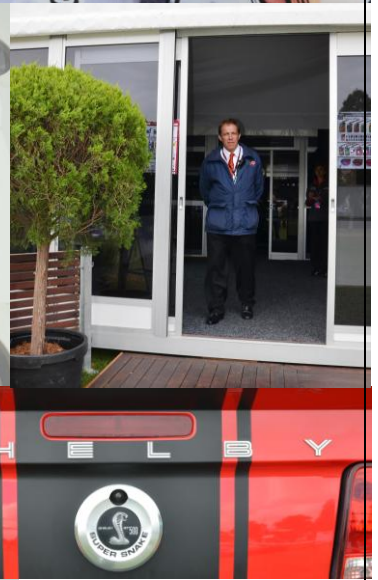


2011 CAMS OFFICIALS GAZETTE

FRIDAY ON MY MIND

From the National Media Centre behind pit lane and right next to the CAMS office it is a short 1 minute walk to view some of the hottest cars in the world. If you're envious then consider that we see more on track action on the TV than we do on track. It might be a bit warmer indoors but would you swap your front row position? I didn't think so... enjoy!



FIA OUTSTANDING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR



The FIA World Motorsport Council set up a Volunteers and Officials Commission in February, 2011 to "recognize the valuable work of motor sports officials around the world." Part of the recognition process will be the introduction of FIA annual awards for volunteers and officials, to "acknowledge outstanding performance of senior and other officials, marshals and scrutineers working at any event that forms part of the FIA Sporting Calendar." The awards will only go to volunteers.



A special FIA award will be for the 'Outstanding Official of the Year' for an official "deemed to have carried out an exceptional action at any national or international motor sport event. The really special part of this award is going to Monaco as part of the annual FIA Prize Giving event, and puts this award on the same level as the FIA Driver Award. The first Official awards will be this year.

A yet-to-be named Sub-Committee of the Commission will determine the winners. Any of the many FIA ASN's can nominate volunteers for any/all of the awards. At this point, the actual nomination process and deadline have yet to be finalized.

Other awards to be given annually will be for various categories yet to be finalized, but could include such specialties as Best Marshal, Best Scrutineer, Best Senior Official, etc.

In addition to Best category awards, the Commission is considering ways to annually honour and recognize

long term involvement and dedication to the sport. For clarification, FIA handles four-wheel motorsport. FIM sanctions international motorcycle events. Two more Commission meetings are planned, for summer and fall.

WMC received representative nominations from many of its ASN's - the FIA-affiliate in each country - and selected 20 people for the Commission. In Australia the ASN is CAMS (Confederation of Australian Motor Sports), and its Commission nomination was MICHAEL SMITH, CAMS General Manager - Commercial Operations. Smith is one of the chosen 20 representatives.

HERBIE BLASH, FIA Deputy Race Director at all Grands Prix, also sits in the Commission meetings, as the Marshal Ambassador. Blash said that the idea of doing something for the marshals had been under consideration for some time. He asked to become more involved and talk to the various countries about how they treat their officials, and does any group of marshals stand out. At the end of the year he will be making a report.

The Commission, which has one meeting already and two more scheduled for summer and fall, has two main objectives - Motivation and Support & Training. In addition to recognition of marshals and officials, keeping the ones we already have and recruiting new ones are tasks for the Commission.

Recruiting is a concern in many countries, and the Commission is seeking ways to support the ASN's in this endeavour. The Commission also is looking for ways to standardize marshals systems and procedures, as well as look at ways officials can work in other countries.

One immediate and close to home result from the Commission is the Friday Night Grand Prix Pit Lane Walk at each GP, just for the marshals. The garages will be open and the marshals can talk with the teams. Australia will be the first group of officials and marshals to have this experience. If any of you saw the Paddock Club Pit Lane Walk Thursday morning, you know what a mob scene that was. The Marshals walk will be exclusively for them.

The Pit Lane Walk is just the start of things under consideration for the marshals. Blash said 2011 is the information gathering year. The idea is for FIA to provide more recognition for the volunteers, and hope it spreads to other forms of motorsports.

CAPTION CONTEST - SATURDAY

Friday's 1st Prize Winner is Andrew Robinson – Corner 2 – Team – 26 for the XXL Safety Jacket provided by Beaver Brands. Call Richard McLean

What can be said about this photo? Well, you know the drill! Dream up with your own caption for this photo. Just write your name, team, corner, and your caption in the area provided below and place it in the designated box in the muster tent.

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SMILING SECTORS AND SISTERS



RETURN OF A GREAT SUPPORTER

The 2011 QANTAS Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix has seen the return of the Carrera Cup Australia Championship, after a two year drought due to financial issues. With a grid of experienced champions, young stars and those out there for a bit of a fun Sunday drive, to have the Porsches back in their element is truly spectacular.



One recognised new entrant to the series is 2010 Australian Formula 3 Champion, Ben Barker, under the professional guidance Team BRM, Ben has been supported by Total in his effort to place his name amongst the finest in Australian motorsport. Other notable names in the series include Steven Richards, Mark Skaife, and young Kiwi stars, Daniel Gaunt and Jonny Reid.

With 7 events on the calendar, including a trip to Mount Panorama for the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000, Mark Rundle, Team BRM Team Principal sights the category as an excellent opportunity for young drivers to establish their name as the next big thing on the V8 Supercar stage, or at the Formula 1 Grand Prix if the opportunity arises to move to race in Europe. "As the series is now managed by Porsche, it is now ideal with its upmost professionalism, and the determination to succeed, the category will be successful."

The new Porsche 997 GT-3 Cup Car is one that is standard across the series, and recognised by an aspirated water cooled flat six-cylinder boxer engine with four valves per cylinder, producing 331 kW (450hp) at 7,500 rpm, and a Max. Rpm of 8,500 rpm with a six-speed sequential dog-type gearbox, they are not necessarily the easiest car to drive, but if you can master them, the possibilities are endless.

In light of the re-launch of the series, Ben Barker is very much looking forward to the opportunity to get behind the wheel, "I'm only new to these cars, said Barker, after some testing, I'm getting to know them, and really enjoying it." Barker further said, "the opportunities that are presented with this series, to get noticed not only by V8 teams, but also in Europe, it opens to the chance of a V8 Supercar drive or GT cars overseas." Ben will now also look to the possibility of an enduro drive at Phillip Island and Bathurst, with an eye to a full season in the top Australian touring car category in 2012.

The 7 round series will culminate at the Sydney Telstra 500 in December, and is sure to be a success with the support of new sponsors, and strong contingent of drivers. The Porches are back! And we are excited!

WHITING CHAT



CHARLIE WHITING wears several hats at Grands Prix. He's the Race Director, Safety Delegate, Permanent Starter and head of the F1 Technical Department. Each year he speaks exclusively to the Gazette.

Wednesday of race week Whiting and a small entourage of FIA and CAMS official do an official track walk, prior to the Circuit Approval being granted. Again, it was given with no worries. The dropping of the Bahrain Formula One date as the first race of the 2011 season, which gave Australia the season's opening status was not really a problem for FIA. Whiting didn't think it was/would be a problem for Australia either, as it had long been the inaugural race of the F1 season.

The effect of the schedule change would affect the teams more. The teams habitually ship by sea all those big, heavy but not expensive pit equipment parts (things that don't change), and that process takes three months. The teams have four sets of these items which are all sent to the first four races. Those packages weigh 20 tons. The Bahrain package arrived in that country, and will be re-routed elsewhere or kept - that part is not yet known. However, everything the teams shipped to Australia arrived on time for the race. All the race cars and specialized equipment, tools, parts, etc. were shipped by air.

DHL handles the shipping, and BILL GIBSON of Gibson Freight is the Australian ground handler. Whiting doesn't anticipate that KERS will be a problem. FIA has the guidelines and technical regulations to keep the cars safe, and the teams help. Race officials wear 1000 volt rubber gloves. A car only can emit 380 volts, so responding to a car should be safe. Any part of the race car which stores energy or is capable of storing energy is painted orange - meaning, don't touch. It's just common sense. The drivers don't wear special gloves. Whiting always enjoys working with the Australian officials, who are "quite good."





FIVE QUESTIONS WITH YOU

5 Questions with... Vince Ciccarello – Special Sector Duties

- Favourite Formula 1 Driver: Felipe Massa...Because he drives a red one!
- Best Memory of the Australian F1 Grand Prix: The tow truck after assisting a Bedmore (Historic) finding itself stranded at turn 16...where the only way out...is back!
- Funniest Moment from Motorsport: Everything we do has a funny side to it!
- Funniest Story about or from an Official: Exotic Car Display...a particular official not being able to distinguish Felipe Massa from...‘Mr Brown’ and a Maserati XJS!
- What brings you back to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix: Don't want to break the streak after working all Australian Grand Prix's...Adelaide and Melbourne!

5 Questions with... June Bunker-Marratt – Form Up Marshal

- Favourite Formula 1 Driver: Mark Webber
- Best Memory of the Australian F1 Grand Prix: Volunteering...and being involved in the action!
- Funniest Moment from Motorsport: Subaru Transporter bogged at Rally of South Australia
- Funniest Story about or from an Official: All officials that simply stroll behind a camera...some unaware as to what they are doing...some completely aware!
- What brings you back to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix: The People...the camaraderie...something you experience so rarely each year!

5 Questions with... Chris Reeks – Fire & Rescue – Turn 16.4

- Favourite Formula 1 Driver: Mark Webber
- Best Memory of the Australian F1 Grand Prix: Nigel Mansell – Blown Tyre on Straight - Adelaide
- Funniest Moment from Motorsport: Too many to mention...
- Funniest Story about or from an Official: Losing a yellow flag off its stick onto the track!
- What brings you back to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix: Excitement/Atmosphere

5 Questions with... Alan Stuart – Boundary Rider 1

- Favourite Formula 1 Driver: Mark Webber
- Best Memory of the Australian F1 Grand Prix: 1996 – Turn 3 – Gerhard Berger and David Coulthard Crash
- Funniest Moment from Motorsport: Being photographed leaving a toilet in Adelaide...
- Funniest Story about or from an Official: CAMS Official getting their car bogged at Phillip Island
- What brings you back to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix: Thrill of racing...Working as an official

5 Questions with... Cameron Jamieson – Recovery/Crane 1

- Favourite Formula 1 Driver: Ayrton Senna
- Best Memory of the Australian F1 Grand Prix: 2008 Grand Prix – Turn 3 – 37 Recoveries
- Funniest Moment from Motorsport: Skip Taylor...
- Funniest Story about or from an Official: Lex (Fire & Rescue) and his serious nature...NOT!
- What brings you back to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix: Seeing drivers...working with officials

5 Questions with...David Padroth – Track Marshal – Turn 1

- Favourite Formula 1 Driver: Michael Schumacher
- Best Memory of the Australian F1 Grand Prix: Having an access all areas pass to the event in 2003
- Funniest Moment from Motorsport: An official falling from a crane in 2009
- Funniest Story about or from an Official: ‘Jamo’s’ - Sid the Snake
- What brings you back to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix: Sound of the cars

5 Questions with...Neil Ellis – Assistant Chief Fire Marshal

- Favourite Formula 1 Driver: Mark Webber
- Best Memory of the Australian F1 Grand Prix: Working in Pit Lane for Jaguar and Red Bull Racing
- Funniest Moment from Motorsport: Girls in Bikinis...at Gold Coast V8 Supercars
- Funniest Story about or from an Official: A marshal setting off a fire extinguisher through a fence
- What brings you back to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix: Interest in the event and the camaraderie amongst the officials.

5 Questions with... Phil Rowley – Equipment (A-Team)

- Favourite Formula 1 Driver: Mark Webber
- Best Memory of the Australian F1 Grand Prix: Murray Walker's Commentary!
- Funniest Moment from Motorsport: Too many to mention...
- Funniest Story about or from an Official: Far too many to list...
- What brings you back to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix: Atmosphere and working as an official



SHOTS FROM MICHAEL AT TURN 5.8 – “JUST JOKING AROUND OF COURSE”



CMO DOCTOR

Dr. BRENT MAY of Melbourne is one of the doctors who participated in the Wednesday driver accident simulation. He is an anaesthesiologist at The Alfred, where's he been for the past five years. May has been involved in various forms of motorsports since he was a Resident. May said the new medical protocol without the helicopter is better. It takes less than 90 seconds to The Alfred from the gate. The helicopter takes six to eight minutes just to warm up. The Medical Team got dispensations to do dry runs for this new run to the Alfred.

May is part of Team Medical Australia and is on its Board of Directors. They work a lot of Australian motorsports events. May has often acted as the Chief Medical Officer at events, including Bathurst and several other V8 Supercar rounds. At last year's MotoGP at Phillip Island he was the Deputy Chief. As CMO he works with the logistics, trauma education, etc. At times, he prefers to be on the outside in the trenches as it were.

May explained the Medical Team's approach, literally and figuratively, to a F1 KERS-equipped car and the medical staff wear three pairs of gloves - nomex fire retardant gloves, 1000 heavy-duty rubber gloves, and a pair of leather gloves on top. On their feet they wear attractive <g> heavy rubber galoshes. Approaching a car, if the KERS light is green, the KERS has been discharged and they're good to go. Otherwise, they assume the KERS is charged.



LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD

Australia's own MARK WEBER/Red Bull Racing topped the charts more than once Friday afternoon for the first of two ninety-minute Formula One practice sessions at Albert Park, in preparation for the Qantas Grand Prix. What's more important is that the crucial point was being fastest at the chequered flag. Weber ran a 1:26.831, the only driver in the 26's.

Weber toppled his teammate, 2010 F1 World Champion SEBASTIAN VETTEL, who led for quite awhile. Vettel was second at the end, followed by FERNANDO ALONSO/Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro, NICO ROSBERG/Mercedes GP Petronas F1 Team-who survived an off-on in Turn Seven; RUBENS BARRICHELLO/AT&T WILLIAMS; JENSON BUTTON and teammate LEWIS HAMILTON/Vodafone McLaren Mercedes; MICHAEL SCHUMACHER/Mercedes GP Petronas F1 Team; KAMUI KOBAYASHI/Sauber F1 Team; and VITALY PETROV/Lotus Renault GP.

Kobayashi's teammate, Rookie SERGIO PEREZ of Mexico ran as high as ninth before ending seventeenth. Perez is the first F1 driver from Mexico in 30 years. He's the only driver representing North America. Neither the US nor Canada have any F1 drivers. SERGIO PEREZ/Sauber finished ninth overall in his first F1 practice session.

This year's line up includes five World Champions, all in the top eight drivers. Team Lotus substituted KARUN CHANDHOK for JARNO TRULLI for the first Friday practice. Less than four hours later, Chandhok crashed the car two minutes into the session. He drove askew towards the Turn Four wall, spun and hits the wall. Chandhok is OK, but the car has substantial frontal damage. His Pirelli tyres appeared to be yellow, which would have made them the soft compound.

HRT GARAGE

The beleaguered HRT team didn't make it out at all during the session. The garage doors have been shut all morning. Driver NARAIN KARTHIKEYAN was in pit lane, in civvies. (Photo credit – Lynne Huntting for photographing three closed doors great work Lynne)

The trick for a F1 driver to get in the F1 gate without being noticed by the groups of fans camped out for a look, photo and/or autograph is to come in right behind Mark Weber. Friday morning, the crowd went wild while Karthikeyan got out and in the Swipe gate completely unnoticed. Perhaps he wouldn't have been noticed anyhow.

Another driver commanding a huge roar from the viewing stand was MICHAEL SCHUMACHER/Mercedes GP Petronas F1 Team. His chauffeured Jeep-like vehicle drove further in towards the gate, but he got out and walked over to the adoring fans. At that point another car pulled up and FELIPE MASSA/Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro got out. Schumacher warmly greeted his former Ferrari teammate and enveloped him in a huge bear hug. They both visited the viewing stand. The second Friday practice is at 6 pm local time.

