

# SPEED TIMES

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## THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

### SPEED WEEK 2018

With just seven months to go, organisation for DLRA Speed Week 2018 is progressing very well with new and replacement equipment being organised and the promise of more enhancements to the timing system.

The whole track layout will be moving a mile to the south and the start lines will be drawn closer together. This should give us better salt conditions for Track 2.

There will be no priority lane for the Track 1 start line, rather this lane will be set aside for vehicles that require longer to prepare to make a run.

We will also be introducing a wrangler for the Track 1 start line to remove any requirement for anyone to need to speak to the starter and disrupt

the meeting. There will also be a cordoned off area where the starter will work, this area will be prohibited to anyone other than vehicles actually at the start line.

There will be a return of Pre-Stage for Track 1, this is to hopefully ease the waiting process. There will be no pre-stage for Track 2 but if we notice entrants not checking their vehicles after each run things could change.

Entry forms will be available in the next month.

News from the lake is that it is currently dry and the surface is looking good. Further inspections will take place the closer we get to the event. Watch the web site and Facebook for further updates.

### TARGET 550

Marlo Treit has confirmed that Target 550 will be at SCTA Speed Week for shake down runs only. They have some new parachutes to test and also want to give the newly installed drive shafts a run. Their plan is still to come to Lake Gairdner for Speed Week in 2018. At this stage, they are not looking for an official world record they just want to be the first to break

the 500mph barrier. Marlo is planning to make a visit in November to check out the facilities that the DLRA have provided and to make a trip out to the salt to see for himself.

Target 550 have been honoured to be one of the vehicles featured on the 2017 SCTA Bonneville Speed Week T-shirt.

### TOP OF THE WORLD LAND SPEED TRIAL

This event from the 3rd to 8th of August and being produced by Mike Cook is to provide the Ack Attack motorcycle streamliner with an opportunity to break the 400mph barrier. Currently the world record is held by this motorcycle at 376.4mph. It is taking place at the Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia, that just happens to be the biggest salt flat on Earth 4000sq

miles at 12,500ft.

Greg Watters is currently (31/07/2017) at the La Paz Airport in Bolivia, waiting for Jim Higgins and another LSR friend John Hobbs. Tomorrow morning, our time, they're going to be riding dirt bikes to the Bolivian salt flats to watch Rocky Robinson aim (and get) 400mph.



## WEST AUSTRALIAN HOT ROD AND STREET MACHINE SPECTACULAR

The organiser of the WAHRSM contacted the DLRA with an offer of a stand at the show. Jeff Lemon was contacted and he did a fantastic job of organising some of the other WA members to put on a great

display that generated a lot of interest, from not only the general public, but the show girls as well. Thanks go to all the members who made the effort. Here's some photos.....



ABOVE: One of the Meguiars girls on Jeff's bike.  
BELOW: The DLRA display at WA HR & SM Spectacular.



ABOVE: The sly old fox himself Allen Shepard with Sandra Horne.





ABOVE: Jeff Lemon 1650 MPS-F 210.773mph and new 200mph club member.



ABOVE: Rob Waters' 2016 Kenworth 139.427mph truck took out best Competition Vehicle Winner.

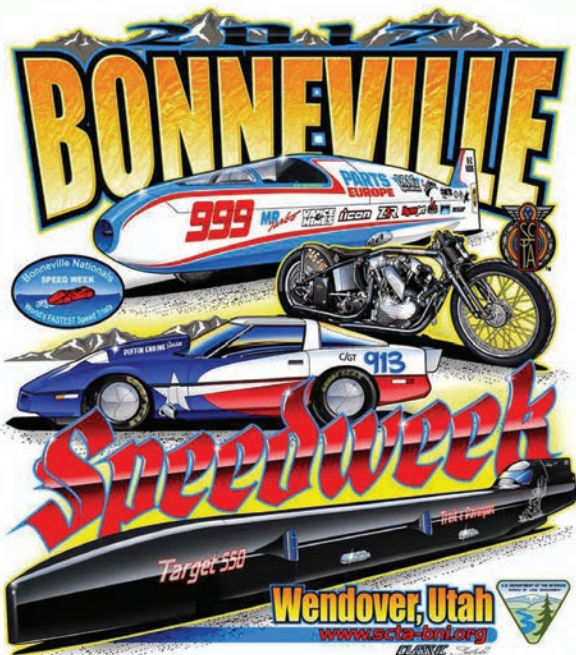
### SCTA BONNEVILLE 2017 SPEED WEEK

Reports are that three, maybe four tracks have been prepared for speed week, but the condition of the salt varies depending to who you talk to. Track lengths have been reduced accordingly.

There are a few teams competing at Bonneville over the next month either at Speed Week or the

Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials or the Shoot Out.

One of those will be the AAA team from Byron Bay, we wish JP and all the guys all the best. We understand that Greg Watters and Kim Krebs will be competing again and know they will be trying their hardest.



ABOVE: AAA team at Bonneville in 2015.

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



## VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a local (to Lake Gairdner) sporting club or services club to offer their services for one day only at the end of Speed Week. This would be a great little fundraiser for the right club. We are looking for between six to ten men. If you know of someone please contact us so that we can get in touch with them. Email: [info@dlra.org.au](mailto:info@dlra.org.au)

## WORKING BEE

There will be a working bee at the DLRA Camp on the Melbourne Cup Weekend from Saturday 4th November to Tuesday 7th November 2017. We are looking for a couple of workers to help out over these days.



## DLRA CALENDAR

### WHAT: General Meeting

WHEN: Sunday 13th August 2017

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 2018

WHEN: Monday-Friday 12th-16th March 2018

Book your holidays, accommodation and transport now!

## 2018 RULEBOOK

The 2018 DLRA Rulebook is being finalised as we speak, there are a number of small changes coming from the SCTA but the major news is the changes are now approved by the Rules Committee.

These include an update to the wording for Section 1.B Classification. The rule will read "that a technical inspector can review and advise entrant as to the class of their vehicle". So now rather than an entrant nominating a class and this not being reviewed until a record is broken, when the entrant presents at technical inspection a quick review will be made by the inspector to ensure the vehicle is actually in the right class. If further investigation is required this can take place outside of technical inspection, but prior to the entrant returning paperwork to registration.

Following a submission by Peter Healy and an accompanying petition there will now be a new Classic class for motorcycles. This will be for all air-cooled, non-pushrod, carburetted motorcycles manufactured from January 1956 to December 1986.

After receiving a submission from Russell Lowe the Rules Committee have decided to allow the use of car engines in Special Construction motorcycles and Special Construction motorcycle streamliners over 3000cc.

NOTE: There will be no retrospectivity applied to these new classes.

## 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.

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