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Front page: Thank You Lunch - SAMROA Women in Motorsport – L to R: Cathy Sinton, Kim Wilson, Elise Westin, Kristen Bailey, Lisa Totani, Jackie Schlein, Deb Squires, Melissa Rees, Janelle Orrock, Leslie Atkinson.

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President's Report

Welcome to the February/March Newsletter

I hope everyone has had a wonderful break over the Christmas and New Year period and that you are all feeling refreshed. It certainly feels good to have some time away from the track but after a quiet year due to Covid19, it would be nice to get back at it.

SAMROA has a big year ahead with Tailem Bend continuing to fill the calendar, more motorsport for us to cover than we have had in a long time. The year kicks off on the 14th February with a SUPERKART / Mod Regularity at Mallala Motorsport Park. This will be a good event for everyone to get their eye back in and gain some valuable practice. This is closely followed with the SCCSA Season Launch on February 20th. This is a standalone event and is not part of their Championship series. This is mainly a fun event with sprints, racing and motorkhana events all happening at the same time. It's aiming towards competitors getting their cars back out of their garages and on to the track. This event will also be a great training ground for any new officials we may have coming out to have a go. You will find the first 10 race meetings have been added to the database for the membership to peruse and add your name where you are able to help, they are also posted up on the front page of our website. At this point, I would also like to remind the membership that before you register for an interstate event, it is very much appreciated that you check our own local race calendar to which SAMROA are engaged to participate as a club. I know how much fun it can be visiting other circuits and catching up with interstate officials (friends) on the way but with more and more race meetings coming to S.A. we need our members to support the club locally.

SAMROA has been very lucky over the last 12 months or so with memberships growing and the start of 2021 is no different. When the new people make their way out to race meetings, please be sure to make them feel welcome and pass on all the knowledge you have, to bring them up to speed with what we do. I'm in discussion with a couple more very keen people that should be joining us at the first two meetings.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone of the advantages of being a member of SAMROA. For your membership fee you receive, discounted price on your shirts with free embroidery, discounted prices on all other club apparel, including casual club polo shirts, trackside working shirts, and the end of year Dinner is generally around the \$30.00 discount for members, as you know the diner on the 7th of February is totally free for the members. I will have all the club bags, lanyards and hats available so those that haven't received them yet at the forth coming General Meeting on the 10th February and other General Meeting thereafter.

Speaking with Peter Cirillo, Chairperson for the T&CC is well under way with organising a Fire training day and other training courses for the members to be involved with throughout the year. As you see them being advertised, please try and consider your attendance to these as a lot of work goes into the organisation and they are very beneficial, support the T&CC as they are organising these for the members benefit. The Training and Competition Committee will be making their way out to Mallala prior to the first event to have the annual shed clean up. Due to no events at Mallala for some months and Covid-19, believe me; it needs it. I haven't seen so many spider webs strung up around the shed until the day I delivered the ute back to Mallala. Once it has had the clean out could I please ask for everyone to place all rubbish in the bins provided and empty drink cans in the wool sack at the rear of the shed please as there were some empty cans still sitting on the cupboards with ants everywhere. In general, if you see something out of place please put it where it belongs and if you are not sure please ask.

All for now as we are just at the start of the season, I look forward to seeing you at the social lunch, 7th of February, SCCSA, Reg Sparks Room, 1.00pm sharp.

All for now,

Steve Lewis – SAMROA President.

Local Events Calendar

Reminder, as the COVID-19 situation is ever changing, keep an eye out on social media, SAMROA emails and newsletters for updates.

- **14th February** - Superkarts & Mod. Reg. – Mallala
- **20th February** – Circuit Season Launch – Mallala
- **13th March** – SCCSA Championship Rnd 1 – Mallala
- **28th March** – Superkarts & Mod. Reg. – Mallala
- **17th & 18th April** - All Historics – Mallala

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 February or March.

February

Shaun Doecke – 5th
Steve Clift – 6th
Shaun Halliday – 13th
Nick Papanikolaou – 20th
Peter Stevens – 22nd
Bradley Morrison – 22nd

March

Shaun Croci – 9th
Thomas Harris-Howson – 14th
Deborah Squires - 15th
Janelle Orrock – 21st

T&CC Report – Graham Church

Hello and welcome to the February T&CC Newsletter. Welcome back to motorsport for another year and hope that this year will not be as big a challenge as the previous one.

Some of the restrictions are now lifted but we still need to comply with the 2 square metre rule inside, and the 1.5 metre rule when outside at the track.

The need to register your name prior to an event is still part of the COVID-19 restrictions at race meetings. A QR-code will be in use at Mallala and a book for entering details if you do not have the App; either will have to be used.

The Fire Training Day, which was postponed last year, is still being planned for July – the date to be advised. The Back-to-Basics/Up-skilling Training Day is on 6 June 2021. This is for all SAMROA members and the venue is at SCCSA Clubrooms, the time to be advised. All members wishing to attend this training day need to put their name on the SAMROA Event database.

The T&CC will be out at Mallala on Saturday 5 February to give the shed a good cleanout and check post bags as well as making sure all is ready for another year at the track.

The next race meeting will be on 14 February at Mallala. Do put your name down and support this first event for the year to get racing off to a good start. Do remember to use the Performance Sheets as we need to know how to improve your skills, and that helps to improve the Club for everyone.

Look forward to seeing you at the track again soon.

Written by Graham Church – SAMROA T&CC member



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Social Committee Report – Janelle Orrock

Sunday saw the 2020 Thank you lunch held at the Sporting Car club of SA.

The function was well attended. Congratulations to all award recipients, and thanks goes to Nathan Herbener for being our photographer and to Jack Holding and Melissa Rees for manning the bar. A big thank you to the Papanikolaou Family and friends for preparing and serving our wonderful meal.



Papanikolaou family

Nathan Herbener, Matthew Jones, Scott Chamings and Paul “Karo” Karamanov were the lucky recipients of the door prizes that were kindly donated by The Bend Motorsport Park.



The Bend MSP Door Prize Winners

Leslie Atkinson and Deborah Squires have kindly offered to assist with arranging social functions so hopefully we can have a get together prior to the annual dinner later in the year.

*Cheers,
Janelle*

WH&S Report – Cathy Sinton

Welcome to the 2021 motorsport season, hopefully we have better luck this year and we get to enjoy a few more events. As you get yourself ready to start the new year after a long break, I think it might be a good time to go over a few basic necessities to begin with.

Before you grab your bag and head out the door for your first meeting stop and check your motorsport bag. Empty it out and make sure there's no old food or drinks especially lollies sitting in the bottom – if there is probably good to throw it out and start fresh. Check the use by or best before dates on everything, especially sun screen, any first aid items, even bug spray you may have. If they're past the dates, throw it out, it's more harmful if out of date.

Check all your wet weather gear and make sure it's not mouldy from the last wet day you had it on, ensure it doesn't have any holes etc. in it.

Once you unpacked it all repack and replace everything. A few items to remember are:

- Food – snacks for those long days.
- Drinks – a mix of water and cordial is good.
- Sunscreen/bug spray.
- Hat – check your hat is in good condition for the weather, i.e., beanie for winter, wide brim or legionnaires style for summer.
- Sun glasses or safety glasses are recommended to help keep dust out of your eyes.
- Gloves.
- Wet weather gear, including a poncho is always good to have just in case the weather changes as we all know it can.
- Large plastic bag/Garbage bag – to put over your bag or put bag inside when it is raining.
- Notepad & pen – for all those incident reports you need to keep track of.
- Check you have ample supply of any medication you may need – and it's in date and clearly labelled.
- Hand sanitiser/wipes – especially necessary in our current COVID climate.

Check your shoes, make sure they still fit and are comfortable as you will be standing on your feet all day and check your chair especially if it has been in the shed or the boot of your car, open it and see if it is still operatable, no holes, seams not split and most importantly no spiders or other creepy crawlies have found their way into the bag.

Jump onto the SAMROA data base and make sure all your personal details are up to date including emergency contacts, medical conditions, medications you maybe taking that may affect you in undertaking your role etc. It is important if you have developed or have any medical conditions that may affect or could possibly affect your ability to work safely trackside, it is advised to the club, for your safety and others around you. This also ensures of something did happen whilst your trackside we can have the most up to date medical history and get you the best help sooner.

Just remember that the weather changes from minute to minute at our race tracks so be prepared with suitable clothing. Long pants and long sleeve tops are best for all weather conditions and are good SunSmart options.

Take care and see you all trackside soon

Cheers

Cathy Sinton - T&CC + WHS

Thank You Lunch & Annual Presentations



Life Members - L to R: Dave Castrechini, Dave Mori, Bruce Morisett, Barry Hughes, Rob Thiry, Laurie Schmidt



Club Member of The Year Award - Janelle Orrock



Fabulous Officials – L to R: Jackie Schlein, Steve Kaczmarek, Scott Chamings, Owen Smith, Tom Westin, Deb Squires, Nick Papanikolaou (MIA – working the kitchen for the awesome lunch).





Motorsport Australia Award Winners – L to R: Paul Karamanov, Cathy Sinton, Tony Aloï



5/15/40 Yrs Service Awards - L to R: Paul Bonnett, Matthew Johnson, Tom Westin, Scott Chamings, Bruce Morisett, Matthew Jones

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