# LAND SPEED NEWS

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## SPECIAL MEETING

Sunday 20th February 2000

## 10:30am Construction Checks2:00 pm DLRA meeting

82 Industrial Drive Braeside Victoria

## Wayne's World - "Race Time 2000"

Race time is nearly here! Tie them ropes, kick those tyres, gas up and go!. Firstly I'd like to thank all those people who rang and offered help in someway regarding the 2000 meet. We really appreciate it very much.

Over the recent months we've been getting a number of inquiries on racecar construction, safety and classes. Let's address the classification issue first, members need to read the SCTA rulebook, page 7, Section I2. This will answer all your questions. Car safety and construction is a lot harder to comment on especially without seeing the quality of work that has been carried out on each individual car. So because of the considerable increase in numbers of new race cars and entrants, it's been decided to have a pre-race construction check. This will be a basic check on work carried out . I hope all new cars, bikes etc can attend as if it doesn't conform to the rulebook at the salt, it doesn't run. So if you don't want to undertake a major rebuild on the salt, it's in your best interests to get it checked so you can rectify any problems with safety or construction issues. Please ring me on 03 9786 1830 to confirm your intention to ahving your vehicle checked. Please note, it doesn't need to be finished to be checked. This is just a basic check on work that's been done to date. (Don't forget to bring any drivers helmet, suits etc to be cleared)

Now that you've read this, ring me, and "get it checked first"

Back to work you go!

Wayne O'Grady - Chief Steward

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### Race Dates For 2000

The course will be open for racing on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2000 until Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2000. **NOTE:** we will need some helpers for setup on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.



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## Track Conditions

The weather has been very favorable and the track surface is now dry. With the recent strong Northerly blowing, all goes well.

Regards

Chris Baxter

## Rod's Ramblings

Here's a copy of the press release that Rod has been sending out.

#### The Americans are coming!

Once again the Salt Flats of Lake Gairdner, South Australia will vibrate to the sounds of the combustion engine, when the Dry Lakes Racers of Australia hold their annual speed week commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2000. At the time of writing, three overseas entries have been received. Chuck Salmen with his beautiful '34 Ford Roadster and the World Record Holding motorbike of Dennis Manning who has run over 300 mph. Casey Hill from New Zealand will also be running his



Pontiac of Australia's Leigh Fielder who smashed his class record by over 20mph on the Aussie Assalt tour of Bonneville's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1998. Also running will be the KB powered belly tank of John Lynch and the blown Rodent powered Studebaker of Rod Hadfield, who is now building a brand new Commodore as the Studebaker has been sold to Queensland Drag Racer John Dawson.



Dry Lake Racing is the ideal use for your drag race vehicle during this lack of venues. Leigh Fielder's Pontiac is a former Pro-Stock car and a large majority of the 500 cars at the Bonneville 50<sup>th</sup> were converted from drag racing, rails, altereds and gassers. With it's ideal atmospheric conditions, Lake Gairdner is the fastest Land Speed course in the world and is a sight that truly takes your breath away with it's scenery alone. The sights and sounds are something that really must be witnessed, every class of vehicle is catered for using the Southern California Timing Associations rules and the DLRA have purchased their original timing equipment so any records created here can be offical World Records.

Other interesting combinations entered this year include a V8 powered bike built by well known Australian Lucky Keiser and a two engined streamliner of Victorian Veteran Racers Alan Murchison. If you would like to enter or be a spectator or for any general enquiries contact Rod Hadfield on 03 5472 4629 AH or Wayne O'Grady on 03 9786 1830. Remember Mrch 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Lake Gairdner, South Australia.

For camping sites or accomodation contact : Joan Andrew, Mt Ive Station on 08 8648 1817

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## Melbourne Hot Rod Show

The members rallied together to display Salt lakes Racing to the general public. Tis year the club had an excelent variety of vehicles. Stampy's '32 Ford Race Coupe, John Ould's V12 A30 Speedster, Eric Nortons 4cyl/6cyl HQ and Peter Vansistart / Jeff Surway prepared Trimph bike. Overall it was a great success because of the types of salt racers on display. Thanks go to the people a Pioneer again for supplying the big scren TV (50") Which had the crowds packed in all weekend. On behalf of the club and it's members I'd like to thank all those involved in the show. Rod Hadfield, Norm and Vicki Harding, Mark Dunn, Steve Stamp, Eric Norton, John Ould, Peter Vansistart, Jeff Spurway, John Lynch and Judy McAllister. Regards Wayne O'Grady





John Ould's V12

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### T-shirt's

**Speedweek 2000 T-Shirts** are now available in all sizes but there going quickly. See Rod Hadfield. As per artwork on front page \$20 ea. Order yours now. We are very grateful to Norm Hardinge who arranged for artwork, sponsors and printing in a very short time.

**New DRLA T-shirts** will be available at the salt \$20

### Entry Forms

**Entry forms** are included with this newsletter they should be completed and returned to the DLRA office no later than 20<sup>th</sup> February 2000. Otherwise you will also be up for a late fee.

Entries after this date will only be accepted at the Salt.

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## Entry List - So Far

Mem. #	Name	Vehicle
236	Eric Norton	HQ Holden
230	Eric Tipping	EH Holden
140	PhilArnold	Bike
1	Mike Davidson	T Ford
113	Leigh Fielder	Pontiac TransAm
80	Allan Murchison	Streamliner
44	Mark Hadfield	Mustang
187	Greg Butler	Honda Bike
3	Rod Hadfield	Studebaker
201	Norm Hardinge	34 Ford Roadster
50	Peter Vansistart	Triumph Bike
5	Geoff Rea	24 Ford Roadster
3	Chris Weir	24 Ford Roadster
91	Brendan O'Reilly	XA Ford Coupe
90	Greg Kelly	XA Ford Coupe
14	Steven Stamp	29 Ford Roadster
58	Micheal McNally	XA Ford Coupe
31	Brian Nicholson	XA Ford Coupe
70	Bill Heeremans	XA Ford Coupe
73	John Pudney	Kawasaki Bike
78	Wayne Mumford	24 Ford Roadster
215	Terry Maloney	27 Ford Roadster
216	Trevor May	27 Ford Roadster
57	Brendan Collier	Kawasaki Bike
96	Ray Charlton	32 Ford Roadster
92	John Lynch	Belly tank
237	Ray Cooke	27 Ford Roadster
212	Mark Dunn	29 Ford Roadster
238	Greg Hamilton	29 Ford Roadster
72	Gary Bennett	70 Ford Cortina
126	Chuck Salmen	34 Ford Roadster
239	Darryl Bevan	27 Ford Roadster
217	Neil Jacups	27 Ford Roadster
194	Bob Bowman	27 Ford Roadster
146	Casey Hill	30 Ford Roadster
146	Casey Hill	Honda Bike

## Buy, Swap, Sell and Wanted

#### WANTED

By DLRA **6 single beds** (Bunks OK) for extra beds by salt, for rent. Phone Wayne O'Grady 03 9786 1830

**Brownbuilt steel shelves** for cool room to keep food off the floor.

Contact Andy Jenkins 08 8088 3343





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### Next Issue

The next issue of the newsletter will be in April. It will contain all the results and stories from what is shaping up to be one of the best ever Speed Week's.

## DLRA WebSite

The DLRA website continues to draw interest from around the world. This issue of the newsletter will be the first to be also available online. We are gearing up to post information online as soon as it's available during Speed Week. In effect broadcasting around the world.

Want to see what's <u>HOT</u> on the World Wide Web or maybe you want your own <u>HOT</u> website. Call Greg on 03 9587 3061 or email gregwapling@hotmail.com

