



# THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE DLRA

## FROM THE CHAIR

At the time of writing, we have 56 confirmed entries for Speed Week 2019 which is about normal for this time of the year. And I know there are plenty of guys out there that are planning on entering, but just haven't got around to it yet and we end up with a deluge of entries on the death knell. So what's stopping you?

By multiple eye witness accounts the lake is dry, has been since early December (3.3mm rain for the month and nothing this month), the extended weather forecast shows no rain between now and Speed Week. With temps ranging between 28 and 33 during Speed Week.

Pre-Entries close on the 10th February 2019, you only have 20 days before it will cost you an extra \$165. You can see those that had entered here [www.dlra.org.au/2019](http://www.dlra.org.au/2019)

Last year a lot of people commented on the vibe at Speed Week, it was very positive, and everyone just got on and did their thing and I'm keen to keep that going. Speed Week can be a very busy time for entrants and a certain amount of tunnel vision sets in, so I will remind you all now, be courteous to your fellow competitors, officials and volunteers and let's make it the best one yet.

This is emphasised no more than at the queue waiting to get on to the lake in the mornings, we are trying to get you on as soon as we can, but help us to help you. KEEP TO THE LEFT, this is very important for 2019 as each morning we will have entrants needing to get onto the lake to get ready for their record runs

which are the first vehicles each day. Their support vehicles will be marked to indicate that they have a priority to get on to the lake (probably a flag or sign) and may use the right-hand side of the track to do so.

For car entrants using parachutes there is a new directive / reminder for 2019. Once you have gone through the mile marker, deploy your parachute KEEPING YOUR FOOT ON THE ACCELERATOR FOR AT LEAST A QUARTER OF A MILE BEFORE YOU TAKE YOUR FOOT OFF THE PEDAL. This will ensure the vehicle remains tracking straight. We have had instances in the last couple of years where entrants have backed off too early and spun.

I have the unfortunate duty to announce that after 25 years Carol (our Secretary and Treasurer) will not be able to be at Speed Week 2019. Nobody is going to miss Carol more than me, well maybe Rod, with much of what Carol does being second nature to her, she's been doing it for so long.

So, the DLRA Office will be closed from the 3rd of February 2019 until after Speed Week. The mail will still be collected from the mail box and forwarded to me, so it may take a while longer to respond. All phone enquiries should be directed to me. We have arrangements in place for Deb Dawson to help me out in the Registration Van, but please bear with us.

I'm sure you will all join with me in wishing Carol a speedy recovery.

Greg Wapling - DLRA President  
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## SPEED WEEK 2019

Just a reminder, as from 2019, we are competing for Australian Records, these speeds will be based on the average of two runs. For more information refer to the 2019 Rulebook or the Speed Week 2019 web page, [www.dlra.org.au/2019](http://www.dlra.org.au/2019)

Entries are now open for Speed Week. There should be an entry form attached to this newsletter. Entrants and/or additional entrants use this form.

- You can download one at [www.dlra.org.au/entryform.htm](http://www.dlra.org.au/entryform.htm)
- You can register your entry and pay for it at <https://www.dlra.org.au/online-booking.htm>

NOTE SAME VEHICLE, ADDITIONAL CLASS ENTRANTS: There is a separate entry form for Entrants who wish to register the same vehicle in more than one class;

- Contact: Carol 03 5472 4629 or [secretary@dlra.org.au](mailto:secretary@dlra.org.au) prior to 3rd Feb and after contact Greg

- Download one at [www.dlra.org.au/entryform.htm](http://www.dlra.org.au/entryform.htm)
- Go to On-line Booking - Additional Class page to register for the other classes.

<https://www.dlra.org.au/online-booking-additional-class.htm>

- Don't forget to fill in the Hazardous Fuels Register, your entry will not be considered complete if you do not supply it and will be returned to you.

- Entrants don't forget to nominate for your volunteer job, it is mandatory for all entrants or a team member to volunteer. As always, spectators are very welcome to volunteer as well. [www.dlra.org.au/volunteers](http://www.dlra.org.au/volunteers)

- PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE on 10/02/2019



## From the Chief Motorcycle Inspector

Here we are again. It's that time of the year where it's either panic mode or the sad realisation that it's just not going to happen for your team this year. It's the latter case for myself and our team. Life got in the way.

Moving on, there's some changes that will affect all competitors - two, three and four wheeled.

From this year the DLRA will be running two run records. So, competitors will be expected to back up any record with a second run. After your first run, if you exceed a current DLRA record, you will be required to head to the impound area, quick sticks! This will mean go to impound, go directly to impound, do not stop in your pits, do not go to the canteen for refreshments.

When you get to impound, your vehicle will get a look over for class compliance and if you're running in a gasoline class, your fuel will be checked with our fancy new digital fuel tester.

After that, competitors will get four hours to service on their vehicles. Then you're out of there.

First thing the next morning, competitors who are in impound are back on the lake for their back up run. When this is completed, if you have set a record, it's back to impound where competitor's vehicle will be checked for class compliance and capacities.

If you get through that, your Australian Land Speed Record will be certified.

Remember that the onus is on the competitor to prove

that a vehicle complies with the DLRA rules as written in the DLRA rulebook. Any record can be withheld until the contest board is satisfied of rule compliance.

*In other tech stuff;*

- Are you running street tyres? They must be less than ten years old
- Have a look at the date inside your helmet, also need to be less than ten years old.
- If you're running a motorcycle and using two piece leathers, makes sure the zip goes all the way around and is stitched to the leather, and not the lining.
- And support vehicles.....*Don't forget.* UHF radio mounted in the vehicle and working when you get to tech inspection. A walkie talkie will not get you through tech. A 2.5kg fire extinguisher, hydrocarbon spill kit, and a flashing amber light on the roof. A shovel and broom. Although a dustpan and brush will be handy, it will not pass muster in tech inspection. These are all covered in SRule 1.1 on page 18 of the rulebook, but we still see competitors in tech that just didn't know.

*And finally,* it's been pointed out to me by both the fire and rescue crews and the doctors that working out on the lake all day is thirsty work. So, when you're getting your last supplies in Port Augusta.....

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

Cheers,

Graham Hadley

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Official DLRA Dash Plaques are available to all entrants who have made a pass on the lake. The plaques are made of aluminium, approximately 75 mm by 50 mm in size with the DLRA belly tank logo and will be engraved with your details. Sorry we will not sell blanks.

Download the order form, complete the details, and send it in to: <http://www.dlra.org.au/timing-plaques.htm>

Plaques are done in batches of ten, so out of season, it may take a while. Just \$30.00 including postage.



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The Prancing Pony Brewery is located in the Adelaide Hills. Located in Toiness, a 4 minute drive from Hahndorf, the venue is a brewpub, restaurant and live music venue with 16 beers on taps.

Run by Frank Samson (Head Brewer, physicist and Chief story teller) and his partner Corinna (CEO, Scientist and eternal optimist). Originally from Germany, Frank and Corinna have a love for Beers, Bikes and Blues and given the chance, they combine all three. Both Frank and Corinna ride their bikes at Lake Gardiner and Corinna is a current record holder in the 650 MPS-PG class with her beloved Royal Enfield GT Continental at a top speed of 103.481 mph. Frank rides a Suzuki GSXR-750 and is yet to set a record or break one.

Say hi when you see us and share a beer with us at the Auction night, for a gold coin donation to DLRA. Cheers and good luck to all riders and drivers.



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Speed Week merchandise will be available soon! Plus, all the regular club merchandise. Download the order form on the merchandise page [www.dlra.org.au/merchandise.htm](http://www.dlra.org.au/merchandise.htm)

 <p>T-shirt, White \$36 Mens - S to 5XL Ladies - 10 to 18</p>	 <p>T-shirt, Black \$36 Mens - S to 5XL Ladies - 10 to 18</p>	 <p>Singlets, Black or White \$25.00 Mens - S-XL Ladies - 12-16</p>
 <p>Stubbie Holders \$12.00</p>	 <p>2019 Stickers \$2.00</p>	 <p>Metal Signs \$45.00</p>



### DLRA CALENDAR

**WHAT: General Meeting in Victoria**

**WHEN: Sunday 10th February 2019**

**WHERE: Northern Suburbs Hot Rod Club Rooms,  
25/196 Settlement Road, Thomastown**

Meeting will start at 11:00am sharp, should all be over by 3:00pm. Barbecue after, \$5.00 per head for sausages in bread, salads, and a soft drink.

If you wish to get a pre-inspection your vehicle at this meeting, please contact Carol at 03 5472 4629 or [secretary@dlra.org.au](mailto:secretary@dlra.org.au) prior to 3rd Feb and after that Greg

**WHAT: Speed Week 2019**

**WHEN: Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March 2019**

**WHERE: Lake Gairdner, South Australia**

See website for more details.

## WANTED

*The club is looking for  
a crane truck  
to make the lives  
of the volunteers a bit easier.  
It needs to have a tray  
of around 5-6 metres,  
have a GMV of around 15000kg  
and have the crane fitted  
directly behind the cab.  
Our budget is around  
the \$12,000 mark.*

***If you see or hear of one for sale,  
contact Carol at 03 5472 4629.***

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