

# SPEED TIMES

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## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

### SPEED WEEK 2017

Organisation for Speed Week began the week we got home from the salt. There is always heaps of gear to unload, clean check and store. Even though 2016 was probably one of the most successful meetings we have had, there were still lots of comments and suggestions from officials on how to make things better for next year and this is what we are working through now. There will be improvements to the radio system, the timing system and Norm has done us a fantastic deal on some more mats which will guarantee us access to the lake. Entry forms will be available soon; the only change will be the way entry numbers are allocated, see details on this below. The Volunteers Register is open now.

We are keeping contact with Les Davenport and the Target 550 team and they are making preparations to be here for 2017 and we have had an enquiry from the Buckeye Bullet electric streamliner.

If anyone knows of a catering firm or a service group that would be interested, please contact Carol at Head Office.

### VEHICLE NUMBERING

The current numbering system was introduced when we acquired the new timing system. It has not worked as well as we had hoped. The biggest change for 2017 will be the numbers displayed on vehicles. As from 2017 your Entry Number (which in most instances is also your member number) is the only number to be displayed on your vehicle. You will also need to display your class details, so that other entrants and spectators are aware of what class you are running in. The driver/rider name is optional and not required by officials.

- If there are multiple drivers/riders, each one will have their own entry number and this is what needs to be displayed when they are in control of the vehicle. No other entry numbers are to be visible.
- If a vehicle is entered in multiple classes, the first class will use the driver/riders member number. Separate entries are required for each class change, a unique entry number will be given to you by registration at the time you make your entry and you will be notified of this number as soon as possible after your entry is received. When you change class, this is the number (and class details that need to be displayed on the vehicle when it presents at the start line. Note: This unique entry number is only used for that event.
- If an entrant has permission to use another number other than their member number, this will now become their entry number.

Many cars with multiple drivers now have a slide in card holder in the rear side window, it is an easy job to just swap the card as the driver changes. With the bikes we suggest fitting a panel with your entry number and class details that can be easily unbolted and swapped over. For those that want to sign write their vehicle that's fine, but you will need to obscure entry details that are not being used.

These changes have been introduced to make it less confusing for the starters and start line volunteers and to provide consistency of the information given to the timers.

For details on vehicle numbering go to Section 2L "Number/Class designation" in the Rulebook.



Here are two great examples of how we want the vehicle numbering done.

## 200 MPH CLUB

At the recent General Meeting we were very proud to present some of the new 200MPH Club members with their caps.



ABOVE: Lionel West - AA/FALT - 271.801



ABOVE: Shaine Benson - A/GL - 257.382



ABOVE: Peter Warren - C/GL - 205.456

BELOW: Bradley Bowden - 1000 MPS-BF - 200.725



ABOVE: Craig Rogers - E/BGL - 202.02

## WORKING BEE

It looks like there will be a working bee at the DLRA Camp at Lake Gairdner in October, look for more news on the DLRA forum or Facebook.





## FORUM

One of the features of the DLRA website is the Forum. This is a great meeting place for anyone with an interest in dry lakes racing, plus there are special sections just for members. If you're looking for advice or information or just want to catch up with the latest news both here in Australia and Overseas the forum is the place for you. <http://www.dlra.org.au/forum>

## DLRA HALL OF FAME

At the 2017 Annual General Meeting we will be announcing the inaugural DLRA Hall of Fame inductees. Here's your chance to recognise someone who has benefitted the DLRA. We are still accepting nominations. Go to <http://www.dlra.org.au/hall-of-fame.htm> for all details and a nomination form.

## MEETING MINUTES

Did you know that members have online access to the minutes of all meetings? If you are a DLRA member just send an email to [info@dlra.org.au](mailto:info@dlra.org.au) asking for access and you will be sent the address and password.

## CORRECTIONS TO LAST NEWSLETTER

### TROPHIES

The picture of the best presented motorcycle was of the Vincent, they were actually the sponsors of the trophy. The winners of the trophy were in fact the Velocette team. *(Ed. Too many black bikes, well that's my excuse)* Thanks to Mal for pointing this out and here's a photo of that amazing Velo.



### RESULTS

The following are amendments to the 2016 Speed Week results.

Mem	Name	Veh	Veh	Eng	Body	29/2	1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3	PB	Rec
1330	Shaine Benson	9253	Belly Tank	A	GL		201.794	257.382			<b>257.382</b>	255.646
253	John Dent	9253	Belly Tank	A	FL	250.592			255.382		<b>255.382</b>	234.940
1083	Ron Davis	1913	2008 Kawasaki	650cc	M-G	102.237 0					102.237	98.444
1083	Ron Davis	91083	1937 Shuttleworth Snap	500cc	APS-VG	101.446	84.202 86.08				<b>101.446</b>	Open
1186	David Moore	91186	2008 Suzuki	1000cc	MPS-F	166.113	177.288		187.422		<b>194.384</b>	190.739
						183.599	180.144		193.029			
									194.384			
1186	David Moore	1186	2008 Suzuki	1000cc	MPS-G				189.553		191.449	192.364
									191.449			

## Thanks to our Sponsors



### BUY, SWAP, SELL

**Wanted:** Front bumper bar or alloy bull bar to suit the DLRA Isuzu FFR 500 truck. We now have a new grille and headlight after an altercation with a kangaroo on the way back from Speed Week, there must be one out there. Phone Rod or Carol on 03 5472 4629.

**For Sale:** Doug Nash 5 speed GM input and output shaft (turbo 400 size) with vertical gate shifter, it has been to each meeting as a spare for the Bronze Aussie. Super bargain \$2000.00 Phone Rod on 03 5472 3868.

**For Sale:** Complete Nitrous package, all solenoids, switches, lines, filters, pumps, two 34 lb bottles (full) with flame proof container, G size bottle with filling station, over \$5,000.00 worth, a bargain at \$2,000.00. Phone Rod on 03 5472 3868.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT – NORM BRADSHAW

#### **A list of the many activities currently underway:**

- The committee are working on improving equipment for next year.
- Paul Lynch (Chief Timer) and crew are working on extra timing equipment. Hopefully this will include a weather station and monitors at the start line/pit area.
- A new generator is required for the timing van, because of the additional computers and printers.
- The timing equipment is being checked out in Melbourne in the next 2–3 weeks and then sent up to Paul Lynch for testing of updated software and training of timing assistants.
- Trevor Beck is working on the problem we had with Track 2 start line communications and a re-evaluation of the area to be covered. Greg Wapling has provided a track layout draped over a satellite map.
- Gary Brennan, Greg Telford, Rob Carroll and Trevor Beck are working on issues with the generator diesel tank and camp refrigeration.
- Michael Brixton is helping our International Entrants to sort out their import/export problems from Adelaide.
- Kim Krebs is working with Carol on our DEWNR permits and GRAC application for 2017.
- I have spoken with Colin Clare and things are moving slowly forward with new challenges. Trent is hoping to get his drivers licence in the next month, but there is still a tough road ahead.
- There are a lot of people in different States that are all working on improving Speed Week for 2017.
- There will be a Working Bee at the lake before Christmas (maybe Oct. or Nov.). We won't know for sure until Sept. because we are trying to link up with a contractor who will be in the area at that time. If you are interested in helping, please call Carol or myself.
- We are having International Racers next year so all helping hands would be appreciated.



### DLRA CALENDAR

#### **WHAT: General Meeting**

**WHEN: Sunday 10th July 2016**

**WHERE: Northern Suburbs Hot Rod Club rooms, 25/196 Settlement Road, Thomastown Victoria.**

Meeting will start at 11:00am sharp, should all be over by 3:00pm. Barbecue after, \$5.00 per head for sausages in bread, salads and a soft drink.

#### **WHAT: Speed Week 2017**

**WHEN: Monday 27th Feb to Friday 3rd March 2017**

Book your holidays, accommodation and transport now!

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