

SPEED TIMES

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

FROM THE CHAIR

As I write this, we are just 32 days away from Speed Week. As with previous events where we have missed a year, anticipation is extremely high, do not use this as an excuse to cut corners or not do or say the right things. And because it has been two years and we now have many volunteers who are totally new to the sport, try to be a little bit relaxed and cut some slack, especially in those first few days, these people have offered their time to let you do what you want to do. We want to make Speed Week enjoyable for everyone.

ENTRY FORMS: The requirements for the medical declaration have now changed and there is a section on COVID-19. For entrants who will be exceeding speeds of 175mph they will now be required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor. If an entrant has not provided a completed medical examination form and wish to try for a speed more than 175mph, they can get an examination through the Chief Medical Officer (at a cost) during Speed Week. Good news for those that got FIM or FIA medical examinations for the World Speed Trials 2020 is that these are still valid and can be used for Speed Week 2021.

NOTE: We are still receiving entry forms that are not complete, the declarations on the back of the form and Hazardous Fuel Register especially, it is the entrants job to ensure the forms are complete and they are not deemed received until they are complete. If you don't know what to do, ask.

COVID-19: A COVID-19 Management plan has been prepared and will be approved by South Australian Department of Health. Contact Tracing Forms will be available at Lake Entry, hopefully as you are queuing up waiting to enter the lake, you will be handed a form. Take the time to fill the form out so that it is ready to hand in when you get to the desk.

The main emphasis will be on social distancing, ensuring that where possible people are 1.5 metres apart, be mindful of this when you set up your camp of your pit or when you are spectating.

South Australia has never made mask wearing compulsory, so you will not have to wear one at the salt, but it is still a good idea to pack one when you come.

We now have 13 trained and certified COVID-19 Marshals to comply with the SA Department of Health regulations, I would like to thank each and every one of them for stepping up. If you are approached by a Marshal, please know that they are doing so with the best intentions, to ensure your safety and compliance for the event.

I'm not going to write anything about travel restrictions here as they change too often other than to say at the very least you will need to apply for a permit to enter South Australia at least seven days before you travel. **Please check with your State as to their requirements.**

<https://www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/cross-border-travel-application>

If you have the following symptoms or signs you should not come to the event: Fever or chills, a cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing that you cannot attribute to another health condition, sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition, muscle aches that you cannot attribute to another health condition, or that may have been caused by a specific activity (such as physical exercise) & loss of taste or smell.

LAKE ENTRY: The main message here is that there will be 2 lanes queuing to come onto the lake, left lane for spectators, right lane for entrants. The other big change will be that spectators will not be allowed on to the lake until 8.30am each day. This is also to try and get entrants onto the lake as quickly as we can. This will be re-evaluated each day to see how well or not it is working.

There will be a final lake inspection on the 25 February 2021, with a notification via our usual media channels as soon as possible after that.

See you on the salt!

SPEED WEEK 2021

For those that do not know the dates for Speed Week 2021 are the 8th to 12th March 2021.

All 2020 entries have all rolled over unless you specifically asked for a refund.

We now have about 150 entries and anticipate 180 to 200 by the time Speed Week starts. There are an encouraging number of new entries and new vehicles for 2021.

Remember due to several changes to the entry form you are required to complete and submit a 2021 entry form. Entry forms are now available at <https://www.dlra.org.au/entryform.htm>, or are available from Head Office. The on-line booking system will be available with a new roll-over option for those that have already paid.

Pre-Entries will close on the 14th February 2021, any entries received after that date will attract the \$200 late entry fee.

The entrants briefing will still take place at 4.00pm on the Sunday afternoon, but to reduce numbers gathering, it will be broadcast over UHF Ch. 10. There will be a track orientation and a rookies orientation after the entrants briefing.

The Annual General Meeting will be at 6.00pm on the Tuesday but to reduce numbers gathering, it will be broadcast over UHF Ch. 10. If you have any items you wish to submit, please come and see Greg or Steve before the meeting.

For any news and all the entry forms, please go to <https://www.dlra.org.au/2021.htm>

VOLUNTEER REGISTER

As you all know Speed Week cannot operate without our volunteers, this register exists to ensure that we have the right number of volunteers where and when we need them. It has been fantastic to see the number of new volunteers that are not even members nominate for 2021. Great Stuff!

Each Speed Week Entrant or a member of their team must volunteer for at least one shift as part of their entry. As an extra incentive, team members who nominate early will have a significant advantage when selecting their jobs and shifts, whereas later entries will have to take whatever jobs and shifts are left.

<https://www.dlra.org.au/volunteers>

TECHNICAL AND RULEBOOK

And now a little reminder from our Technical Chairman to all the car entrants.....

ARM RESTRAINTS: The arm restraint can no longer have the welded twin D ring adjusters and require an addition of a "Tri bar" style adjuster DJ and Diest are about the only ones making suitable arm restraints.

He will have one set with him at the track, and enough Tri bars to retro fit seven sets of restraints. (This safety change was introduced in 2019)

While we are at it, now is a good time for entrants to re-acquaint yourself with the 2021 Rulebook. There is a list of items that have changed in the back of the book, so check to see if there is anything that affects you.

<https://www.dlra.org.au/rulebook.htm>

DLRA CALENDAR



SPEED WEEK 2021

WHEN: 8th - 12th February 2021

WHERE: Lake Gairdner, South Australia.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

WHERE: 24/196 Settlement Rd, Thomastown

WHEN: 14th February 2021.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: New Dates will be organised by the 2021/2022 committee, they are usually the first Monday of the month



DLRA FUNDRAISERS

The DLRA is extremely excited to announce a partnership with Corinna and Frank from the Prancing Pony Brewery in South Australia for our first, limited release, SERENITY OF SPEED - PALE ALE.

With COVID-19 restrictions removing our normal Speed Week charity auction, this will be our fund-raiser for this year, with a portion of the price of each slab going straight to the club. So, we ask for your support in this endeavour and an opportunity to sample some of the Prancing Pony's finest.

A big thanks to Corinna and Frank for making this happen and feel free to share this post around with all your mates. Place your order NOW! <https://prancingponybrewery.com.au/shop/the-serenity-of-speed-pale-ale-carton/>

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Wednesday charity night will not be happening this year, but we still want to give people the opportunity to snap up some amazing collectables by conducting a "silent" auction for donated items. There will be a photo of each item up for auction with a sheet attached and you can put your bid down with your contact details, this way you will know what you must bid to be successful. Then either Wednesday or Thursday the bidding will finish and the successful bidder for each item announced. You can make your bids at the registration van.

Anyone who has something they wish to donate can just bring it along to registration when they arrive, but it would be good to get a photo of the

CLOCKWISE: Donations for fundraisers; George Poteet's Speed Demon team hat; A hat with Vic Edelbrock Jr autograph, with photo of him signing it and a 200 mph club member/record book.



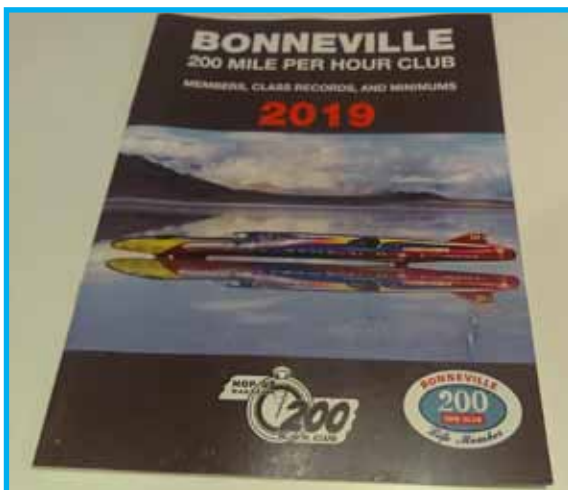
item now so that we can generate a bit of interest.

Here is some examples of what has been donated so far. Thanks to Bob Ellis!

A 200 mph club member / record book.

A hat from George Poteet's Speed Demon team.

A hat with Vic Edelbrock Jr autograph, with photo of him signing it. It is real!



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