



**South Australian
Motor Racing Officials Association
Newsletter
April 2023**



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Next General Meeting:

General Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month:

**Wed. 12th April 2023, at The Kent Town Hotel, 72-76 Rundle St, Kent Town
Starting at 7:30pm**



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New location for the General Meeting:

Kent Town Hotel

72-76 RUNDLE Street, KENT TOWN South Australia

Upstairs in the Board room – follow the signs 😊

Meeting starts 7:30pm

Come along from 6pm and enjoy a meal.

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Please feel free to contact the editors if you have any articles you would like included in future editions.

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President's Prattle

Welcome to the April/May Newsletter



Howdy all.

Lets start with the news that the next General Meeting is Wednesday 12th April and it will be held at a new location.

The Kent Town Hotel, 76 Rundle Street, Kent Town and the meeting will start from 7:30pm.

Some of the committee will arrive at approx. 6:15pm to have a meal before the meeting so why not come and join us and get to know our new venue.

There is some other news regarding one of our life members, Bob Schofield, who unfortunately passed away at approximately 6:00pm on Sunday 2nd April. Members were advised on Thursday 6th April of this via an email which stated:-

"Bob's funeral will be held at Charles Berry and Sons, 200 Magill Road, Norwood on Monday 17 April from 1 pm. The burial will follow at 2.30 pm at the Enfield Cemetery. It would be wonderful to see lots of SAMROA members there and all members are encouraged to attend. Funeral details can also be found in the Funeral Notices of The Advertiser on Saturday 8 April. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you feel would be interested in attending."

So if you can get along to the funeral I'll see you there.

We've had a very good start to the year with members attending the Australian GP in Melbourne and also going to Bathurst for the 6 Hour Race over Easter. Locally events have run with only minor disruptions and with some very good competition amongst competitors.

Our next events are Superkarts/Regularity on 16th April and then SCCSA All Historic on 22/23 April. So get your names down so we can enjoy some great racing.

That's about all from me, stay safe and well and I'll see you when I'm looking at you.

Bruce Morisset – President

Upcoming Events Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Location	Chief Flag/Assistant	T&CC Duty Officer
April	TBC	Seniors - Online training workshop	Online	T&CC	Graham Church
	Wed 12th 7:30pm	General Meeting	The Kent Town Hotel, Kent Town	President - Bruce Morisset	
	Sun 16th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Rod Mountifield	
	Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd	SCCSA All Historic Meeting	Mallala	Cathy Sinton	
May	Sun 7th	Peter Hall Memorial 6 hour	Mallala	Darren Mattiske	Brad Morrison
	Sat 27th & Sun 28th	SCCSA R2	The Bend	Owen Smith / Leslie Atkinson	
June	TBC	Theory – Online training – Fire training module	Online	T&CC	Cathy Sinton
	Sun 4th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Peter Stevens	
	Fri 9th - Sun 11th	SAMS Series Round 2, including Asian Lamborghini	The Bend	TBA	
	Wed 14th 7:30pm	General Meeting	The Kent Town Hotel, Kent Town	President - Bruce Morisset	

All meetings and dates are on the SAMROA database, please keep in mind that all meetings are subject to change, the dates are correct as of 1 Feb 2023. The T&CC will endeavour to advise if there is any change to the details of any event as soon as possible and update the member database.

Please log onto the SAMROA member database and put your name down for any event that interest you.

Also check out what is happening across the state in all forms of Motorsport via the Motorsport Australia

Events Calendar: <https://motorsport.org.au/events/championships/state/sa-nt> (this site is not validated for accuracy by SAMROA)



T&CC Report

Welcome to the April T&CC Report. We are now well into the year and most of us have been out supporting the Club at events at Mallala and The Bend as well as interstate meetings.

With all this activity on the calendar, it's important to plan your events well ahead of time so that you can support the Club throughout the year, so please make sure to put your name on the database as soon as you can to help with numbers and planning for upcoming events. You can always remove your name if you are unable to attend through change of circumstances. Please give some thought to supporting SAMROA events as we need to keep local motor racing viable and active in this State.

- We have a Fire Training on-line module for financial members on **Thursday, 22 June 2023** (time to be advised). This will be a prerequisite for the training day to follow.
- There is a practical training day on **Saturday, 1 July 2023** at Mallala (time and venue to be confirmed).

As we have a lot of members that have never used a fire extinguisher, this is a good opportunity to become confident at using one, so when you do need to use it on track, you have the skills to be able to use it properly.

- We have an on-line Seniors' Training Course for financial members on **Wednesday, 3 May 2023**. This will be about 30 minutes' duration followed by a Q&A session (time to be confirmed).

Some other courses to follow will cover Incident Management, Flag & Track and a Chief Flag Workshop.

Do try to take part in the above courses as they will build skills that you can use at the track, make you more confident and make it safer for drivers and members.

A number of issues have been raised by members relating to The Bend. These are being discussed with the Bend management and we are hopeful that improvements to flag posts and safety concerns will be addressed soon.

Do remember to fill out your performance sheets. This helps the T&CC in improving skills within the Club.

Upcoming Events:

- 16 April - Superkarts/Modern Regularity (Mallala)
- 22 April - SCCSA All Historic Meeting (2 day Mallala)
- 7 May - Peter Hall Memorial (6 hr relay Mallala)
- 27 May - SCCSA State Championships Round 2 (2 day The Bend)

A big thank you to all for supporting SAMROA and motor racing in SA. Look forward to seeing you at the track.

Graham Church

The Bend Events:

There are some changes to the way members need to register and log in for some events at The Bend Motorsport Park has set up Better Impact for all upcoming events promoted by The Bend Motorsport park . This includes the OTR Supersprint.

Could all SAMROA members who are attending each event register using the Better Impact portal. Please find below links for each event.

The login details that you have used for Supercar promoted events, (The VALO Adelaide 500 etc) will be what you can log in with for the events held at The Bend as well.

SA Motorsport Series Round 2

<https://bttr.im/ilbo8>

SA Motorsport Series Round 3

<https://bttr.im/98phi>

The Bend Classic 27-29 October 2023

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/4ea17873-457e-4afa-9bc5-9f2a8c5f7412/ActivityCategory/230428/1>

Please also continue to place your name on the SAMROA database for these events so T&CC and Chief Flag knows who is attending the event when doing placings





*Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in
April & May*

April

Peter Miller 3rd

Grant Sims 5th

John Silverblade 6th

Dieter Von-Zieden 11th

Matthew Meegan 14th

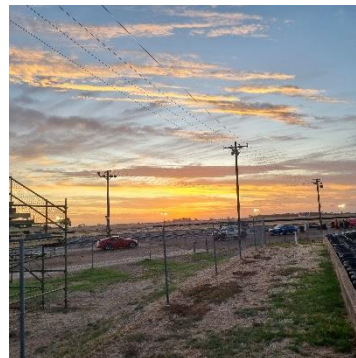
Matthew Johnson 15th

May

Scott Chammings 5th

David Avery 7th

Paul Karamanov 25th



Vale – Bob Schofield Life Member



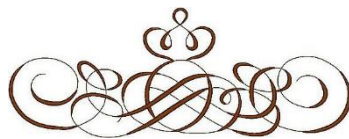
Bob was an inaugural club member, starting around August 1978, when the club was started. Bob has held numerous and various positions in the club including vice president for many years, a general committee member when not VP and on the social committee.

Bob was awarded life member in 2002, an honour he was very proud of.

Bob was well known for his outgoing and larikin like character, he was always happy to help at race meetings in various roles from tow truck/recovery driver to flag marshal.

Bob Schofield's funeral is arranged for Monday 17th April at 1pm at Charles Berry & Sons at Magill, then burial about 2.30pm at Enfield cemetery.

Would love to see many members from SAMROA.



WH&S Report

Owen and I recently met with Manager of The Bend Motorsport circuit and had discussions regarding a number of safety issues relating to the marshal posts at the Bend. At this meeting we provided a report outlining these issues. The meeting was very productive and has opened a good communication link between the club and management of the bend. I'll keep you updated on the progress of these issues and discussions as we continue to work with The Bend to ensure a safe place for all marshals trackside.

There has been several members travelling a lot lately both locally and interstate to attend and work at various events, this is a good reminder to everyone to be aware of your fatigue and managing your fatigue. Don't forget if you're driving long distance take your time and have regular rest breaks.

Fatigue can also include having a long week at work, working long hours. You maybe drained not just physically but mentally also, If you are feeling tired to take a break, if you are feeling that you are struggling when track side speak with your senior or the chief flag, it's not just your safety at risk but those around you.

Cathy Sinton

SAMROA -H&S Rep.

Our Members at the Grand Prix #1

Peter Millers's Grand Prix experience:

Well another great 4 days at the Melb GP my second save for the confusion

On the Sunday , I was at post 8 as the LPO (Light Panel Operator) Marshall and did the lights on All F1,F2,F3 sessions and races but did wave flags for the supercar races And was on yellow when during race 2 when number 34 Camaro of Jack Le Broc hit the wall hard just behind me and slid along the wall past our post, made me jump and ducked down as a lot of car parts flying but everyone was ok. All I all a great experience and can recommend highly if have not done

Also see below a couple of pics , one of light panel if people have not seen it

Cheers Peter



Light Panel controller – Peter will be happy to explain its workings 😊



Social Committee Report

Hi all,

It's getting close to that time of the year again where we will be celebrating the 45th birthday of SAMROA.

A date has been selected that is free of events before and after the dinner. The date will be 2nd September 2023.

We are looking at venue options and once that is confirmed we will let, you the members know.

We encourage you all to keep that date free and we look forward to your attendance.

Regards

Deb Squires & Janelle Orrock

Social Committee



Promotions Report

SAMROA had a display at the Adelaide Motorsport Festival on the weekend of March 25th & 26th

With a lot of organization over a couple months leading up to this event, I can happily say we attained 26 expressions of interest. Some were trackside for the event others coming from the general public.

I am hopeful we will see a healthy portion trackside in the near future.

The expressions of interest came from a broad range of age groups with about 50% being of a younger age bracket.

Many thanks to Jake Alker for accommodating us free of charge and coordinating our arrival and set up position.

I would like to give a special thanks to my daughter for being my taxi driver for a week and for helping set up with Matty Meegan on the Thursday prior to the Event.

Many thanks to - Alec Donnon, Owen Smith, Graham Church, Peter Miller and Joshua Young for manning the display when not on duty and for helping pack it all up.

Moving forward it would be invaluable to have more support from the members to assist in future SAMROA Displays.

Regards

Deb Squires

Promotions

SAMROA Committee Member



Our Members at the Grand Prix #2

Wow – what a full on 4 days it was! I was privileged to be selected for the Pit Lane and Grid team. My roles included Grid for Formula 1, 2, 3 and Supercars, start light panel or yellow flags for all categories, radar for Supercars and Carrera Cup, and was allocated to monitor the Ferrari garage when F1's were on track.

The Formula Grid role is a bit different to what we do usually for Australian categories. It is 1 official per car. We stand to the side of the grid box with a yellow flag and stay there until the cars have left for their formation lap. It's a buzz being so close when the revs are up ready to go!

If there is an issue we wave our yellow flag. If/when all clear then we climb the barrier gate to the outside of the track in front of the grandstand to take up our respective positions watching our car/driver and nothing else.

Instead of yellow flags we use an electronic device with 2 buttons - push green as the car is approaching its grid box – this activates a panel that swings out trackside showing green.

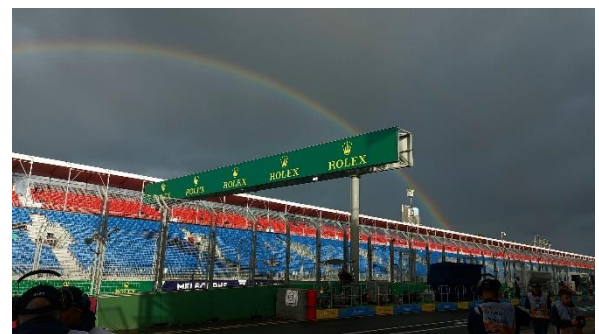
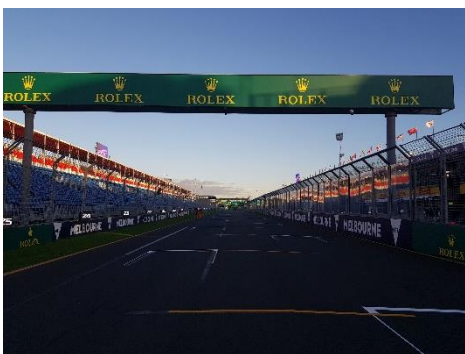
Race start be ready to push the yellow button if there is an issue – this automatically activates all the panels on the right flashing yellow to warn oncoming cars of a problem. Much faster and reliable than yellow flags.

On Sunday we had to do this 3 times for the F1 race due to the red flags and restarts. The final restart from pit lane was hectic. There were cars being shifted in the queue, team personnel, officials and media everywhere. We had to stand next to a car with a yellow flag in case it had a problem moving off – pit lane speed is 80kph so easy for a collision.

One of the perks of the job is at the end of the F1 race we have to protect the podium from the desperate media, celebrities etc. There is pushing, shoving, yelling and chaos. So we get the best view of the presentation and maybe a splash of champagne!

My final job for the day was a funny one. We had been stood down and I was walking against the flow of on-track public when I came across a spectator whose “mates” had peeled a large sticker from somewhere and wrapped him in it. He had wandered half the track looking for help. Some people had tried to unpeel it but the sticky was too strong. So I dug out my scissors from the bottom of my bag and cut him free. He was very appreciative! I am already looking forward to next year. The pit lane team are a great bunch of people with good leadership during some hectic moments.

Jackie Schlein - Pit Lane





Our Members at the Grand Prix #3

Well that was certainly a unique race... For better or worse I think it will be remembered for a long time.

We had the pleasure of being posted to the very first flag post at Albert Park this year, opposite Pit Exit and within sight of the Start/Finish line, very exciting!

Having the FIA feeder categories, Formula 2 & Formula 3, on track for the first time at AGP was a real treat, if you like open wheel racing and haven't checked them out yet, you need to.

A very special experience happened on Sunday, when everyone at our post was invited to stand at the front of the grid while the Driver's Parade was being arranged, so we got to see all the drivers making their way out and getting interviewed before being driven away with the crowd cheering, very cool!

Being halfway up the main straight, we didn't get a whole lot of on track action over the weekend, the highlight would have to be George Russell's Mercedes' impression of an F-111, when it caught fire in front of us mid-way during the race, good to see it was dealt with quickly.

For most of the race our greatest concern was our exit strategy for the inevitable track invasion, which of course we then had to do while juggling final pack-down, Safety Cars, Red Flags and restarts, very chaotic!

Having to swim through the waves of people running to the podium was quite a feat, but we all got across safely with our gear, aside from 1 firey who dropped his phone (never found out if he found it again), and made it in time to be around for the podium.

As of that event I had not witnessed the start of an F1 race first-hand, I've seen it three times now!

Another perk of working up the end of the straight was being parked in front of the Ferrari hospitality suite, the staff were very good to us, feeding us barista coffee during the weekend and hot snacks when the rain set in, sadly their Sunday did not go well :(

We had a very good team, including several junior or first-time spectator marshals, who we made sure to give an intro to on waving flags. Watching how buzzed they got being out in the flag post made me remember why we do this, very special ❤️

I'd like to thank everyone from SA who made the trek over to Melbourne, always makes for a special week getting to shoot the breeze after each day's events.

If anyone wants to check out some of the action we were getting into, go have a look through the daily

newsletters: <https://motorsport.org.au/officials/grandprix>

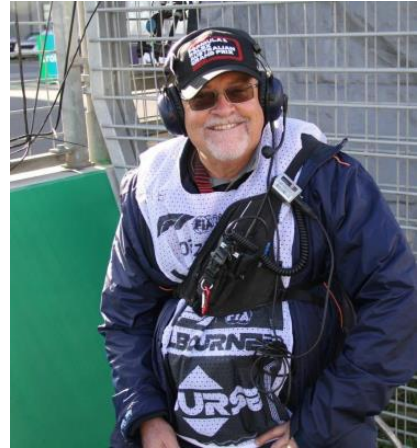
And if you're watching the replay, look out for our VP's Red Flag skills!

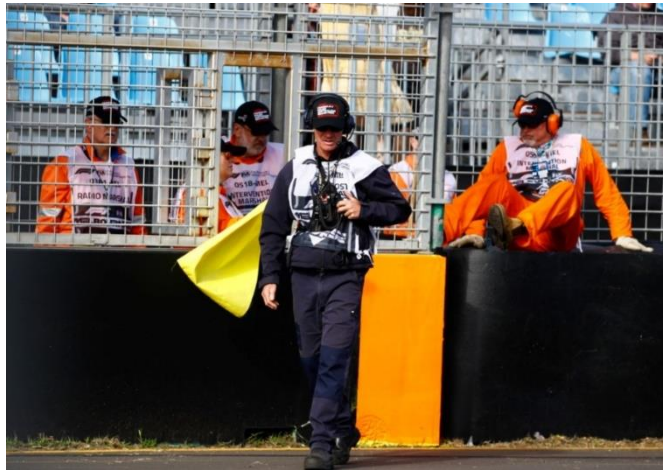
Cheers!

Alec Donnon - Post 0.2L

Also on behalf of Stephen Clift & Andre Alexandrov









Thank you to these businesses who have supported SAMROA in various ways recently!

Thank you to Autobarn, Mt Barker

The T&CC recently needed to replace all the lights and wiring on the club trailer and received a generous discount from AutoBarn Mt Barker – Thank you 😊



SAMROA member Shaun Halliday is a franchisee of Mister Minit which specialises in repairs, engravings, cutting services plus much more! Shaun has offered a 20% discount for SAMROA members upon presenting their membership card. His kiosk is located at the Unley Shopping Centre. Come on down and support each other.



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Hampstead Auto Repairs is a specialist mechanic located in Klemzig, SA. Their services include brake repairs, clutch and gearbox repairs, air con re-gas and repairs, exhaust repair, power steering alignment, wheel alignment, new car & logbook servicing, 4wd repairs, diesel service and repairs, full car servicing and tyre fitting. They also offer their customers the additional service of a pick-up and drop-off anywhere within the Klemzig area with prior arrangement. They have customers from all over Adelaide including Broadview, Greenacres, Hampstead Gardens, Marden, Walkerville, Manningham, Lightsvie, Windsor Gardens, Oakden, Northgate, Hillcrest and surrounding areas. Their auto repair experts can provide speedy servicing and repairs to ensure that you get back on the road as soon as possible.

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2023 SA Motorsport Events calendar



Date		Event	Location	Chief Flag/Assistant	T&CC Duty Officer
April	Sun 16th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Rod Mountefield	Graham Church
	Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd	SCCSA All Historic Meeting	Mallala	Cathy Sinton	
May	Sun 7th	Peter Hall Memorial 6 hour	Mallala	Darren Mattiske	Brad Morrison
	Sat 27th & Sun 28th	SCCSA R2	The Bend	Owen Smith / Leslie Atkinson	
June	Sun 4th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Peter Stevens	Cathy Sinton
	Fri 9th - Sun 11th	SAMS Series Round 2, including Asian Lamborghini	The Bend	TBA	
July	Sat 8th & Sun 9th	SCCSA R3 Mallala (with Porsche supersprint)	Mallala	Kim Morrison / Alec Donnon	Tony Aloï
	Sun 23rd	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Brad Morrison	
August	Sun 27th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity	Mallala	Cathy Sinton	Kim Morrison
	Fri 18th - Sun 20th	OTR Supersprint	The Bend	Non SAMROA event	
September	Sat 16th & Sun 17th	SCCSA R4	The Bend	Peter Stevens / Leslie Atkinson	Matt Avery
October	Fri 13th - Sun 15th	Motorsport Australia Trophy Series	The Bend	Non SAMROA event	Tony Aloï
	Fri 27th - Sun 29th	The Bend Classic	The Bend	Owen Smith	
November	Sun 5th	Superkarts & Modern Regularity, (GP)	Mallala	Ray McGuinness	Brad Morrison
	Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th	SAMS Series Round 3	The Bend	Darren Mattiske	
	Saturday 18th	SCCSA Season Finale / Enduro	The Bend	Rod Mountifield/ Alec Donnon	
	Thurs 23rd - Sun 26th	VALO Adelaide 500	Adelaide Street Circuit	Non SAMROA event	