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Geelong Speed Trials 2004

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More additions to the Historic Geelong Speed Trials 2003

On the weekend of 15th and 16th November 2003, not only are the Geelong Speed Trials “Back on Track” following the return of this historic event last year at the re vamped historic Waterfront track, but for 2003 there will be some very special motorcycles competing over the weekend. **The organiser can now confirm several other exciting inclusions in the event with more being negotiated as we release these updated details, more to come stand by!**

1. The Britten - Bike No5 “The BEARS World Championship“ Motorcycle:

The organisers have confirmed acceptance of a Britten as the featured demonstration machine on both days. . This is one of only ten machines produced by the Britten Motorcycle Company, whose founder, John Britten died from cancer in 1995. An amazing story of one man’s dream, who with a band of enthusiasts, built the original 1000cc V-twin machine in John’s home workshop and then went on to win the BEARS World Championship. Weighing 138kgs with 166hp he took on the best in the world and beat them, still holding the fastest speed of 189mph (303kmh) at Daytona. The bike still holds 4 World Records and 3 NZ records that were set in 1993.

The machine entered is bike No 5, “The World Championship BEARS machine”, owned by Mr Kevin Grant, who will be bringing the machine over from New Zealand exclusively for the Geelong Speed Trials. Also confirmed is the rider for the machine will be Hugh Anderson, the four-time World Champion 1963-65 in the 50cc and 125cc classes. Hugh is well known recently for his Classic events worldwide, including the Mike Hailwood Memorial Trophy at Brands Hatch in 1994 and the Oceania Classic Championship in 2000.

2. The Mighty Hallam:

This exciting machine, not seen for several years, will once again compete at Geelong. Owned by Paul Hallam, it is powered by 1127cc Daytona motor, and is truly one incredible Australian-built motorcycle.

3. Remember the Great Years of the TZ:

The sound and speed of the almighty Yamaha TZ 750cc will also be heard at this year’s event with two of these amazing machines competing, along with several 250cc and 350cc models. The largest collection of TZ machinery for



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many years in one event. Graham Smith's beautifully restored TZ750F which won the 1995 Victorian Championship and regularly has competed in Period 5 races including being 1st outright at Tapau NZ and clocked at 270kmh at the Pukekohe circuit, will be one of these machines ridden by Graham. The second machine is extremely rare on its first ever race meeting after taking 2 years to rebuild some 5 years ago. This machine is owned by David Rod a Melbourne enthusiast who commissioned Bruce Woodley of Power Flow Geelong to restore it up to the same specifications as the Kenny Roberts TZ 750A that he won so many titles on. At Geelong it will be ridden by John Woodley 5 times NZ Champion, 3 times Australian 500cc GP Champion at Bathurst. We welcome the David Rod TZ 750 and John to this year's event on what will be another exciting exclusive for this year's speed trials.

4. **Formula Extreme Superbike:**

The 1000cc Yamaha R1 Gary O'Brien/Dynobike Formula Extreme superbike will be out to break the current track record, and based on the bikes track record this year anything is possible!

The organisers can now confirm that Castrol Honda Racing team have agreed to have 2 machines entered in the demo section on both days. A Fireblade ridden by Kirk McCarthy, who will be welcomed back to the event to see if he can break his current record holding performance, and also Paul Free on a bike yet to be decided – stand by as Mick Smith has something up his sleeve on this one!

The team will be fully supported by the local Honda dealer who will have several of Hondas latest models on show.

5. **Modern Saturday:**

For the first time at the Geelong Speed Trials, motorcycles will compete on the Saturday. These will be modern motorcycles from 1980 to 2002 period, and are sure to create some new records for this historic track. **All ready the entries are filling with some exciting machines for this first time inclusion to the event.**

6. **Historic Sunday:**

The Sunday will be an incredible day of historic motorcycles, with some very special machines being entered, including HRD Vincent, Triumph, Norton, Velocette, and not forgetting the exciting sidecars. For the first time there will also be a "show and shine" for motorcycles on the foreshore reserve, run by the Classic Riders of Victoria Club.

7. **Show and Shine:**



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In addition to the competitive side of the event, this year for the first time there will be a show and shine on **the Sunday** conducted by the Classic Riders Club, **now confirmed including the Norton, Velocette and Vincent clubs** to put together a display of machinery for all enthusiasts of motorcycles, **unlike any seen in Geelong for many years** .

The 2003 event will be an amazing gathering of motorcycles from modern to classic, with some extreme machines like the fabulous Britten and Hallam as special guests.

Where else can you see a competitive event like this, and receive a free program for the cost of a donation to raise funds for the Apex service clubs?

Come to the Geelong Speed Trials for a weekend of motoring fun.

Further details **and entry forms** can be on the event can be found on the **web sites of the Geelong Speed Trials at www.geelongspeedtrials.com and the HMRAV web site at www.hmraav.org/**

The motorcycle competition will be run by the HMRAV Club on both days. For further details and enquiries please contact John Daley HMRAV, dalrac@optusnet.com or Roger Northam, Geelong Speed Trials, email northam@iprimus.com.au