

SPEED TIMES

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SPEED WEEK 2022 IS CANCELLED!

I can't believe that I'm writing this again, but due to record rainfall over the lake and the surrounding area from Friday 21/01/2022 to Sunday 23/01/2022 we are left with no choice in cancelling Speed Week 2022.

Over the three days Mt. Ive received 181mm of rain (more than 60% of its annual average) with many of the surrounding homesteads receiving similar rainfall (Nonning - 131mm, Buckelboo - 165mm, Kimba - 160mm). This has been an exceptional event (some have called it once in a lifetime) and you have to go back to 1974 for the highest recorded totals.

It will be many months if not much longer for the area to recover from this amount of water in such a short time.

There is an estimated 500mm of very dirty standing water on the lake. From a flyover of the lake and surrounding area on Wednesday 26/01/2022, the rocks at the shoreline under the canteen are not visible and there were waves lapping at the shores.

Worse than that, all the surrounding roads are destroyed. The two creek crossings are washed out and are probably impassable and would definitely be after a little bit of traffic. The road into Mt. Ive station has a very large channel cut across it.

You will see from the photos just how much water and damage there is <https://www.dlra.org.au/2022-01.htm>. These are available for use with the correct accreditation captioned.

In making this decision we did consider what feasible options there were, including a postponement, but upon working through them, none of them would have worked, for a number of reasons. But most compelling is the widespread damage to all the sealed and outback roads washed away in the north-west region, it is going to take a considerable amount of time to affect the prioritized repairs required, plus the work that Mt. Ive will have to undertake at the homestead and on its private road to get access to the homestead and the lake.

The lake itself will take some time to heal, with dirty water, soil and other debris washed off from the surrounding hills onto the lake surface.

We respect the lake and the landowners around the lake, and we do not want to be responsible for any further damage or hardship to the region by introducing up to 1000 people to the area.

There are instructions and options for entrants and spectators who have already booked for 2022 on the DLRA web site. <https://www.dlra.org.au/2022.htm>

2020 was COVID, now 2022 it has been mother nature, we must be due for a change of luck.

FROM THE CHAIR

Well, you can't say we did not give it a go.

I'd just like to thank all those on committee this year for their time and effort. Especially the new blood, looking after the Volunteers in Gemma Dunn and Scott Bell. And to Pam Telford helping in the office with Carol. There is a lot that goes on that the normal members just do not see, but I really appreciate the Committee and Officials for all their hard work and dedication.

And thank you to all the entrants and members who have taken the time to contact me over the last week, I do appreciate it. Next year is going to be huge!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

With the cancellation of Speed Week, we have lost the opportunity to conduct the AGM on the Tuesday giving all those there the opportunity to go or listen in. It is now proposed to use the date for the General Meeting in Victoria as the AGM, we understand this is not ideal and is at short notice, but is probably the best option we have right now. At this stage I'm hoping to have a video conference setup like what we did last year. The idea is to get the agenda for the AGM out as soon as possible so that members can submit items for the agenda and/or submit proxy voting forms that will be attached to the agenda. If anyone has a problem with this or can suggest a better option, please get in contact with me as soon as possible.

SPEED WEEK 2022 ENTRIES

Entrants for 2022 who have lodged their entry forms and paid their fees please note that these will now roll over until next year. If you wish to apply for a refund, as per the entry form "if meeting is cancelled due to adverse weather conditions or force majeure" we reserve the right to withhold \$100 to help cover the cost of outings that are not recoverable to the club.

Could we ask that those members who had not yet entered to please still pay their annual subscription as this will really help the club financially.

FOR SALE

- * Blower pulleys and belt, new, 20% OD, GT 14mm x 1400, black anodized.
 - * 454 STD block and crank, 2 bolt
 - * 327 STD block, fuelie heads 461, 302 steel crank, rods.
 - * 400 STD Chev block and crank, 4 bolt.
 - * American SB Chev, CNC race alloy heads, 200cfm intake, 2.08 valves, complete, brand new.
 - * Kinsler three-piece mechanical injection for SB Chev.
- Call Peter on 0408 180 611 for price list.**

MERCHANDISE

Carol has a whole heap of fresh Speed Week 2022 merchandise; can I ask that you help support the club by placing an order for some.

- See order form this newsletter.

TECHNICAL - HELMETS

Helmets with a Snell rating label of 2010 are due expire on January 1, 2022.

NOTE 1: Helmets with a SA2015 or M2015 still have four years of life left. If you are buying a new helmet, look for the SA 2020 or M2020 certification.

NOTE 2: Most new helmets are dimensionally larger to meet the higher protection requirements in the new standards. We advise you to check the fit of the new helmet inside the roll cage structure of your vehicle. Rule 3.B.1 requires "a front hoop of the roll cage shall be at least three (3) inches in front of the driver while the driver is in his normal driving position."

EOI FOR HISTORIC STREAMLINER

Mike Davidson is unable to continue racing on the salt as he has a progressive neurological condition that has forced him into retirement and therefore his prized possession is up for sale.



Mike's dream to capture the world record for the fastest twin-engined Flathead powered streamliner began over 25 years ago when he and others put their heads together and the DLRA was born. The journey of building his own car began by hiring molds for the body from Arivetts in the USA and when his body was ready had extensive wind tunnel testing performed at the RAAF Edinburgh base.

The car can be entered into four different classes depending on how it is configured. In March 2017, driven by Kurt Dunn, the car achieved and official record of 230 mph on Lake Gairdner.

It does require further work to make it race ready again. Included in the sale is its own purpose-built trailer.

The sale is by expressions of interest and interest/offers should be emailed to Anne Davidson via email: anniebilly53@gmail.com by the 31/04/2022

GOLDEN TICKET

We have had a proposal put to us that when an event is cancelled, in return for forfeiting their fees, entrants be given a "golden ticket" that can be used in a daily draw for the next year to determine who goes first on the next day of racing. This is seen as a way for the club to retain some of the monies coming in to offset the cost of a cancelled event. If your ticket gets pulled out, that's it you don't get another go for the week, but it is transferrable at the ticket holders discretion. We will vote on this at the AGM. For those unable to attend, please use the proxy form attached to the AGM agenda.

EOI FOR SLAUGHTER STREAMLINER

Due to poor health Trevor is not going to be able to achieve his ambition.

This vehicle last competed at Lake Gairdner in 2014 in F/BFS trim. In 2013 it ran a class record of 253.700mph.



The team has stripped the car for maintenance and to get ready for the next attempt, but this was stopped in realization of our situation. The chassis has been designed and built to realistically take any combination you desire. BBC, AL elephant motors will all fit comfortably with room for ancillary equipment.

Looking to sell less engine and gear box. Included in the sale: Complete MOTEC system with all sensors. Dual axle trailer that the car was transported on. We were in the process of modifying the suspension with air bags so that the trailer could be dropped to the ground for loading to and from the start/finish lines. Specially fabricated stands which were used in transit to ensure no tyres were in contact with the floor of the trailer. Two 'A' frame gantries complete with strops and chain blocks used to lift the car off the trailer and onto work horses, this placed the car at a safe working height whilst engine runs etc., were undertaken in the pits.

This is a very difficult decision and quite a sad time for Trevor and the team that we are not going forward and as such we recognise and wish that the price is reasonable so that the sadness and disappointment can be minimalised for all concerned.

Contact Trevor on email: tnl.slaughter@bigpond.com or phone: 0448 345 075.



DLRA Calendar

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday 7th February 2022

GENERAL MEETINGS:
















The Annual General Meeting will be on the 13th of February 2022 starting at 11.00am. It will be held at NSSRC club rooms, 24/196 Settlement Road, Thomastown VIC.

DLRA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Delivery & Payment (Don't forget postage will be added)					
Name:					
Address:					
Suburb:			Postcode:		
Phone:		Email:			
I would like to pay by:		(YOU CAN SEND ORDERS TO secretary@dlra.org.au)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card		No:		Expiry: /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Transfer		BSB: 633 000; Account No: 1369 41648. Name: Dry Lakes Racers Australia. Please use your name as reference.			
<input type="checkbox"/> PayPal		We will send you a PayPal Invoice. Make sure you have written your email address above.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque		Please mail to: P.O. Box 349, Castlemaine, VIC, 3450.			
Signature:			Date:		
Office Use:		Received:		Paid:	
				Dispatched:	

See website www.dlra.org.au for complete merchandise order form

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

 <p>DLRA Hat Pin \$10.00</p>	 <p>Speed Week Hat Pin \$10.00</p>	 <p>DLRA Bottle Opener Key rings \$5.00</p>	 <p>2021 Speed Week Tech Inspection Sticker \$5.00</p> <p>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!</p>
 <p>DLRA License Plates \$25.00</p>	 <p>DLRA Members ONLY License Plates \$30.00 + postage Special Order Only</p>	 <p>DLRA Cloth Patch \$20.00</p>	
 <p>T-shirt, White \$35.00: Mens - S to 5XL Ladies - 10 to 18 Kids - 10-12-14</p>	 <p>T-shirt, Black \$35.00: Mens - S to 5XL Ladies - 10 to 18 Kids - 10-12-14</p>	 <p>Singlets, Black \$25.00: Mens - S-XL Ladies - 12-16</p>	 <p>2020 T-shirt, Black or white \$30.00 Plenty still in stock</p>
 <p>Stubbie Holders - \$10.00</p>	 <p>2020 Stickers \$5.00</p>	 <p>Metal Signs \$45.00</p>	 <p>2020 Singlet, Black or white \$20.00 Plenty still in stock</p>

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