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South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association Newsletter April 2024



Next General Meeting:

Wed. 10th April 2024, at The Kent Town Hotel,
72-76 Rundle St, Kent Town Starting at 7:30pm

Join us from 6pm onwards for a meal

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**General Meetings held at:
Kent Town Hotel
72-76 RUNDLE Street, KENT TOWN South Australia
The Board room
Meeting starts 7:30pm
Come along from 6pm and enjoy a meal.**

Front cover picture: SAMROA Members at the recent Adelaide Motorsport Festival providing assistance.

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MARSHALS MUMBLINGS

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The South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association (SAMROA) Inc. is a volunteer organisation affiliated with Motorsport Australia Ltd.

President's Prattle

Welcome to the February Newsletter



Hello all,

April already, where is the year going???

Whilst it has been a bit on the quieter side for circuit events at Mallala and The Bend, we haven't been left dry on events with the Adelaide Motorsport Festival, Bathurst 6 Hour and a small event known as the Grand Prix all taking place recently. To those who travelled across to the Grand Prix and 6 Hour, I hope you all stayed safe and enjoyed your time interstate. If you haven't travelled interstate to do an event, I cannot recommend it more. These are great opportunities to meet people from interstate and network, but something which I truly value and that is spending time with other SAMROA members away from the circuit either at dinner or over a drink at accommodation.

At the recent Adelaide Motorsport Festival, SAMROA had a promotional display across the weekend. Thank you to Deb Squires for arranging the placement of the display and the permit. Thank you to everybody who assisted over the weekend with the display; Cathy Sinton, Andre Alexandrov, Paul Bonnett, Alex Varcoe, Blake Rankine, Peter Ruth and Rob Thiry. We received a lot of interest from the public. The committee are working through the name list and planning on getting some of these people trackside soon.

Darren Matiske has been able to arrange a promotional display at Bunnings Murray Bridge on the 13th and 14th of April. Darren will be looking for assistance on either day. If you can attend, please reach out to Darren. We are always looking for new opportunities to promote the club, if you know of any local shows or other opportunities feel free to pass any information on to any committee member.

A thank you must go to Brad Morrison and the T&CC. On the 3rd of April, an online Back to Basics Refresh was conducted online. This online session was available to all current financial and life members. If anybody missed out on attending this session, a recording will be made available (how good is online training).

We do have plenty of events to keep us occupied between now and our next general meeting / newsletter in June. Hope to see as many faces as possible supporting these events.

Look forward to seeing you soon at the track soon.

Owen Smith - President

Upcoming Events Calendar

2024 Motorsport Events calendar has been finalised The T&CC will update the member database with all the events. **MORE NAMES ARE NEEDED FOR ALL THESE EVENTS, PLEASE CHECK YOUR AVAILABILITY AND CONTACT T&CC OR PUT YOUR NAME ON THE DATABASE, PLEASE.**

A full copy of the 2024 calendar of events is at the end of the newsletter ☺

Month	Event Date/s	No of Days	Event Name and registration details	Circuit	Chief Flag/Asst
April	10 th	1	General Meeting	Kent Town Hotel	N/A
	20 th	1	Rescheduled from 9 March - SAMS Round 2 (Twilight) https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=feab8fd7-5cbb-431f-9cbe-0dde7a4502db&ApplicationFormNumber=3	Mallala	Kim Morrison/Leslie Atkinson
	21 st	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Leslie Atkinson
	26 th – 28 th	3	SCCSA All Historic Meeting	Mallala	Kim Morrison/Leslie Atkinson
May	4 th – 5 th	2	SAMS Round 3 (International circuit) Register via SAMROA Database and Better Impact (Click on the link below) https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=ce5b2597-0931-431d-a957-c77daed14dc0&ApplicationFormNumber=1	The Bend	Kim Morrison/Leslie Atkinson
	25 th – 26 th	2	SAMS Round 4 (International Circuit) Register via SAMROA Database and Better Impact (Click on the link below) https://app.betterimpact.com/Application?OrganizationGuid=a76dbaaa-5322-4e9f-a89b-839848b8e464&ApplicationFormNumber=2	The Bend	Darren Mattiske/ Kim Morrison

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 2024. 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 events that interest you.

The new Motorsport Australia SA Motor Racing Championship is to be held over 8 events between Mallala Motorsport Park and Shell V-Power Motorsport Park. The new championship is a partnership between The Bend Motorsport Park and the Sporting Car Club of SA.

Officials' registrations will be via both the SAMROA database and Better Impact, this is so organisers can provide the correct lunch, no need for you to sign disclaimers on the day, and organisers are looking at a recognition scheme and this will provide them with accurate data to administer this.

Event 5 of the Motorsport Australia 2024 South Australian Motor Racing Championship incorporating Lamborghini Super Trofeo - Asia. 7th to 9th June 2024 at the Shell V-Power Motorsport Park.

Please find below link to register. <https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/4ea17873-457e-4afa-9bc5-9f2a8c5f7412/1>

T&CC Report

Hello everyone!

I hope you all had a great Easter and didn't eat too much chocolate, might be a bit harder to jump those walls. As you are reading this we are getting ever closer to a very busy period for us as Officials, I can count 5-6 events in the next 2 months at either Taillem Bend or Mallala.

Our first event is the rescheduled twilight SAMRC round 2 on April 20th, some great categories have been organized for this event including Impoved Production SA, SA sports sedans and for something different the Porsche club are running a SuperSprint. The next event is the next day on April 21ST which is our regular Superkart meeting. The next weekend is a 3-day event the annual Anzac Historic Racing event 26th-28th, this is normally a fantastic event with some very cool cars on display on and off track. That concludes the events for April, May is not much quieter with SAMRC Round 3 on at the Bend 4th – 5th of May then, we can then have 2 weeks off before SAMRC Round 4 on 25th – 26th of May, and then after a couple of years the Shannon's Speed series will return to the Bend with all their wonderful categories. It will be a busy few months but I'm looking forward to seeing some great racing and what better place to view it than trackside.

Thank you to all those members who replied to our earlier email with expressions of interest for a number of different roles this year, we have started to get these people through the different disciplines wherever possible even for a couple of sessions just so those people can get a feel for it.

Bronze assessments – we have had a number of people ask how they do their bronze assessment – The first thing is to complete the online module via the Motorsport Australia website. Once you successfully complete this touch base with someone from the T&CC, let us know you have completed the course and 7 we will begin to work with you to get you prepared for your event assessment, this may involve allocating a mentor and placing you with senior people who can train you and ensure you are ready to undertake the event assessment at an event. The T&CC are here to help you have a good and successful experience with your assessment.

From the T&CC we look forward to seeing you soon, take care and always have fun.

Cheers T&CC

Birthdays



Happy birthday to our members who will be celebrating milestones in

April

Peter Miller 3rd

Grant Sims 5th

John Silverblade 6th

May

Scott Chamings 5th

David Avery 7th

Paul Karamanov 25th

WHS Report

With the recent Grand Prix and the many upcoming events I thought I would focus on some health issue around hearing and noise induced hearing loss. Motorsport although occurs outside in an open area can still be a very noisy environment.

YOUR HEARING – WHY AND WHEN TO PROTECT IT

YOU DON'T GET “USED TO NOISE”

Noise does not have to be uncomfortably loud to be damaging. You may even think you ears are “used to the noise” but what has probably happened is that hearing loss has already begun. How quickly hearing loss takes place depends on the intensity of the noise, its duration, and how often the exposure occurs.

A RULE OF THUMB

When you feel the need to shout in order to be heard three feet away, the noise levels are probably 85 dBA or more and hearing protectors are recommended.

NOISE DAMAGE INDICATORS

If sounds seem muffled or softer after noise exposure, your hearing is affected by a temporary threshold shift which warns that your ears have been overexposed. If you repeatedly expose your ears without protection, the shift can worsen and become permanent, resulting in untreatable damage to your hearing ability.

Another warning sign, if it's first apparent immediately after a period of high noise exposure, is tinnitus –a ringing, buzzing, or whistling in your head. It's like a “sunburn” of the hair cells of your inner ear, indicating that they have been irritated and over-worked. Tinnitus is especially noticeable in a quiet place, such as when trying to go to sleep at night. If you don't protect your ears from noise, tinnitus can become a permanent, constant annoyance in your life.

REMEMBER: YOU NEED YOUR HEARING!

“You always have this ringing in your ears”

“I miss the birds. I miss all the good sounds”

“My daughter no longer seems to speak clearly”



These comments from people with noise-induced hearing loss show why it is worth the effort to properly wear hearing protectors: your quality of life depends on keeping your good hearing. Once hearing is lost it is gone forever.

Even if you already have some hearing loss, it is still essential to wear hearing protectors from now on to prevent the loss from worsening. **It's never too late to start conserving your hearing!**



The 3 Rs Report – Recruit, Retain Reward

SAMROA had a Display at this year's Repco AMF and we were noticed.

We were fortunate to again, be sited opposite the Invitational's, just a little down from the F1's and Bathurst winning cars to name a few. We had a lot of foot traffic as you could imagine with exceptional cars driving by the display heading down to form up.

Over the 2 days we gained 31 expressions of interest which have already been followed up by our New Members Officer - Darren Mattiske.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the members that came out and manned the display. Cathy Sinton, Owen Smith, Andre Alexandrov, Alex Varcoe, Peter Ruth, Paul Bonnett, Rob Thiry and Blake Rankine. Great work!

Special mention to those who helped with set up and pack up - Owen Smith, Adrian Flynn, Rob Thiry, Paul Bonnett, Alex Varcoe and Blake Rankine.

Well done to all involved!

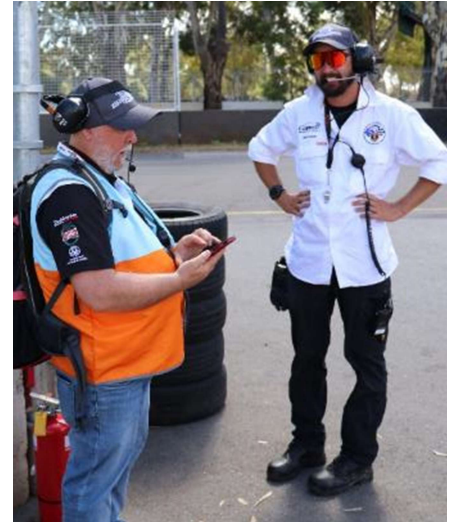
Plans and applications for 2025 Repco AMF on March 1st and 2nd have already started and we look forward to your continued support to grow our club.

Many thanks
The 3R's Team

Adelaide Motorsport Festival Display

SAMROA was on display at this year's Adelaide Motorsport Festival both track side and in the public area with a great display manned across the two days by a number of our members. The location was a good prominent place with a lot of foot traffic passing by both days. There was some good interest shown by a lot of people interested in what SAMROA does trackside and a number of names collected, so hopefully we will see some of those at future race meetings trackside with us. A big thank you to everyone who helped out on the stand over the weekend, Cathy Sinton, Andre Alexandrov, Paul Bonnett, Alex Varcoe, Blake Rankine, Peter Ruth and Rob Thiry. Here are a couple pictures of our members at the Motorsport festival.





Thank you to Kylie Docke for these photos

Social Committee Report

The Social Committee has selected a date for the Annual Dinner 2024 that is free of any motorsport Events both here and interstate so that everyone can attend.

Saturday the 24th of August 2024 is the date to keep in your diaries. We encourage all members to attend and extend the invitation to family and friends.

Venue: TBA

Regards

Social Committee.

2024 SAMROA Memembrs at the Australian F1 Grand Prix Melbourne







All Grand Prix photographs taken by Revved Photography ([Revved Photography](#)) Thank you ☺

2024 SA Motor Racing Calender

SAMROA Event Schedule 2024					
Event Date/s	No of Days	Event Name	Location	Chief Flag	Assist CF
11th February	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Rod Mountifield	
17th February	1	Twilight Trophy including Time Attack	Mallala	Kim Morrison	Peter Stevens
2nd-3rd March	2	SAMS Round 1 (Int)	The Bend	Brad Morrison	Alec Donnon
9th March	1	SAMS Round 2 (Twilight)	Mallala	Kim Morrison	Leslie Atkinson
16th-17th March	2	Adelaide Motorsport Festival	Victoria Park	Non SAMROA Event	
21st-24th March	4	Australian F1 Grand Prix	Melbourne	Non SAMROA Event	
21st April	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Leslie Atkinson	
26th-28th April	3	SCCSA All Historic Meeting	Mallala	Kim Morrison	Leslie Atkinson
4th-5th May	2	SAMS Round 3 (Int)	The Bend	Kim Morrison	Leslie Atkinson
25th-26th May	2	SAMS Round 4 (Int)	The Bend	Darren Mattiske	Kim Morrison
31st May - 2nd June	3	Speedseries Rnd 4 (Motorsport Australia)	The Bend	TBA	
8th-9th June	2	SAMS Round 5 Int (with Asian Lamborghini)	The Bend	Brad Morrison	TBA
16th June	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Leslie Atkinson	
28th July	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Alec Donnon	
3rd-4th August	2	SAMS Round 6	Mallala	Leslie Atkinson	Ray McGuinness
7th-8th September	2	The Bend Classic	The Bend	Darren Mattiske	Leslie Atkinson
21st-22nd September	2	SAMS Round 7 (Int)	The Bend	Alec Donnon	Peter Stevens
10th-13th of October	4	Repco Bathurst 1000	Bathurst	Non SAMROA Event	
27th October	1	Superkarts/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Ray McGuinness	
14th-17th November	4	Adelaide 500 Supercars event	Parklands	Non SAMROA Event	
23rd-24th November	2	SAMS R8 (Final) Including GT	The Bend	Cathy Sinton	Kim Morrison
1st December	1	Superkart Grand Prix/Modern Regularity	Mallala	Peter Stevens	

Correct at time of printing – However this is subject to change

SAMROA Member Benefit- United Petroleum

United Petroleum is now supporting the South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association with a 4c per litre fuel discount at 380+ participating United service stations around Australia.

You can now register. Family, supporters and friends are also eligible. To register click on the below link. It only takes a minute to apply and both digital and/or plastic fuel discount cards are available.

Upon registration, a digital fuel discount card is SMS'd instantly, and is ready to start saving with once downloaded into your digital mobile wallet (Apple/Google). If you order a plastic card it takes around 2 weeks to arrive.

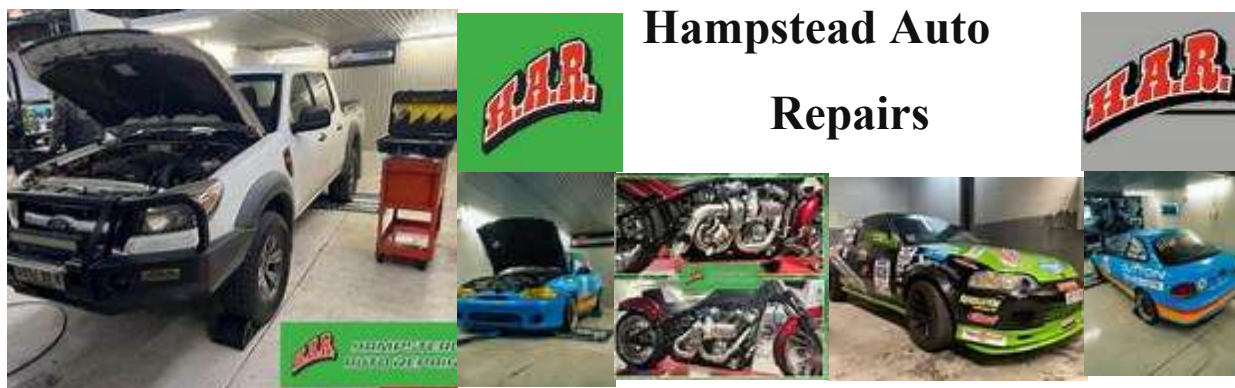


<https://www.unitedpetroleum.com.au/fuel-discount-cards/up-rewards/samroa/>

Find a list of participating [United service stations here](#).

To receive the discount, you just simply present the discount card to the cashier (so it can be swiped electronically from your phone or card, or if need be, processed manually).

[Thank you to these businesses who have supported SAMROA in various ways recently!](#)



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A big thank you to all our sponsors and businesses that support the club. If you or your business would like to sponsor our fabulous club please contact a member of our committee to discuss opportunities, we are always looking for sponsors to assist us continue to support this great club and sport.

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SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

February 2024

MINUTES

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 14 February 2024 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: The Kent Town Hotel

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

Present: As Per Attendance Book

Apologies: Paul Bonnett, Jackie Schlein, Peter Ruth, Alec Donnon, Rob Thiry, Janelle Orrock, Deborah Squires, Kim Morrison, Brad Morrison, Graham Church, Ray McGuinness and Tony Alo

Visitors / Guest: Craig Mann and Emily deLongte.

Late:



Announcements / Reminders:

- President welcomed our 2 guests, Craig Mann and Emily deLongte
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Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes emailed via members database.

Rod – His comments regarding ADL500 were the scheduling of Course Car rides should not be the last event.

Owen moves & Seconded by Rod M. All members present, votes in favour that minutes be accepted.

Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Silver module scheduled for January will be rescheduled when SOP meet.
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- No further business arising from the previous minutes.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting.

Moved by _____ and seconded by ????. All present votes in favour of receiving the report.

Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

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- No business arising from the Correspondence List.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES:

WORKPLACE HEALTH SAFETY (Presented by Cathy Sinton)

- Please read and understand the Hydration article in newsletter.
- Remove contents from eskies before storing them.

T&CC (Presented by Matt Avery)

- Silver module TBA
- Twilight Racemeeting this weekend @ Mallala
 - Cates open 10:30
 - Briefing @ 11
 - cars on track @ 12
 - dinner provided by SCCSA
 - 9:30 finish
- Round 1 on 2-3 March @ The Bend
- Improvements at The Bend include:
 - Flag posts upgrades,
 - Bunk house for officials, and
 - More to come.

New Members (Presented Darren Mattiske)

- Craig via MA website
- A couple from Kart Mania
- Hamish will be out on Saturday.

MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Next meeting on the 20th
- Regional role for SA/NT currently on hold
- Darren explained that new Coaching licence could create OLT issues in SA.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Nothing to report.

WEB SITE (Presented by Owen - Alec Donnon)

- Alec tweaked the website to make it easier for potential members.
- Peter Ruth will be stepping down from Website.
- Andrew Litch reported he is seeing an API error – known issue.

FACEBOOK (presented by Cathy)

- FB posts from Kart Mania

NEWSLETTER (presented by Cathy)

- Looking for more Member profiles
- Anyone wanting to help, talk to Cathy

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Thanks to Josh for organising the kart mania event.
- Display out the front of Kart Mania was good with good exposure.

PROMOTIONS (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Kart mania see above
- AMF – gazebo and banners, setup on Thursday, tear down Sunday arvo
 - Call for assistance to man the display closer to the event

General Business – Round Table

Josh – Nothing for meeting.

Emily - Nothing for meeting.

Matt – Accidentally broke a flag on Sunday, have a stick in the shed and tacks in cupboard.

Craig - Nothing for meeting.

Paul - Going for bronze Licence.

Cathy - Nothing for meeting.

Bruce - Nothing for meeting.

Leslie – Mannequins – able to put weights in lower legs?

Rod – Superkarts reasonable numbers,

Julie – Gazebo looked good as she went past kart mania.

Linda – Nothing for meeting.

General Business – Round Table (Con't)

Andrew – Nothing for meeting.

Darren - Nothing for meeting.

Owen – Signs found in a shed & Billboard signage.

With no further General Business, close meeting at 20:40 (8:40 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 10 April 2024**

Venue: The Kent Town Hotel