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Next General Meeting:

General Meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the month:

9th June, at 7.30pm, at the SCCSA, 51 King William Rd, Unley.

Due to COVID-19 your name must be on the database OR at the least on the meeting register.



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President's Report

Welcome to the June/July Newsletter

Hello everyone,

A couple of months ago, Bruce Morisset approached me regarding a long overdue Memorial sign for the Medical Centre at Mallala. I put this idea to the Committee at the very next meeting with all members agreeing to the proposed sign. I've been in contact with Asher Johnson, Check It Out Graphics, to take on the design and production task for us. Asher was pleased to oblige and is at the time of writing this in the design phase. Hopefully not long before we see the end result fixed upon the wall of the Medical Centre in honour of Kaye Morisset.

Deb Squires has willingly taken on the job of approaching Bunning's Parafield regarding a promotional stand at their place of business. After writing a carefully worded letter, we have recently received some positive feedback from them asking what dates we would like. Considering promotions has been nonexistent for around 14 months now due to the Covid19 situation, this is great news and the first steps to getting SAMROA back out to the public. Watch this space as we are now organizing dates that are mutual for both parties. Congratulations and thank you Deb for showing the initiative and moving forward with this.

On the 15th & 16th of May we saw Round 2 of the State Championships at Tailem Bend with reasonable entries for the weekend and I believe some good racing throughout the categories. It really does go to show that no matter what post you are assigned to, we all need to remain aware and vigilant as to what is going on track side, even on the main straight. Thank you to all members and the non members for making the trip up to The Bend as we had good numbers attend this Race Meeting.

The AGM is nearly upon us yet again. We only have the June General Meeting left to take any Nominations from the floor from those that may wish to join the Committee. At present we only have around 4-5 nominations so more will be very welcome. The last couple of AGM's we have had some good numbers attending, so I hope this one will be the same. There are a few long standing Committee members looking at standing down so there will be some seats to fill. It's always refreshing to have new blood and thoughts coming on to the committee. Remember, this is your club and it's where you get to have your say and vote for the people you wish to see take the club forward into the next season.

Next General Meeting, 9th June at the SCCSA, 51 King William Rd Unley,

Reg Sparks Room, 7.30 sharp

Steve Lewis, 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.

- **6th June** – “Back to Basics” Training Day – Sporting Car Clubrooms, Unley
- **8th June** - General Meeting – Sporting Car Clubrooms, Unley
- **4th July** – Superkarts & Modern Regularity – Mallala
- **31st July** – SCCSA Championships Round 3 - Mallala
- **15th August** - Superkarts & Modern Regularity – Mallala
- **12th September** - Superkarts & Modern Regularity – Mallala
- **18th September** - SCCSA Championships Round 4 - The Bend

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 who will be celebrating milestones in June or July.

June

Sarah Kenyon–7th
Bronwen Williamson – 12th
Gerry Bourke – 24th
Adam Litchfield – 29th
Ashleigh Bennett – 30th

July

Christopher Rabin – 1st
Colin Leaker – 2nd
Andrew Robinson – 11th
Leslie Atkinson- 20th
Alan Candy – 25th
Elise Weston – 31st

T&CC Report – Ray McGuinness

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who has come out trackside over the last two months, especially those who attended the April Historics meeting and the four (4) events in May.

As reported in our previous newsletter, the T&CC has been working hard on putting together a “Back to Basics” Training Day on this coming Sunday, 6th June. 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. This training day is designed to:

Be an information session for new members on how the Club operates, and what it means to be an official,

Be a refresher for our existing members,

Provide an overview of how a Race Meeting operates, and why we do the things we do,

Provide an informal environment in which new officials can get to know our long-term members, and soak up some of their knowledge,

Provide Club members with some useful information on working with officials with Autism.

We encourage members at All Levels to take this opportunity to update and refresh your skills.

We are now entering our Winter break, with no events scheduled for June (except for those of you heading up to Darwin). This 4-week break gives you the opportunity to recharge your batteries, ready to hit the track again on 4th July at the Superkarts and Modern Regularity event at Mallala.

It is very disappointing to the T&CC members to find that the level of member support at Superkart & Modern Regularity events, in particular, is so low. The majority of the Club’s income comes from the Sporting Car Club and the Adelaide Superkart Club so we, as members, should be supporting the two bodies who are supporting us financially.

With this in mind, our upcoming events are:

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Written by Ray McGuinness – SAMROA T&CC member

Social Committee Report – Deb Squires

A date of Saturday 28th August is booked at the Caledonian Club - 215 O'Connell St. North Adelaide, so please keep the date free. We look forward to your attendance and continued support of the Social Functions that SAMROA put on. Further information will be forwarded to members via the Database.

*Cheers,
Deb Squires*

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WH&S Report – Cathy Sinton

Hello and welcome to another WHS newsletter article.

I hope everyone is well and survived a busy couple of months of motor sport.

With the arrival of winter comes much cooler and cold days, so when you're planning your next race meeting attendance remember to pack your wet weather gear, it can be an assistance not just to keep you dry but to help keep the wind off you on those windy day's trackside, remember you may be out in the open, both Tailern Bend and Mallala are very open areas and there is very little to stop the wind chilling you to the bones so rung up.

If you are someone who feels the cold or normally works in an office and will feel the cold consider bringing a flask of a hot drink, tea, coffee, hot chocolate or even soup to drink during the day and may help keep you warm.

When trackside you need to ensure you are comfortable in the clothing and shoes you are wearing. This means having good quality shoes, whether they be sneakers or steel cap safety shoes, safety shoes are the better option. There are a lot of various safety shoes on the market, ensure you get ones that are comfortable and a good fit, having good quality socks on with them is also important. You need to ensure the clothing you are wearing is comfortable and adequate for your role, we should all be wearing long sleeve shirts, long pants for both sun safety and our protection when attending an incident. It is important that our clothing protects us from the weather and from injury including cuts and or fire. The club's preference is for hi-viz orange and white clothing, understanding at times these can be hard to get, if anyone knows of or has contacts for our members to get decent priced protective clothing for trackside use, feel free to share it or pass it on to either me or someone on the committee to be included in this newsletter. Don't forget you maybe trackside for the whole day so bring plenty of food, drink and a chair 😊 You're there for enjoyment not torture.

Remember if you are unwell at all please don't attend an event, this includes race meetings and general meetings, stay home and take care of yourself.

Cathy Sinton - T&CC + WHS



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MINUTES OF SAMROA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Details

Date & Time: 14 April 2021 @ 1930 (7:30pm)
Location: SCCSA Club Rooms
51 King William Road, Unley, SA 5061

Meeting Opened: 19:35 (7:30 pm)

Present: Paul Bonnett, Steve Lewis, Bruce Morisett, Leslie Atkinson, David Castrechini, Deborah Squires, Owen Smith, Christopher Rabin, Jackie Schlein, Brad and Kim Morrison, Peter and Jared Stevens, Alec Donnen, Steven Kaczmarek and Janelle Orrock.

Apologies: Darren Mattiske, Ray McGuinness, Graham Church, Rod Mountifield, Rob Thiry, Peter Ruth, Cathy Sinton, Tony Aloï, Peter Cirillo, Nick and Paul Papanikolaou and Paul Karamanov.

Visitors / Guest: Jack Holding

Late:

Announcements / Reminders:

1. 3 General Meetings until AGM – Committee Positions?
- 2.
- 3.

Previous Minutes:

Copies of the previous minutes (February 2021) were placed in April's Newsletter. (Some copies available on tables)

Secretary (Paul Bonnett) moved that the minutes be accepted and seconded by Bruce Morisett. All members present, voted in favour that minutes be accepted. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Need to be more careful in relation to Spelling Mistakes in minutes.
- No further business arising from the previous minutes.

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence:

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

Moved by Secretary (Paul Bonnett) and seconded by Brad Morrison 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

- No Report Presented.
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T&CC (Presented by Owen Smith)

- Couple of busy months for events coming up – Will be looking for a lot more commitment from our Officials.
- Reminder on the upcoming Training Day (06June at the SCCSA Clubrooms) Full day and will be well worth attending.

New Membership Applications (For General Committee's Approval)

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MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA (Presented by Paul Bonnett – Zoom Meeting – 23 March 2021)

- Presentation to State Panel by Michael Smith on planned changes to the Administration of Motorsport. Main topic was Targeted Scrutiny across all categories. Physical Log Books planned to be phased out.
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- Nothing further to report from meeting.

STATE OFFICIATING PANEL (SOP) REPORT

- New Accommodation Offer at the Big 4 Tailem Bend. (Janelle read out the agreed offer – Email will be released very soon.)

Few things from State Council:

- Upcoming Training: Stewards Module 10 April
Silver Module 17/18 July
Scrutineers Theory 19 June
Scrutineers Practical 20 June (Collingrove)
- Looking for ideas for Recruiting Officials due to the dwindling numbers at recent events. Any ideas can be sent to scsant@motorsport.org.au

MOTOR RACING PANEL (MRP) REPORT

- No report presented.
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WEBSITE / IT

- No report presented

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- Dinner 21 Aug – still looking for venues
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PROMOTIONS

- No report presented

SCC-SA

- No report presented

General Business

- Paul Bonnett: With only three General Meetings until the 2021 AGM, it has been decided to open up the Committee Nominations early for the Committee. Contact Secretary for the forms.
- Deborah Squires: Working under Covid Guidelines, should SAMROA officials be using the “Sign On” sheets at the shed for Superkart meetings? No – QR Sign-on at gate should be sufficient.
- Kim Morrison: General reminder on the upcoming Fire Training Day. (Wasn’t mentioned by T&CC earlier)
- SAMROA Database sends out letter to CF giving access information etc for the upcoming event. Question has been asked, can the letter be released earlier giving the CF a little longer time to organise his event. Committee will investigate.
- Internet “links” on the SAMROA Web Site seem to be out of date: If anyone finds a problem, it is requested that it brought to the attention of the General Committee.
- Lisa Totani has sent an Email Invitation to SAMROA Members to attend the Circuit Excel Quiz night. (Thursday 03Jun21, Bridgeway Hotel. \$20.00 per person)

With no further General Business, the meeting was closed at 20.10 (8:10 pm)

Next Meeting: **19:30 (7:30 pm) on 09 June 2021**

Venue: SCCSA Club Rooms

51 King William Road, Unley, SA 5061