

Landspeed **New Zealand Association**

Landspeed New Zealand News update 10th May 2021

It's been five years since I became involved with Landspeed NZ and while updating our website to include a direct link to LSNZ records, I was inspired to write this summary.

I have been involved in Motor racing particularly Motorbikes since I was 12 years old. I've owned retail motorcycle shops and been the NZ Distributer of Kawasaki, served on the Motorcycle NZ Board and owned and run NZ Race Teams. I guess you can say I'm reasonably qualified to tell you the LSNZ story so far.

Landspeed NZ was established as the two other recognised NZ Motorsport Associations, Motorcycling NZ & Motorsport NZ do not run multi participant Landspeed events it's just individuals that organise record attempts under their rules and stewardship. We are an Association where as many as 40 participants can take part in every Landspeed event we run.

NZ Landspeed records are not the sole possessions of any one Association; they are all legitimate records provided they are conducted under internationally recognised rules, conditions and regulations.

As mentioned I have been involved for 5 years along with the group that formed the original committee of LSNZ but prior to this there was 3 years of work by our President John Seccombe that produced the LSNZ Association we have today. Not counting the early events we ran to promote LSNZ at the Tauranga Air Show and numerous exhibitions at Motor-shows the first record attempts event we ran was at Goudies Rd. Reporoa was on the 8th of April 2018, this was followed again at Goudies Rd. on the 10th of February 2019. The 2020 event was cancelled due to the Covid restrictions and this year we held the event on the 20th of March 2021

If you go to our Web site you can get all the details about us including full reports & results including video production from each event, plus now there's a separate Column showing individual LSNZ class records achieved at our events. If you do take a look at our records you will find plenty of cc classes in both Motorcycles and Cars that have yet to have a LSNZ recorded to them. What's also to be noted is that existing LSNZ Records can and will be beaten, these records are set in accordance with recognised International rules which include the time is the average speed each way of the course. We have numerous one way runs that exceed some of our records but for one reason or another the run the other way has failed. As an example Stu Goldsworthy on his Kawasaki H2R has achieved 351.13 on a run one way.

LSNZ recognises NZ Speed records recorded by Motorcycling NZ (MNZ) and Motorsport NZ (MSNZ) I was very pleased to see four Board Members from MNZ at our event on the 20th of March 2021, of course my son Scott was there (and also riding) plus Dennis Sharlet, Rod Price and President Noel May, It was a real pleasure to see them viewing our event.

If you have got this far through reading my summary let me share some more details with you. Within LSNZ we have a 200mph club (321.87kph) which to qualify is a successful one-way run exceeding 200mph. We now have Nine (9) members who have qualified. To achieve this on a 7 meter wide tar-seal road takes courage & skill in the order of when they first recorded it here are those members. Darryl Dolby, Shane Dixon, Stu Goldsworthy, Scott Wilkins, Colin Johnson, John Seccombe Ed Dekker, Walter Rands-Trevor, and David Cremer

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New Zealand Open Class Landspeed recorded speeds are; (including all three Associations records MSNZ, MNZ, and LSNZ) Average speed each way.

Top Five Cars

(MSNZ) Dean Hart - Jet Powered dragster - 363.47 kph– Ohakea

(LSNZ) Darryl Dolby – 2008 Nissan R35 GTR – 357.16 kph –Goudies rd. Reporoa

(MSNZ) Eddie Freeman – Lamborghini Gallardo – 355.48 kph – Ohakea

(MSNZ) Owen Evans - Porsche 911 GT – 348.24 kph – Goudies Rd. Reporoa

(LSNZ) David Cremer – McLaren 675 LT – 320.26 kph – Goudies Rd. Reporoa

Top Five Motorbikes

(LSNZ) Scott Wilkins – Kawasaki H2R – 340.53 kph – Goudies Rd. Reporoa

(LSNZ) Shane Dixon – Suzuki Hayabusa – 336.38 kph – Goudies Rd. Reporoa

(LSNZ) Stu Goldsworthy – Kawasaki – H2R – 336.25 kph – Goudies Rd. Reporoa

(LSNZ) Colin Johnson – Suzuki Hayabusa – 334.09 kph – Goudies Rd. Reporoa

(LSNZ) John Seccombe – Kawasaki H2R – 328.12 kph – Goudies Rd. Reporoa

Another Recording breaking speed was achieved by Walter Rands-Trevor at the 20th of March 2021 event, In the Normally Aspirated – Gasoline Fuel class riding his 1000cc Kawasaki ZX10R Walter archived 321.80 kph. His speed beats his own record and also beats many Supercharged and Turbocharged bikes at the event.

All things take time but LSNZ is now recognised by thousands of (dare I say) Speed Demons & Petrol Heads as well as many overseas Land Speed Associations. We provide a very safe and legal way to attempt Speed Records in NZ at an affordable price, or to simply see how fast you and your machine can go. To those who have and will continue to trek to Speed week at Bonneville USA or to Speed week at Lake Gairdner in South Australia I applaud you for it has to be the ultimate in speed attempts but for those with less budget LSNZ offers the opportunity to test your genuine speed in New Zealand.

LSNZ is organised and run by a small group of committee members and volunteers, we always welcome new blood and energy. Our next AGM will be late June of early July 2021 the actual date will be posted on our Website and emailed to our members if you would like to contribute in any way you are very welcome to attend.

Want to know more ring me Mike Wilkins 021-941,577 or our President John Seccombe 021-961,766

Thanks for taking the time to read this update on LSNZ

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