



**South Australian
Motor Racing Officials Association
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August 2019**

A CAMS affiliated Organisation



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Next General Meeting & AGM:

Wednesday, 14th August @ 7:30pm

The Maid and Magpie Hotel, Magill Rd, Stepney – come early and join us for a drink and meal prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there!



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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

On

Saturday, 21st September 2019

6pm for a 6:30pm start

Cost

Members: \$40

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The South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association (SAMROA) Inc. is a volunteer organisation affiliated with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) Ltd.

President's Report

Welcome to the August newsletter,

Hi Everyone,

Two weeks ago, we witnessed Round 3 of the State Championships held at Mallala. This was a fine weekend but very much on the cool side. Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting to make it a success. On the Sunday we also remembered the 34th year since the passing of Kaye Morisset, the much-loved wife of Bruce and mother to their two lovely daughters. Kaye was an integral member of the SAMROA team going trackside to do what she loved. On behalf of SAMROA, I would like to thank Janelle Orrock for the organisation of a memorial to respectfully remember Kaye with some very kind words spoken by our Motorsport Chaplin, Grant Zipple.

Well it is that time of the year where committee nominations are open and a new committee will be elected to guide the future of SAMROA. I will be standing once again for nomination as President but if this fails, I certainly hope to remain on the committee. Nomination forms can be obtained from Paul Bonnett. I would like to thank each and every member for their support over the last 12 months and certainly the Committee for their backing and assistance. After last year's nominations the Committee still had a vacant seat for a month or so. Fortunately, I had a phone call from a life member, Bruce Morisset, offering to fill that vacant seat for the year to give us a full complement. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Bruce for his time and bringing his 38 yrs of knowledge to not only Committee meetings but also to race meetings.

After about a ten week break in the calendar, the last couple of months have been a little busy with race meetings becoming more frequent. Our next quieter period is not until late September. Please remember, that it is just as important to support your club at local grass root events as well as the big events which are generally not conducted under the SAMROA banner. It is often hard to fill the grass roots events and this is disappointing. This is where you learn your craft and for those that are experienced, get to mentor and encourage new officials. We are unable to move members into more senior roles if we 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 at what level. Please look forward into your diaries and put your names down for the grass roots Motorsport, either by the database, phoning a T&CC Member or better still, come along to a General Meeting and do it the old fashion way via the red book. It will be great to have some new faces showing up. This is never a late event and it is great to catch up with your peers socially.

The Annual Dinner will be here before we know it. This year it will be at the Sporting Car Club of S.A. in the Reg Sparks Room. This will not be as up market as last year but it is still as important. With the Club Member of the Year and other awards to be presented, it would be great to get as many of our members and new people as possible to attend. If you find it easier to pay the dinner fee in instalments, please contact our Treasurer, Ray or Tom Westin from Thursday 15th of August.

At the moment the Committee are discussing tidying up the flag posts at Mallala. As you would know they are becoming a little shabby, possibly an Occupational Health and Safety risk at some points. Deb Squires, our W.H.S. rep has investigated points at the track on the 3rd and 4th of August to establish any current issues so we can act on them. Hereon we aim to fix the flag holders and maybe even a lick of paint to brighten them up. So watch this space.

Don't forget, the club has 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 is available separately for \$10.00 enabling you to sew these onto your overalls if you wish. In addition to this, Paul Bonnett does hold a variety of club merchandise from sew on badges, stickers and lapels, if you are interested in purchasing one or some of these, please see Paul at the General Meetings or at a Race meeting.

Nominees for the upcoming AGM on the 14th August

- **President:** Steve Lewis
- **Vice President:** David Castrechini
- **Secretary:** Paul Bonnett
- **Asst Secretary:** Shaun Halliday
- **Treasurer:** Tom Westin.

General Committee Nominations

Graham Church, Ray McGuinness, Tony Aloï, Janelle Orrock, Deb Squires, Kim Wilson.

Next General Meeting will be held at the The Maid, 1 Magill Rd, Stepney 5069.

Wednesday, 14th August, 7.30 sharp.

All welcome. (THIS WILL BE OUR A.G.M TO VOTE IN THE NEW COMMITTEE.)

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

All for now,

Keep on enjoying your Motorsport.

Steve Lewis – President



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

Chris Paproth – 3rd

Rod Mountfield – 18th

Barry Hughes (Life Member) – 26th

Membership Renewal due on 1st July

Just a reminder to all members that your financial membership ends on 30th June each year.

This year we have increased our membership fee to \$45, the first increase in 8 years, but there is good news for multi member families.

From July 1st onwards, SAMROA is offering FAMILY memberships, offering a discount on second and subsequent family members. If your spouse, partner or children are also members of SAMROA then the discount will apply to them.

The Family Membership fee will be \$45 for the 1st member, \$35 for the 2nd member, and \$25 for each subsequent member. A family of three will therefore pay \$105 (\$45 + \$35 + \$25), down from \$120 (3 x \$40) that would have been paid in 2018-19.

A new Family Membership Renewal Form will be placed on our website in the next week for use for the 2019-20 year.

Ray McGuiness
SAMROA Treasurer

Events of Interest

Name	Date	Venue
Superkarts and Regularity	8 th September	Mallala
State Round 4	14 th – 15 th September	The Bend



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-](http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-volunteers)

[volunteers](http://challengebathurst.com/event-info/officials-and-volunteers)

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https://superloopadl500.com.au/blogs/2019/05/29/superloop_adelaide_500_to_open_2020_supercars_series



<https://www.bathurst12hour.com.au/the-event/event-race-officials/>

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T&CC Report

Hello one and all. Hope you are all managing to stay fit and well this winter.

We have had a lot of events recently and still have a lot more coming up. I know it is hard to come to every event but please try and help at the Superkarts/modern regularity events as well as the big events, e.g. The V8's and Shannon's because we have been struggling for numbers at recent events. It is a lot easier to improve your skills at a smaller event first.

We as a committee have started to think about organising a fire training day for 2020. Please watch this space.

Here is a copy of the hand signals for all of us to use and why we use them.

11. HAND SIGNALS

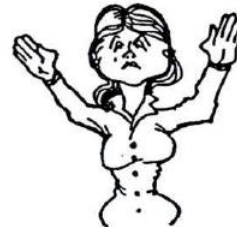
Crossed arms overhead -
Medical attention required.



Arms form a F -
Fire tender required.



Arms form a W -
Rescue equipment required.



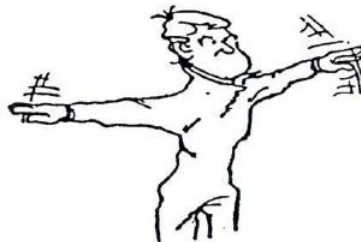
Patting top of head -
I need assistance.



Arms form a T -
Car requires a flat tow.



Arms form a T then lifted -
Car requires a lift tow.



Arm held vertical -
Is it safe to cross the track?



Acting out spreading cement -
There is fluid on the track.



Thumbs up - Driver is OK,
or the situation is under control



Response - arm vertical - Wait, not safe!
arm dropped - Cross now!

STONIE CARBONS .

If you would like to be or trained or try a new skill at the track, e.g. Form up, starter, race control or chief flag, please feel free to bring it up to a TCC member who would pass on your request to the committee for consideration.

Events coming up that we need people for is the Superkarts/modern regularity on the 8th of September at Mallala.

The next weekend we then have round 4 of the state championship (including National HQ series) at The Bend on the 14th and 15th of September where we need a lot of people.

The rest of the year is spread out with a Superkarts meeting in October and November and a state round only in November. They are all at Mallala.

In closing we are having our committee election soon so if you would like to come on board either nominate yourself or ask another member to nominate you. All you need is a passion for helping train and improve members and the club and a bronze licence (except for WHS rep).

See ya at the track.

Written by Peter Stevens



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.

WH&S Report

There has been a noticeable improvement with officials attending the track prepared for the cold, wet conditions. Well Done!!

Let's not get complacent though. Continue to check weather forecasts in the days leading up to an event including the morning of the event.

Our personal safety and wellbeing is paramount so keep in mind if you're not well make the best choice for you. Staying home out of the elements will speed up your recovery and remember there's always another race meet but only one of you.

When at Mallala we do have in the SAMROA shed a limited supply of overalls and wet weather jackets. If you borrow them for the day they **must** be returned at the end of the day.

If you are bringing new people out to an event inform them of what they need to bring based on the weather forecast. **We encourage and support all new officials so please do the same.** We want their first experiences to be positive and safe ones.

The T & CC have recently had discussions regarding personal safety and wellbeing. Prioritizing that, we have come to the conclusion that anyone attending an event unprepared may be sent home. This will be left to the Chief Flag of the day's discretion. This decision is based on the safety of individuals so that we can continue to enjoy motorsports in a safe environment.

EXTREME WEATHER

Hypothermia is a very real possibility and we need to do everything possible to **prevent** it. Wet weather and wind chill factors speed up the process so **prevention** is the key.

What is Hypothermia?

Hypothermia is a **serious** medical condition that occurs when our body loses heat quicker than it can produce it. Our normal body temperature is 37 degrees C, hypothermia occurs as our body core temperature falls below 35 degrees C. That's just 2 degrees C difference but very significant to our wellbeing. **Hypothermia can be fatal.**

Symptoms – do not ignore them!

- Shivering
- Low energy
- Confusion and memory loss
- Lack of co ordination
- Slurred speech
- Loss of consciousness

When hypothermia sets in we are normally not aware of it ourselves due to the gradual onset of symptoms so please look out for each other.

PREVENTION - external

- **Dress appropriately head to toe!**
- **Waterproof/ wind resistant jacket, spray jacket, pants and shoes/boots.**
- **Layers – layer you clothing. It's a lot easier to cool down than warm up.**

- **Beanies, gloves, scarves, Balaklava and of course the hood of your jacket.**
- **Feet – waterproof shoes, preferably boots and thick socks.**
- **Earmuffs – protects your hearing and keeps your ears warm.**
- **Bring a spare set of clothes- especially socks to change into.**

PREVENTION - internal

- **Snacks – maintaining energy levels**
- **Hot drinks – bring a thermos**
- **Water – essential**

Below are examples of what I consider the basic winter wardrobe.



Motorsports can be dangerous so don't increase the risks.

REMINDER

SAMROA 40th Anniversary Beanies are available for purchase.

Contact Steve Lewis for further information.

Deborah Squires - SAMROA WH&S Representative & T&CC Committee

MINUTES OF SAMROA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 08 August 2018 @ 2100 (9:00pm)
Location: Reephram Hotel
273 Churchill Road, Prospect, SA 5082

Meeting Opened: 20:30 (8:30 pm)

Present: As per General Meeting.

Apologies: As per General Meeting.

Guest(s): As per General Meeting

Late:

Previous Minutes:

1. 2017 AGM Minutes were sent out by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) Some copies were also placed at each table. Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and Seconded by Graham Church. All persons (Who were present at the last AGM) voted in favour that Minutes had been read and accepted.

Business arising from the minutes:

2. Nil Business arising from the Minutes.

Correspondence:

- As per General Meeting list. There was no specific correspondence in relation to the AGM.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

- Nil Business arising from the Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Was not available on night as Treasurer was an apology and books were out with Auditor being inspected.

No report was moved on the night.

President motioned that Paul MacDonald be invited to be auditor for the 2019 AGM. Seconded by Paul Bonnett. All voted in favour. Carried.

Secretary's Report – The Year that Was:

Read by President (Janelle Orrock) (Copy filed with Minutes)

General Committee Elections:

- President declared all positions vacant.
- The nominations are as follows: (Only Signed and Seconded Nomination Sheets can be accepted)

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Financial
President	Steve Lewis	Rod Mountifield	Paul Bonnett	Checked – Y
Vice President	Brad Morrison	Lisette Hutchins	Tony Aloï	Checked – Y
Secretary	Paul Bonnett	Darren Mattiske	Rod Mountifield	Checked – Y
Asst. Secretary	Shaun Halliday	Paul Bonnett	Janelle Orrock	Checked – Y
Treasurer	Ray McGuinness	Self	Janelle Orrock	Checked – Y
Gen Committee	Peter Stevens	Paul Bonnett	Shaun Halliday	Checked – Y
Gen Committee	Lisette Hutchins	Brad Morrison	Chris Hutchinson	Checked – Y
Gen Committee	Janelle Orrock	Paul Bonnett	Shaun Halliday	Checked – Y

Further nominations taken since last General Meeting and on the night:

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by	Financial
Vice President	David Castrechini	Paul Bonnett	Shaun Halliday	Checked – Y
Gen Committee				Checked – Y

Only one nomination received for each position: President, Secretary, Asst. Secretary and Treasurer. No vote is required for these positions

2 nominations received for the Vice President position – Vote will be required. Chris Anderson volunteered to count votes.

2017 / 2018 SAMROA Committee

President – Steve Lewis

Vice President – David Castrechini

Secretary – Paul Bonnett

Assistant Secretary – Shaun Halliday

Treasurer – Ray McGuiness

General Committee – Peter Stevens, Lisette Hutchins, Janelle Orrock (As Brad did not get Vice President position, he is welcome to fill the final General Committee position)

New President (Steve Lewis) firstly thanked the outgoing members for their contribution during the year and then congratulated the re-elected / new committee members for 2017 / 2018.

General Business

- With no General Business, the meeting was closed at 20:50 and all attending members and guests were invited for a few drinks and small eats at the bar.

Next AGM: Wednesday 14 August 2019



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