

# SUPER KARTS

April 2026



Newsletter of the Victorian Superkart Club Inc.

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# NEXT CLUB MEETING

**General Meeting**  
**April 8**  
**At 8:00 PM**



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Hi Everyone,

The Nationals at Phillip Island proved to be a fantastic event, drawing over 60 entrants and delivering exciting, competitive racing across all classes. A huge congratulations go out to Club members Russ Occhipinti, Colin McIntyre, and Mick Bakker for capturing National Titles, along with recognition to the other Victorian drivers who achieved podium finishes—your hard work and dedication truly paid off. Unfortunately, the weekend was marred by a serious incident involving two New Zealand drivers. Daniel Shaw required an emergency airlift to hospital and is currently recovering from multiple serious injuries. Despite the circumstances, Daniel remains in good spirits and is surrounded by the support of his family. For those who would like to assist, there is a GoFundMe page to help with his recovery and expenses while he remains in Australia. The Club has already contributed \$2,000 to support Daniel during this challenging time.



If you wish to donate you will find the link on our Facebook page.

On that note, there has been much discussion about driver standards lately, with a few recent serious crashes, we cannot stress enough that motor racing is dangerous; we do this sport for fun and plastic cups, so please take care on the track. Due to this, we will be keeping a close eye on the races and will be applying penalties where needed. I will be taking on the role of Driving Standards Observer while I'm out of the seat.

Stay safe, and see you at the track.!

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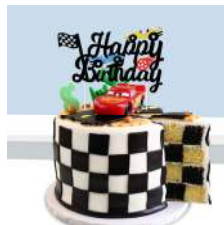
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**VICTORIAN SUPERKART CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING**  
Held on 11th MARCH 2026  
ONLINE.

**In Attendance:** Jeremy Crust, Rolf Greve, Rod Clarke, Rob Strah, Tom Roe, Zahra Scarcella, Jordy McIntyre, Scott Williams.

**Apologies:** Scott & Lincoln Appledore, Warren Cramer, Phoenix Cramer.

**Chair Person:** Jeremy Crust.

**Meeting Open:** 8:13pm

**Previous Minutes**    **Moved:** Rolf Greve                      **Seconded:** Jeremy Crust

**Correspondence In:** Entries, Trophy invoice, Network Press invoice, PIARC reminder, Wild Apricot reminder and invoice.

**Correspondence Out:** Newsletters, Entries.

**Moved:** Rod Clarke                      **Seconded:** Jordy McIntyre

**Treasurer Report:** as Tabled by Rob Strah    **Seconded:** Rod Clarke

**Membership Report:** N/A

**State Council Report:** No meeting.

**SNTC Report:** Rotax ECU testing to be done at Nationals.

Standing Regs to be uniform across all states to come in line with new rule book. Submissions required.  
Pointscore for Triple Challenge events to be the same system at all four events.

**General Business:**

- Zahra went and visited Daniel Shaw in hospital, he is in good spirits but still has a long recovery. Jess & Zahra to organise a card for members to sign at Broadford and possibly have a fundraiser of some sort. Zahra will also organise a gift, possibly a framed photo.

Vic club to donate \$2000 to his GoFund Me. Motion: Rolf Greve Second: Rod Clarke Vote: Passed.

- Some of our Dorians require service and repair, Jordy McIntyre to organise. We also have one missing #97 If anyone knows the whereabouts please let us know.

- Rod is due to have a zoom meeting with Continental Tyres to discuss sponsorship of the State Title at Sandown. Date of the event has been changed to August 7-9. Rob is also trying to organise some corporate sponsorship from Nippon Sanso Aus.

- Calder relay. Jeremy to print flyers for members to hand out at sprint events in the hope of attracting some TAG drivers. KA rules, weights and tyres.

- Tom had invited the new head of MA Josh Blanksby to come to the Nationals to get a first hand look at grass roots motorsport, he was unable to attend and had said that State & Competition Racing Manager Bruce Astbury would attend but he did not make it due to an event the night before.

- AASA newsletter will publish articles from us if we have someone write them, so if anyone feels capable of doing this please let us know.

- Discussion on Driver Standards and Drivers Briefing. Recent drivers briefings have been very light on content and many drivers are not paying attention, also on track driver standards are slipping with a lot of avoidable incidents occurring. As such we will be keeping a closer eye on racing and penalties will be applied for dangerous driving. Jeremy will be acting as a driver standards observer at the next few events. Driver debriefs will also be happening after incidents to better understand how/why incidents have occurred.

**Meeting Close -**        9:23 pm



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ROUND 4 GOLD NUGGET **OCT 3-4**  
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# RACE RESULTS

## ASE Australian Championship



Above: 250cc International



Above: 250/450cc National



Above: 125cc Open



Above: N.G.B. Light



Above: NGB Heavy



Above: NGB Super Heavy



# RACE RESULTS

## ASE Australian championship

### 250cc International.

Race No.	Name	State	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Final	Points
11	Ilya Harpas	SA	1	1	1	1	105
4	Paul Clark	WA	3	3	3	2	72
3	Brett Burvill	WA	2	2	2	DNF	60

### 250/450cc National.

Race No.	Name	State	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Final	Points
26	John Bakker	VIC	DNF	1	1	1	80
28	Geo Caon	SA	2	3	2	2	80
43	Paul Snaith	SA	5	4	4	3	56

### 125cc Open. Sponsored by Woodgate Racing

Race No.	Name	State	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Final	Points
22	Tyler Edney	NZ	1	1	1	1	105
1	Tim Clarke	VIC	10	2	2	2	70
10	Gary Pegoraro	VIC	3	3	6	3	61

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Race No.	Name	State	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Final	Points
93	Russ Occhipinti	VIC	5	2	1	1	86
78	Doug Savage	SA	1	1	4	3	82
98	Sanuja Perera	VIC	4	4	2	2	70

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Race No.	Name	State	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Final	Points
1	Colin McIntyre	VIC	3	1	1	1	96
26	Christian Amadio	SA	4	2	2	2	77
22	Sebastien Amadio	SA	2	3	3	5	64

### N.G.B. Super Heavy. Sponsored by OZ Design Nunawading

Race No.	Name	State	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Final	Points
14	Scott Evans	SA	1	1	1	1	105
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27	Rod Clarke	VIC	2	2	3	3	75



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# Reflections

1979

## State Title Calder Park June 1979.

With some twenty Interstate entries the 70 Victorian Road race Championships looked like being a real thriller despite the cold conditions and gale force winds that made turning a real headache.

### 125cc Class:

As now is proving to be the rule, rather than the exception, the 125cc class was the most hotly contested. Steve Aaron from N.S.W. was the man, who, after much duelling with South Australian Ian Williams, took out the honours. The slipstreaming between these two was really something to see. Jeff Underhill made his long haul from Queensland worthwhile by taking home the third place trophy.

### 250 Nationals:

It was good to see ex non gearbox driver, John Lawson become man of the day in his first run with his new high powered gear. South Australian Keith Jones was second, ahead of a somewhat distant Bob Guy from Victoria.

### 250 International:

The 250 Internationals, with entries from all the Superstars ended up rather disappointing. Although he entered, Hugh Jones was unable to make the trip, John Fouracre had electronic problems all day and Doug Down was having a "God knows what" kind of day. This left Arch Hill to streak away after some early troubles to win from Warren Thompson and Robin Kirk. (This was to be Robin's first success.)

### Without Gearbox:

Vic Bon won the 100cc International in his laydown kart. Second and having his first taste of road racing was Michael Bysouth, with Garry Jones coming in third.

100cc Box stock went to the ever popular Kerry Bysouth who was followed home by Lindsay Gray and John Hawkins in that order.

### The Mighty 80's.

Russell Atkinson headed the new experimental gearbox class home in front of the ultra reliable Ross Gray and Joe Lawrence. Graeme Williams was unlucky in not being placed after being bought unstuck by a newcomer in the fourth heat.

All in all it was a great day of racing made even greater by the great voice of "Olly" Edworthy.

## Winton August 5 1979.

Although the entry was small, probably because the weather was bad in Melbourne the V.K.A.R.R.D. (Victorian Karting Association, Road Race Division) put on an enjoyable day's racing for those that made the effort to attend. Pity the others did not realise the sun usually shines on Winton.

### Teams Racing:

The teams racing was the highlight of the day and proved that novelty events like this can liven up a club day. With more thought and pre-planning it is felt that this kind of racing could be introduced with big prizes to attract entries. There was certainly no lack of enthusiasm or entertainment in this one.

### 250 cc:

The surprise of the day was John Lawsons win in the combined class. He has his single Suzuki flying around Winton in 1:30 min's, which is no mean feat, even for a watercooled twin. A good attendance of P plate drivers augers well for the future of road race.

### 80 and 125cc:

The 80cc class had eleven entries and Joe Lawrence was king on the day. The 125cc class saw close racing between Paul Stebbing, Alan Miller and Bruce Jolly.

### FINAL RESULTS:

#### 80CC:

1st: Joe Lawrence, 2nd: Lindsay Roberts, 3rd: Graeme Williams.

#### 125cc:

1st: Paul Stebbing, 2nd: Alan Miller, 3rd: Bruce Jolly.

#### 250cc:

1st: John Lawson, 2nd: Doug Down, 3rd: Richard Jagger.

#### Teams Race:

1st: Paul Stebbing, 2nd: Bruce Jolly, 3rd: Joe Lawrence.

#### Handicap:

1st: Noel Sargent, 2nd: Bruce Holly, 3rd: Joe Lawrence.





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## Stebbing takes Australian Superkart crown

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY hosted the 1985 Australian Superkart Championship on August 18, and at the end of the intense five heat competition, defending champion Paul Stebbing had retained his crown.

Without Australian GP winner Chris Lambden in the field, Stebbing's opposition came from leading Adelaide pilot Gerard Siebert, these two waging their own private battle for the title.

In the end, it was a very close thing. Stebbings — interestingly with backing from Victoria's Indoor Cricket Arenas — set the early pace and won the first three heats, all from Siebert. But then the South Australian began to come to grips with the different power characteristics of his new power-valve, water-cooled Rotax engine and stormed the final two races.

The points tally in the end showed just how close it was: Stebbing 1903, Siebert 1702.

While these two monopolised the front running, the competition for the next places in the 24 machine field was very, very close. South Australian Warren Thompson eventually took third overall, driving a unique Superkart powered by two 125cc Suzuki water-cooled engines. This was the first ap-

pearance for the "double", and it shows strong potential.

Other leading lights in this scrap for third outright were David Duncombe (SA), Peter Woodgate (Vic), Bruce Jolley (Vic), Bruce Williams (Vic) and young Victorian Paul Lawson.

The latter was extremely lucky to step basically uninjured from a high speed crash into the wall entering the Bowl when a rear wheel detached itself as the youngster came on to the straight. His 240 kph machine was totally destroyed. Seasoned Victorian Doug Downs and Superkart newcomer Simon Kane (NSW) were also both uninjured after virtually identical rotations into the wall entering the Bowl — but both machines were extensively damaged.

The three supporting classes also produced some very close competition.

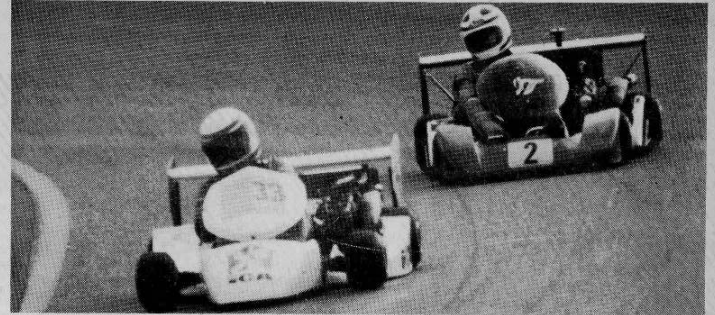
The 250 National (single cylinder) category was also effectively a two-man affair but this time, the champion established himself convincingly.

Despite the constant attentions of Victorian veteran Ross Gray, Sydney's Alan Miller won all five heats to sew up a well-earned title.

New South Wales took its second title when Paul Hillman wrapped up the 125cc class, being just too quick on the day for Darryl Belskyj (SA) and Bruce Barclay (Vic). The largest field contested the popular 80cc category, and here Russell Caddy (Vic) came out on top, from Queensland's Murray Johnson and Glen Robertson (SA).

Results:  
Superkart (250cc twin cylinder): 1. Paul Stebbing 1803; 2. Gerard Siebert 1702; 3. Warren Thompson 915; 250 National: 1. Alan Miller 2005; 2. Ross Gray 1500; 3. Eric Abdilla 1125. 125cc: 1. Paul Hillman 1803; 2. Darryl Belskyj 1278; 3. Bruce Barclay 1151. 80cc: 1. Russell Caddy 1428; 2. Murray Johnson 1203; 3. Glen Robertson 1189.

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**AUSTRALIAN SUPERKART RACING is set for its biggest**



ABOVE: Stebbing, in the ICA-backed EDR-Rotax heads Siebert through AIR's Bowl.

publicity boost ever with the confirmation of an international series here later in the year.

With several of the world's leading drivers coming from Europe for the series, the highlight — in terms of illustrating the formula's potential to the public — is a demonstration race scheduled for the Sunday morning of the Formula 1 Grand Prix, in Adelaide.

This particular event is being used by the promoters to show the speed and spectacle of Superkarting to a huge audience — and they won't be disappointed. The leading Europeans can be expected to smash the Touring Car lap record, which will have been set the previous day...

The series itself will kick off the weekend before, at Calder Park's big Formula Mondial World Cup meeting, with two races scheduled to be part of Channel 7's coverage of the meeting. The week following the Grand Prix, the international Superkart contest will be top billing at a full kart meeting at Adelaide International Raceway — with three more races counting towards the series, and a longer, GP-type finale.

Currently confirmed as starters are Superkarting's most famous son, former World Champ Martin Hines (UK), Danish star Torge Kleppe, and former World Cup and British GP winner Steve Styrin. The

series promoters are hopeful of negotiating sufficient backing to also bring out 1984/85 World Champ Lennart Bohlin (Sweden), European champion Reg Gange (UK) and other leading world figures.

New Zealand champion Jim Rouse, teamed up with former champ John Hamilton, under PDL Industries sponsorship, heads a strong contingent from across the Tasman.

Australia's challenge will be headed by newly crowned

double champion Paul Stebbing and championship rival Gerard Siebert, while former British Champ and AGP winner Chris Lambden (yes, AA Editor too) has some new machinery on its way to Australia for the series.

All in all, a field of between 30 and 40 will likely provide the sort of spectacle which, it is hoped, will lead to a further boost in the formula here — in line with its World Championship Grand Prix status in Europe.

time until around 5 pm. The rally section is scheduled to start at around 6.30 pm and covers 120 km through the Wyong Forest area, finishing at 8 pm.

THE MMAL Car club will conduct the fourth round of the Autocross Super Series on September 8. It will be held at the HMAS Cerberus track. Entries are open to members of the following clubs: Cerberus CC, FFCC, NCCA, CAC, PIARC, VWCC, LCCA, CRBCC, PCCV and MMAL Car Club. Sponsorship for the event has been provided by Peninsula Balancing Service, Kendon Auto Electrical, Pedders Suspension (Frankston), Melbourne Suspension Services, Rallyquip, Manningham Automotive & Mechanical and Eastside Mitsubishi. Enquiries to: Event Secretary Darren Farrell on (03) 857 6188 (AH) or Gary Rowe (03) 850 6008 (AH).



THE Central Coast Car Club are to host what is being billed as the "Central Coast Motor Games" on September 14. The event is a combination of two separate events, an autocross and a closed forest rally. Starting at 2 pm at the club's grounds at Jillyby Park, 5 km west of Wyong, the autocross will con-



Above Paul at Calder

Below are a couple of old pictures of Paul, Bottom left is in his 125cc kart from around 1980.



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**LONG-TIME VICTORIAN** superkart driver Peter Woodgate will soon be heading off for a racing holiday in Europe, including racing at the British Superkart Grand Prix.

He has been offered a drive with Sandy Dalgarno from Scotland, whom Peter crewed for during last year's International Series held in Australia. Sandy was so happy with the hard-working Woodgate he made him an offer he could not refuse. It should be interesting to see how he performs in the big European race, in which over 100 Superkarts usually try to qualify for the 50 GP grid positions.

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**EUROPE'S TOP SUPER-KART** event, the British Superkart Grand Prix, was run over the weekend of August 9 and 10 and provided the upset of the year.

South African driver Wade Nelson arrived at the meeting with a brand new 4-bearing Dino and a Russell Anderson prepared Rotax, all purchased just days before the event, and blew them all away.

It was no fluke win either. Wade exploded the jinx which in all GPs to date has stopped the pole position man from winning by taking out the pre-final as well. With the timed practice and qualifying races held in the dry, a torrential downpour shortly before the start produced the first wet British GP ever — which contributed to the downfall of championship leader Lennart Bohlin.

## SUPERKART SCENE



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The Swede's engine became waterlogged and he fell back, but picked up enough points to go into the final round in Germany this weekend (at the Nurburgring) tied for the championship lead with Martin Hines (fourth in the GP) and Paul Peterson (second). Interestingly, this trio comprises the three World Superkart Champions to date.

The final round of the Euro-

pean Championship was run on the Saturday of the GP meeting and resulted in a win for Roger Goff, Martin Hines' Zip teammate. However fifth in this race was enough to win the European crown for Hines, ahead of Phil Glencross.

Australian Peter Woodgate suffered a string of engine problems during the early part of the meeting and was unable to take part in the main event. With a substitute engine however, he did take out a win in a supporting non-championship race.

For those who can't quite imagine the speeds at Silverstone (250 kph on the straights), we hear that the tyres on some of the faster men's machinery were only lasting two laps before the rears blistered . . .

This weekend's decider at the Nurburgring shares the bill with the next round of the World Sports Car Championships.



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FEBRUARY			
	1	Round ONE Club Championship	Broadford
	11	Club meeting	On line
	28	ASE Championship day 1	Phillip Island
MARCH			
	1	ASE Championship day 2	Phillip Island
	11	Club meeting	On line
	28	Round TWO Club Championship	Broadford
APRIL			
	8	Club meeting	On line
MAY			
	2 & 3	QLD Cup & Triple Challenge round ONE	Queensland Raceway
	3	Round THREE Club Championship	Calder
	13	Club Meeting	On line
JUNE			
	7	ADL G.P. & Triple Challenge round TWO	The Bend
	10	Club Meeting	On line
JULY			
	5	Round FOUR Club Championship	Broadford
	8	Club Meeting	On line
	26	Steve Aaron & Triple Challenge round THREE	ONE Raceway
AUGUST			
<b>NEW DATE</b>	7 - 9	Round FIVE Club Championship—STATE TITLE	Sandown
	12	Club Meeting	On line
SEPTEMBER			
	10	Club A.G.M.	T.B.A.
OCTOBER			
	3 & 4	Round SIX, Gold Nugget, & Triple Challenge round FOUR	Winton
	8	Club Meeting	On line
NOVEMBER			
	11	Club Meeting (Last for the year)	On line
	15	Round SEVEN Club Championship	Phillip Island
	21	50th Anniversary dinner	TBA

Dates & Events may be subject to change.

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