

SPEED TIMES

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FROM THE CHAIR

The Committee members have been working hard to change things for the better. A lot of time has been put into pre-stage and the Start Line. So, you need to read up on all the information on the Forum and Facebook pages to make it all work for you. The better it works, the better the amount of runs for all.

I would like to see more people in attendance at the AGM on the Lake at 4:00pm on Sunday and if you want to have a say and/or vote, you need to be there. The drivers meeting will be held after the AGM.

Also, please note, an Attendance Role will be read out at the Drivers Briefing, so that when an Entrants name is called out, it must be verbally confirmed, and their presence sighted, to be ticked off the Attendance Role. It is to be documented that they have attended the Briefing. Any Entrants who miss the Drivers Briefing need to present themselves to the Race Director for a briefing before they are able to race.

The Lake is looking good so far and it will be inspected approximately 10 days prior to Speed Week.

We need Volunteers, more than ever. If you know anyone who is visiting, and they would like to help, let us know.

The Timing Crew have been working hard for months to improve the Timing System with more screens at the Start Line and Pits. A big thank you to the boys.

There will be more signs on the Lake this year that need to be obeyed.

Please help our International Visitors if they need guidance or send them in the right direction for help.

Be ready to help your Club Members and don't leave it up to the small numbers, as my Dad used to say, "Many hands make light work".

Let's all have a bigger and better Speed Week with more runs.

I would like to thank all of the hard-working Committee Members that make all of this happen.

See you at the Lake.

Most of all, have fun!

Be safe!

Don't forget... both new and old members, please read up on all of the changes.

Norm Bradshaw,
DLRA President .

SPEED WEEK 2018

There are some significant changes to the organisation of Speed Week.

PRE-STAGE

For 2018 we will be re-introducing a pre-stage, so rather than all the vehicles lining up at the start line, they will line up at the south end of the pits. How you organise yourself is your business, provide your own shade, have drinks on hand, once you are in pre-stage you should be ready to go to the start line.

Vehicles wishing to line up for Pre-stage will queue at the southern end of the pits on the east side of the access road. Pre-stage officials will call for 10 vehicles to cross the access road to the west side. Where they will wait until called for by the starter. As these cars vacate the pre-stage the next 10 cars will be called forward.

See item below about Rookies session first thing on the Monday morning. At least for the first day of competition there will be a pre-stage for tracks 1 & 2. The pre-stage for track 2 won't start until the rookies are finished.

It was decided as necessary to force vehicles on track 2 that were not returning to the pits after their run, rather they were tacking on to the end of the queue and running again. The issue with this is that there was much



more shrapnel picked up off the tracks than in previous years, entrants are not properly checking their vehicles between runs and by making them return to the pits and having to go through pre-stage will hopefully encourage them to do so.

START LINE

Start line rule number one. Under no circumstances is an entrant to approach or talk to the Starter unless the Starter asks you a specific question.

Start line rule number two. The start line is a prohibited area, the only people allowed at the Start Line are the Starter and the next entrant.

If you need to talk to an official at the start line, there is a dedicated official, that we are calling a Wrangler, his duties also include keeping the general public and other un-authorized people out of the queue and staging areas. Failure to observe the directions of a start line official can lead to eviction from the event. For entrants, this will earn you a yellow or red sticker.

We can't emphasize how serious this matter is in terms of safety and compliance of our leasing arrangements.

To complement the pre-stage, there had been several changes at the start line. There should only be a maximum of 15 vehicles at either start line at any time. Once the vehicles have been released from the pre stage they proceed to the start line and queue in the same order. There will be three lanes on the start line. The middle lane is for streamliners and other vehicles that require special consideration. So, most vehicles will line up in the left or right lanes. When your vehicle is three out from a start you are considered to be staged. You should be ready to go as you are 15 to 20 minutes from leaving. The assistant starter will check all your safety equipment, you are then in the hands of the starter. When you pull up to the start line the starter will ask you for your ENTRY NUMBER and any instructions. If you are making a licensing run, you must tell the Starter. For example, "I'm entry 226 and I'm doing a 175 parachute pull", this will be relayed over the radio and the timers and Race Director alerted as they have special duties to perform for licensing and record runs.

ROOKIES

This year we are going to get all the Rookies to do their rookie run first thing on Monday morning. So, track 2 on Monday morning will be rookies only. Hopefully this will streamline the process and we will have the Race Director there to observe all rookie runs. If you're not there Monday morning you will have to make arrangements with the Race Director.

TECHNICAL INSPECTION

There are just a couple of things from motorcycle inspection. Car guys don't stop reading because most of this applies to you as well

When you arrive at our inspection tent, the first thing we will be looking for is your paperwork. We don't have it at the inspection tent. Either you have it or it's over at the registration caravan. It will speed things up for everyone if you go there before you bring your bike to us.

The second thing we will be looking at is your compliance with Rule 1L

Fire extinguisher. A suitable fire extinguisher of at least 2.5KG. This is the minimum standard for fire extinguisher. If you don't have that, you will not get through tech. Also consider that there are only three fire crews on the lake covering about 12 miles of racetrack. If you have a fire in the pits, or at the start line, you may need more

than 2.5kg. Hydrocarbon spill kit. Do you have one?

Shovel and broom. This doesn't mean dustpan and brush. If you pop an engine or have some other issue that requires your support vehicle to pick you up from the course, this may also require a shovel and broom. Although in hindsight, the video of you and your crew cleaning up a mile of debris with a dustpan and brush may be funny, the guys and gals waiting on the start line might be less than amused.

Flashing or rotating beacon. When you are chasing your competitor, we need to know who you are. So, consider something that complies with the rules, and that you can see on a white lake in the middle of the day

UHF CB Radio on Channel 10. This means a UHF radio mounted in the support vehicle, so you can hear it, with a proper aerial. NOT A WALKIE TALKIE. If you turn up with a walkie talkie, you will not get through scrutineering.

A driver/rider shall be on or in the race vehicle any time the engine is running. Seems fairly self-explanatory.

Don't ride in trailers or in the back of a ute or pickup. South Australian road rules apply on the lake to all but competition vehicles that are actually on the race course. And if you are riding a motorcycle around the pits, wear a helmet. No glycol or coloured coolant. It stains the lake.

Moving on, sunscreen, a hat, an umbrella for the start line, and lots of water.

I look forward to seeing almost all of you on the lake.

SUPPORT VEHICLES SPEED LIMIT

Here's a reminder to support crews driving support or chase vehicles from the track 1 start line to their pick-up point, new speed limit signs will be erected on your access track.

From the start line to 400 metres south of the pits, the speed limit will be 100 kph, from there it will lower to 60 kph in front of the pits to a point 400 metres north of the pits, where it will rise again to 100 kph. This is the only road within the competition area that has a 100 kph speed limit.

Support crew are reminded that the Lake is a National Park and subject to all South Australian road rules.

ALCOHOL and DRUGS TESTING

The DLRA now has at its disposal a breathalyser again and drug mouth swab testing kits. Competitors will be subject to a small number of random tests during Speed Week. If a result is positive the competitor will be stood down from competition for the remainder of that day of competition. A competitor can refuse a test but will not be able to compete that day. Tests will be conducted in private and the process and results will respect the privacy of the competitors being tested.

More information about Alcohol and drugs testing can be found online at <<http://www.dlra.org.au/compliance.htm>> Brochures about the alcohol and drug testing programs will be included in the entry packs at registration.

COMPLIANCE TESTING EQUIPMENT

This year the DLRA has purchased several pieces of equipment to ensure compliance with the DLRA rules and regulations. This includes a fuel tester, a displacement meter and displacement gauges and a metal thickness measurement tool, plus some tamper-proof wire and stickers. We will not be testing every vehicle with these devices, rather they will be used when a gas-powered vehicle breaks a record and/or a protest is made or just randomly during the week. Primarily they will be used for the World Speed Trials.

WORLD SPEED TRIALS AUSTRALIA

Entries for the World Speed Trials have now closed and there are 11 entries, which is more than what we expected, so that's a great thing. Congratulations to all the entrants for wading their way through the application paperwork and procedures. There will be a 12 mile track with a measured mile and kilometre in the middle where speeds will be measured.

Because there are three start points in either direction, there will be no spectators at the start lines or finishing points. All spectators will be restricted to viewing from the pits.

The World Speed Trials will start on Saturday 17th March and run until the last attempt on Monday 19th March 2018.



#	Name	Vehicle	Cat.	Grp	Div	Class	Current Record Mph	Current Record Km/h
21	Ruedi Steck (CH)	KTM 1290 Super Duke R 2017	I.	A1	A I.3+	1350cc	1 km: 188.727 mph Mile: 188.598 mph	1 km: 303.726 km/h Mile: 303.519 km/h
7	Valerie Thompson (USA)	7 Streamliner	I.	A1	C V.3+	3000cc	1 km: 376.363 mph Mile: 376.156 mph	1 km: 605.698 km/h Mile: 605.366 km/h
379	Greg Watters (AUS)	Suzuki gsx1300R	I.	A1	A II.3+	1600cc	Open	Open
495	Kim Krebs (AUS)	Suzuki gsx1300R	I.	A1	B II.3+	1600cc	1 km: 212.424 mph Mile: 212.410 mph	1 km: 341.864 km/h Mile: 341.841 km/h
173	David Plecas (AUS)	Honda CT110 125cc	I.	A1	A II.1	125cc	Open	Open
178	Ronnie Stayt (AUS)	Kawasaki ZX12R	I.	A1	A II.3+	1350cc	1 km: 204.072 mph Mile: 203.998 mph	1 km: 328.423 km/h Mile: 328.303 km/h
1388	Ben Felten (AUS)	2017 Yamaha YZF 1000 R1M	I.	A1	B I.3+	1000cc	1 km: 221.863 mph Mile: 221.748 mph	1 km: 357.054 km/h Mile: 356.870 km/h
889	Steven Kell (AUS)	Suzuki GSX R 750	I.	A1	A I.3+	750cc	1 km: 150.583 mph Mile: 150.758 mph	1 km: 242.340 km/h Mile: 242.621 km/h
519	Richard Assen (AUS)	Suzuki Hayabusa	I.	A1	A II.3+	1350cc	1 km: 204.072 mph Mile: 203.998 mph	1 km: 328.423 km/h Mile: 328.303 km/h
9519	Richard Assen (AUS)*	Suzuki Hayabusa	I.	A1	B II.3+	1350cc	1 km: 261.387 mph Mile: 261.243 mph	1 km: 420.663 km/h Mile: 420.429 km/h
1186	David Moore (AUS)	Suzuki GSXR	I.	A1	A I.3+	1000cc	1 km: 192.865 mph Mile: 192.695 mph	1 km: 310.387 km/h Mile: 310.113 km/h
783	Ken Robinson (AUS)	2010 Suzuki Hayabusa	I.	A1	B I.3+	1350cc	1 km: 223.888 mph Mile: 223.981 mph	1 km: 360.313 km/h Mile: 360.463 km/h



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DLRA CALENDAR

WHAT: Lake Inspection
WHEN: Thursday 1st March 2018
WHERE: Lake Gairdner, South Australia.

WHAT: General Meeting
WHEN: Sunday 11th March 2018
WHERE: Tech Inspection Tents, Lake Gairdner, South Australia

WHAT: Speed Week 2018
WHEN: Mon 12th March – Fri 16th March 2018
WHERE: Lake Gairdner, South Australia

WHAT: World Speed Trials Australia
WHEN: Sat 17th March – Mon 19th March 2018
WHERE: Lake Gairdner, South Australia



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DLRA 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 asking for access and you will be sent the address and password.

VOLUNTEERS

We are very much looking for new Chief Starters, there is a strong preference to have at least four people to perform this role, this way they can share the duties for each track.

We are also looking for more people to help-out in the timing van or at the start line entering car numbers. This is a great job, certainly at the start line you have the best seat in the house. Training will be given to ensure that these people know what they are doing. If you have average computer skills this is the job for you.



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