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President's Report

Welcome to the April/May Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome to the April Newsletter. As you would have seen in the February edition, the editors published photos from the recent luncheon on Feb 7 at the Sporting Car Club. I had not reported on the dinner, so in brief, a great afternoon was had by all. Thanks once again to the Papanikolaou family for cooking up a storm, all I heard was good reports of the meal.

To all award recipients, congratulations as they were all very well deserved.

I need to make mention of the Kay Morisset Memorial Club Member of the Year Award. As you would know this prestigious award is for the Membership and not for Committee Members. As 2020 had only a few race meetings take place, it was decided not to give this award, nor the Most Improved award due to the lack of activity track side last year. Bruce and the Committee consulted and decided to break the rule. This was deservedly won by Janelle Orrock for the tireless work she has done behind the scenes in 2020. Congratulations Janelle!

On Friday 26th of February, I attended the Motorsport Australia, SCCSA State Championship Awards night. It's always good to see which competitors received trophies at the end of the season. Motorsport Australia awards were also given out during the evening with SAMROA doing well once again.

Three Motorsport Australia Service awards that were long overdue, went to Paul Karomanov, Cathy Sinton and Tony Aloji, along with Janelle Orrock taking out the Circuit Official of the Year. Well done to all those recipients that also received their lapel for longevity. I thank you for your continuous support to the club as it is very much appreciated.

Each event that we attend, whether it is at Mallala Motorsport Park or Tailem Bend, disclaimers are generally sent to all Officials to be signed off and delivered back to the Chief Flag the morning of the event for filing. It has been brought to my attention that this has not been the case and that members have been told not to worry about it. ALL Officials of the meeting are required to do this. If you haven't received one before the event, please ask the Chief Flag first thing in the morning prior to the briefing. It would also be a good idea for the Chief Flags to have some spare in their case for emergencies.

Looking back at the Super Kart meeting on the 14/2, there were very little names down about a week prior until the Chief Flag sent out an SOS. I would like to thank all those extra officials that responded to the call to help make this event a success.

On the 17/4 we will see the annual Historic race meeting held at Mallala. At present there are only around 13 people for trackside duties on the database. If you can spare your time for this nostalgic event, it would be appreciated, please get your names down.

In August at the General Meeting/AGM, a new Committee for the 2021-22 season will be elected.

As it stands at present, we only have a couple of current Committee Members staying on. I would like to ask everyone to consider their availability to take up a position to keep the Association moving forward. If you are interested and have questions, please email or call me so I can answer any query you may have. My contact details are in the front cover of the Newsletter. We have Committee members that have stood on this Committee for a number of consecutive years, some coming back for another term. It's time for some fresh blood and new ideas to be taking the reins and moving forward.

In the past I have placed in the newsletter the Motorsport Australia Code of Conduct. This was put in the newsletter because we had Officials being disrespectful to others, not being courteous and not having regard for their dignity, rights and obligations. Below I have placed the links from the Motorsport Australia Manual on this subject, for ALL members to peruse. I do urge all members to read this as in future members that are found in breach of these rules will be referred to Motorsport Australia for further discipline. This will occur after the SAMROA Committee have invited you to a meeting to explain your actions. From this meeting you could also find

yourself suspended from the organisation. Please be responsible, respectful and accountable for your own conduct.

The two links are as follows

<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/safety-integrity/policies/memberprotection>

<https://motorsport.org.au/docs/default-source/policy-guidelines/motorsport-australia-anti-discrimination-harassment-and-bullying-policy.pdf>

On a very much lighter note, Saturday, 20/3/21 was a memorable day for two of SAMROA members, Brad and Kim Morrison, nee Wilson. On behalf of the membership, I wish to formally congratulate you on your very special day and wish you both all the best for your future together.



Photo Credit – Kylie Doeke

I look forward to seeing you at the next General Meeting which shall be held on Wednesday, April 14, 7.30 sharp, SCCSA, Reg Sparks room.

Steve Lewis, President.

Newsletter Info – Bathurst 500 Trip – February 2021

For a number of years, SAMROA members have headed across to Bathurst at the end of January to officiate at the Bathurst 12 Hour.

This year things were a bit different, as there was no Bathurst 12 Hour due to Covid 19 restrictions on the International teams, and instead Bathurst replaced Adelaide as the host of the opening round of the Supercars calendar.

SAMROA members Steve Clift, Graham Church, Ray McGuinness, and Jackie Schlein (along with husband Andrew) all made the pilgrimage across. Sue South (plus husband Peter) were also there for the weekend. There may well have been a few other SA regulars there, but Covid restrictions on gatherings discouraged officials from mingling, so the usual socialising did not take place.

Steve, Graham & Ray were all Sector Marshals, whilst Jackie and the Souths all worked in pit lane/marshalling. Jackie's husband Andrew drove a Manitou, and actually managed a full lap in the beast

Graham and Ray's sectors were relatively quiet for the weekend, with retirements and breakdowns being the order of the day. Steve's sector was involved with the Tim Slade accident on the Saturday, with Post 17 almost having a repeat of the Chas Mostert crash of 2015.

Most of the SA contingent stayed on at Bathurst for an extra two days to officiate at the two Track Days. These were relatively uneventful except for one incident where a Lotus went into the wall near Post 10.5, directly opposite Andrew Schlein.

All in all, the group had an enjoyable weekend. Bathurst threw its usual mix of weather, with rain, fog and wind all creating havoc at some stage. With a bit of luck, the 12 Hour will be on again next year, and the sight of all that exotic machinery is something to behold. We would recommend this trip to those members who haven't gone across yet.

Ray McGuinness



Photo Credit – Ray McGuinness



Photo Credit - Supercars Volunteers

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.

- **17th & 18th April** - All Historics – Mallala
- **2nd May Peter Hall 6 Hour** – Mallala
- **15th & 16th May SCCSA Rnd 2** – Tailem Bend
- **30th May Superkarts & Mod. Regularity** – Mallala
- **6th June UPSKILLING DAY** - SCCSA

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 April or May.

April

Bruce Heinrich – 4th
John Silverblade – 6th
Deiter Von- Zieden – 11th
David Mori – 11th
Matthew Johnson – 15th
Jared Stevens – 25th

May

Scott Chamings – 5th
Kristen Bailey – 9th
Paul Karamanov – 25th

T&CC Report – Cathy Sinton

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who has come out trackside over the last two months, especially those who attended the superkarts/modern regularity events. These meetings always seem to be a struggle with numbers, I urge if you are free on the day of a superkart/modern regularity please consider putting your name down and come out. These meetings are a good training ground and if we have the numbers we can try and give people an opportunity to do something new.

It was also good to have a twilight event which actually ran in the evening, although the day started very wet the day finished dry with some good racing, thanks everyone who also attended.

The T&CC are currently busy putting together a “Back to Basics” training day. This is scheduled for Sunday 6th June, so put it in your diary’s. As you know processes are always changing in our sport, this training day will focus on getting the basics right and updating your knowledge. The day will be a full day for everyone new and experienced, as the name says it’s a back-to-basics day. The T&CC are planning a number of sessions across the day focusing of various areas of what we do within our roles. We will have a various number of presenters planned for the day, each focusing on various aspects of what we do. This will be a good opportunity to upskill and learn more about trackside officiating in our sport. No matter how experienced you are there is always something new to learn.

More information to come in upcoming newsletters but please the more people who come along and participate in the day will make it a big success and a good learning opportunity for everyone.

Upcoming meetings:

April 7th & 18th – All Historic Circuit Racing - Mallala – More names needed ASAP – Chief Flag: Karl Flemming.

May 2nd Peter Hall Memorial 6hr – Mallala – Chief Flag: Andrew Robinson

May 7th- 9th – Supercars Tailem Bend – Chief Flag: Cathy Sinton

May 15th & 16th SCCSA Round 2 – Tailem Bend – Chief Flag: Brad Morrison - Names required for this event – understand it’s another multi day event at Tailem Bend please consider even doing one day, all help will be appreciated.

May 30th Superkarts/Modern regularity – Mallala – Chief Flag: Tony Aloï.

June 6th – Back to Basics Training Day – Sporting Car Club Clubrooms.

Please if you can assist at any of these meetings put your name down via the SAMROA member data base or contact either T&CC or Chief flag.

Cheers
T&CC

Written by Cathy Sinton – SAMROA T&CC member

Social Committee Report – Deb Squires

After a fantastic thank you lunch held at the Sporting Car club of SA. in February, the Social Committee is now looking at planning the 2021 dinner. Janelle, Leslie and myself had a catch-up lunch to discuss the planning of this years' event. A date of Saturday 21st August is what we are aiming for, so please keep the date free. At present we are looking at different venues to host the dinner and updates will follow in the next Newsletter. We look forward to your attendance and continued support of the Social Functions that SAMROA put on.

*Cheers,
Deb Squires*



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WH&S Report – Cathy Sinton

I hope everyone has been well and enjoyed the start to the season. We have already had all seasons of weather 😊.

Please remember our COVID requirements and if you're not well do not attend either a race or general meeting or social event. Remember "Standing apart will help us all be together".

When at a race meeting please remember we are all out there as a team and need to work together and help each other. If whilst trackside you become unwell or injury yourself please firstly let your senior know immediately so appropriate medical assistance can be sought. An incident report will need to be completed either by you or your senior, this is for a number of reasons: Insurance, incident investigation in the case of an injury and we have a legislative requirement for incident reports for injuries.

If you have any medical issues including asthma, diabetes, etc. please let your senior know at the point first thing when you go trackside, the reason for this if something happens during the day and you need medical attention then we can get you the right assistance. For example, if you're asthmatic and have an asthma attack (possibly due to dust) and the senior is aware and know where you keep your medication in your bag, they can assist to get you help quickly. You do not have to give all your medical history or details but a basic discussion about your condition, how it may affect you, where your medication is in your bag if required is a good start to ensure everyone has a good safe day. This can be a private conversation and not an open discussion for the whole point.

When you arrive at the point at the beginning of any race meeting, inspect the area both in the point and surrounding areas, check all equipment to ensure the area and equipment is safe and appropriate for use, stamp your feet to scare off any unwanted visitors, ensure you have all your equipment and if there are any issues notify race control immediately. You may need to grab the broom and sweep the point to remove any debris i.e., bird poo, dirt etc. before you start. Check the ground before you place your bag down to ensure no pest/insects (ants, spiders etc) can get in your bag. Set up the point and ensure you have a safe exit path in the event of the need to exit quickly, bags and chairs are placed to the side of the point not in the walkway. Listen at your seniors briefing and if you are unsure ask any questions – Remember your senior is there to accommodate any questions you may have throughout the course of the day.

Most of all have a great fun day and stay safe.

See you trackside
Cheers

Cathy Sinton - T&CC + WHS



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MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 10 February 2021 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: SCCSA Club Rooms
51 King William Road, Unley, SA 5061

Meeting Opened: 19:40 (7:30 pm)

Present:

Paul Bonnett, Steve Lewis, David Castrechini, Deborah Squires, Janelle Orrock, Owen Smith, Jackie Schlein, Arthur Butler, Peter Ruth, Alec Donnen, Rod Mountifield, Nick Papanikolaou, Chris Rabin, Bruce Morisset, Leslie Atkinson, Nick Morris, Steve Kaczmarak, Lisa Totani, Sean McShane and Cathy Sinton

Apologies:

Ray McGuinness, Graham Church, Darren Mattiske, Brad & Kim, Peter Stevens, Bronwen Williamson, Rob Thiry and David Mori.

Visitors / Guest:

Jack Holding and Melissa Rees

Late:

Announcements / Reminders:

1. First General Meeting for 2021.
- 2.
- 3.

Previous Minutes:

Due to no General Meeting held in December 2020 No copies of the previous minutes were available.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

Correspondence as per list tabled at the meeting. (Copy Attached)

Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Arthur Butler that the correspondence be received. All present voted in favour. Carried.

Business Arising from the Correspondence:

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- No business arising from the Correspondence List.

Reports from Other Committees:

WHS (Presented by Cathy Sinton)

- Start preparing for new racing season. Clean out your Race Bag and if you have any Sun screen which is out of date – Throw it away – DO NOT USE!
- First Race meeting for the year is Sunday (Superkarts & Modern Reg) If you are coming out to Mallala – come prepared for heat, wind etc. (Also be on the watch out for snakes)
- Reminder that Covid is still around and not to get complacent! If you feel any symptoms – GET TESTED!! All race meetings will still be run to the MotorSport Australia “Return to Racing” Covid preparations!!
- Performance sheets: Don’t just report on your fellow marshals – be sure to look for hazards and also report on the sheets.
- Looking at new antislip steps for Starter’s Box and Race Control.

T&CC (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Sunday – First Race Meeting for year – T&CC are still looking for a few more experienced people to train our newer people.
- Looking at running another “Back to Basics” Training Day – Dates will be announced in the near future. Looking to get T&CC Members to present and it is not just for our newer members. Older & more experienced are encouraged to attend to pass on their knowledge.
- Shed clean-up was last Sunday. All members who attend Mallala meetings are requested to keep the shed tidy.

New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)

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MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Zoom Meeting – 19 January 2021)

- SAMROA Affiliated with Motorsport Australia for 2021
- 2021 SA / NT Calendar (as tabled) was approved by Council. Any changes for future events will be reviewed and approved at further meetings.
- Official’s Licence structure will be changing.
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- QR Code Login: Covid-Safe Check-In is sufficient for contact tracing records for events (Providing that there is the paper alternative for those that cannot use the QR Code)
- Nothing further to report from meeting.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- Will be holding a Meeting tonight.

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- Spoke of a possible Hidden Valley Circuit Excel Event.
- Nothing else really relevant for SAMROA – very early in new year.

WEBSITE / IT

- Peter Ruth is looking at re-designing the web site.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Deborah and Leslie have joined the Social Club to assist Janelle.

PROMOTIONS

- Nothing for meeting.

SCC-SA

- Melissa Rees was acting as tonight's Covid Marshal and looking after bar with Jack H. Melissa was able to give all present a brief outline of the upcoming events at Mallala and TB. At this time it is unsure if a Calendar will be produced in a printed form. There is however, a full SA/NT version available on the Motorsport Australia Web site.

General Business

- Deborah Squires: Nathan Herbener has handed copies of the Lunch photos to SAMROA and has suggested that they are property of SAMROA. Is a person's permission required for SAMROA to reproduce the photos in Newsletters or Web Sites. (This is a topic that may require more discussion and possible changes to Constitution / Membership Applications and Renewals)
- Secretary took a little time to explain a problem with SAMROA replacing the Orange / White uniform overalls with separate pants and shirts. Basically, we thought that we had found the perfect men's shirt however, it has been deleted from the manufacturer's inventory without a replacement. We now need to look for new men's shirt. Very Hard at moment as none are 100% cotton.

The Women's shirt is not a problem as it is still available from the manufacturer so some of these will be purchased to cover our future requirements.

With no further General Business, the first meeting for 2021 was closed at 20:30 (8:30 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 14 April 2021**

Venue: SCCSA Club Rooms

51 King William Road, Unley, SA 5061