

SPEED TIMES

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

SPEED WEEK 2022



This issue of the newsletter is where we would normally show all the news and results from Speed Week. But unfortunately, not this year. As we reported in the last issue Speed Week was cancelled due to the tremendous amount of rain that fell in the area flooding the lake and damaging the roads. Above is a photo (Credit: Mt. Ive) taken the day the Speed Week was due to start with our part of the lake still being covered by 200mm of water. The redness that you can see is part red dust and part pink Algae. More concerning are the clumps of white in the water. Obviously mounds of salt covering branches and other debris washed into the lake.

The plan looking forward to 2023 is to send a clean-up crew out onto the lake when and if it has dried up enough and hopefully before the winter rains to remove as much of this debris along the track alignment. We have already received permission to do this from the Department of Environment and Water based on the safety aspects of having branches embedded into the lakes surface. This clean-up could happen sometime in May, if you are interested in being part of this crew, please get in touch through Carol.

UPDATE: A May working bee is not looking good, the lake was inspected at Easter, and it still has 225mm of water on it and in the last week the Iron Knob road has been closed again just to more rain. Plus, a report from a friend travelling to WA, from the tanks all the way to Kimba the highway is 80kph and witches hats all the way as the road edges are still unstable. Lots of roadwork going on.

FROM THE CHAIR

Well, you can't say we did not give it a go.

I'd just like to thank all those on committee this year for their time and effort. Especially the new blood looking after the Volunteers in Gemma Dunn and Scott Bell. And to Pam Telford helping in the office with Carol. There is a lot that goes on that the normal members just do not see, but I really appreciate the Committee and Officials for all their hard work and dedication.

And thank you to all the entrants and members who have taken the time to contact me over the last weeks, I do appreciate it. Next year is going to be huge!

Could we ask that those members who had not yet entered to please still pay their annual subscription as this will really help the club financially.

VALE JEFF JONES

It is with great sadness that we inform the members of the recent passing of Jeff Jones #561. Jeff lived in Albury New South Wales and first came to see Speed Week in 2005. Just three years later and he was out there having a go himself with his trusty pale blue 1981 Corolla that ran in H/PRO, E/GC and E/BFCC classes. Jeff set records with this car in 2014 and 2017.

The Dodgee Racing team grew to become a family affair which included his son Joel and daughter Bianca also driving the car. Jeff was a valued member of the club and always put in his fair share by helping out at the lake entrance when he wasn't racing. He will be very missed by all his friends at the Dry Lakes Racers Australia.

Sincere condolences to his wife Liz, Joel and Bianca.



MERCHANDISE

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.

GOLDEN TICKET

The Golden Ticket proposal was approved at the General Meeting. 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.

EOI FOR HISTORIC STREAMLINER

Mike Davidson is unable to continue racing on the salt as he has a progressive neurological condition that has forced him into retirement and therefore his prized possession is up for sale. Mike's dream to capture the world record for the fastest twin-engined Flathead powered streamliner began over 25 years ago when he and others put their heads together and the DLRA was born. The journey of building his own car began by hiring molds for the body from Arivetts in the USA and when his body was ready had extensive wind tunnel testing performed at the RAAF Edinburgh base. The car can be entered into four different classes depending on how it is configured. In March 2017, driven by Kurt Dunn, the car achieved an official record of 230 mph on Lake Gairdner. It does require further work to make it race ready again. Included in the sale is its own purpose-built trailer.



Sale is by expressions of interest and interest/offers should be emailed to Anne Davidson: anniebilly53@gmail.com by the 31/04/2022

TECHNICAL - HELMETS

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 4 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."

EOI FOR SLAUGHTER STREAMLINER

Due to poor health Trevor is not going to be able to achieve his ambition.



This vehicle last competed at Lake Gairdner in 2014 in F/BFS trim. In 2013 it ran a class record of 253.700mph. The team has stripped the car for maintenance and to get ready for the next attempt, but this was stopped in realization of our situation.

The chassis has been designed and built to realistically take any combination you desire. BBC, AL elephant motors will all fit comfortably with room for ancillary equipment. Looking to sell less engine and gear box.

Included in the sale: Complete MOTEC system with all sensors. Dual axel trailer that the car was transported on. We were in the process of modifying the suspension with air bags so that the trailer could be dropped to the ground for loading to and from the start finish lines. Specially fabricated stands which were used in transit to ensure no tyres were in contact with the floor of the trailer. Two 'A' frame gantries complete with strops and chain blocks used to lift the car off the trailer and onto work horses, this placed the car at a safe working height whilst engine runs etc were undertaken in the pits.

This is a very difficult decision and quite a sad time for Trevor and the team that we are not going forward and as such we recognise and wish that the price is reasonable so that the sadness and disappointment can be minimalised for all concerned.

Contact Trevor email: tnl.slaughter@bigpond.com or phone: 0448 345 075.



DLRA Calendar

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday 2nd May 2022

GENERAL MEETINGS: The Annual

General Meeting will be on the 8th of May 2022 has been - CANCELLED

Next General Meeting will be September.
















2023 SPEED WEEK: Monday 20th March to Friday 24th March 2023

DLRA MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Delivery & Payment (Don't forget postage will be added)					
Name:					
Address:					
Suburb:			Postcode:		
Phone:		Email:			
I would like to pay by:		(YOU CAN SEND ORDERS TO secretary@dlra.org.au)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card		No:		Expiry: /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Transfer		BSB: 633 000; Account No: 1369 41648. Name: Dry Lakes Racers Australia. Please use your name as reference.			
<input type="checkbox"/> PayPal		We will send you a PayPal Invoice. Make sure you have written your email address above.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque		Please mail to: P.O. Box 349, Castlemaine, VIC, 3450.			
Signature:			Date:		
Office Use:		Received:		Paid:	
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See website www.dlra.org.au for complete merchandise order form

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

 <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 \$20.00</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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