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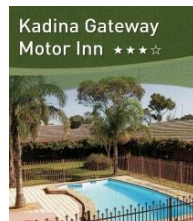
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President's Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.

Welcome to the January newsletter. I hope everyone has had a wonderful break over the Christmas and New Year period and that you are all feeling refreshed. It certainly feels good to have some time away from the track after a busy season.

Heading into the summer months it is a timely reminder to check your race bags and ensure that is comprises of suitable attire, hats, sunglasses, water bottle etc. We encourage all members to bring their own water and some snacks just in case what is supplied is not enough.

Now, I know its summer but, I have a bag full of beanies, approx. 26 for sale which has had the 40th Anniversary badge sewn on them. These are going for \$20.00 or you can get the badge alone for \$10.00, nothing wrong with preparing for the coming winter months. I will have these at the next General meeting for you to have a look.

The T&CC will be making their way out to Mallala early January for the annual shed clean up. We do ask that the membership try and help to keep the shed clean and tidy throughout the year as it makes it easier on the T&CC members when they conduct this clean-up. If you see something out of place, please pick it up and put it back where it belongs. If you are unsure, just ask.

The database has just now been updated with the first eight race meetings for 2019. Please look and start your motorsport planning now well in advance. It is always better to put your name down for what meetings you would like to work as it is easier to remove your name if something arises.

Respect and Tolerance for all

This is a friendly reminder that Cams will not tolerate any breach of The Code of Conduct. Also, SAMROA have their own Rulings in our Constitution under Member Conduct, paragraph 14, (A), (B) and (C), please have a read. All members have access to the club constitution, if you go to

the website, click forms and you will find it there. All club members have the right to feel safe and respected whenever speaking too to dealing with a fellow club member.

The CAMS Code of Conduct, as published in the Member Protection Policy:

CAMS requires every Relevant Person to comply with the following code of conduct at (and in relation to) each CAMS Event:

- 1. Be ethical, fair, impartial and honest in all their dealings with other people and CAMS.*
- 2. Treat all persons with respect and courtesy and have proper regard for their dignity, rights and obligations.*
- 3. Always place safety and the welfare of Children above other considerations.*
- 4. Be positive role models to others and not to bring motor sport into disrepute.*
- 5. Comply with CAMS rules, policies and procedures (including this Policy).*
- 6. Comply with all relevant Australian laws (Federal and State), including anti-discrimination and Child protection laws.*
- 7. Be responsible and accountable for their conduct*

At the next AGM in August 2019, we will be seeking a new club Treasurer. Our current Treasurer will be stepping down after several years in this position to take that well-earned break and start sightseeing around this great land of ours. If any of our members have any skills in book keeping, or not, and would like to give this position a go, I would like to hear from you. Ray has kindly agreed to take you on and train you for a couple of months prior to his departure so you can get familiar with the position. Please contact Ray or myself to register your interest. Ray has also placed an advert further into this newsletter.

All for now, keep on enjoying your break – Steve Lewis.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, 13th February @ Reephams Hotel (Corner Churchill and Regency Road) at 7:30pm. All welcome.



Happy birthday to our members who have already celebrated or will be celebrating milestones in January.

Jackie Schlein – 2nd

Jodie Johnson – 4th

Deby Hills – 8th

Dillon Robinson – 12th

Karl Fleming – 16th

Steve Lewis – 20th

Danny Trezise – 21st

David Ryan – 21st

Alan O'Dea – 22nd

David Lans – 24th

Bruce Morisset – 24th

Would you like to be SAMROA'S next Treasurer?

After 5 years in the role I want to do some “grey nomading” and overseas travelling. I am offering to train/do a handover in the months leading up to the August 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The role is not onerous, usually taking up around 4 hours per month, with some extra work required around June/July for the Budget and Annual Report, with the latter going to the AGM. I would be doing this work for 2019 but would be happy to show the incoming Treasurer how it is all done.

Skills Required: Numeracy, literacy, and a working knowledge of MS Excel.

If you are interested, or would like to discuss the role with me, please email me at: treasurer@samroa.org.au

or mobile: 0402 043 956

Ray McGuinness.

Events of Interest

While SAMROA values the commitment of its members at local events, we also encourage members to participate and experience other interstate and international events. Please note, applications for the 2019 Australian Formula 1 GP are now closed.



Adelaide Superloop 500 (Feb 28th to March 3rd):

For non-trackside (event based) volunteer roles:

https://superloopadl500.com.au/event_info/volunteers-and-officials



Run from April 19th to 21st 2019

Website for more info: <http://www.bathurst6hour.com.au/>

Volunteer Application form: <http://www.bathurst6hour.com.au/event-info/officials-application>



Volunteer official applications:

<https://volunteer.darwinsupercars.com.au/>

Event Info:

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Cover Photo: SAMROA Life Member Geoff Sykes passed away peacefully on January 4th, 2019. He is pictured at the recent 40th Anniversary dinner with CAMS CEO Eugene Arocca being presented his Life Membership Lapel. SAMROA sends its sincere condolences to Geoff's family and friends.

The Editor welcomes contributions from any person interested in motor sport. Therefore, views expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily those of the South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association or any of its members.

Vale Geoff Sykes

It is with a sad heart that I announce the passing of GEOFF SYKES on the 4/1/19. Many of SAMROA's members were mentored by Geoff over the years. He was a man of great influence and an encyclopaedia of knowledge when it came to Motorsport. Geoff contributed so much to the development of Motorsport not only in South Australia but Nationally. His mentoring gave many officials opportunities in new roles at race meetings. He was a hard but fair man when it came to mentoring his understudies and knew how to get a message across but was always ready to have beer and a laugh at the end of the day.

The sad part of this is that Geoff was looking forward to the CAMS Award night in Melbourne this February where he was going to be awarded, Life Membership of Cams for his work in the earlier days of setting up procedures and for the wellbeing for Officials. Geoff, you will be missed by all.

R.I.P. Geoff, you can now rest peacefully in the company of Robin.

Celebration of the Life of

Geoff Sykes

5th August 1949 - 4th January 2019



Sykes, Geoff

Passed away peacefully 04Jan19

Joined SAMROA 11Nov84

President: 1994, 1996, 1997

Life Membership 05Sept98

All past and present Officials
thank you for your committment,
encouragement and friendship
over the years.

Deepest Condolences to the
family at this sad time.

T&CC Report

Happy New Year to all. I Hope you all had a great Christmas, survived the New Year's celebrations and enjoyed time with your families.

At our last TTC meeting for 2018, we programmed for **Sunday the 31st of March 2019, from 10am to 2pm to be a car show/information day.** The cars and their drivers are going to come to Ocean View College, Gedville Road, Taperoo. They will be showing us their cars, safety equipment such as a blue triangle, window nets, seat belts, steering wheel release and han's device. We have cars from the following categories on show: Excel, Historic, Saloon, Aussie racing cars, improved Production and a V8 touring car. We are hoping to have more cars as well. We will have a BBQ lunch that will be provided by the club. We need **confirmation through the database by the 23rd of March** for catering purposes. Please think about attending this event as this will be a great opportunity to find out or update your knowledge about safety equipment, procedures and questions to drivers that you need to know when you work trackside. This will also be a wonderful social gathering without pressures of a race day.

Whilst we have been talking about upcoming events, the data base has the events listed for the first 6 months of 2019. The first 2 events are at Mallala and are fast approaching. The first event is on **Saturday the 16th of February.** This is the first round of the State Championship. The second event is **Sunday the 24th of February.** This is the first round of Kart/Modern Regularity These are good events to clear the cobwebs out before the Superloop 500. Please enter your availability on the database or contact a committee member.

When working at the track this time of year please remember to apply sunscreen, bring extra fluids to drink and be aware of snakes. We as TTC are always wanting to train people to do other roles besides the usual roles at posts. There are many roles that you can learn such as the starter, assistant starter, form up, assistant chief flag, race control communicator. If you feel

you have the confidence and abilities to master the skills needed for these roles, please talk to a TTC committee member.

Finally, we'd like to welcome Deborah Squires to the T&CC who takes on the role of OH&S representative. Deb is a regular out at the track and at meetings – importantly, she has a solid knowledge and practical background in the related fields. We look forward to working alongside Deb on the T&CC. Enjoy the rest of your holidays if you are still on them and looking forward to a great 2019 trackside.

Peter Stevens - TTC committee member.



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HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Headaches
- Nausea and vomiting
- Fatigue, weakness and restlessness
- Thirsty
- Anxiety
- Poor coordination
- Weak, rapid pulse
- Sweating heavily
- Raised body temperature

WHAT TO DO

- > Lie down in shade or air-conditioning
- > Drink water
- > Cool compress or tea towel
- > Cool shower or bath



HEAT STROKE

- Headaches
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid pulse
- Extremely thirsty
- Dry, swollen tongue
- Disoriented, dizzy or delirious, slurred speech
- Body temperature more than 40°C
- Convulsions, seizures or coma
- May be sweating, skin may feel deceptively cool

WHAT TO DO

- > Call 000 immediately
- > Reduce temperature until ambulance arrives



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Scouts Jamboree – Full Throttle Motorsport – The Bend

You may have heard via the grapevine or the nightly news that The Bend Motorsport Park became home to over 8000 Scouts, helpers and leaders last week as part of the 25th Australian Scout Jamboree which is held every 3 years.

To make things extra special this year, around 800 Scouts chose to participate in the motorsport activity which took place at the now christened East Circuit (back end of the GT circuit). SAMROA members including myself (Lisa Totani), Darren Mattiske and Jason Thiele as well as members from Scouts Motorsport SA, Circuit Excel, Tarmac JDP and Track Time Motorsport had the privilege of taking these lucky kids on many passenger rides around this fast, flowing and extremely fun track.

The excels performed very well with an average lap time of 2:10 – to put in perspective, most of the lap is spent on the limiter in 3rd gear with a long, sweeping right-hander in 4th gear and a brief slow point in 2nd gear. We couldn't wipe the smile off our faces – until we saw how harsh the track was on our tyres! I managed to destroy three wheels with many other drivers in the same boat.



The activity was three years in the making and ran very smoothly considering that no event of this magnitude had been run before! Hopefully we will get the chance as officials to flag at this amazing circuit and watch the real “pros” tame it.



December General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 12 December 2018 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Reephams Hotel
273 Churchill Road, Prospect, SA 5082

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

Present: Steve Lewis, Shaun Halliday, Andrew Robinson, Jared Stevens, Brad Morrison, Kimberley Stevens, Peter Stevens, Jackie Schlein, David Ryan, Deborah Squires, Matt Avery, Peter Ruth, Graham Church, Ray McGuinness, Peter Cirillo, David Castrechini, David Mori, Darren Mattiske, Tony Aloj, Bruce Morissett, Chris Hutchinson, Lisette Hutchins, Rod Mountifield and Lisa Totani.

Apologies: Kim Wilson.

Visitors / Guest:

Announcements / Reminders:

- Last General Meeting for the year.

Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes (October 2018) were distributed in last Newsletter (Some copies are placed on the tables for members to read) Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by David Castrechini. 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:

No Correspondence list tabled at the meeting.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Need to respond to QMROA for the 40th Anniversary Congratulations.
- No business arising from the Correspondence List.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS (Presented by Paul Bonnett)

- Put a couple of Factsheets in the latest Newsletter about Heat Stress and Heat Related Illness. If I come across anymore in the future, they will be included.
- Need to consider what is suitable clothing that can be worn trackside. The Committee wants to introduce a minimum standard of clothing that officials should be wearing trackside. In some situations, polyester (Tracksuit pants / Shirts etc) items are not suitable as they offer very little protection against heat or fire.
- We've had a few occasions recently where Officials have been stood down due to sickness, when they really should not have been out at the event at all. Reminder – If you feel crook or develop an injury prior to the day, the CFs would rather receive a phone call that you are not attending the day than have to make that choice that you will not go trackside.

T&CC (Presented by Brad Morrison)

- 2019 CF / CoC Roster being formulated.
- Vehicle Information day to be organised.
- Fire Training day with WfW – possible training event.
- R&R Scheme – changes to prizes are being investigated.
- T&CC Meetings now last Tuesday of each Month.
- Still seeking TWO more volunteers for the Committee.
- GT Sprint will be in March 2019

New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)

CAMS (Presented by Paul Bonnett. Last Meeting for 2018 held 20 November 2018)

- 2018 Race Calendar for SA / NT was signed off and is now out for printing. Any other inclusions or changes will be ratified at future State Council meetings.
- 2019 Affiliation paperwork has been emailed off – awaiting confirmation.
- Nothing else relevant for SAMROA – first meeting for State Council in 2018 will be 15Jan19.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- No meeting

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- Meeting last night – nothing for SAMROA.

WEBSITE / IT

- Any required updates to the Database should remain a General Committee responsibility – Privacy issues to be considered.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- If you think that SAMROA should have a Social Committee then people need to step up and volunteer some hours.
- 21Sept19 – Tentative booking for 2019 Annual Dinner, Venue will be SCC-SA Clubrooms.

PROMOTIONS

- Last opportunity for 2019 will be a Christmas parade at Taillem Bend. Ute & Trailer and a few members will be attending. Plan is to set up a stand opposite the Council Offices. Debbie Hill and a few other locals have offered to help. Need to ask if riding in tray area of ute is acceptable

SCC-SA (Presented by Ray McGuinness)

- Sporting Car Club is seeking feedback from Officials on the State Championship meetings held at TBMSF during the year – what needs to improve??

General Business

- Lisa asked if everyone is happy with the contents of the Newsletter – if anyone has any ideas to improve or additions let them know.
- As mentioned earlier, there are still 2 positions vacant on the T&CC. Debbie Squires can do the WHS position and Paul B can go back to Committee.
- Notified that Aaron O'leary has developed Prostrate Cancer – All of the SAMROA members wish him well and that he recovers very soon.
- Steve Lewis announced that the 40th Anniversary (woollen) Beanies and Badges are available. (Contact him or any of the General Committee if any are required)

Also, over the Christmas break, Paul B will be going through a pile of old Membership Renewals to see if all shirt orders have been processed. PB still has a couple of shirts which need to be distributed but if you have filled out a form and are wondering if it's been ordered – email secretary@samroa.org.au as an order is to be placed very soon.

With no further General Business, the last meeting for 2018 was closed at 20:15 (8:15 pm) and the meeting attendees were invited to the bar for drinks and small eats.

Hope you all have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 13 February 2019**



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