

Cars shoot out for Cannonball Run

DARWIN: A multi-million-dollar field of about 140 high-speed cars has been flagged away from Darwin in an event that has been billed as a Grand Prix of the open highway.

The Northern Territory Cannonball Run travels from Darwin to Uluru and back to Darwin, styled on the 1970s mov-

ie about an illegal car race across the United States.

Ferraris, Porsches and Lamborghinis, valued at up to \$1 million, have started in the event, which will cover 3800km in five days.

Speeds of up to 300km/h are expected, although one entrant in a Mini Minor is expected to be

lucky to reach half that speed.

The federal Opposition Leader, John Hewson, was forced to pull out of the event due to more pressing commitments.

Race organisers have stressed that strict controls are in place and although there is no speed limit, police said dangerous driving would still be deemed illegal.

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