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

13th October, at 7.30pm, at the SCCSA, 51 King William Rd, Unley.

Due to COVID-19 you must scan the site QR code or add your details to the register.



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President's Prattle

Welcome to the October/November Newsletter

Howdy folks. Gee it's been a very long time since I have had to do one of these articles, just remember "never say never" because here's the very proof of that saying.

Firstly, a big thank you to the outgoing committee and welcome to some new faces. Owen Smith, Deb Squires, Leslie Atkinson and welcome back to Graham Church, Nick Papanikolaou, Janelle Orrock, Shaun Halliday and Tony Aloï.

Since the AGM we've had a very busy schedule of motor sport with 5 race meetings in 5 weeks, from 15 August through to 19 September. They were 2 one-day and 3 two-day race meetings. I'd like to acknowledge 4 members who have attended all 5 race meetings. Yes, that's right, 5 in a row. Congratulations to Alec Donnnon, Cathy Sinton, Matt Avery and Tom Westin. That really is an outstanding effort showing dedication and commitment, and it would be great if we had some more members that could replicate that with future race meetings. I know you can do it. Well done troops.

Amongst all that I was able to arrange, through Steve Lewis, to have a sign attached to the medical centre at Mallala formally identifying it as the "Kaye Morisset Memorial Medical Centre". It's only taken 36 years, but it's now done.

The sign was designed and kindly donated by Asher Johnston from Check It Out Graphics.

The sign was unveiled on the 29 August, and I'd like to thank all members that were there on the day.



Bruce Morisset and Steve Lewis after the unveiling of the new Medical Centre sign

At the last race meeting at The Bend on the Sunday 19 September we had a timely reminder that we do participate in a dangerous sport. On the last corner of the last lap of the last event we had 2 vehicles come together resulting in a somewhat major incident. Both drivers came out of the incident okay albeit a little worse for wear. The incident was handled well by all involved; however, it was clearly a demonstration that incidents can and do happen, and a reminder to be very aware while you're trackside.

We still have quite a few upcoming events and I'd love to see these on the top of your priority lists so we can have a full crew without the Chief Flag or members of the T&CC and Janelle chasing people to fill the placings.

Also, we've had a very successful display day at Bunnings, Parafield organised by Deb Squires and Nick Papanikolaou, and ably supported by Paul Papanikolaou, Steve Clift, Owen Smith, Ray McGuinness, Peter Stevens and Steve Lewis. Refer to [attached article](#) for more information.

The major social event for the club is coming up on 30 October, our annual change over dinner, which is being held at The Caledonian Hotel in North Adelaide. This event is not just for the members but is also for the partners to come out and have an enjoyable evening. There will be the normal presentations, but we will have the added benefit of some light entertainment plus excellent food in great surroundings. So set the date and bring your partners along. They're usually good nights and I don't see why this year shouldn't be either.

In the meantime, stay well and safe and I'll see you when I'm looking at you

Bruce Morisset – President

Next General Meeting, 13th October at the SCCSA, 51 King William Rd Unley,
Reg Sparks Room, 7.30 sharp.

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.

- **25th September** – SAMROA Display Day – Bunnings Parafield
- **9th 10th 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 October or November.

<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>
Cathy Sinton-4 th	Kim Morrison – 7 th
Alan Hardy – 5 th	Matthew Jones – 16 th
Tom Westin – 6 th	Tony Aloi – 21 st
Ted Blackwell -7 th	Ian Rae – 27 th
Paul Papanikolaou-13 th	David Castrechini – 28 th
Peter Cirillo-15 th	Rob Thiry – 28 th
	Lawrie Schmitt – 29 th

T&CC Report – Owen Smith

Hi Everyone,

Hard to think that we are already in October, the year has certainly flown by. A massive thank you to everybody that has made it trackside in the past couple of months with the extra events that were added into our calendar. We still have several events to go through the year so it would be great to see as many possible out trackside now that the weather is slowly warming up and daylight is getting longer.

October:

9th & 10th: Round 3 SCCSA Series + 60th Grand Prix Historic, Mallala

23rd October: Superkarts & Modern Regularity, Mallala. This event has been reinstated after the postponement on the Shannon's round to December. This will be the first Superkart meeting to be held on a Saturday. This event is back on the database so please add your name to the list or let either Chief Flag (Karl Fleming) or a member of the T&CC know if you wish to attend.

November:

20th: SCCSA Finale, Mallala

28th: Superkarts & Modern Regularity, Mallala

December:

10th-12th: Shannon's Round, The Bend

Events like SCCSA rounds and Superkarts are perfect opportunities for training and further development in different roles at other events. If you have ever thought about trying your hand at something new put your name down for Round 3 or either of the Superkart rounds as these will be the last opportunities for year to look at who is wanting to be trained in different roles.

Look forward to seeing you at the track soon.

Written by

Owen "Oliver" Smith – SAMROA T&CC member

Social Committee Report – Deb Squires

A date of Saturday 30th October 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*



SAMROA member Shaun Halliday is a franchisee of Mister Minit which specialises in repairs, engravings, cutting services plus much more! Shaun has offered a 20% discount for SAMROA members upon presenting their membership card. His kiosk is located at the Unley Shopping Centre. Come on down and support each other.

WH&S Report – Cathy Sinton

I'm going to start with by just saying a big thank you to everyone who attended any of the race meetings over the last 2 months, it certainly was a busy time for the club. As a chief flag for one of the events it can be very stressful trying to put together placements for an event when numbers are dismal, it's even harder when you are trying to ensure there is sufficient people with experience in positions know for incidents, however no matter how well you try it's a harder exercise when there are insufficient people. I ask if you are free on a weekend when there is an event on can you please consider putting your name down and attending, your help is always appreciated, and remember that's what you joined SAMROA for, to be trackside. A special shout out to all our experienced generation, we need you to help train our newer members, your skills and knowledge is beneficial trackside.

With the warmer weather coming it's time to remind you all of the need to be both sun smart and hydrated during the warmer day's trackside. Check your sunscreen's use by date, remember if it's out of date throw it out and get new one, it's no good if it's too old. Also, with the warmer weather it's a good time to take your wet weather gear out of your bag and both wash and air it out so there is no risk of any mould etc starting to grow as a result of the many wet days trackside lately. Check you have a decent hat, sunglasses, and hydrolyte in your bag.

In some good news it's good to see some improvements have been undertaken at Mallala post 1 recently. There have been some extra dirt mounds placed around the edges of the post to build up to the cement base to remove the risk of a person stepping of the cement base to the ground. Currently the mound is just dirt and at the recent meetings the area became very muddy as result of the wet weather, after discussion with Derek, (Groundsman), he advised they are wanting the area to grow grass to match in with the rest of the grass area, he has agreed to place some carpet on the ground area when we are trackside to reduce the mud area and slipperiness to our marshals working in the area. This has occurred as a result of good communication between SAMROA and Mallala, let's keep up the good work and I encourage you if you have any concerns, please raise them with myself or the committee.

Take care and stay safe.

Cheers,

Cathy Sinton - T&CC + WHS

Promotions Report

Welcome all to my first Promotions report.

Back in April I initiated contact with Bunning's Parafield to have a Promotional/Recruitment Display Day.

Given a date of the 25th September the work began, I recruited the help of Nick Papanikalaou who was only too willing to help. We were very fortunate to get [Coast FM](#), [Misch's Mechanical](#), [Williams Tuning](#) and of course [Bunnings](#) onboard with this adventure. A lot of work behind the scenes was done before we were on the display.

One can only imagine the amount of e-mails and phone calls that were made over nearly 6months to bring this to fruition. On that note, I would like to personally thank Nick P, Janelle and Owen for all the unseen help given. Thank you so much.

Come the morning of the 25th September it was a little chaotic in the best possible way with setting up, 2 superkarts arriving at 8:30 am, 2 Excels being dropped off and parked up in position and 2 Regularity cars too.



Through the course of the day, we had a lot of general inquiries as to who we are and what we do and gained 4 expressions of interest with 2 eager to come out on the weekend of the 9th&10th October to participate in an Event.

Bunning's were very impressed and pleased with the way the day went from set up to pack up and extended an invitation to come back.



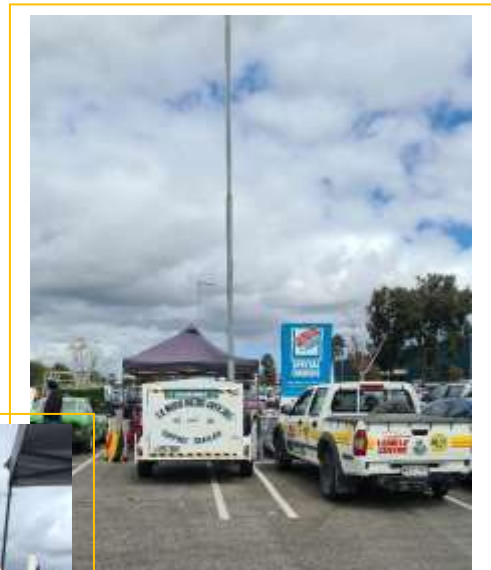


I must thank those who came out on the day to promote SAMROA:

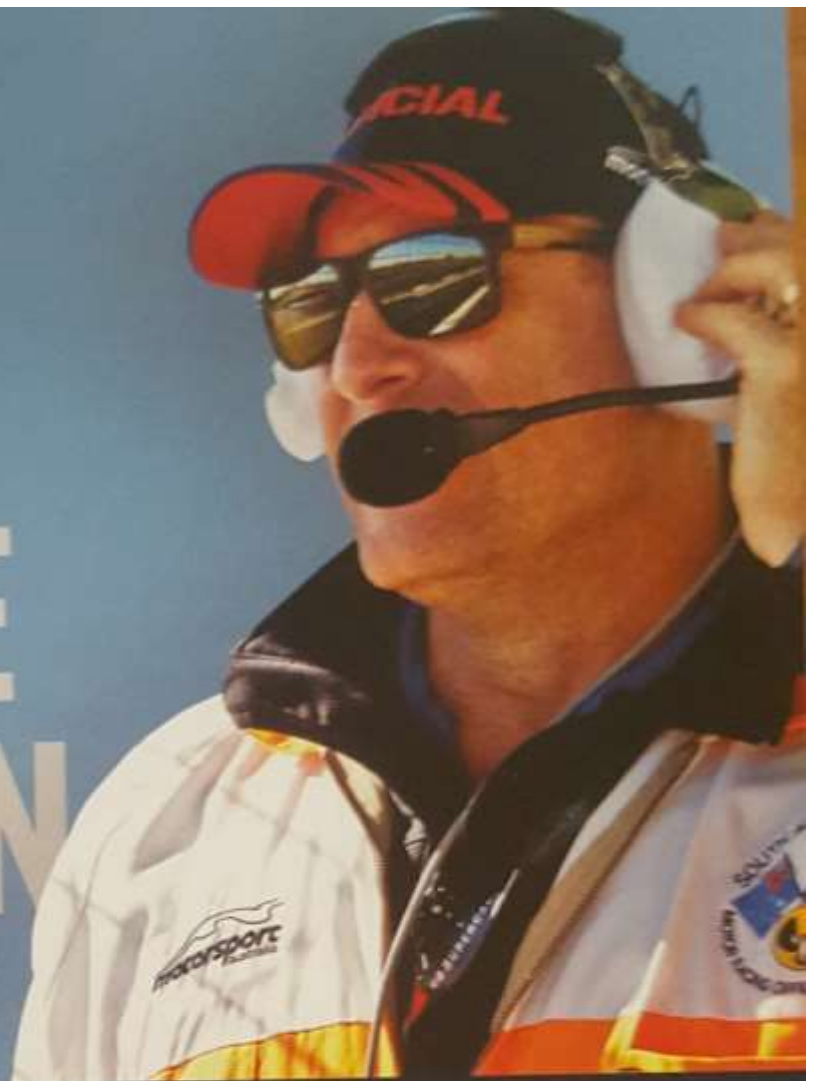
Nick & Paul Pap, Steve Clift, Owen Smith, Niki Jay, Ray McGuiness, Steve Lewis and Peter Stevens. Hopefully I haven't missed anyone.

All in all, it was a great day and we look forward to the next one.

Deb Squires



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