



Geelong Speed Trials 2004

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Britten to run at 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.

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 many years in one event.



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4. Formula Extreme Superbike:

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

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.

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:

In addition to the competitive side of the event, this year for the first time there will be a show and shine conducted by the Classic Riders Club, incorporating several other clubs to put together a display of machinery for all enthusiasts of motorcycles.

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 on the event can be found www.geelongspeedtrials.com

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