

**July 2023****Official Bulletin of the Sprite Club of SA**

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A slightly delayed Burble this month I'm sorry! Its been a bit busy around here!

Despite the miserable weather, June was still a month packed with motorsport and hill climbs, even if the weather gods attempted to blow the cars away and, thanks to Pat, we managed to get a Mid Week Run when, amazingly, the clouds held the rain up in the sky for a day with a run through the southern hills to Strath for a visit to Ben Finnis's Collectible Cars and then onto lunch in Echunga.

Looking forward we have some great events coming up that members can hopefully participate in, starting today with a trip to the movies to support Ruth Otterwil fund raising and then next weekend it's the Big Race at Clive's Scalex World! We have a couple of teams already from the Club and the ClubbiesSA and Clive is rounding up some more competition from possibly the Rover Club and the 'Topless Club' (topless sports cars that is). I'm told some Sprite Club members have been out practicing ... don't tell them I might exercise 'Presidents Prerogative' and dock them some laps from the start! It should be a great day! For those who can I encourage you to come out to the Rezz for breakfast with the Clubbies before hand, otherwise we will see you at Scalex World at 10 (see below for more details).

Looking further forward, Don and Elaine are bringing back the Pie and Peas night again. Please let them know if you are coming and if you can bring a savoury or a sweet dish to accompany a Sprite Club rendition of a South Australian delicacy. The annual dinner is also locked in for Hut and Soul followed quickly by the next instalment of Russell and Judy's mystery meanders.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of everyone who contributed to getting a new Constitution up and agreed. We managed to achieve this with a minimum of fuss thanks to the willingness of people to contribute to their ideas for the betterment of the Club. As a result we have a re-vamped membership program and the Conditional Registration requirements have not only been updated to the current State regulations, but I feel it makes us a destination club for many BMC and British Leyland cars that may not be well supported within SA right now which bodes well for our future.

Happy driving!

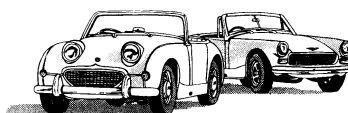
Robin Dunk  
President, Sprite Club of SA

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### **Technical Tip (#7)**

Fuel – we all know the stories that fuel goes off in the tanks of our cars and most people will say 'about a month' is all the additives are good for, but how long are they really and how quickly does it actually degrade?

Well, the degradation starts as soon as the additives are mixed in but it's not as dire as you might think. Yes, some of the 'good stuff' does indeed vaporise off but in truth its closer to three to four months from the time its added into the tank. So, lets do a quick timeline ... the additives get added to the tanker carrying it to the petrol station, not the bulk holdings and, in most cases, it's a direct trip, so lets allow about a week. The tanks at your local petrol station get turned over fairly regularly. A busy city station might go through its underground holdings in 2-4 weeks and a country bowser perhaps closer to 1-2 months, so lets allow an average of 6 weeks (running total 7 wks). Now you can see where the 'about a month' is coming from! Its not a bad guess



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But what does this really mean – well, your fuel could be as fresh as a week or as old as several months, all depending on where you bought it from and how often they turn over their fuel holdings. That’s without considering the mixing of ‘old’ and ‘new’ fuel as the tanker refills the tanks.

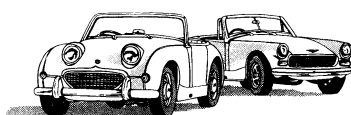
So, my Tech Tip of the month – if you are starting the car after a few months, perhaps the first place to go is to the petrol station and just top up the tank with fresh fuel and then go for a drive through the hills! It just might be a bit hard to wake up that first start!

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## Coming Events

For full schedule, refer to the events calendar

- 2 Jul  
Sunday**                    **ClubbiesSA 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month**  
Perfect Note Café, 168 Main Road, Blackwood
- 3 Jul  
Monday**                    **General Meeting and Special Meeting + Wine and Cheese**  
Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park. Following the General Meeting, a Special Meeting will be held to consider amendments to the Club Constitution and vote on its ratification.  
Wine and Cheese will be served following the Special Meeting  
*Remember to sign in the attendance book! Refreshments will be served.*
- 9 Jul  
Sunday**                    **Cancer Care Centre Fundraiser – Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny**  
Capri Cinema, Goodwood (tickets via TryBooking.com)
- 16 Jul  
Sunday**                    **ClubbiesSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at the Rezz Hotel**  
The Rezz Hotel, 0830
- 16 Jul  
Sun**                         **Sprite Car Club (SA) Slot Car Cup**  
Scalex World, 3 Paul Street Ridgehaven  
*Think you’ve got quick reflexes and hot wheels? The most hotly contested racing event on any calendar is back in 2023, bigger and better than ever. Meet at the Rezz Hotel for a coffee with the Clubbies and the meander over to Ridgehaven where the rubber will hit the road at Grant’s Scalex World complex with practice starting at 1000 sharp. Racing will start at 1100 with a ‘LeMans’ style team racing format with six team of 4 drivers competing at a time. BBQ across in the park afterwards or in the event of poor weather we will find a local pub for lunch! Members affiliated Sprite Clubs who might be in Adelaide that weekend and members from the MG Car Club (SA), Austin Healey Owners Club and of course Clubbies SA are most welcome form their own teams and join us ... and try and win!  
It’s rumoured that one member has pulled their own slot car track out of the attic to practice! \$20 charge per person.*
- 23 Jul  
Sun**                         **SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb (Round 3)**  
Collingrove
- 6 Aug  
Sunday**                    **ClubbiesSA 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month**  
Perfect Note Café, 168 Main Road, Blackwood
- 7 Aug  
Monday**                    **General Meeting**  
Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park.  
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- 13 Aug (Sunday)**        **MSCA SuperSprint (Mallala)**
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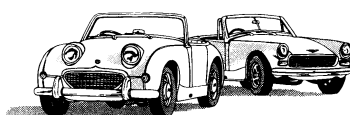
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<b>20 Aug Sunday</b>	<b>ClubbiesSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at the Rezz Hotel</b> The Rezz Hotel, 0830
<b>20 Aug Sunday</b>	<b>SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb (Round 4)</b> Collingrove
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Aug Saturday</b>	<b>Pie and Peas Dinner</b> Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park. <i>Pie and peas. Who would have thought it was a classic South Australian meal. Rumoured to have originated in Port Augusta of all places, the Sprite Club has well and truly embraced this culinary institution with a night dedicated to pies, floating upside down, in a bowl of peas!</i>

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**Upcoming Events to Note:**

<b>16 Sep Sat</b>	<b>51<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner</b> Hut and Soul, 310 Pulteney Street, Adelaide
<b>20 Sep Wed</b>	<b>Russell and Judy's Mid Week Meander Mystery Run</b> Meet Tilley Reserve, 0930 for a 1000 departure. Total Run approx. 120km
<b>1 Oct Sun</b>	<b>Picnic Run to Collingrove Historic Hillclimb</b> Run details TBA
<b>3 Nov Fri</b>	<b>John Blanden's Climb to the Eagle</b> Victoria Park
<b>5 Nov Sun</b>	<b>Annual Sprite Club Display Day</b> Wigley Reserve
<b>22-25 Mar</b>	<b>Sprite and Midget Nationals</b> Wodonga



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