

2012 CLASSIC OUTBACK TRIAL

NEWSLETTER #15

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DECEMBER 2011

Accommodating 2012

It's a Big Wide Wonderful World and how blessed we are to be living in the best Country!

Phil Rainer and I have just completed the first survey for next year's event. What a joy it was to get out of the city and into the outback.

The main focus was to lock down our accommodation requirements at each overnight stop and to visit several properties that had been recommended to us and obtain approval for their use. On both counts we exceeded our expectations.

At each overnight stop the event will require around 200 beds and that is based on only 40 entries. Should we obtain the maximum entries of 50 cars then the number of beds required increases to around 250. In Condobolin and Cobar that is stretching the availability. An accommodation guide was emailed out last week to allow those who have registered and those that are thinking about it to book your requirements now. The list has also been placed on our [website](#).

Between the mining boom that is sweeping Australia plus tourism, places like Cobar are finding it difficult to accommodate everybody. The night before we arrived we were informed that there was not a spare room in town. Two mines have just purchased two motels, and even the event HQ motel, which has 36 rooms, 17 are permanently booked by the mines. If you are considering being part of the trial make your booking NOW.

We have not run an event through this part of Australia so it is a matter of starting from scratch in obtaining permission for us to play on property land. Thanks to Jamie Lawson, who has conducted several events in this area, we obtained some great contacts. The owners then suggested other contacts and off we go.

The great positive factor in running an event through central and western NSW is the size of the properties. 150,000 acres, 100,000 acres, 200,000 acres and boy there are some great tracks.



Road a plenty



Phil with Santa on the Darling

The EVENT course:

We will again be conducting 5 competitive stages per day ranging from 10km to 70km in length.

With the Prologue starting things off on Saturday 18th, Sunday will test the preparation of the cars as the first stage covers 50 km of state forest followed by two properties and two forest sections into Condobolin.

Monday's leg to Cobar will again travel through forest and private properties, some used by the Condo 750.

Due to the location of properties we have made a slight detour on Tuesday. We were initially spending two nights in Cobar then onto Broken Hill. We will now head south west to Ivanhoe. The leg will cover around

240 km of transport with 5 stages and a lunch break around the halfway mark.

Tuesday night will be the first night in a COT event spent under the stars. Accommodation details will follow.

On Wednesday we set off to Broken Hill for two nights and will travel over some great property tracks just out of Ivanhoe and around Menindee and the Darling River.

The area around Broken Hill is again different terrain allowing for plenty of great roads to explore, as well as the local speedway.

AUGUST 2012

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

EVENT CALENDAR

Friday August 17

- Documentation / Scrutiny, Overnight Forbes

Saturday August 18

- Documentation / Scrutiny / Prologue / Welcome function, Overnight Forbes

Sunday August 19

- 1st Day Competition, Overnight Condobolin

Monday August 20

- 2nd Day Competition, Overnight Cobar

Tuesday August 21

- 3rd Day Competition, Overnight Ivanhoe

Wednesday August 22

- 4th Day Competition, Overnight Broken Hill

Thursday August 23

- 5th Day Competition, Overnight Broken Hill

Friday August 24

- 6th Day Competition, Overnight Renmark

Saturday August 25

- 7th Day Competition / Presentation, Overnight Renmark

On our way to Renmark we will have great fun tracking around 200,000 acres and I am sure we will be able to find a couple of L O N G stages. We have also located another property north of Renmark.

The final day of competition is still to be arranged but locals assure us that they will come up with a great Fat Lady Sings stage to finish the event.

Our next survey is being conducted in mid January so we will be able to give more details in the next newsletter.

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John Angove & Phil Bernadou



Darling River Track

Nominations received:

We have to date received 23 nomination forms complete with deposit. If all the people that have emailed me or have told me that they are entering do so we will have over 65 competitors. Because of accommodation restrictions and the timing schedule our maximum entries will be 50. Have you nominated yet?

Nominations received: Michael Arundel, Steve Ashton, Gerry Bashford, Steve Blair, Brian Canny, Joseph Cudo, Michael Coates, Pat Cole, Andy Crane, Robert Dyer, John Giddings, Peter Haughton, Chris Lee, David McKenzie, Dan Murphy, Graham O'Connor, Mark Pickering, Tod Reed, Geoffrey Sawyer, Ben Seehusen, Jim Taylor, Peter Thompson, Graham Wallis. Thank you for your support.

New flyer:

A new flyer has been produced and is available for download from the website.



Sponsorship/marketing opportunities:

To produce an event of this nature does not come cheap! Can you help? We would be delighted in obtaining sponsorship. Naming right sponsorship is still available, so if you have a product that would benefit from exposure in the country, particularly in the areas we will cover, or with the other competitors, service crews and officials, why not give me a call to discuss possible options. Those getting in early naturally will get a better bang for their buck over the next 9 months.

Thank You To Our Sponsors:

We are delighted to announce that Angove Wines are supplying our requirements for the welcome function in Forbes and the presentation function in Renmark. Phil and I met with John Angove at their Renmark head office and they are delighted to be assisting the event and Frontier Services.



Ruston's Rose Garden



Niggle at Crossroads

