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President's Report

Welcome to Septembers newsletter.

Last month we saw the new committee elected at the AGM. I would like to thank Chris Hutchison for his work in the last 12 months and welcome Peter Stevens to the committee. All other committee members stayed the same.

Nominations are being taken and elections will be held for the T&CC at the October General Meeting at the Reephram Hotel. Several of us attend early and have a meal so come along and join us. Remember to be a member of any committee or to take part in the election of a committee you must be a current financial member of SAMROA. There is a nomination form attached to this newsletter please complete and forward to secretary@samroa.org.au or alternatively bring to the meeting in October.

A great time was had by all at the Annual dinner, with Congratulations going to Belinda and David Avery, Club Members of the year, Kim Wilson and Nathan Fenn Most Improved Official's and Paul Papanikolaou the Most Enthusiastic Award. Along with this some fabulous Official awards were presented. Remember that next year will be the 40th Dinner and this will be a more upscale affair. More details will follow in the upcoming months along with some other things that the committee are planning.

Please remember for your CAMS licence to be renewed that you need to record and have your log book signed as you will need to send this in with your renewal form. Also note that your licence is both the plastic card and the participation book.

Just a reminder that we must look out for each other and remember that bullying especially in any form is not accepted and will not be tolerated by the club. If you have any concerns please contact a committee member.

Adelaide 500 invites have been posted and demand is high so please return your forms which have been updated as soon as possible.

See you all trackside soon.

Janelle

2016 / 2017 Secretary Report “The Year That Was”

Good Evening all,

For 2016 / 2017, SAMROA’s membership comprised of 65 Financial plus 12 Life Members. At the time of writing (last Weekend) we currently have 35 Financial, 32 Non-Financial, 3 Social and 20 Potential Members on the database.

The Association's new General Committee was formed at the August 2016 AGM;

President:	Janelle Orrock
Vice President:	Darren Mattiske
Secretary:	Paul Bonnett
Asst Secretary:	Shaun Halliday
Treasurer:	Ray McGuiness

Committee Members: David Castrechini, Stephen Lewis, Chris Anderson & Chris Hutchinson.

The October 2016 General Meeting saw the formation of the new T&CC,

Chairman:	Darren Mattiske
WHS Representative:	Shaun Halliday
\Committee Members:	Graham Church, Ashley Penhall, Shaun Field, Bradley Morrison & Chris Hutchinson.

Social Committee for the year:

Janelle Orrock, Bronwen Williamson & helped by Matthew Avery.

As we have come to expect, when you mention the Social Committee, we have to report on the Association's Annual Dinner – for 2016, it was held at the Sporting Car Club of SA’s Clubroom. MC for the night was Keith Williamson and a big thanks also to Penny Gordon & Mike Drewer who came along as guest speakers.

On the night of the dinner comes the announcement of the SAMROA Award Winners:

2016 Club Member of the Year: (Kay Morisset Award) Someone who devotes a lot of time not only attending Mallala events but also attending General meetings, assisting on the Social committee and making the dinner video: Matthew Avery

2016 Most Improved: Elise Lopez and the Most Enthusiastic award just had to go to Paul Papanikolaou.

Also there were 9 Fabulous Official Awards presented to: Andrew Robinson, Bronwen Williamson, Graham Church, Jodie Johnson, Paul Bonnett, Peter Tann, Ray McGuinness, Tony Aloï and Keith Williamson.

There was also a couple of “silly awards” A girl guides sash was awarded to Chris Anderson and an extra large “mega” lottery ticket was awarded to Lisa Totani.

And talking of Dinners, 2018 will be SAMROA's 40th Anniversary – expect a big, FORMAL Dinner – It's being organised by our Life Members.

February 04 2017, was the night of the SA/NT CAMS Awards Dinner and once again SAMROA was well represented! 2015, it was Lisette Hutchins who had the first name on the SA/NT Junior Official of the Year award; 2016 it was Lisa Totani. 2017 it was shared between Christian Thiry and Emily de Longte.

Rob Thiry was awarded with the National Official of the year award, Matthew Avery was awarded the State Official of the year, and . Barry Hughes received a CAMS Service Award for his services to Motorsport.

Pretty good haul once again don't you think??

Usually go looking for Marriages, Births and our friends who have sadly passed on for this report: Grant Sims and Mandy were married whilst on Holidays in the USA (Grand Canyon National Park of all places – very nice!)

Adam and Minnie's little boy Declan is now 10 months old, boy where has that time gone?

09 Feb, Clem Smith passed away aged 90 and just a couple of weeks later we received news that Dale Burzacote had also passed away, for those who didn't know Dale, he was a member of SAMROA for 24 yrs, many of our longer serving members would remember Dale officiating at AIR, Mallala, Clipsal 500s, many interstate events and not to mention in excess of 30 Australian GPs. For season 2015 / 2016, SAMROA officials have once again been active in all aspects of motorsport (Speed, Race and Rally) While most of us were happy enough to cover the local events here in Adelaide, others travelled interstate and even overseas to participate in their favourite classes. The 12 Hour at Bathurst is one with a growing interest but we can't forget Supercars and F1 with Melbourne and Singapore being the most popular venues.

SAMROA is once again participating in the People's Choice Community Lottery, this year we stayed with the 50 books. With Lisa being away for a few months, sales of the tickets have been slow – Ticket sales close at the end of this month so if you've got books get them back to me – we have one last opportunity to sell some tickets at the upcoming State Round. We still await the news that we have sold a winning ticket or even better, some-one we know actually wins something!!

So to close, tonight, we will vote in the new Committee and a new T&CC at our next General Meeting. It is good to see that most members are re-nominating for their positions and if successful it will allow us to guide SAMROA and also plan for the impending opening of the Tailem Bend Motorsport Park. (I made mention of this last year) As the build continues and the excitement grows, the plain truth is that this circuit is going to put increased pressure on our existing membership base if we don't start looking at recruiting new members – especially in that neck of the woods. The Committees must also remain focused on the retention, training and advancement of the younger people in our Association – we keep on saying this but the experience will not be around for ever and they are our future Chief Flags and Race Control personnel.

Thank-you.

MINUTES OF SAMROA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 09 August 2017 @ 2100 (9:00pm)
Location: Reephram Hotel
273 Churchill Road, Prospect, SA 5082

Meeting Opened: 2020 (8:20 pm)

Present: As per General Meeting.

Apologies: As per General Meeting.

Guest(s): As per General Meeting

Late:

Previous Minutes:

- 2016 AGM Minutes were sent out by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) Some copies were also placed at each table. Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and Seconded by Paul Karamanov. All persons (Who were present at the last AGM) voted in favour that Minutes had been read and accepted.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Nil Business arising from the Minutes.

Correspondence:

- As per General Meeting list. There was no specific correspondence in relation to the AGM.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Nil Business arising from the Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Ray McGuinness and Copy Filed with Minutes

The report was moved by Ray McGuinness (Treasurer) Seconded by Shaun Halliday.

All voted in favour that the report be accepted.

President motioned that Paul MacDonald be invited to be auditor for the 2018 AGM. Seconded by Brad Morrison. All voted in favour. Carried.

Secretary's Report – The Year that Was:

Read by President (Janelle Orrock) (Copy filed with Minutes)

General Committee Elections:

- President declared all positions vacant.
- The nominations are as follows: (Only Signed and Seconded Nomination Sheets can be accepted)

Position	Nominee	Nominated by
President	Janelle Orrock	Paul Bonnett
Vice President	Darren Mattiske	Ray McGuinness
Secretary	Paul Bonnett	Steve Lewis
Asst. Secretary	Shaun Halliday	Chris Anderson
Treasurer	Ray McGuinness	Darren Mattiske
Gen Committee	Steve Lewis	Janelle Orrock
Gen Committee	Chris Anderson	Shaun Halliday
Gen Committee	David Castrechini	Paul Bonnett

Further nominations taken since last General Meeting and on the night:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by
Gen Committee	Peter Stevens	Janelle Orrock
Gen Committee	Chris Hutchinson	Lisa Totani

Only one nomination received for each position: President, Vice President, Secretary, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer. No vote is required

5 nominations received for the 4 Committee positions – Vote will be required. Tony Aloï volunteered to count votes.

2017 / 2018 SAMROA Committee

President – Janelle Orrock

Vice President – Darren Mattiske

Secretary – Paul Bonnett

Assistant Secretary – Shaun Halliday

Treasurer – Ray McGuinness

General Committee – Steve Lewis, David Castrechini, Chris Anderson and Peter Stevens.

New President (Janelle Orrock) firstly thanked the outgoing members for their contribution during the year and then congratulated the re-elected / new committee members for 2017 / 2018.

General Business

- With no General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:42 (8:42 pm) and all attending members and guests were invited for a few drinks and small eats at the bar.

Next AGM: Wednesday 08 August 2018

(Members to be notified of any Venue changes for 2018 meeting)

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 is on Wednesday 11th October.

The September newsletter will be published on FRIDAY 6th October...Please submit material to the editor by 5:00pm



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Happy Birthday!

The following members had birthdays in August...please help us wish them a Happy Birthday...

Chris Paproth (3rd), Life Member Geoff Sykes (5th), Alex Varcoe (15th), Rod Mountifield (18th), Barry Hughes (26th), Steve Croci (31st)

The following are having Birthdays in September:

Paul Bonnet(20th), Peter Tann (26th), Peter Jury (28th)

Summary of awards given at the 2017 Annual dinner

Life Membership - SAMROA's highest award of recognition

Barry Hughes

Life Membership is given to those members who have selflessly dedicated themselves to not only ensuring the clubs' growth, strength and sustainability, but more importantly, ensuring the clubs members are trained, mentored, supported and can continue to grow in their officiating career.

Barry joined SAMROA in 1996, since then Barry has worked their way up the officiating ranks and gained Silver accreditation in the areas of Sector Marshal, Flags, Event Command and Communications.

Barry contributes to the growth of motor sport through training and mentoring officials at Club, State, National and International level events. He has been recognised by CAMS as a valuable asset and participated as a Sector Mentor with the CAMS International Training Team in both Singapore and South Korea.

Barry is always looking at ways to improve the "officiating experience" as well as the support that is available to officials through development of processes and procedures. Following the unfortunate incident that took the life of Ashley Cooper in 2008, Barry member drew from a vast range of skill sets that were instrumental in the development and implementation of the CAMS Critical Incident Procedures, these procedures have provided a valuable tool for all Australian motor sport events in the management and post event documentation following on from a critical incident.

The work that Barry has have put into motor sport and SAMROA for 20 years is truly amazing and far too much for us to capture in a short speech, much of the work that he have done goes unseen but not un-noticed. Barry has been an integral part of SAMROA's strength and growth, and the committee and life members are so proud to be able to present Barry with SAMROA's highest honour of Life Membership.

Kaye Morisset trophy club member of the year

Belinda and David Avery have gone above and beyond to assure the welfare of SAMROA members.

Be this going to Bathurst to cook, look after the campsite and ensure the welfare and safety of our members and their belongings or shopping and or cooking for Mallala Supercart meetings. Organising and cooking the Christmas Luncheon or anything else that we need.

Everyone at the last Supercart meeting would agree they are worthy recipients.

2017 most improved

The 2017 most improved was awarded to 2 members. Both winners come from different backgrounds, 1 totally new to motorsport, the other was already involved in motorsport for 4 years before joining the club.

Kim Wilson

Kim has had excellent feedback from her mentor and other people she works with. Kim's skill level and confidence as a 2IC has developed in leaps and bounds to a point where she will soon be able to take the next step. Kim is also a mother of 4 children, works fulltime and she commutes from Mt Barker to attend every race meeting she possibly can.

Nathan Fenn

Nathan moved to Adelaide from Perth was already a motorsport official with 4 years' experience with the Wanneroo Flag Marshall Association. Since moving to South Australia, Nathan has been exposed to a different way of doing things and has picked up new skills with ease. Nathan is very professional in the way he conducts his duties and has a mature attitude. Nathan has gained the trust of his fellow club members and become an asset to the club.

Nathan has had good feedback from not only local meetings, but also from interstate officials for his demonstration of leadership, enthusiasm & teamwork.

Nathan is seen to be cheerful, upbeat, and positive, even in trying conditions.

Fabulous Officials

Steve Lewis

Steve has given the sport many years of diligent service having joined SAMROA in 1996. Steve was a past president and have completed upwards of 100 local events. Over this time, he has performed many different roles and this is testament to his skill set, knowledge and passion for officiating. Steve's skills as a mentor are highly regarded and ensure the consistency and professionalism of officiating for further generations.

Adam Litchfield

Since joining SAMROA 20 years ago Adam has served on the T&CC and completed over 100 events. Adam was a highly respected senior official participating in the International training team for Singapore.

Karl Fleming

Karl, has completed upwards of 200 events and joined SAMROA 15 years ago. Since this time, he has become a highly regarded senior official becoming a sector marshal at Clipsal 500 and part of the International training team for Singapore and South Korea. Karl has served on the Training & Competition committee and his mentoring now extends into the Junior Development Program arena as well.

Bob Schofield

Bob joined SAMROA 39 years ago and is a life member. Bob has served on both the general and social committees, has completed over 100 events and is well regarded amongst your fellow officials. During Bobs time as an official he has mentored many new officials and helped them along the way, ensuring the skill sets and knowledge of officials continues long in to the future.

Peter Stevens

Peter, in your 16 years of officiating for SAMROA he have completed many events, mentored new officials and become a well-regarded official yourself. Peter has a can-do attitude and with people like him the sport will continue to grow.

Dieter Von Zieden

Dieter has completed over 165 events having joined SAMROA in 1998. His dedication as an official is truly appreciated and to be commended.

Alan Candy

Alan is a dedicated SAMROA member and has attended over 157 events. During his time as an official Alan has mentored many new officials and helped them along the way, ensuring the skill sets and knowledge of officials continues long into the future

Peter Jury

Peter, is a dedicated SAMROA member and has attended over 70 events. Peters commitment to SAMROA and Motorsport should be commended and is appreciated.

Janelle Orrock

Janelle has taken on the role of managing SAMROA and has continually strived to improve conditions for officials and increase the reward and recognition of officials. Janelle was instrumental in the securing of a chief flag vehicle and is driven to ensure SAMROA is a well-respected highly skilled association. The club has benefited greatly from her leadership. Janelle has also taken on the challenge of recruiting and ensuring new officials are respected and valued. Janelle's support of the new officials program is valued and highly regarded.

A new award – The Orange Turkey

To be awarded at the SAMROA annual dinner

The recipient will be the custodian for 12 months.

Awarded to any SAMROA member who has done a memorable motorsport cock up

There is no restriction on any time limits.

The spirit of the awards is to have some fun at the recipient's expense.

They must have manned up and is willing to share their experience and the membership gets continued enjoyment reminding them of their blunder, however, we learn from their cock up at the same time.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to identify an appropriate recipient within 12 months and pass the award on to a fellow member.

Everyone is eligible for the award, even past recipients for any new cock-ups.

The inaugural winner is Rob Thiry for [his famous run across the track at Hidden Valley](#)

T&CC report

Firstly, feedback from the recent race meetings has generally been good. The morning Comms/equipment/personnel check went through quickly without any issues. This makes getting the day off on time much easier for everyone (particularly those in race control). The Incident reports have also been good, providing the information required.

For **ALL** race meetings it is expected that all seniors give a thorough morning briefing and make extra effort in managing their point in a professional way rather than just seeing it as a social event where periodically you might need to wave a flag. Similarly, all 2IC's need to approach their position with professionalism, instead of assuming the Senior will sort things out when they get here.

A reminder that although we are now in spring, we still need to be prepared for 4 seasons in one day. The blast of winter chill during the week is a good reminder that it can still be very cold so make sure you carry appropriate warm clothing (jacket, jumper, beanie, wet weather gear and water proof shoes – not sneakers or you will be going home with wet socks and feet!), even consider a thermos of hot coffee on cold days. If you do roll up and chief flag or any of the T&CC or Committee members feel that you're not wearing enough, you may be stood down and asked to go home to get appropriate clothing. This is for your own health; we do not want anyone to come down with hypothermia.

Talking about being prepared, there are still people not bringing their own water to drink. If you run out of water, we will get you some more. It may be a good idea to bring something to eat in case you get hungry before the lunch break (lollies are fine if you are prepared to share!!). Now is a good time to check you have sunscreen in your bag ready for warmer months.

Once again, if you have a desire to be placed in a particular role for a race meeting, please make the T&CC aware.

Melissa Rees in the CAMS state office asked if a message be sent to our members calling for expressions of interest for training courses in SA. Anyone in the need for CAMS training should email Melissa.Rees@cams.com.au or contact a member of the T&CC and we will advise Melissa.

This is a Final call for First Aid training. We only have 5 names which means unless we get at 12 participants we are not able to offer the course this year.

SAMROA has recently investigated the scenario of a members signing on if they are currently on Work Cover so we reached out to the CAMS Insurance people. Their advice is to stay home and have the weekend off. In an effort to protect our members, we agree.

1. If you further injure your existing injury, you do not have any cover under CAMS

2. If Workcover finds out that you have signed on, Workcover may ask to recover any payments they might have paid.

Hopefully you will never be on Workcover, however, if you find yourself in this position or know someone who is, please keep this in mind.

Need to replace your old overalls, or they have shrunk? We are no longer able to source the overalls at an economical price. Please refer to the new uniform ordering process some-where else in the newsletter or download the ordering form from the SAMROA website.

We have a new exciting event in October, Holden Dream Cruise. Great opportunity to be part of history and get close to the giant street parade of Australian-made Holden cars – led by the first and last cars built in Australia by Holden, a 1948 48/215 and a 2017 VF Commodore and will include cars from the Holden Museum, race cars collector's cars and enthusiast cars. See separate item in the newsletter.

T&CC elections will be held at the October general meeting. Require to be a Bronze licence holder. Please advise a member of the T&CC or General Committee if you would like to nominate someone of stand yourself.

Coming Events

10 th Sept	Superkart/Mod Reg
15 th Oct	Holden Dream Cruise
29 th Oct	Superkart/Mod Reg
4 th – 5 th November	State Circuit Racing Championships

We wish those traveling to Bathurst happy travels and a safe event.

Cheers,
Darren

Holden Dream Cruise



You don't have to be a Holden enthusiast to be part of South Australia's history as part of the Holden Dream Cruise.

The event organizers would like to draw on our race experience to help manage the volunteers for this historic event.

There are 4 different areas for people to volunteer (see below descriptions)

- All volunteers will receive an event specific shirt and cap – your piece of memorabilia to keep
- All volunteers will receive event parking
- Water and an event lunch pack will be provided on the day
- Certificate of appreciation

Date – 15 October

Time – Cruise starts at 9.00am (entry breakfast prior)

Start – Elizabeth City Shopping Centre Car Park

Past the Holden Factory

Finish – My Money House Oval (CDFC)

Starting in Elizabeth City Centre, a giant street parade of Australian-made Holden cars – led by the first and last cars built in Australia by Holden, a 1948 48/215 and a 2017 VF Commodore and will include cars from the Holden Museum, race cars and collector's and enthusiast cars. The parade make its way past the Holden factory and end at the Elizabeth Oval where there will be a free family fun day filled with spectacular car displays, entertainment, food, and a Show 'n' Shine competition.

Register your interest at <https://holdendreamcruise.com.au> or add your name to the SAMROA members database.

Entry START Gates Marshalls will be positioned between the various Gates throughout the start location to welcome the registered cars into their nominated car park starting location.

Entry FINISH Gates Marshalls will be positioned end location to welcome the registered cars into their nominated car park starting location. Some cars are welcomed on to the final event ground, some are directed to alternate locations.

Entry EN ROUTE Marshalls will be positioned along the location as directed by SAPOL to support the safe movement of cars along the Holden Dream Cruise route.

GENERAL EVENT SUPPORT – there are always volunteers that are needed for a major event, so if you have some skills and you would like to be part of the Holden Dream Cruise event, then let us know and we will certainly see if there is a spot for you!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A big thank you to all of those that helped with the annual dinner.

Planning for the 40th Dinner next year is under way with the life members organising this. It should be a great celebration, more details to come over the next few months.

Last year we organised a Christmas function at Birdwood Motor Museum unfortunately this was not well attended. Could you please let us know if you would be interested in having a Christmas function this year?

If you would like to join the social committee please let Bron, Janelle or Matt know as the more the merrier.

Cover Photo: Welcome to the new committee

From Left to Right: Paul Bonnett (Sec), Darren Mattiske (VP), Janelle Orrock (Pres), Peter Stevens, Steve Lewis, Shaun Halliday (Ass..Sec), David Castrechini, Ray McGuinness (Treas).

Photo: Lisa Totani

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