Happy Birthday!!

Grant Paproth & Nathan Fenn (1st), Shaun Field (5th), Kim Fowles (7th), Chris Hutchinson (19th), Tony Aloï (21st), Caela Sims (23rd), Chris Anderson (26th), Life members David Castrechini and Rob Thiry (28th) and Life Member Lawrie Schmitt (29th).....

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 12 October 2016 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Reepham Hotel
273 Churchill Road, Prospect, SA 5082

Meeting Opened: 19:30 (7:30 pm)

Present: Janelle Orrock, Paul Bonnett, Darren Matiske, Matt Avery, Ashley Penhall, Shaun Field, Andrew Robinson, David Lans, Brad Morrison, Ray McGuinness, Graham Church, Steve Lewis and Rod Mountifield.

Apologies: Shaun Halliday, Peter Tann, Lisa Totani, Chris Hutchinson, Chloe Trotta, Jennifer Strickland, Bronwen Williamson, David Marshall and Rob Thiry.

Visitors / Guest:

Late:

Announcements / Reminders:

- Membership Renewals Due JULY 2016
- Vote tonight for new T&CC

Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes (August 2016) were placed on the tables for members to read. Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Ashley Penhall. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- No business arising from the previous minutes.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

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

Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by David Lans 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 (August / September 2016)

Report was moved by Ray McGuinness. Seconded by Graham Church. All voted in favour that the report be accepted.

Accounts for Payment:

The Accounts for Payment were moved by Ray McGuinness. Seconded by Paul B. All voted in favour that accounts be paid.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS (Shaun Halliday apology from meeting)

T&CC (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- Only three more events at Mallala for remainder of the year.
- Ray McGuinness CF for October 16, Brad Morrison CF for last State round and PB will do last Superkart meeting. Currently we have Low numbers for this weekend but usually picks up before the event
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- Voting tonight for new Committee – General Business

New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)

CAMS (Last Meeting Held 20 September 2016 – PB apology)

- (From minutes) Office of Sport & Recreation Active Club Grant is open (Clubs can access up to \$5000) Contact Charise.
- Reminder to keep submitting 2017 Calendar dates
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- Rally SA is currently 400 Officials short.
- 2017 CAMS SA & NT Office Bearers:
 - State Council Chairman: Vince Ciccarello
 - State Council Deputy Chair: Adrian Flynn
 - Alternate Director: Steve Lisk
- Nominations for 2016 CAMS SA & NT Event of the Year closes 30Nov16. (Nomination Forms from CAMS Web site – send in to Laurene)

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- No report

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- New Chairman: Darren Mattiske
- (From CAMS Minutes) Award nominations for Speed and Circuit have been reviewed.

WEBSITE / IT

- Nothing new

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Currently, Only Janelle and Mathew Avery are the Social Club – if people aren't prepared to help then there will be no Social Club.
- 10 December: Planning a member's BBQ at the Birdwood Motor Museum. More information coming. Matthew Avery's mum will be catering for us.

PROMOTIONS

- Discussed our new vehicle and went through the new policy forms. (Rob Mountifield suggested some minor additions / changes) Discussed about asking Clem if we can park vehicle next to the Ambulance. (If not may need to re-arrange shed)
- Need volunteers to run Promotions stand at the upcoming AMF – couple of hours only. (PB will add event to Database and send out an email request)
- New style Polo Shirts – Members only can order \$35.00 (Hi Vis Vests have been ordered)

SCC-SA (Presented by Ray McGuiness)

- No meeting – nothing to report

COMMUNITY LOTTERY UPDATE

- Community Lottery is now over for 2016.
- \$560.00 raised by Ticket Sales handed to Treasurer.
- This year we took 50 books. Out of those Lisa sold 18 of the 28 sold.

SAMROA has purchased the remaining 22 books.

- **220 Tickets** – Ticket Numbers: 610131 to 610350 (Consecutive Books / Tickets)
- Lottery was drawn 04Oct16 – checked results – 100% record seems to be intact – no winners from the tickets we sold!!

General Business

- A Fabulous Official Reward was presented to Rod Mountifield – Acknowledge Commitment to SAMROA over a number of years. Rod is seen as one of the leaders within SAMROA and is acknowledged by a Club Member of the Year award and promotion to Sector Marshal at the Clipsal 500. Very well deserved.

- T&CC Nominations:

Darren Mattiske and Chris Hutchinson from General Committee.

Other nominations: Shaun Halliday (WHS) Bradley Morrison, Shaun Field and Ashley Penhall.

T&CC currently has 6 members with ONE Vacancy. No voting is required.

Call was made for any more Nominations? Rod Mountfield nominated Graham Church. Graham accepted nomination (Seconded by Ray McGuiness)

- Discussion on future of Scooter now that we have a new vehicle. Few suggestions (Bonfire seems to be popular) Decided at moment to leave in shed – decide at a later date.
- Barry Frost has been invited to next General Meeting (14 December – Reephram Hotel) to give a history lesson on Timing Race vehicles.
- The categories for 2017 Clipsal will be announced next week / Placements can be expected in January 2017.
- Superkart / Modern Reg. Radio equipment problems – Been discussed with the promoters. All equipment will now be numbered and logged. Need to keep record of any problems encountered. If any problems are experienced at Sunday's event, the session will be red flagged, sorted and then continued. Members were reminded to be professional – don't complain and just deal with the problem!

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:15 (8:15 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 14 December 2016**

Venue: Reephram Hotel



Cars & Christmas



At the time of writing this, there are 51 days until Christmas but more importantly there are only 36 days until our end of year BBQ at the National Motor Museum.

Preparations are now underway by the social committee to organise lunch and deserts for the afternoon.

Unfortunately, the event will be limited to the **first 50 people** due to the limited undercover seating area at the museum.

The event will be added to the database so please add your name to the list and email us asap of total numbers from your family attending.

This event is free for SAMROA members.

Non-members - \$15 Children - \$5

Please note that entry to the actual museum is an extra \$10 at your own expense.

When: December 10th

Where: Shannon Street, Birdwood (link to map is below)

Time: from 1:30pm

RSVP: social@samroa.org.au or a committee member

We would prefer you pay prior to the day by EFT (details below) and let Ray know of numbers attending or you can pay on the day.

BSB – 633 108

Account – 157234915

Reference – “xmas full name”

Map - <https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Motor+Museum/@-34.8678545,138.7837934,11.67z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xa47b218940591ce4!8m2!3d-34.819793!4d138.954992>

Oktoberfest – motorsport style By Lisa.

I've been living out of my suitcase (and my car) for most October. I've travelled over 4500km, seen some beautiful views, met amazing people, shared a few laughs and experienced two very different, but world class events.

My first trip was the Bathurst 1000, obviously the holy grail for all car and motorsport enthusiasts. The Phillip Island Motor GP is much the same for all motorcycle fans. I could have gone north and enjoyed the warmth of the Gold Coast 600 but instead I chose the very cold and wet Moto GP event because I wanted to learn more about the sport and understand the similarities and differences between two and four wheels.

Easy to say that my camera roll has increased significantly from both these trips, especially since I have a habit of stopping at nearly every town and landmark to take a happy snap. Most of us know the journey from Adelaide to Bathurst so I won't bore you with every little detail but I highly recommend visiting the sunset viewing area 16km north of Hay. This is the perfect spot to enjoy the simpler things in life because even on a rainy day the spot is a gorgeous place to relax. We can't help mother nature (and the flooding) but it felt very strange driving south towards Young then back up north to Cowra, especially when you know you are driving in the wrong direction!

I was at post 20 (located before the right-hand kink on Conrod before the cars brake for the chase) where the v8's were reaching over 280km. I was lucky enough to work with a fellow South Australian, Graham Church. We had a mostly 'drama free' weekend in our specific area except for the legend Jim Richards stopping opposite our point after a TCM race on Saturday. We later found out that he ran out of fuel...it is comforting to know it happens to the best of us haha! Post 20 is also a mirror point to post 21 which had its fair share of run wides and bogged cars in the sand trap. I can't prove it, but, I'm sure Jamie Whincup

Oktoberfest – motorsport style By Lisa.

accelerated away from the pack at the final safety car restart from my waved green flag which was a personal highlight and we got on TV which is always a bonus!

The grey, gloomy clouds threatened at different times throughout the weekend but overall it was pleasant and sunny weather. Off track, we were lucky enough to have Chaz Mostert come to our Wednesday night welcome BBQ for a Q&A. He was so appreciative of the work us officials do especially with his incident 1 year ago. Other highlights included the Brock cars parade and walking the track 3 full times (twice at night, once during the day) so only 158 laps left for me!

There is no doubting that this year's event was special for me because I managed to convince my computer addict brother and a friend to ditch their desks and come experience the magic of Bathurst. Their weekends became a whole lot better after signing up to volunteer with Matthew helping as runner. After another memorable week at the mountain, we drove further east to Sydney to enjoy a few sunny days by the beach in Maroubra.

4 days after getting back from my Bathurst road trip I set off again for Melbourne. Once again leaving the miserable wet weather behind in search of some proper spring sunshine. Unsurprisingly, an easy 8-hour drive to Melbourne turned into a 10+ hour leisure cruise discovering abandoned railway stations, salt lakes, giant 'things' and the random historical markers!

I am not seasoned camper so I was well and truly over it after Bathurst. Instead, I shared a house with other SA officials in Ventnor (about 5 min drive from the track). I made the right decision not to camp because after constant rain on Friday and Saturday the camping grounds and car parks were more brown and muddy than green. A lot of people came back with lighter loads having to throw tents etc. away due to the wind and tow trucks were in high demand by the end of the weekend.

Oktoberfest – motorsport style By Lisa.

Thursday was set-up and credential collection at the track. A few of us came in early to help distribute equipment to the flag points – this also meant we got rides around the circuit! I spent most of my day exploring around the track, the paddock, race control and the media centre. I was lucky enough to be at the right place at the right time to meet a few high-profile riders and watch Ducati and Honda do simulations on the bikes in pit lane. The echoing sound from each bike was very distinct with the Ducati having a deeper tone compared to the Hondas high pitched sound but both were extremely loud! All new officials were given training on how to pick up bikes from the gravel and assist fallen riders with the main idea being if they (the rider) want to restart (even if the bike looks too damaged) assist them to do so – without endangering yourself.



Oktoberfest – motorsport style By Lisa.

I was given a track marshal role at the start of the weekend but I was swapped to the flag point 8.0 left to do what I know best – wave flags and radio. 8.0 left is a great viewing point. You can watch the bikes come around turn 3 (Stoner corner), see them disappear behind the trees at turn 4 (Honda corner) and reappear at turn 6 (Siberia) with a clear view of the bikes around to turn 9 (Lukey Heights) towards turn 10. Ever wondered why they call a corner hayshed? I won't spoil it for those who haven't been but you'll understand once you see it. ☺

All flags are waved at international level for the Moto GP. Unlike our car racing where the LOA, meatball, black and bad sportsmanship flags are held stationary, all the flags listed are waved at every point with a number board. I can't judge whether this is a better or worse method of warning riders/drivers but it certainly felt strange to begin with. Motorcycle racing also have a "rain flag" which is white with a red cross on it. This is a voluntary flag put out at each point when you see/feel drops of water.

I truly admire the freedom trackside officials have to enter the track, recover the bike and be done the incident without the use of the safety car. Most falls and bike collections are done within a few minutes but things can get very busy when multiple bikes fall (like moto 2) and you only have a limited number of people and physical strength to do it repeatedly. I also found that radio protocol is a little different to. Activities on Friday were abandoned early due to the rain and the number of officials standing down with saturated overalls and no undercover protection (remember people...be prepared!!) – it was Sunday at Clipsal on repeat! The rain eased on Saturday but the wind was strong enough to blow you away – literally!



Overall, the Moto GP was bundles of fun and I look forward to doing the event again one day. On my trip back to Adelaide I spent a night back in Melbourne (and slept for a very long time), explored parts of Ballarat, Ararat and concluded the trip with a day and a half walking/hiking through the Grampians which I hadn't seen for a few years. On a final note, the most satisfying thing about both these trips has been the amount of luggage, camping equipment, tyres and random items you can fit in the car! See you out at Mallala 😊😊

2016 MOTORSPORT CALENDAR

12 November	CHANGED Master of Mallala Series Round 4
13 November	CHANGED Superkart Race Mtg & Modern Regularity
17-19 November	Classic Adelaide Rally*
19-20 November	Adelaide Motorsport Festival*

*Events SAMROA are not involved in at a club level (members may attend as individuals)

Adelaide Motorsport Festival is now on 19th and 20th of November.

SCCSA Round 4 Twilight is now on November 12th.

November Superkarts and Modern Regularity is now on November 13th.

An additional Superkarts and Modern Regularity event has been added, to be held on October 16th.

From the Editors

Thanks for all the contributions to the newsletter for this issue. The newsletter is usually published the Friday before a General meeting (second Wednesday of even months), the next meeting is Wednesday 14th December, **so December newsletter will be published on Friday 9th December. Early contributions would be very much appreciated - any news, items of interest or photographs.** If you are trying to lay out a particular format, remember the newsletter is on an A5 page size.

If anyone is interested in learning to edit the newsletter, Andrew would be glad to hear from you. After nearly 10 years it's a good time to pass the baton to somebody else... it really only a few hours a month.

Andrew & Thomas.



Adrenalin charged Clipsal 500 Adelaide event bigger and better than ever

Event organisers have revealed the full line up of racing categories and the feature packed program of entertainment for the 2017 event.

In the opening round of the 2017 season, Supercars will hit the Adelaide street circuit, returning to a 2 x 250km race format. Seven other categories of racing will also be featured on the 2-5 March program, including:

- Dunlop Development Series;
- Porsche Carrera Cup;
- The hugely popular Stadium Super Trucks - featuring Robbie Gordon (US), Sheldon Creed (US), Paul Morris (AUS), Matt Brabham (AUS) and more;
- The prestigious Australian GT Championship - featuring cars valued at more than \$15 million, and headlined by three Lamborghini Huracans (to be seen at the event for the first time);
- All-time favourite, the Touring Car Masters, celebrating their 10th visit to the Adelaide street circuit;
- The pocket rocket Aussie Racing Cars; and
- For the first time to Clipsal 500 Adelaide, Improved Production Racing.

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