



# South Australian Motor Racing Officials Association Newsletter August/September 2020

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## Next General Meeting & AGM:

Annual General Meeting will be held on the last Wednesday of the month:

**26<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.30pm, at the SCCSA, 51 King William Rd, Unley.**

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## President's Report

### *Welcome to the August/September Newsletter*

**Hi Everyone,**

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. 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. I do feel that we have had a reasonably strong committee for the past few years and would be great to see this continue. I wouldn't normally single out any particular Committee Member as we are there to work as a team and not for ourselves but Janelle Orrock has been a real soldier for this club over the last couple of years and a special thanks to Janelle for her extra effort. Our Secretary Paul Bonnett, emailed nomination forms about a month ago to all members. A few of our current Committee Members may only another year or so in them so If you feel you may like to become a Committee member, please fill in the form and email it back to [secretary@samroa.org.au](mailto:secretary@samroa.org.au) before the night of the AGM. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the last Wednesday of the month, 26<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.30pm, at the SCCSA, 51 King William Rd, Unley. A cash bar will be available and at the end of the meeting, the club will put on some nibbles and drinks.

The next elections we need to keep in mind are the Training and Competition Committee, to be held in October. If you are interested in joining the T&CC please make it known to a committee member so we can get a nomination form to you. We need to have 7 T&CC members which include a WHS rep, 2 coming down from the General Committee. This will leave four people to be elected from the floor. After a lengthy discussion at Committee level it is preferable for our WHS representative to have a certificate of qualification in this field.

At the last Committee Meeting it was decided that with virtually no Motorsport happening before the start of restrictions to the restart of this year's calendar, there would be no awards given for the 2019 – 2020 season. There were not enough events to allow our Officials shine so we and the T&CC could not choose the appropriate winners. Therefore, considering the dinner is primarily worked around the awards, it was decided to also cancel the dinner. In lieu of the dinner we thought something along the lines of a social / BBQ day at a park, numbers pending. Both the AGM and the social day are up on the database for you to place your names down. It is essential to get your name down well before so we get the exact numbers for catering.

It was brought to my attention after the Super kart meeting that the battery was flat in the Chief Flag ute so they were unable to use it. I made a phone call to Batteries Direct, Salisbury, who has now got us out of trouble with a new one. The owner of this outlet is Matthew Lovell, No 17, green AU Falcon saloon car. If you see Matt at Mallala say hi and thank him for his support.

Back in the April Newsletter I mentioned the Committee agreed to have some trackside bags made up for members. We have had 50 made to start with, some were distributed to some members at the State round on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. More will be given out at the AGM. The criteria for receiving these bags is the member needs to be financial for 2 consecutive years and worked at least 8 race meetings each year. This is also another reason the members should be placing their names down in the database as this is the only way to determine how many meetings you have done.

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.

All for now,

***Written by Steve Lewis – SAMROA President.***

## Local Events Calendar

*Events are starting to pick up again. As the COVID19 situation is ever changing, keep an eye out on social media, SAMROA emails and newsletters for updates.*

- Sun 16/8 – 200 Km Regularity Team Relay – Mallala **Put your names in the database ASAP**

*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)*



*Happy birthday to our members will be celebrating milestones in August or September.*

### ***August***

Chris Paproth – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Alex Varcoe – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Rod Mountifield – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Barry Hughes – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Rebecca Abela – 30<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Croci – 31<sup>st</sup>

### ***September***

Alec Donnon – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Zinnogger – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Owen Smith – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Kaczmarek – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Helen Tertipis – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Paul Bonnett – 20<sup>th</sup>  
Peter Jury – 28<sup>th</sup>

## T&CC Report – Peter Cirillo

Welcome to the T & CC article for the August Newsletter.

Well SA is back out racing, been a long time since the Adelaide 500.

New changes we have had to adapt to due to COVID 19. We need to provide all details of those at the event to the event organisers prior to the event so that we comply with the 2 square metre rules inside, as well as the 1.5 metre safe distance rules. Please ensure you register prior to an event, as if you come and have not registered and the event is at capacity, from a view point of maximum numbers for an event you will not be able to attend.

We are restricted to the amount people per post, 1.5 metre distance between each other, as well as having wipes and hand sanitiser, to wipe down all flag handles and headsets and microphones. Latex gloves are in our bags if you feel like wearing them.

So with 5 months of being absent from being able to officiate at any motorsport, you would think that we would have had more officials available.

The first meeting we had back at Mallala was on July 12th Superkarts/Regularity, the organiser had arranged that every point had 2 headsets per radio to help with safety of each official, still wipe down the radio and microphone.

Our first race meeting back we were a little, rusty, slow in reacting of displaying flags and some radio communications. We need to brush up on our skills and come out to more events to rebuild our confidence and skills.

Our second race meeting on 1st & 2nd Aug SCCSA State Motor Racing Championship Series Round 3 was a great weekend of racing and weather. Our number of officials was a little low but we managed, but it would have been nice to have had a few more out so we could have done more training for all the newbie's with experience officials.

Saturday saw some quick thinking from the senior at 7, to call in and let race control know that a car was beached on the ripple strip and he was heading out to push the car off. He knew he had a lap before the cars would be back, with double waved yellows out, the car was pushed and re-joined, and the marshal heading back behind the wall as the leaders were approaching 7 job well done.

Sunday racing laps were longer and racing was more fierce, we had a Sports Car lose control of his car and straight into the tyre wall at the end of turn 5, quick reaction from senior at 5 letting us know of the situation, brought out the SC, job well done by all to clean the area up.

Radio communications over the course of the weekend was good but there is room to improve, e.g. when calling in a car has pulled off if you can let Race Control know where it is using the decimal system e.g. 2.8 Drivers left hard up against the pit wall, is it safe? Is the driver out of the car?

I as the assistant clerk of course was very impressed with the detailed information on incident reports that we received over the weekend well written to all.

We do need to be more **alert** in races that we have large fields of cars e.g. Circuit Excels there were a few contacts some reported and some that weren't especially ones that happened between flag points.

Overall a great weekend and great work by all.

Hope to see you all trackside soon stay safe.

*Peter Cirillo*  
*T&CC Member*



## Social Committee Report – Janelle Orrock

Obviously with COVID19 there's not much to report. If you wish to attend the AGM make sure to put your name down in the database ASAP as time is running out and your name needs to be on the list to attend. If you're name isn't on the database you won't be permitted entry.

As mentioned in Steve's report, in lieu of the annual dinner we're thinking something along the lines of a social / BBQ day at a park, numbers pending. Check the database for dates and be sure to add your name so we can get numbers for catering.

*Cheers,  
Janelle*



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## WH&S Report – Deborah Squires

Firstly, I'd like to acknowledge all the long hours, numerous e mails, phone calls, late nights, and hard work that were done behind the scenes so that we could be back trackside safely.

August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> was my first time back trackside and the level of compliance with the COVID19 Safety Plan was nothing short of excellent and something we should all be proud of.

We were fortunate to have great weather over the weekend and it was great to see everyone weather prepared.

Moving forward it will be an ever-changing environment to officiate in safely and we cannot afford to become complacent at any stage. Changes will occur and we must embrace them as they come our way so that we can continue officiating in the safest environment possible. We must remain compliant, diligent and responsible. Our personal safety comes first.

If you are feeling unwell or displaying any symptoms **do not** attend an event. It is imperative that you stay home, get tested, rest and recover.

**ALERT: SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER RISK OF COVID-19**  
IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA DUE TO THE OUTBREAK IN VICTORIA

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild, we need you to get tested. Help us stop the spread.



**SYMPTOMS MAY INCLUDE**

- Fever
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell

**FIVE PRACTICAL STEPS FOR COMBATING COVID-19**

1. Wash your hands, often and properly
2. Cough or sneeze into your elbow
3. Don't touch your face
4. Social distancing: When around others keep a 1.5m distance where possible
5. If you're sick, stay home

SOURCE: Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Paul Kelly



NEWS

**Taking care of your mental health during COVID-19**

**Stay connected**

Keep in touch with friends and family via email, social media, video conferencing or telephone

**Maintain a healthy lifestyle**

- Establish a regular daily routine
- Get plenty of sleep and eat nutritious meals
- Engage in exercise and physical activities that you like

**Stay positive**

Remember that this period of self-isolation or quarantine is temporary and follows expert advice to help contain the virus

**Stay informed**

Obtain accurate information from reliable sources like the Australian Government and the World Health Organization

**Seek support**

Mental health services are available if you're feel anxious, worried or overwhelmed

healthdirect.gov.au/mental-health-and-wellbeing

healthdirect

**Remember we are all in this together and for the long haul.**

**Deb Squires - T&CC + WHS**



## Fun Facts & General Information



*Jackie Schlein & Darren Mattiske, Mallala Flag Point 8*

A few pictures of the SAMROA team from the July race meeting.



*Andrew Robinson & Course Chaplain*



*Tony Aloï*

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