

# **Landspeed**

## **New Zealand Association**

If you have an interest in going fast in a motor vehicle or a motorcycle READ ON

In numerous minority sports New Zealanders excel so it's no surprise we kiwis have an excellent record in LAND SPEED ACHIEVEMENT, and world records, the majority at Bonneville, Utah, USA.

Landspeed NZ has been formed to foster and promote land speed racing here in New Zealand. Until now there has been no New Zealand organisation whose sole existence is to organise and support Landspeed racing in New Zealand.

Landspeed NZ has brought together people who have been involved both in NZ and at Bonneville in land speed events. It officially became an incorporated Society in 2016, prior to which 90% of the required paperwork/red tape has been completed by the Foundation Members.

Its first shakedown display meeting being at the Tauranga Air Show in January 2017. As an Incorporated Association we have documented:

- 1 Rules of the Association
- 2 Insurance to cover the events
- 3 Event health and safety plans
- 4 Event risk management plans
- 5 And all the other requirements – too many to list

We have a Website [www.landspeednz.org.nz](http://www.landspeednz.org.nz).

We are on Facebook – Landspeed NZ Association.

We have purchased the latest Tag Heuer Timing Equipment.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017, with the following Committee being elected.

President - John Seccombe

John was the instigator of the formation of Landspeed NZ. Back in 2013 he organised a Land Speed event called The Flying Mile, to be held on Goudies Road, Reporoa, but for reasons beyond his control it was cancelled at the last moment. John set in motion the formation of Landspeed NZ so this won't happen again. His motorcycle routes trace back to 1967 when he was racing a Yamaha YDS3 with a TD1B250cc Yamaha race engine fitted to it. At the age of 20 (1969) he competed in a Hamilton Motorcycle Club Land Speed Trial, achieving 134 mph on the 250cc Yamaha. In 1970 John travelled to England to work for a Mini Cooper Race Team as a specialist welder. To quote John "four years with a professional Race Team taught me so much, way more than just welding". Returning to NZ, he then owned a welding and construction business, quite multi-talented is our John. For the last 26 years he has been consulting and constructing for the Fishing Industry around the world. John designs and builds specialised recirculating sea water systems for live sea food and Fisheries research. His passion for motorcycles and speed revived itself 6 years ago. He currently owns a couple of Hayabusa's, competing in Land Speed Trials, drag racing, and track days. Best time to date 192 mph (309

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kms). No 1 on his Bucket List – to get up and running an Association that's purpose is to facilitate the running of Land Speed Events in NZ.

Vice President/Marketing/Public Relations - Mike Wilkins

Mike recently sold Kawasaki NZ after 28 years as Managing Director. Prior to that for 16 years he was co-owner of the Whakatane Motorcycle shop, Underwood and Wilkins. He has been involved in motorcycles since his first BSA when he was 12 years old. With an emphasis on Motocross and Off Road in his earlier years, Mike has participated in every form of motorcycling and its administration. He currently has a Kawasaki H2R which his son Scott pilots, his best time for the flying quarter mile at the 2017 'Cliffhanger speed trials was 205.36 mph (330.5 kmh). To quote Mike "who knows what speed we can achieve with a suitable venue" it's what Landspeed NZ is all about.

Secretary – Alan Thoresen

Alan has raced motorcycles since he was 15 years old, even way back in 1973 he was fast, achieving a time of 11.89 seconds for the standing ¼ mile on a Kawasaki Z1 900. He holds numerous NZ Drag Racing titles – including NZDRA #1 on his modified Kawasaki ZX14R. Alan has run the ZX14R at Bonneville Salt Flats for 3 years achieving a best flying mile time of 198.70 mph (319.78 kmh). He is a previous Board Member of NZDRA Association. He has been a Pilot and licensed Aircraft engineer having 25yrs plus in Aviation, Engineering, Procurement, Marketing and Management. With a total of 40 years working knowledge in Sales/Marketing/Management and senior roles in both the Wholesale and Retail sectors, he brings a wealth of knowledge to Landspeed N Z. Alan's had direct involvement in the organization of numerous shows and events over many years including a large Air show held at Hamilton and most recently the "Frankton Thunder" 2016 and 2017. He is still very active in both Drag racing and Landspeed racing

Treasurer – Walter Rands-Trevor

From a rural background, Walter grew up with gravel roads, dirt tracks, and grass paddocks, so his first venture on motorcycles – was a dirt bike, namely a Yamaha XT250. While progressing to fast road bikes, he still has in his garage both road and dirt bikes. His introduction to Land Speed racing came with plenty of help, as his partner Pippa's family are Harris Family Racing, and accompanying them to Bonneville in 2012 with his Kawasaki ZX10R had him hooked. Bonneville was rained off in 2014 and 2015 but in 2016 he was back, recording a top speed of 197.89 mph. Back in NZ, Walter recorded 194.98 mph (313 kmh) at the Cliffhanger Flying ¼ mile sprints in Masterton. His work experience brings skills and Event Management; he is currently Business Development Manager for Protecta Insurance, which includes Co-ordinator for their motorcycle product. Prior to this Walter worked in the IT Industry, with roles covering everything from desktop support, network administration, web server and web site development, all great skills to bring to our organisation. Walter is excited to be involved in getting Landspeed NZ up and running, he is looking forward to seeing the sport growing in NZ.

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Committee Member -- Officer in Charge of Bike Checks – Scrutineering Ed Dekker

Ed's first bike was a BSA Bantam when he was 14 years old. His first motorcycle passion was dirt bikes, racing Hare and Hounds/cross country in the 70's and 80's. After the normal break with kids and mortgages, he returned to motorcycling, this time on Road Bikes. Ed became involved with the California Superbike School, and then track days, firstly with the "Playday" Organisation and currently the Moto-TT Organisation. He is involved in Rider Training, Coaching and bike setup. He currently instructs the "Rider up-skill group". Ed got the Land speed 'bug' 5 years ago when he attended the Cliffhanger Speed Trials. He owns a BMW S1000R and a Suzuki Hayabusa.

Committee Member – Phil Garrett – South Island Co-ordinator

Phil was born in London, and survived 3 years as a despatch rider, servicing and repairing his own bikes. Moving to New Zealand he took up Road Racing side cars in the year 2000, achieving NZ #2 in 2003. He's always had a quest for speed and in 2005, on a closed road in South Canterbury, set a new World Land Speed record for 1000cc side cars of 272 kmh. In 2008 he went to Bonneville, and in his words got "the salt fever" to go back and to go faster. He has now built-up two turbo bikes, a 1975 Kawasaki Z 1000 Turbo and 1984 Kawasaki 750 Turbo. Phil owned Street & Sport Motorcycles Christchurch and has been the co-ordinator / Promotor of several speed-trials in South Canterbury including the World Record achieving Event.

Committee Member / Assistant South Island Co-ordinator Rob Small

Rob has a multitude of qualifications, beginning with his career in the Royal NZ Airforce, covering fighter jets and weapons systems including guided weapons. Then 23 years in the NZ Police extending to crash analysis and crime intelligence analysis. He currently has a Senior Risk and Intelligence Position with the Ministry of Health. While in the Airforce, Phil became involved in 'Bucket' racing and the required engine modifications to gain more speed – the rest is history - (to coin a phrase). For the last 3 years, Rob has been partnered with Phil Garrett and the Flying Kiwi Motorcycle Racing Team, developing the bikes for Land Speed racing. Like the rest of the Committee, Rob is a Founding Member of Landspeed NZ.

When you add together the combined skills of the seven Committee members, together with their passion for Land Speed racing, there is nothing that can't be achieved.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY** – Landspeed NZ is open for all to be part of –

If you want to join with us as a participant in the actual events or be involved in helping to run the events or just be a social member, just fill in the attached Registration Form and email or post to the advised addresses.

Social Membership is just \$25.00 pa, participant Membership is just \$100 pa, which is inclusive of the annual Racing Licence.

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We intend to run at least 2 major 'Official Record Events' in the first financial year, one in the North Island and one in the South Island, with additional display or practice events.

You might be interested to know that the first and second Membership payments received outside of seven Foundation Members were:

Bill Ward - - NZ's 'Oldest Boy Racer' - - (79 years young) - 1930 Model A Roadster (D-Street Class Machine) -275.7 kmh, Bonneville 1979.

Reg Cook – of Cook Motor Racing – (71 years young) multi Land Speed records at Bonneville, 2000cc petrol coupe 306.69kmh, 2000 Diesel Streamliner, 337.9 kmh and more.

Landspeed NZ is now a reality and we need all interested parties to get 'on board'.

It goes without saying we are not just about big bore 200 mph plus machines.

Land speed records cover a multiple of engine sizes, standard pump gas, other high octane fuel /nitro, naturally aspirated, supercharged/turbo charged, with or without streamlining.

Current speed Records achieved officially in NZ are able to be beaten, they just require someone to challenge them at an official event. We are going to provide the events, so YOU can be the person to challenge them and get YOUR name in the record books.

Current Official Flying ¼ Mile Motorcycle Records Speed records are:

50cc	80.21 mph	(121.10kmh)
125cc	121.01 mph	(194.75 kmh)
250cc	159.95 mph	(257.41 kmh)
350cc	149.19 mph	(240.10 kmh)
500cc	157.06 mph	(252.76 kmh)
750cc	183.05 mph	(294.60 kmh)
1000cc	187.90 mph	(302.40 kmh)
Open	191.08 mph	(307.51 kmh)
Sidecar 1000cc	169 mph	(272.00 kmh)

Current Fastest Officially Timed Motor Vehicle in NZ was set by Eddie Freeman driving Lamborghini Gallardo Superleggera at Ohakea Air Force Base Manawatu.

Flying 220.8 mph (355.5 kmh)

NZ Fastest Land Speed Woman is Miriam Macmillan driving a Honda CRX 2.1ltr Turbo at Bonneville to a class Record of 238.2 mph (383.1 kmh).

We all know about Burt Munro's Bonneville Record of 183.586 mph set in 1967, but there are plenty of Kiwi's since then that have travelled to Bonneville with bikes / cars / sidecars / streamliners to not only participate but also setting new records.

The NZ Landspeed Association has formed so those with a quest for speed can do so in New Zealand.

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INTERESTED ---- Fill out the Membership Form and send it in.

The Team  
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LANDSPEED NZ ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM:

First Name -----

Surname -----

Postal Address -----

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Email -----

Phone Contact ----- Mobile -----

Date of Birth -----

I wish to Register as a Participating Member     \$100.00             Yes/No

I wish to Register as a Social Member             \$25.00             Yes/No

LandspeedNZ Membership Financial Year is the 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> May

Scan or Email Application Form to: [john@flyingmile.co.nz](mailto:john@flyingmile.co.nz)

Or post to: John Seccombe, 52 Maraetai Heights Rd,  
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Payment by cheque: ( included with Post Application) - make cheque payable to  
Landspeed New Zealand Assn

Internet Banking: to Kiwi Bank 38-9018-0289632-00  
Please include your identification details i.e. surname, first name

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