

# LAND SPEED NEWS

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## El Prez

Taking on the Presidency, firstly I'd like to talk about Mike Davidson's last 10 years as president of the club. Without Mike's commitment and sacrifices to further dry lake racing, we would just be dreaming about "Salt Lake Racing In Australia". As members of the Dry Lake Racers of Australia we owe him the respect and thanks for the work he has done over the years.

"Thanks Mike"

Wayne

## Dear members

During my time as president, I will be trying to raise the profile of salt lake racing in Australian Motorsport with your help, by getting the support & sponsorship it deserves as the "Worlds Fastest Motor Racing" event. In many ways the club should be getting more exposure because of its large membership (250 plus).

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## The States

With inquiries from most major states on the increase each year, this maybe the time for the club and its members to start thinking about coordinating meetings in NSW, QLD and SA, so all club members can contribute to the new growth and direction of the DLRA's future. We have many active members in all States, so during the next year I'll try to attend meetings in NSW & SA. Hopefully there are groups of members in each state to help organise and arrange the meetings???, so if your interested please contact me, as we have members in VIC that will come and support you.

\*Safe and Fast\*

Wayne O'Grady  
President

P.S. If any members want to discuss anything just contact me.  
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## General Meeting

### MINUTES of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2000

The meeting opened at 11.30am and was chaired by Wayne O'Grady. There were 38 people present.

Apologies were received from: Keith, Delvene & Steven Stamp, Mick McNally, Rob Warden, Corey Swift & Luke Hadfield.

The minutes of the last meeting had appeared in the Newsletter and were tabled as read.

The financial report was read, showing a balance of \$7357.62 in the account Rod Hadfield moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Peter Noy.

The Race dates for next year were set as 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2001 and if needed, rain dates of 26<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Mike Davidson bought up the issue of concern regarding safety equipment, for example, helmets that are still in first class condition, unmarked, of correct ratings, but are out of date according to the rule book. He suggested that a ruling to be put in place. This also applies to Fire Suits, a concern raised by a phone call from Steven Stamp. The Committee is to come up with standards to suit Australian conditions as against U.S.A. rulings.

Wayne spoke on merchandising, we now have club jackets and club T shirts for sale.

Wayne spoke regarding the sale of Mt. Ive Station, which was reportedly sold at our AGM at Lake Gairdner; the sale subsequently did not take place, which was not revealed until after our last newsletter was printed. Wayne has written to the Andrews family stating that the club had no reason to think otherwise.

It was decided at the AGM that an annual fee of \$25.00 must be incurred yearly to cover the cost of printing and postage of Newsletters, it was decided at this meeting that such a fee would apply after this newsletter.

Greg Wapling stated that he is upgrading the Class Records on the web page and for the Newsletter. Mike Davidson asked if the club could fax the S.C.T.A. our current records with the proposal to have our own page in the rule book, he suggested that the club offer to pay for the printing of such a page.

A vote of thanks was moved to Geoff Rea for his contribution to Bonneville News.

Andy Jenkins asked that we write a letter of thanks to A.H. Plant Hire of Port Augusta for their assistance, he estimated they saved us around \$900.00.

Andy asked that we put a tow bar on the DLRA truck as he was unable to tow the toilets back to the camp.

Wayne informed the meeting that he was approached by the editor of "Excelerate", a subscription publication of HSV Holden. They are going to publish approximately five pages about the DLRA and are interested in running on the salt.

Rod spoke regarding his meeting with Tim Pemberton a former Manager of Peter Brock and the Holden Dealer Team who introduced him to GMH's Publicity Officer regarding publicity for Rod's Car and the DLRA in general.

Wayne moved that the club repay John Lynch and Rod Hadfield for the purchase of the club truck which amounted to \$2600.00, \$1330.00 to be paid to each of them. Discussion was held on what repairs are necessary to be made to the truck and Rosco was thanked for filling it with fuel, washing it etc.

Rosco McGlashan informed the meeting that his radio licence could be beneficial to us in the future and said it was available to the club, there was also discussion regarding a fibreglass tank for the recycling of water.

Rod moved and Andy seconded that Kevin Saville be reimbursed for damage (seized conrod) to his pressure washer, which amounted to \$100.00. John Lynch moved that we rent Kevin's pressure washer for \$75.00 each year as well as the club paying his newsletter fee.



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Andy asked if any members had a hand diesel fuel pump and also asked that each member bring 20 litres of diesel fuel for our truck and generator.

Rod thanked Andy for donating two of his famous \$1 coins for the raffle and Wayne for donating a Hot Rod Book.

Leigh Goodall asked whether we could have a category for Utilities and change markers at the end of the course.

Paul Dass spoke about himself and Kevin Parker having a meeting with Bartercard regarding possible sponsorship.

Rod spoke regarding a phone call from Dennis Manning thanking members for their hospitality, help and support stating that he would be back for next years event, wanting to be at the lake one week before and one week after our event. He is convinced his record is only achievable at Lake Gairdner.

The meeting then stopped for a lunch break which as followed by a very informative and inspiring talk by Rosco McGlashan on his life involvement with Speed Machines of all types from Rocket powered go-carts and motorbikes up to his current "Aussie Invader". Wayne thanked Rosco for his talk.

The raffle was then drawn and the winners were Dain Souter, Leigh Fielder and Rod Hadfield, raising a total of \$208.00 for the club.

The meeting was then closed at 2.15pm.



*Very clean '55 Chev.*



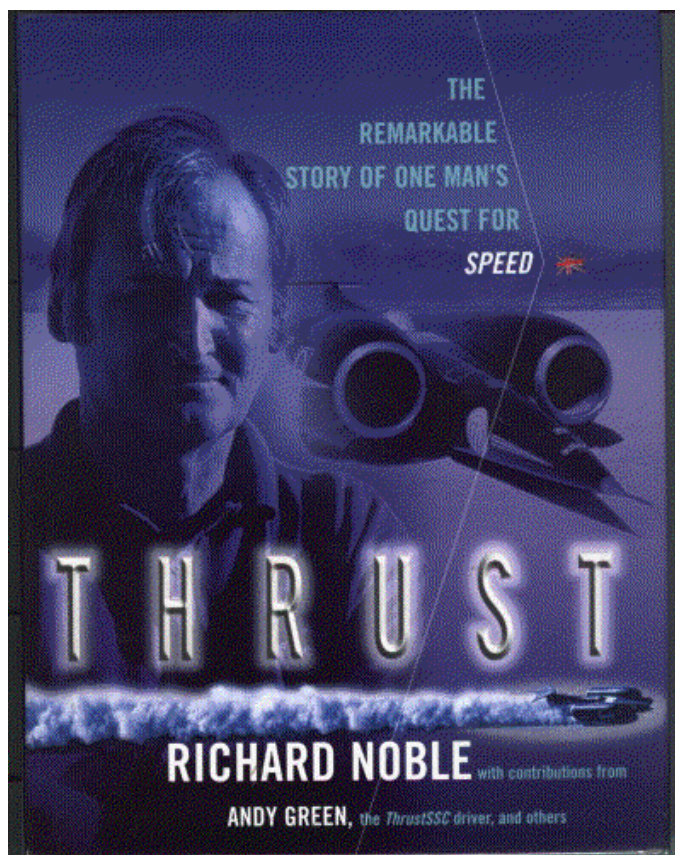
*Rod's been working hard to get the '55 finished. The amount of work in this car just has to be seen to be believed.*



*Leigh Goodall's '36 Ford ute*



*That's Mike Davidsons hot new "flat head" injection setup that Roscoe's trying to con Mike out of. I just can't figure how he's gonna fit it to Aussie Invader to give it that extra 2000lbs of boost that he needs.*



## Thrust - Book Review

Review by Geoff Rea  
THRUST By Richard Noble and David Tremayne  
Transworld Publishers

Each year at the D.L.R.A Speed Week an auction is held during the week with the auctioneer being Steve "Animal" Charlton. Basically many people attending Speed Week bring along something to be auctioned, to raise a few extra dollars to assist in the running of the D.L.R.A and Speed Week. A lot of really great things are generously donated, ranging from old well 'used' collector T-shirts to cans of oils to paint and whatever else!

At this year's event I made a number of bids on a few things but was without success until I made the winning bid on a new book donated by Braden Collier, that book being 'Thrust' - The remarkable story of one man's quest for speed. This book details the life long dream of Richard Noble to be the fastest man on earth in a car. Over the period of twenty years he built 3 cars, with the last being the 'Thrust SSC' car that was driven at the speed of sound by Andy Green in 1997.

This book really is a great read detailing not only the construction of the 3 cars that eventually lead to the supersonic runs in 1997, but it also tells of all the things that went on in Richard Noble's life that led him to the desire to be the fastest man on earth in a car and then to wanting to build the first car to run supersonic and then to come to the realization that he would not be the best person to drive such a

car. But through all this are the details of how Richard Noble's life evolved and molded him into the person with the endeavour and desire to mount such 'ambitious projects'! The ambitiousness of these projects is especially highlighted in the book by the constant struggle to gain the immense sponsorship and resources required to make such projects happen and ultimately be a success.

This book whilst containing a fair amount of technical information is a good read for anyone and contains many great photographs, because it is not just a story about cars; but it is a story about the life of a man that had a dream. Also from an Australian point of view is the fact that Roscoe McGlashan is made reference to a number of times, because Roscoe was seen to be a real threat at times to be the fastest man on earth in a car; when he was building and running Aussie Invader at Lake Gairdner, in his quest to beat the then holder of the title, Craig Breedlove! Eventually Richard Noble was to beat Craig's record driving the 'Thrust2' car. After this circumstances and fate led to the 'Thrust SCC car and the supersonic runs and the rest as they say is history!



Richard Noble



Andy Green

Photos taken at Bonneville by Leigh Fielder

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## Race Dates 2001

The 2001 Speed Week will be conducted from the 5th - 9th of March 2001.

Rain dates are 26th-30th of March if needed.

## Rod's Ramblings

We have our Commodore well under way now with the tin work finished and most other parts of the car flowing smoothly. It is a real challenge working ahead of time to have parts ready for when we need them. Phone calls to the USA re: fire suppression, seat belts, roll bar padding, steering wheel quick release, oil cans, dry sump etc. all very frustrating. Making suspension bits, push bar, parachute mount, extractors, battery box, water tank, fuel tank, pedals, brake lines, all happening. We have decided to paint the car that popular gold colour which may give members a clue to the name we have decided on. We are on the car every day doing something, no matter how small so that it will be ready for next meeting. Just to add to our workload we have started on a tilt slide truck to carry the car, our V12 Chev and general Rod Shop work. It is a dual cab T4100 Mazda, 10 speed, we intend to fit air bags and a dual rear axle to take the weight and maybe a torque-liner type body, I will keep you informed on progress.

Members who attended the meeting at our place will be interested to know that we fired the Chev several weeks ago, most things worked well but those that didn't have created another months work before another test run.

Aussie Norm Hardinge said that he has an American Rodder magazine with a heading saying "Lake Gairdner, Fastest Place on Earth", but what excited him most was the large picture of his Roadster, Well done Norm and Vicki.

Those Moe boys are also working on some faster speeds and have approached Mr. Ford about a new AU body, so good luck boys, it would really get some interest going if you could, Street Machine Magazine would run with it for sure, they are ringing me regularly about the Commodore.

I would like to thank Carol, Allison, Vicki and Judy for preparing lunch at the meeting at our place. Lastly I would like to thank Paul and Kevin for travelling from Sydney, Mike, Peter and Eric from Adelaide, Andy from Broken Hill and Rosco from Perth.

Come on members, lets contribute to Greg's efforts and have your cars ready for next meeting, the world is watching.



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## Update from Roscoe

UPDATE: - JUNE 2000.

Aussie Invader Jet Cars is certainly an exciting office to be working in as it is growing every day. With every phone call and email the workload gets larger which makes life very interesting. Never a dull moment.



**AUSSIE INVADER FOUR: -**

Aussie Invader 4 is now completed painted, signwritten and looking a million dollars. She is a real credit to Rosco and his team who have built her from scratch in Perth along with the sponsors and suppliers. They have produced a very pretty racecar, one that they can all be very proud of.

Thanks to the Army base in Bindoon, which is 2 hours from Perth, we were able to run her up on May 20th. It was a tense and exciting moment for Rosco as he fired her up.

We flew Paula Elstrek over to join us for the weekend with the inaugural fire up of Aussie Invader 4. Keith, Jenny, Bryce and I watched Rosco fire up Aussie Invader 4 with Paula firing up Aussie Invader 1 the first time the two sat side by side with fire coming out of them, It was a emotional time and satisfying. Rosco was thrilled to finally sit in the seat and feel her run. Paula said it was a great feeling to be sitting back in the seat again as she loves the jet, the noise and feel of amazing power.

A brochure is currently being produced, thanks to Chris Osborne from Osmark, to send out to all the promoters of race tracks and various other shows announcing Rosco and Paula with the Aussie Invaders 1 & 4.

Rosco is featuring on the Discovery Channel as from June 7th, - Extreme Machines Land Speed Records. This documentary features Rosco, Andy and Craig the 3 World challengers, along with many more Land Speed Legends, this presentation is very well put together. If you do not have the Discovery Channel hopefully you can get to see it on somebody else's TV. Rosco did radio interviews to promote the series.

Bob Harnett from Channel Nine compiled a very good story - 1 minute and a half, of the firing up of Aussie 1 & 4, vision of the recent salt lake trip, thanks to Merrick Beesley Productions, and interviews with both Rosco and Paula in our workshop in front of Aussie Invader 3 it went to air in the News - Sports section on the 14th June, hopefully you all got to see it.

We have a lot of exciting things happening on the International Market at the moment. I will fill you all in as they progress. I feel this is going to be an exciting year and hopefully it will all come together to get the World Records March 2001.

Please note our website for more updates: [aussieinvader.com](http://aussieinvader.com) and our new email address: [cheryl@aussieinvader.com](mailto:cheryl@aussieinvader.com)

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## DLRA WebSite

Here's some more statistics from the DLRA web site.

- ❑ Top day - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2000 with 23 page views.
- ❑ Average of 7 visitors per day
- ❑ Monday is the most popular day
- ❑ And between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m. the most popular time.
- ❑ Page views per region; AUS - 1158, North America - 713, none (.net, .org) - 347, Europe - 147, Asia - 17, Central America - 5, South America - 3, Africa - 2, Unknown - 1063.

I have started reformatting the Records pages. The Cars one is now finished and the Bike page will be finished the first week of August. Rather than just list those classes with records I have listed every class for each category. This will enable competitors to easily see what records have not been set for particular classes and may spur some to build new vehicles to cover these classes. Plus I've updated the Drivers page, which lists every competitor and their class and speed by year.

These pages have been constructed from details given to me by past and present office bearers and from time to time I'll get an email from someone claiming to have driven or ridden or set a "record" at Lake Gairdner who has been left off the list. For that I'm sorry and I'm only too happy to update the records, but I would prefer it if you included your timing slip as proof.

Plus I'm also preparing a set of "World Record" pages, these will be a compilation of records from Bonneville, El Mirage, Muroc and Lake Gairdner. So for the first time ever, a direct comparison can be made with any particular class, to see where in the world the fastest time was set and when. I've already identified a couple of Aussie "World Records".

Don't forget we want your details for a page about you and your car for the website. Just jot down some of the main features of your car, who your sponsors are and include a couple of photos either at the salt or under construction and send them to Greg Wapling, PO Box 5317, Mordialloc VIC 3195. Don't worry, all photos etc will be returned!

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