

ASRA LIVERPOOL SPEEDWAY EXHIBITION - Saturday, 1st March 2025

The Australian Speedway Riders' Association was proud to have been invited to be part of this historical event, engaging in the display of speedway bikes and memorabilia.

Thank you to ASRA President Dave Mills for arranging for the ASRA display to be conveniently located on the grassy shaded area adjacent to the museum entrance. This area provided exhibitors with relief from the 40c temperature of the day.

At such an event the ASRA always takes the time to respectfully pay tribute to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice competing in the sport they loved. On this occasion two tribute boards containing photographs and memorabilia of Liverpool Legends Gordon Gausco and Geoff Curtis were on display.

This event was held in conjunction with the current free exhibition that was taking place until late March 2025 regarding the history of "The Place of Pace" Liverpool Speedway 1967 - 1989. The Liverpool Regional Museum had planned a special display in the carpark and surrounds of the Museum on the 1st March 2025. It was planned that this promotion will focus and highlight the motorcycles and cars that raced at the Speedway and include a static display of both the cars, bikes and memorabilia.

The Australian Speedway Riders' Association had cordially invited as many ex-Liverpool competitors / pit crew / helpers and family members as possible to participate in this event so as to create a large social reunion for our members.

ASRA members who proudly displayed the following machines were Steve Burdus with his late Father Alan's Multi Australian Champion Sidecar winning Vincent. Rod Steep and the beautifully restored Doug Tyerman Suzuki outfit. Richard Day's JAWA 890 solo - his last original bike. Jeff Lee's JAP solo. Grant Ellis ex Billy Sanders solo. Bill Powell ex Jim McIntyre Mattingly JAP solo.

Each exhibitor was presented with an ASRA Show Day Award plaque as a memento of this historic event.

It was so good to see so many of our members visiting our display and autograph the "Kwiksnax" breast plate as a permanent memento of their attendance. It was very pleasing to catch up again with former Liverpool Flyer, soloist Greg Kentwell. who made the trip down from Queensland.

I was delighted that 89 years old Kenny 'Mouse' Benson was able to attend on the day, assisted by two family members. Ken met up with many old friends and re-lived his Liverpool memories, especially his relationship as mechanic for Ole Olsen.



In conjunction with the event's organisers. it was an honour and privilege to arrange the attendance of two special guests. Nola Harper, sister of Australian solo great, the Late Gordon Gausco - a Liverpool Legend. Nola was accompanied by Keith Hunt, who was a lifelong friend of Gordon Gausco and is a close member of the Gausco family. Keith was Gordon's right-hand man and mechanic during Gordon's racing in Australia. In April 2013 Keith; at the "Salute to Liverpool Legends" presentations, had the honour of accepting the crystal trophy that was awarded posthumously to the family of Gordon Gausco. Gordon was fatally injured at Liverpool Speedway in 1970. Renown Speedway journalist Dennis Newlyn conducted an informative and sometimes touching interview with Nola and Keith.



Bert Harkins, Jim Airey, Howard Cole were just three of many former Liverpool competitors who tendered their apologies

Thanking all those who attended this event and made it such a success.
Kind regards

Bill Powell
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Exhibition Event Organiser