

SPEED TIMES

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

FROM THE CHAIR

Organisation for Speed Week 2023 is well under way and we are doing everything in our power to be ready for March. But we are very conscious of the prediction for a third La Nina to sweep Australia in the coming months, how this will affect us we are unsure at this stage other than most areas still have very high soil moisture content, so any more rain will result in a lot of run off. The predictions is for most of this rain to fall on the east coast, but who knows.

As most will have seen, Bonneville was a washout this year after being hit by two big storms in 24 hours, just amazing when you consider the drought that most of America is experiencing this year and especially cruel as all the preparations had been completed. The Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials have now been cancelled as well and the USFRA are waiting to see if the World of Speed event will be cancelled as well. Not a good year for land speed. We have already received a number of enquiries, including the BUB7 team about competing at Lake Gairdner in 2023.

The plan to have a clean up at the lake did not happen because the lake, at least our part, still has water covering it.

So now we wait for the usual Working Bee in November. For those that do come to the working bee, bring your brush cutters as the camp is looking a bit overgrown with all this rain.

There may be another land speed record set at Lake Gairdner this year, the Emerates Team New Zealand (the Americas Cup winning sailing team) have built a land yacht to be driven by Glenn Ashby to contest the wind-powered land speed record. The current record stands at 203-kph and their craft has the potential to reach 250-kph given the correct conditions. The land yacht has already been shipped to Adelaide and they are just waiting for the waters to recede enough for them to make an attempt. Glenn has been a valuable resource as he has been out to the lake three times so far this year to check on the lake and has provided us with updates each time. We wish them all the luck in this endeavour.

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.



Looking north



Water being pushed across the lake

DLRA Calendar

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

5th September, 3rd October,
7th November, 5th December 2022

GENERAL MEETINGS: The next General Meeting will be on the 11th September 2022 starting at 11.00am. It will be held at NSSRC club rooms, 24/196 Settlement Rd, Thomastown VIC.

2023 SPEED WEEK: Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March 2023

SPEED WEEK 2023

The 2023 Speed Week entry forms will be released in October 2022. Those people that are rolling over their entry from 2022 will need to complete a 2023 entry form and indicate that it is a roll over. Note, you will still have to pay your annual subscription.

Please take the time now to check expiry dates on all your safety equipment and don't leave it to the last minute. **Also some the data codes have changed, please check for the correct code in the 2023 rulebook when it comes out or on the website at <https://www.dlra.org.au/class-car.htm> or <https://www.dlra.org.au/class-bike.htm>.**

TECHNICAL – SFI ALERTS & TECHNICAL INSPECTORS

In line with most other forms of motorsport we have been reviewing the rules for electric vehicles. There is still a lot of information to collate, and we are consulting with builders, manufacturers, and industry experts. At this stage we expect there will be minimal changes for 2023 but be advised there will be change. The areas we are concentrating on include safety for our fire and rescue crews, driver/rider extrication, treatment of vehicles involved in an incident and all the environmental aspects regards an incident with an electric vehicle.

Our Technical Chairman, Bob Ellis will be part of a SCTA Electric Vehicle committee currently being formed, this will ensure a comprehensive and consistent outcome from the two organisations. Whist at Bonneville, Bob had meetings with Goodyear, VP Fuels, Ben & Joe from DJ Safety, Allen & James Rice (Timing), and many others so if you are looking for information, there will be more soon either in a special newsletter or in the next scheduled newsletter in December, or we can put you in touch with him. If you have an electric vehicle or are preparing an electric vehicle for 2023, can you please contact Carol or Greg so that we can keep you in the loop with what is happening.

The 2023 rulebook will be out soon, in the back of the book will be a list of the changes made, these will also be listed on the website and the DLRA Facebook page. Note also to retain conformity with the SCTA the data codes have changed for Classic Bikes and Trikes.

Rule 5.C. We shall remove the following clause in 5.C, from the DLRA rule book. "Once a vehicle in the Classic Category has competed in an SCTA-BNI (DLRA) sanctioned event, the vehicle shall remain in that category for the current racing season".

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 4 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."

Entrants are strongly reminded to check the currency of their Arm Restraints.

3.D.3 Arm/Leg Restraints: SFI specification 3.3 arm restraints with a manufacturer's date of 2006 or later are required in all vehicles.

IN ADDITION: ALL ARM RESTRAINT HARDWARE MUST BE OF A SINGLE PIECE MANUFACTURE. I.E. NO TWO PIECE OR WELDED "D" RING STYLE ADJUSTERS. ADJUSTABLE TETHERS SHOULD USE A THREE BAR SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN LAP BELT ADJUSTERS. NON-SEWN IN RESTRAINTS SHALL HAVE A TIGHT FIT AROUND THE NARROWEST PART OF THE ARM. ALL ARM RESTRAINTS MUST BE DEMONSTRATED TO BE EFFECTIVE.

Technical Inspectors: All persons that have been, currently are, or intending to be Inspectors, could you please contact the Technical Chairman via email at cambridgemotorsport@hotmail.com. This is to get you registered in upcoming developments and training. Bob Ellis, DLRA Technical Chairman.



Date: August 11, 2022
To: Races, Sanctioning Bodies, Wholesalers, Retailers, and Manufacturers
From: SFI Foundation, Inc.

Notice of Products Falsely Represented as Certified to SFI Specification 16.1 by "YAMAHA" on Amazon and eBay



SFI has discovered YAMAHA (then restraint assemblies falsely represented as certified to SFI specification 16.1 and currently being sold through Ebay and Amazon. YAMAHA was removed from the SFI 16.1 program in January of 2019 due to being falsified and unauthorised use of SFI labels. YAMAHA does not have the legal right to use the SFI logo, name, or label. YAMAHA products do not conform to SFI specification 16.1.

It should be noted that for any race program, certification that products meet the minimum standards is made by the sanctioning manufacturer. Products are NOT certified, endorsed or approved by SFI.

Retailers and other entities looking for suppliers to market products certified by their manufacturers to SFI specifications under private label agreements should check the list of participating manufacturers for on SFI's website: <https://sfi.foundation.com/manufacturers/>

Also, SFI Specifications require that the certifying manufacturer's name or logo appear on or in the product, even when another name or logo also appears on the product due private labeling.

Please contact SFI with any concerns or inquiries about questionable product or manufacturer.

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Date: August 8, 2022
To: Races, Sanctioning Bodies, Wholesalers, Retailers, and Manufacturers
From: SFI Foundation, Inc.

Notice of Products Falsely Represented as Certified to SFI Specification 3.2A by "Tree Racewear LLC" on Facebook



SFI is aware of other suits being falsely represented as certified to SFI specification 3.2A through image operations on SFI certificate labels via a Facebook page by "Tree Racewear LLC". Tree Racewear LLC is not certified in the SFI 3.2A or 3.4 (Driver Suit) programs.

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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.

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

GOLDEN TICKET

The idea behind the concept is to generate some additional funding where an event is cancelled.

The final rules are that any previous entrant from a cancelled event with fees held by the club now has the option to forfeit their entry fee in return for a golden ticket which entitles them to enter a daily draw. The draw will take place on the Sunday afternoon prior to Speed Week and five names will be drawn out, one for each consecutive day of racing. The lucky winners will be entitled to be the first vehicle off the start line on that day. A Golden Ticket can be transferrable to another entrant, officials must be notified prior to the ticket being presented.


















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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: /	
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Signature:			Date:		
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See website www.dlra.org.au for complete merchandise order form

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 <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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