

SPEED TIMES

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

FROM THE CHAIR

I hope those of you who are on Facebook are enjoying our foundation members series.

Well the work does not stop once the event is over. The committee has been working on many issues since we got back from Speed Week. Based on what happened this year, there will be some improvements or changes for next year.

Firstly entrants must line up in single file when they are in Pre-Stage. If we find entrants parked-up, side by side they will both be sent to the end of the queue, simple as that. Many people would like to go back to the old days where you just line up at the start line, but if you can't line up properly in Pre-Stage what hope have we got of having everyone line up properly at the start line.

Also, Pre-Stage will probably close at around 3.00pm each day and only the first 10 vehicles will be recorded to carry over to the next day. This is to stop the situation that occurred this year where we still had 50 vehicles lined up in Pre-Stage at the end of the day. (For those that remember you only have to go back a couple of years where we were calling for people to line up, we were getting through them that fast)

We looked at moving the daily start and finish times around to try and make the most of the day light but have decided to leave things the way they are, pending weather conditions.

SPEED WEEK 2024

The dates for Speed Week 2024 are 11th to the 15th March 2024. Entries will open in October.

The final day for pre-entries is the 1st March 2024, and after that time late entries will attract a \$350.00 late entry fee.

Note that there is now a two-year cut-off for roll overs and those people that are rolling over their entry from 2022/2023 will need to complete a 2024 entry form and indicate that it is a roll over.

Note, you will still have to pay your annual subscription. Thanks to all those people who have, this greatly helps the club and gives us increased confidence to commit our time and energy to making the DLRA the great club it is.

For entrants in Impound, the general rule will be, if you run a record in the morning, you will get to run a backup in the afternoon. If you run a record in the afternoon, you will run again the following morning.

I'm pleased to announce the formation of the South Australian Liason Group. Made up exclusively of South Australian members who will be assisting the committee with a number of activities where having a face to face contact with our stakeholders, this is a tremendous advantage for us all and we look forward to what they can achieve.

We are also working on a slightly revised track layout to try and get better conditions for Track 2.

The design for the 2024 Speed Week logo has been finalised and the artwork commissioned, I think you will all be very happy with it.

As I write this, Bonneville has just finished and considering the weather they got and the condition of the salt they were very lucky to get an event. There were quite a few members there this year, with JP Afflick flying the flag. Unfortunately with the track surface the way it was, JP decided to wait until March for the little bike to roar again.

Also the Bolivia Speed Trials are only a week away and there are a group of members crewing for fellow member Richard Assen and his amazing motorcycle.

We all wish Richard the very best.

A useful reminder for anyone coming to Speed Week 2024 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.



VOLUNTEERS

It's never too early to start thinking about volunteering for Speed Week.

You do not have to be an entrant or even a member for that matter to be a volunteer, you just need to want to help the club have a successful event and everyone have a good time.

We are always looking for experienced ex-entrants to help fill some of those more technical roles, so even if your not racing theres plenty of opportunities to be involved.

Contact Gemma now at volunteers@dlra.org.au

INSPECTION DAYS

There has been an Inspection Day planned for the 19th November 2023 at Mark Dunn's factory, Blue Mountains Custom Metalwork, Unit 5, 29 Attunga Road Blaxland, NSW.

This is to provide entrants with the opportunity to get their vehicles inspected prior to carting them all the way to Speed Week, giving them the chance to make any changes should they be required. Starting about 11.00am all are welcome and there will be a barbecue on the day.

There will be days organised in other States, look for details on these soon.

Entrants are reminded that they can contact a Technical Inspector, State Delegate or Class Representative at any time through the web site.

WORKING BEE

After due consideration the date for the working bee has been brought forward by a week to 25th October to 29th October 2023. This is so that some key South Australian members can be at the working bee.

It may now be too inconvenient for those Victorian members who normally attend. There are a number of jobs that have been identified already.

If you are interested in being at the working bee, please contact Trevor Beck on phone: 0407 454 615 or email: outbacktrev@gmail.com

SPONSORS

Sponsors for Speed Week 2024 are now open. As always, we welcome any offers of support or sponsorship. We will be contacting our previous T-shirt sponsors to confirm their participation, but if you are interested in getting on the T-shirt, please let us know.

We have a comprehensive sponsors pack that we can supply to potential new sponsors for they can select from the numerous options available.

Contact Carol on email: secretary@dlra.org.au or Greg on email: president@dlra.org.au

DLRA Calendar

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

4th September 2023
2nd October 2023
6th November 2023
4th December 2023

GENERAL MEETINGS:

The next General Meeting will be on the Sunday 27th August 2023 and the following one will be the 14th January 2024 starting at 11.00am. It will be held at NSSRC club rooms, 24/196 Settlement Rd, Thomastown VIC.

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FINAL LAKE INSPECTION

Thursday 29th February 2024
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2024 SPEED WEEK:

Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March 2024.

