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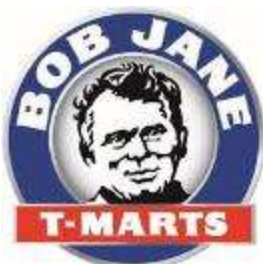
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11th August, at 7.30pm, at the SCCSA, 51 King William Rd, Unley.

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President's Report

Welcome to the August/September Newsletter

On Sunday the 6/6/21, at the SCCSA, we operated an internal training day organised and run by the T&CC. I wish to congratulate the T&CC for the work they put in to make this event a success. The morning started with a special guest, Leanne Williams from Autism S.A. Leanne imparted her knowledge for around 1.5 hrs about Autism and the spectrum, helping us understand Autism a little better so we are all more at ease working and socializing with members on the spectrum.

Each member of the T&CC contributed by presenting a segment, explaining the ins and outs of flags, comms, and track work so all officials have a good understanding of the rules. We had 40 plus members and non members attend which was fantastic to see but there were a lot more seats that could have been filled. It would have been nice to see many more of our seniors come along and benefit from this event.

It doesn't matter if you hold a bronze, silver or gold licence, getting back to basics is for everyone. We all make mistakes no matter how long we have been around and we all need days like this. It was great to hear positive feedback from the people who attended and we thank you for your support.

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 contacted Asher Johnson, from Check It Out Graphics, who was pleased to oblige and navigated the design and production task for us. The sign has now become a reality after 36 years. Many thanks to Asher Johnson and Simon Wills from Check It Out Graphics for their kind thoughts in donating this sign to us. This memorial was supposed to be put up on the weekend of Round 3 which was postponed. Another date will be set for the unveiling of the Memorial sign in the near future. More photos will be taken once I mount it to the medical centre wall but there is a sneak preview further along in this Newsletter. If you need anything wrapped or a sign made, speak with Asher or Simon as I'm sure they will help you out. Their details are in their advertisement further into this newsletter.

Wednesday, August 11th will see the clubs 43rd AGM at the SCCSA. More nominations are needed to ensure we get the enthusiastic people onto the committee and fill every seat that is available. We have a few Committee Members standing down this year, all of whom have put in several years on the Committee, so some fresh blood is required to serve with new ideas. After the last General meeting having very low numbers, I'm hoping we get 30 plus to this meeting so there are plenty of nominations that you, the member, can vote on as to whom you want on the new Committee. Please remember that your memberships are due as of the 30th June and you need to be a member to be able to vote at the AGM.

Next General Meeting, 11th August at the SCCSA, 51 King William Rd Unley,

Reg Sparks Room, 7.30 sharp

Steve Lewis – SAMROA President.



The new Kaye Morisset Memorial sign to be mounted on the outside wall of the Medical Centre Mallala Motorsport Park.

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.

- **15th August** - Superkarts & Modern Regularity – Mallala
- **28th&29th August**- 60th Anniversary Masters Supersprint – Mallala (New calendared Event for SAMROA)
- **4th &5th September** – The Bend Classic – TBMSF (Newly calendared Event for SAMROA)
- **12th September** - Superkarts & Modern Regularity – Mallala
- **18th *19th September**- SCCSA Championship Round 4 TBMSF
- **25th September** – SAMROA Display Day – Bunnings Parafield
- **9th October** SCCSA 60th Grand Prix Historic – Mallala
- **23RD October** - Superkarts * Modern Regularity – Mallala
- **20th November** – SCCSA Non Championship – Mallala
- **28th November** - Superkarts * Modern Regularity – 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 who will be celebrating milestones in August or September.

August

Alex Varcoe – 15th
Rod Mountifield – 18th
Barry Hughes – 26th

September

Steve Kaczmarek – 15th
Paul Bonnett – 20th

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THAT'S A WRAP!

T&CC Report – Janelle Orrock

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all staying safe and well. We still have a lot on the calendar for the remainder of the year

Superkarts 15th August 2021 – Mallala

Mallala 60th Anniversary 28th & 29th August 2021 -Mallala (Newly calendared Event for SAMROA)

The Bend Classic 4th & 5th September 2021 – The Bend (Newly calendared Event for SAMROA)

Superkarts 12th September 2021 – Mallala

SCCSA State Round 18th & 19th September 2021 – The Bend

If you would like to attend one of these events, please put your name down or contact a committee member to do this for you.

Remember as a club we support grass root events. These events enable the more experienced members to mentor and pass knowledge and skills on to our newer members and for you to maintain your skills on a regular basis.

Just a reminder in these uncertain times of COVID that if you are unwell, please do not attend an event, and also remember to QR code into events.

TCC Committee elections are coming up soon. If you would like to nominate, please speak to a committee member who will help you with the process. Remember you do need to hold a minimum of a Bronze Licence. Stay safe & I will see you trackside soon.

Janelle Orrock – 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. Please be advised this is subject to change due to Covid19. Restrictions.

*Cheers,
Deb Squires*

WH&S Report – Cathy Sinton

Hello and welcome to August WHS news.

I hope everyone is well and surviving another round of lock downs and cancellation of many events including motorsport.

Over the weekend I heard the sad news of a motorsport Marshall tragically lost their life trackside at Brans Hatch, this is a reminder to us all that motorsport is dangerous, and we need to be aware of what is happening around us at all times when we are working trackside at events.

Although I'm not aware of the exact circumstances of the incident it acts as a reminder that we need to work together and be alert at all times as incidents can occur at any time. There has been lots of safety improvements of the years at motorsport circuits around the country however these incidents highlight that we need to look after each other.

It's important to remember when we get to our Marshall post we need to inspect it and ensure the post and surroundings are suitable for the task we need to undertake, check the barriers, tyre walls, equipment, access/egress and ensure everything is suitable and in good condition prior to beginning, if something is not suitable, damaged or missing contact race control or chief flag immediately to have the issue rectified. A report should also be completed to ensure any identified hazards are notified to the circuit owner and recorded.

If anyone feels this incident has triggered or brought on any emotional distress or thoughts, Motorsport Australia has the services of a number of counselling services available free of charge for members, there is also the motorsport Chaplin services available to members, please reach out to any of these services at any time or reach out to family, friends and other officials, no one should feel they have no one to chat to, we are all here together.

With hopefully the cold weather starts to ease as winter comes to an end and with the arrival of spring we can start to defrost and get back out trackside to some warmer sunny days. Although it still can be chilly trackside, we need to ensure we dress appropriately when trackside, be prepared for every season in one day at times. Keep those winter jackets and the wet weather gear handy.

Remember when we need to stay 1.5m apart where possible, wear a mask and covid check in at our race meetings and meetings, these measures are here for a while so let's get in the habit and comply where we need to. If you are unwell at all please stay home and get checked.

Until next meeting,

Cheers

Cathy Sinton - T&CC + WHS

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