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SAMROA

Formally Invites you to the 41st Annual Dinner

To be held at The Sporting Car Club of SA

51 King William Road, Unley

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Saturday, 21st September 2019

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Cost

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President's Report

Welcome to the May Newsletter.

It is that time of the year again when we need to think about nominations for the committees. If you wish to nominate please contact Paul Bonnett or myself. This is a good place to learn about the behind the scenes of Motorsport. Like any Committee, it needs to have fresh ideas every couple of years so things do not get to stale.

Everyone should have their Shannon's registration form emailed to them by now, if you haven't already done so, please get these filled out as soon as possible to help with the organisation of the event. This also will go for the Supercar event which will be held in August at the Bend.

To all those that came out and supported the recent grass roots event of Super kart /Modern regularity and the SCCSA Historic meeting, again thank you. It is important that as a club we do not lose our focus on why we were formed and continue to support such events. The last couple of months, members have travelled interstate to do race meetings. Please remember that it is just as important to support your club, SAMROA, here at home at local grass root events as well as the big events which are often not conducted under the SAMROA banner. It is often hard to fill the grass roots events which at times is disappointing. This is where you learn your craft and for those that are experienced you get to mentor and encourage new officials. We are unable to move members into more senior roles if they cannot fill the role that they currently do. Please never think any role is beneath you and remember you are never guaranteed a role no matter what the event. At the recent Historic's race meeting held at Mallala, Bruce Morisset, who is one of the club's life members with 38 years' experience behind him, offered his services. You would have noticed Bruce walking around the track both Saturday and Sunday, introducing himself to the members and passing on valuable information to you so you can improve your skills. Hopefully this may continue at both Mallala and the Bend. If Bruce OR the Chief flag visit your flag point and offer you help with a task, take it on board and learn from it. They are only trying to better your skills as a trackside official.

In recent times we have had a few people come along to race meetings with some kind of bodily injury where it MAY interfere with your duties or even worse, your safety. If you are injured or sick in any way, please notify the Chief Flag that you are unable to make that race meeting. The other option would be to discuss this with your General Practitioner or Specialist, letting them know all your duties as a trackside official and they can then make the assessment as to whether you should or should not be working trackside.

Don't forget, BEANIES for sale to help with those winter blues. I still have some available at \$20.00 each. This has the 40th Anniversary badge sewn on them. Also, the 40th badge available separately so you can sew these onto your overalls if you wish.

Please remember the change of address for the next General Meeting,

All for now,

Keep on enjoying your Motorsport.

Next General Meeting will be held at the Royal Terrace Hotel Kent Town, Wednesday, 12th June, 7.30 sharp. All welcome.

Come along early and join us for a drink and meal prior to the meeting.

Steve Lewis - SAMROA President



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

- 🎉 Scott Chamings – May 5th
- 🎉 Christian Thiry – May 10th
- 🎉 Paul Karamanov – May 25th

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 - *SAMROA Treasurer*

Cover Photo: SAMROA members and drivers at the March training day.

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.

Events of Interest

SuperKarts and Modern Regularity - Mallala– 19th May

SuperKarts and Modern Regularity - Mallala– 23rd June

State Circuit Racing Championships Rnd 2 – The Bend Motorsport Park – 29th – 30th June



Volunteer official applications:

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

Event Info: <https://www.darwinsupercars.com.au>



Shannons Nationals - The Bend Motorsport Park 12th -14th July

Check your inbox for registration details or contact Janelle at jorrocksc@bigpond.com



The Bend SuperSprint – The Bend Motorsport Park – 23rd – 25th August

Check your emails for registration details or request via:

tbssofficials@bigpond.com



2019 Challenge Bathurst

28th Nov – 1st Dec 2019

2x days of Supersprint + 2x days of Regularity.

Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided each day!

Hot lap for new officials to the event!

Event Info: <http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-volunteers>

T&CC Report

Hi all, since our last report the days are getting colder so please remember to bring out your warmer jumpers, wet weather gear and even a beanie and scarf and a nice thermos of hot coffee or tea.

At the recent All Historic meeting there was a few spins on the form up lap and even side to side contact on the cool down lap which shows you that to make sure your watching the track all times as you never know when something is going to happen.

We have got the 6 hour and a super kart/ mod. regs. coming up this month and our number are quite low these events are just as important as the Super loop and The Bends events so please try and come out to them the more members we get out their makes it possible for members to be try and get trained in other roles at the track and helps boost confer dance on writing reports and speaking on the radios.

Congratulations to Kym Wilson gaining her bronze licence and Brad Morrison on gaining his silver licence.

Flagging has improved recently but still remember that we are waving flags with "gusto" not just hanging out the washing and giving them a small flick.

Flag signals to be used at flag posts:

(a) **Red flag:** This should be shown waved only on instruction from the Clerk of the Course when it becomes necessary to stop a practice session or the race by other than the chequered flag. All drivers are required to slow down immediately and proceed to the pit lane (or the place foreseen by the regulations of the Event), and must be prepared to stop if necessary. Overtaking is not permitted.

(b) **Yellow flag:** This is a signal of danger and should be shown to drivers in two ways with the following meanings:

Single waved: Reduce your speed, do not overtake and be prepared to change direction. There is a hazard beside or partly on the track.

Double waved: Reduce your speed significantly, do not overtake and be prepared to change direction or stop. There is a hazard wholly or partly blocking the track and/or marshals working on or beside the track.

Yellow flags should normally be shown only at the marshals' post immediately preceding the hazard. In some cases, however the Clerk of the Course may order them to be shown at more than one marshal's post preceding an incident.

Overtaking is not permitted between the first yellow flag and the green flag displayed after the incident. Yellow flags should not be shown in the pit lane unless there is an incident of which the driver should be made aware.

(c) **Yellow flag with red stripes:** This should be shown motionless to inform drivers that there is a deterioration of adhesion due to oil, water, dirt etc on the track in the area beyond the flag. This flag should be displayed, for at least (depending on the circumstances) four laps unless the surface returns to normal beforehand. It is not however necessary for the sector beyond where this flag is being shown to show a green flag.

(d) **Blue flag:** This should normally be waved, as an indication to a driver that he is about to be overtaken. It has different meanings during practice and the race.

At all times: A stationary flag should be displayed to a driver leaving the pits if traffic is approaching on the track. (This is done at flag point 3 at Mallala)

During practice: Give way to a faster car which is about to overtake you.

During the race: The flag should normally be shown to a car about to be lapped and, when shown, the driver concerned must allow the following car to pass at the earliest opportunity.

- (e) **White flag:** This flag should be waved and is used to indicate to the driver that there is a much slower vehicle on the sector of track controlled by that flag post.
- (f) **Green flag:** This should be used to indicate that the track is clear and should be waved at the flag post immediately after the incident that necessitated the use of one or more yellow flags. It may also be used, if deemed necessary by the Clerk of the Course, to signal the start of a formation lap or the start of a practice session.

That's about it from the T&CC for this month, will see you at the track.

Cheers for Now

Peter S. & the T&CC

WH&S Report

At Post

Ideally when arriving at post look around for anything out of the ordinary. Don't forget to look above you. We tend to think of hazards being at eye level and ground level but this isn't always the case. Also take into consideration the forecast weather conditions. Be aware. Be alert.

LOOK FOR HAZARDS

IDENTIFY HAZARDS

ELIMINATE HAZARDS – when and where possible

REPORT HAZARDS – to your team members and Race Control (if significant)

SIMPLE HOUSEKEEPING

- Sweep out the post removing dust which creates a potentially slippery surface and other foreign matter.
- Ensure bags and chairs are placed to the side to maintain a clear pathway to exit the bunker.
- All exits and access points should be clear enabling you to get to your destination promptly without incident.
- Ensure loose objects e.g. flag bags are weighted down so as to not enter the track.
- Don't turn your back to the track whilst vehicles are moving. Why? Simply put you can't see what's coming. You are unable to witness any incidents and you're unable to take evasive action. This does not include being on yellow flag.

Motorsports can be dangerous so let's do our best to make it a safer place.

Cheers for now,
Deb

Deborah Squires - SAMROA WH&S Representative



Committee 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.

Getting To Know You

1. Name and age?

Tom Westin, 31.

2. Occupation outside motorsport?

Account manager

3. First motorsport event attended?

My dad took me to a forest rally when we lived in the UK. I would have been 3 or 4 years old and thought the mud flying everywhere was awesome!

4. First car? And Dream Car?

- 1992 Hyundai Excel (I put it on its roof on the wrong side of Norton Summit Road's Armco).
- Caterham 7 or some kind of clubman.

5. Favourite team/driver/ event/ category?

I've been a McLaren F1 team fan for a long time although I can't remember why. I mostly follow F1 over any other category but I love historic racing cars as well. I think the best racing I have seen was the Formula Ford at The Bend Supersprint last year.

6. Why did you join SAMROA and why do you consider it a great club to be a part of?

It's a lot of fun to be so close to, and involved with the racing, and SAMROA has been great with their mentoring and allowing me to develop a lot of new skills.

7. What goals/aspirations do you set yourself in the next 12 months through volunteering?

I'm currently going through the Bronze licencing process. I'd love to get an invite to help with the new Vietnamese Grand Prix.

8. Outside interests/ hobbies?

Brewing beer (not really compatible with motorsport!) and I cook a lot. I like making my own recipes and testing them out.

9. The best piece of advice (or quote) that you have received?

If you don't ask for help you are unlikely to get it!



Tom Westin with Steve Lewis at the 40th Anniversary Dinner

Peter Hall 6 Hour wrap – Lisa Totani

Regularity is a tricky form of motorsport! It requires calculated driving, composure and a bit of luck to sustain consistent lap times. The 6 Hour Regularity Relay is named in memory of Peter Hall who was instrumental in developing the modern-day Super Sprint format. Peter was tragically killed in a racing incident at Phillip Island in 2013. This year's event was held on May 5th at Mallala by the Marque Sports Car Association (MSCA) – which is always a highlight of the SA motorsport calendar.

This was my 3rd year competing and the event certainly snuck up on our team with Mad March quickly turning into April and Easter! After finishing 7th in 2018, “The Excelerators” (can you guess what vehicles we used!?) stuck with their reliable and trustworthy crew, only substituting Scott Tiller in for Darren Mattiske who was away on holiday.

6 drivers, 6 cars, entries were submitted and planning was in full swing – what could go wrong? Two days before the event weekend, our team manager and a driver (Ethan Fitzgerald from Circuit Excel) pulled out due to extreme and contagious illness! On a personal note, my car had not been run since Scouts Jamboree at The Bend in early January and I certainly didn't want a repeat of 2018 where my car didn't make it past form-up due to over-heating. With a newly recruited team manager, a fresh set of rubber and a much-needed wheel alignment, The Excelerators were ready for practice on Saturday.



For those unfamiliar with the format, each driver must nominate a lap time by 10am on the day of the event which they believe they can maintain (within a whole second) throughout the day. A point is awarded for each lap completed, a bonus point is given when the nominated lap time it is achieved, and a penalty is applied when the driver goes faster than their nominated time. Magical calculations then determine which driver/team combination achieve the highest percentage of goal laps at the end of the 6 hours. Keep in mind, there are 20-25 cars of varying speeds, braking distances and acceleration capabilities on the track at once which adds to the difficulty of driving consistently.

No surprise, an Alfa Romeo was the first type of car to experience mechanical drama! Our team of helpers and good driving put us in a good rhythm during the first few hours but cracks began to show mid-afternoon with the overcast conditions making it difficult to spot our cars from the media centre and thus missing crucial lap timing. Scott was pushing hard and suffered from uneven brake pad wear (see picture) – thankfully there was enough gap between rotations that he was able to change them. I was breaking out (driving too fast) of my nominated time too often and had to compose myself to slow down just a smidge!

Jason's stints were the solid foundation of the team – he got lucky with traffic and managed to hit the lap time target lap after lap! With 30-40 minutes to go, Kate was out on track competing her final stint with the intention to leave her out as long as possible until her lap times dropped off. She was in a good rhythm hitting her nominated time until she spun at turn 2 two laps in a row. Unfortunately, Kate didn't cross the finish line as she ended up deep in the sand at turn 5 due to a brake failure (driver was okay!) – her quick thinking to drive straight, rather than to turn was very mature. With Kate's car recovered and everyone packed up, we headed to the dinner presentations for a feed and to socialise with other competitors.

The organisers hold the suspense by reading out the results one by one from last to the podium. As the numbers got lower, the excitement started to build and to our amazement we finished 5th with a percentage factor of 58.9%. We were extremely pleased with the result but even more excited to do it all again in 2020 and aim for a trophy! Well done to "Driven to Excel" who won the event with a percentage factor of 63.7%.



THE EXCELERATORS

1	152	SCOTT TILLER	15	50	16	1:31.1446*		1:35.7202	4.5756
2	154	KATE STEPHENS	15	33	4	1:31.6386	0:00.4940	1:39.7915	8.1529
3	153	JASON THIELE	15	66	18	1:33.0066	0:01.8620	1:36.2320	3.2254
4	155	GEOFF STEPHENS	15	61	24	1:33.0100	0:01.8654	1:35.9269	2.9169
5	151	LISA TOTANI	15	56	4	1:34.4142	0:03.2696	1:37.4105	2.9963
TOT	5	Goal Laps 465		266+	8	Yellow			58.9247

R=under lap record by greatest margin, r=under lap record, *=fastest lap time

MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 10 April 2019 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: Royal Hotel (Cnr North and Dequetteville Tce,
Kent Town)

Meeting Opened: (07:35pm)

Present: Steve Lewis, Ray McGuiness, Shaun Halliday, David Castrechini, Janelle Orrock, Bruce Morisset, Brad Morrison, David Ryan, Deborah Squires, Matt Avery, Tony Aloï,
Andrew Robinson, Steven Kaczmarek, Tom Westin, Elise Weston, Jackie Schlein, Helen Teases, Peter Ruth, Darren Mattiske, Lisa Totani and Daniel McIntosh.

Apologies: Paul Bonnett, Rod Mountfield, Peter Cirrillo, Shaun Grimmond, Kim Wilson, Graham Church and Peter Stevens

Visitors / Guest: Jack Holding

Late:

Announcements / Reminders:

1. Return to the Royal Hotel.
- 2.
- 3.

Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes were printed in March Newsletter. Minute Taker Shaun Halliday moved that minutes be accepted and seconded by Brad Morrison. 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:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached)
Moved by Minute Taker (Ray McGuiness) and seconded by Bruce Morisset that the correspondence list be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Hill Climb (Falcon GT Nationals) Email read out to all attending.
- No further business arising from the Correspondence List.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS (Presented by Debbie Squires)

- Cold Weather will be setting in shortly, we have had a taste, now is the time to check your race bags and ensure that you are equipped for the change in weather.

T&CC (Presented by Brad Morrison)

- Vehicle day was well received with 35 people attending including drivers and potential members. Downside was a total of 9 No Shows who had put their name down and failed to show on the day. Informative day with a wide range of vehicles planning for another similar event later in the year. T&CC would like to see more Senior members attending training days to encourage new members. Well done to all those involved, Drivers and Participants engaged well with each other with participants taking away some valuable knowledge.
- T&CC is actively allocating Mentors to New members and is looking to expand mentoring to more new members in the future.
- Survey Monkey Trial appears to be going well all surveys have now been finally returned and the T&CC will continue to trial over the next couple of meeting before making a decision whether to keep or not.
- Upcoming Events, Superkarts and Mod Reg 14 April, All Historics at Mallala 27 & 28 April followed by the Peter Hall Memorial 6 hour 05 May.
- Chief Flag Reports have been reinstated and are required by the T&CC ASAP after an event.

New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)

-

CAMS (Last Meeting Held 19 March 2019)

- Nothing in minutes concerning SAMROA

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- No Meeting

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- No Meeting

WEBSITE / IT

- Website being updated as quickly as possible when new information received. No issues in regards to Website from members in attendance.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- SAMROA Dinner 21st September 2019. Invites have been sent.

PROMOTIONS

- Superloop 500 Promotion: Thank you to Shaun Grimmond, Peter Tann & Ian Williams for manning SAMROA Display. Only 2 names taken and Steve Lewis sent Emails to both people:- one bounced back and the other had no response.
- Not many people in area where display was set up may be a contributing factor for low numbers.
- Earlier planning in future be prepared for upcoming events.

SCC-SA (Provided by Ray McGuiness)

- No Meeting

General Business

- Application Forms for the upcoming Shannons Nationals have been emailed out for those interested in volunteering for this event. If email not received please speak to Janelle Orrock. Applications for Supercar event at Tailem Bend in August will be distributed soon.
- More Officials are required for the Superkart & Mod Reg this Sunday, 14 April.
- Darren Mattiske questioned the upcoming LeMans event at Tailem Bend in January 2020; no information at this stage. Also mentioned the upcoming events for excels, Round 3, Ryan Panovitch Trophy with 2 or possibly 3 SAMROA members competing.

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at (08:05 pm)

Next Meeting: **(7:30 pm) on 12 June 2019**

Venue: Royal Hotel



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