

SPEED TIMES

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

DLRA Calendar

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

5th December 2022,
9th January 2023,
6th February 2023,
6th March 2023.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

The next General Meeting will be on the 18th of December 2022 starting at 11:00am. It will be held at NSSRC club rooms, 24/196 Settlement Rd, Thomastown VIC. There will be one more General Meeting before Speed Week on 12th March 2023.

2023 SPEED WEEK:

Monday 20th March to
Friday 24th March 2023.

MERCHANDISE

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

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.

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FROM THE CHAIR

I am very pleased to announce that Carol Hadfield has now returned home after nine and half weeks in hospital after the car accident that Rod and Carol were involved in. Recovery of some of her injuries will be longer term, mainly her left leg and hand and Carol will be required to attend Bendigo Hospital twice a week for a while yet. We are very fortunate to have Pam Telford coming in again to help Carol with entries.

In November, the Queensland members had a gathering at Bullett Supercharging, it was more of a social event, but Bob did read out the latest minutes. I'm told a great time was had by all.

The Emerates Team New Zealand decided to have a couple of weeks break in November as more storm fronts came through over the lake. This would have been a very frustrating time for them as the lake would almost dry out and then they would get more rain. But they have announced that they will be back in December, so who knows we may see a new record before the end of the year.

A useful reminder for anyone coming to Speed Week 2023 to bring their own leaf blower to get all the dust off their vehicle before entering the lake. This will make entering the lake quicker and easier for all.

SPEED WEEK 2023

With the opening of pre-entries in October, forms are starting to trickle in. We encourage entrants to get their entries in as soon as they can.

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. 2022 entrants should have received an email from Gemma Dunn about rolling over their volunteering by now along with getting a new code to put on their entry form, if you have not seen these emails please contact Gemma now at: volunteers@dlra.org.au

Also some the data codes have changed, please check for the correct code in the 2023 rulebook or on the website at <https://www.dlra.org.au/class-car.htm> and <https://www.dlra.org.au/class-bike.htm>.

Could we ask that those members who had not yet entered to please still pay their annual subscription for 2022 as this will really help the club financially. Reminders for 2023 will be sent out soon.

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.



TECHNICAL

Probably the most important thing for entrants with electric vehicles is we can confirm that there will be no changes for electric vehicles at DLRA Speed Week 2023. But there will be changes for 2024.

The issues that we have been concerned with can be divided into two main groups.

Response to an incident with an electric vehicle.

We now have a plan of action for our Fire and Rescue crew regarding their responsibilities and how they will respond to an electrical vehicle fire. Depending on cost and availability some of these actions may be in place or partially in place for 2023.

Because of the collaboration with the SCTA, we cannot announce what these will be until the SCTA rulebook is released in January 2023. It is our intent to have a new version of the DLRA rulebook published as soon as possible after this, giving entrants the maximum amount of time to do whatever they have to do to their vehicles.

Our Technical Chairman, Bob Ellis is part of the SCTA Electric Vehicle committee that will ensure a comprehensive and consistent outcome from the two organisations.

VEHICLE SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

Please take the time now to check expiry dates on all your safety equipment and don't leave it to the last minute.

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 four 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.

CAR TECHNICAL INSPECTION

A new document has been added to our website explaining what is required from entrants regarding safety and inspections, you can find it here <https://www.dlra.org.au/vehicle-inspection.htm>

This is to help you better understand what is required in building and presenting your vehicle.

Speedweek 2023 Car tech inspection times will be as follows:

FRIDAY: 12:00-Noon – 4:00pm

SATURDAY: 8:00am – 4:00pm

SUNDAY: 8:00am – 3:00pm

MONDAY – FRIDAY: Inspections will only be done IF there are inspectors available. You may still get an inspection done, BUT you may have to wait a day or so. This is due to most inspectors running their own vehicles.

Get your vehicle inspected early, if you are not in the line by 12:00 Sunday, you may have wait.

ONLY OFFICIALS AND THE CREW OF VEHICLES BEING INSPECTED ARE PERMITTED IN THE INSPECTION AREA – NO SPECTATORS.

Anyone that has nominated (or wish to nominate) to work in Tech Inspection, please contact me a cambridgemotorsport@hotmail.com.

Bob Ellis.

DLRA Technical Chairman.

FOR SALE



FOR SALE: D/GL 369 raced Speedweek 2005, 2006, and 2009. Best 154mph with very mild 302 Windsor. Now have fresh dyno 306 408hp, should run 175+ mph. All safety equipment and tyres out of date. Three speed top loader Holden diff. Very compact 3m long with tail removed, easy storage and transport. Will sell very cheap less engine... Car in Sydney.

Contact: Colin Taylor-Evans DLRA 16.

Phone 0422 175 070 – Do Not Text.

Prefer email for initial contact: colinlaos@gmail.com

WANTED

WANTED: I am keen to start a build of an open class, special construction frame 750cc fuel classic motorcycle for a run at some time in the future.

I have looked through the classes and rules and from what I can determine (I am new to this so estimate only!) a non-pushrod 56-86 engine would suit this idea. I am thinking something like a Honda 750/4, Suzuki or Kwaka, four cylinder of a similar age.

Does anyone have a project bike that might suit? A rolling frame, semi-complete project or complete bike for resto would be great.

Please contact me if you can help out. Cheers, Ben. email: bushwalkerben@gmail.com


















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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 \$15.00</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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