

SPEED TIMES

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

From the Chair

The interest and activity in Speed Week and land speed racing in general continues to be nothing short of amazing. This is best demonstrated by the number of new entrants we continue to see each year. For some it is a bucket-list experience, but for others that get bitten, it becomes a long-term passion. There are so many people out in their garages building or preparing for next year.

In anticipation of these increasing numbers, we have even had discussions about capping entries for Speed Week, at this stage just to determine what would be capacity and to ensure entrants could still get an acceptable number of runs over the week. We are still some ways from having to do this, even with all the efficiencies that we have built in, but not as far as you would think.

I have held off as long as I could to determine if and when we could run another World Speed Trials Australia. Given the predictions by the Australian Government they are still saying that it will be March or later still before Australia will allow international visitors back into the country, so running an event of this type is definitely not feasible in 2022. If we are lucky, we may be able to consider it in 2023, let's hope so.

It is with great sadness that we learn that Ray Cooke (Stan) from Team Speed passed away last week. Godspeed Stan.

Volunteers

The DLRA is incredibly pleased to announce the appointment of Gemma Dunn as our new Volunteer Coordinator. Gemma has been working on a proposal to make some improvements to the way in which we manage our volunteers based on the work she has done for the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia and her work with the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games organising committee.

In this proposal, there will be team leaders identified for each of the core areas and they can be supported by any number of expert team members and volunteers. These people are separate and additional to the officials (Chiefs) that you are used to seeing and will free these officials up to concentrate on the very important jobs. They can be entrants, members or just people wanting to become involved with Speed Week. They will receive appropriate training with practical and realistic expectations defined well before the event.

What we are looking for now are people to step forward to become team leaders in the following areas: set-up, technical inspection, impound, lake entry, pre-stage, start line, timing, merchandise and pack-up.

As a team leader you will be required to organise and train the volunteers in your team at the start of each session, but there is no expectation that you to be required all day, every day. Importantly for entrants, team leader duties will get you credit as having done your duty for the volunteer register. If this sounds like something that would interest you please contact: drylakesracersau@hotmail.com



DLRA CALENDAR

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6th September, 4th October, 1st November 2021

GENERAL MEETINGS

Pending COVID-19 lockdown regulations. The next General Meeting will be on the 15th of August 2021 starting at 11.00am. It will be held at NSSRC club rooms, 24/196 Settlement Rd, Thomastown VIC.

WORKING BEE

30th October to 2nd November 2021

SPEED WEEK 2022

28th February to Friday 4th March 2022

Speed Week 2022

Organisation for Speed Week 2022 is well under way. We already have approval from the Department of Environment and Water for the dates. There have been significant changes to the number and management structure of parks in South Australia with a new Gawler Ranges Parks Co-Management Agreement being drafted for the amalgamation of Lake Gairdner National Park and the Gawler Ranges National Park and are now waiting for this be made available. A request for an agreement with the Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation has been sent.

I also have a request in with the SA Department of Health regards what COVID-19 requirements may be placed on us for 2022.

We have selected the vehicles to be featured on the Speed Week 2022 logo, I think you will like them.

We plan to open for entries at the start of October 2021 and pre-entries will close on the 13th February 2022.

There will be a small administrative change from 2022. Once you have successfully gone through technical inspection and returned your form to registration so that you can get your sticker, we will be taking a copy of the relevant pages in your logbook. This copy will be held by registration to be referred to by the inspectors when and if required.

It should be noted that when a vehicle that has previously had a logbook that is not produced or lost it will incur a total new vehicle inspection.

We anticipate the 2022 rule book will be published late August or September. Gary has been going through the updates for the SCTA book now to see what has changed. The next newsletter will include a summary of all the changes.

Expect a re-write of the roll cages section for 2023. This will provide more detail and clarification mainly for monocoque type vehicles, especially bracing and the way that the cages are attached to the body. If you are building a car now, you are strongly advised to contact Lionel (Chief Car Inspector) or Bob (Technical Chairman).

There are two significant changes that we will be introducing for 2022 for cars.

The first relates to the quantity of trim pieces or flammable material inside the cabin, where possible we will be encouraging entrants to reduce this to a minimum. Each category will have a general rule and then each class will make additional requirements.

The second change refers to car drivers' safety equipment, please note the following.

Bold = Inserted, ~~cross-out~~ = delete

3.A DRIVER'S CLOTHING:

All drivers shall wear a driver's suit, boots, gloves, head sock/**Balaclava** or helmet skirt, **as required by the category being contested.**

~~Protective underwear is highly recommended.~~ All items shall be in clean and serviceable condition. It is advisable not to wear synthetic clothing material under the driver's suit. All drivers' suits shall be SFI or FIA certified and have the SFI rating tag attached **where applicable.**

3.A.1 MINIMUM DRIVER'S SUIT REQUIREMENTS:

Type of Vehicle

Blown front engine cars over 175 MPH

Suit SFI 3.2A/20 **with full SFI/FIA certified underwear**

Boots SFI 3.3/15 **20 (highly recommended 2022, mandatory 2023)**

Gloves SFI 3.3/15 **20 (highly recommended 2022, mandatory 2023)**

Head sock/**Balaclava** SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000/2018, and **Helmet skirt meeting SFI3.3/10 as a minimum.**

All other cars over 175 MPH

Suit SFI 3.2A/15 **with full SFI/FIA certified underwear**

Boots SFI 3.3/5 or FIA 8856-2000/2018

Gloves SFI 3.3/5 or FIA 8856-2000/2018

Head sock/**Balaclava** SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000/2018

All vehicles under 175 MPH

Suit SFI 3.2A-~~3.4~~/10 or 5 ~~with full Nomex underwear~~ or FIA **8856-2000/2018 with full SFI/FIA certified underwear**

Boots SFI 3.3/5 or FIA 8856-2000/2018

Gloves SFI 3.3/5 or FIA 8856-2000/2018

Head sock/**Balaclava** SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000/2018



Date: June 22, 2021

To: SFI Member/Affiliate Sanctioning Bodies, Consumers, and Manufacturers

From: SFI Foundation, Inc.

Notice of Counterfeit SFI Labels on Driver Restraints Sold by RASTuning Parts through Amazon.com

Please note that SFI has found harnesses sold by **RAStuning Parts** which bear counterfeit SFI labels stating that the manufacturer certifies that their products meet the applicable SFI Specs.

RAStuning Parts harnesses have not been submitted for testing by SFI, and RASTuning Parts is not enrolled in any SFI program.

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FEES for 2022

Some of the fees associated with Speed Week have been increased for the first time in over five years, this is in spite of the increases that the club has absorbed to date. The DLRA do it's very best to keep the fees as low as possible to make attending and competing at Speed Week affordable for everyone.

The entry fee was \$375.00 and is now \$400.00, additional class entry has gone up \$5.00, second entrant using the same vehicle has gone from \$275.00 to \$300.00, late entry fee has gone from \$200.00 to \$250.00 (note here you can always get a refund or roll-over), replacement logbook has gone from \$50.00 to \$100.00, a replacement licence will be \$10.00, printed rule books are now \$20.00, camping has gone up \$5.00 per night per person.

Joining and membership fees have stayed the same.

BUY, SELL, WANTED

CARAVAN WANTED

The club is looking for a replacement for the impound caravan which disintegrated as it was returned to the DLRA camp this year. Ideally it should be 15 to 20 feet in size and does not have to be fitted out inside. Ideally located as close to Lake Gairdner as possible.

If you see or know of anything please contact Greg Wapling phone: 0434 821 307 or email: president@dlra.org.au

DASH PLAQUES

Official DLRA Dash Plaques are available to all entrants who have made a pass on the lake. The plaques are made of aluminium, approximately 75 mm by 50 mm in size with the DLRA belly tank logo and will be engraved with your details. Sorry we will not sell blanks.

Download the order form, complete the details, and send it in to: <http://www.dlra.org.au/timing-plaques.htm>

Plaques are done in batches of ten, so out of season, it may take a while. Just \$30.00 including postage.

CONTRACT POSITIONS AVAILABLE

MATS

We have a job ideally for a local team or club to take up the mats at the edge of the lake at the completion of Speed Week on the Friday afternoon. Previously this was done by the Southern Flinders 4WD Club and they did a great job. Truck and trailer supplied. For a couple of hours work this is especially good money and an ideal fundraiser.

All enquiries, please contact Greg Wapling phone: 0434 821 307 or email: president@dlra.org.au

CLEANER

We are looking to employ a cleaner for the duration of Speed Week. Their job would be to maintain the ablution blocks at the camp and the portable toilets. It has been extremely difficult to get people to volunteer to clean the toilets and we have been left with no alternative. This will not take all day for someone to do, so what they wish to do for the rest of the day is up to them. Renumeration or a package is up for negotiation.

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DLRA MERCHANDISE

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T-shirt, White \$35.00:
Mens - S to 5XL
Ladies - 10 to 18



T-shirt, Black \$35.00:
Mens - S to 5XL
Ladies - 10 to 18



Singlets, Black \$25.00:
Mens - S-XL
Ladies - 12-16



2020 Stickers \$5.00



Metal Signs \$45.00



DLRA Hat Pin \$10.00



Speed Week Hat Pin \$10.00



**DLRA Bottle Opener
Key rings \$5.00**



DLRA Cloth Patch \$20.00



DLRA License Plates \$25.00



**2020 Speed Week
Tech Inspection Sticker
\$5.00**



**DLRA Members ONLY
License Plates \$30.00 +
postage
Special Order Only**

For the first time ever these are being offered for sale. We have a small amount of previous years available too. Get them while they last!

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