

SIX DAYS OF EXCITEMENT

The Northern Territory Cannonball Run is a unique sporting event. High performance sports cars and supercars will compete on open highways, heading out of Darwin through a series of competitive time trials and high speed straight dashes to Australia's mystical Red Centre – and back to Darwin.

The Cannonball Run has been over 12 months in the planning and by the time the first competition cars start from the specially constructed starting ramp at Darwin's Wharf Precinct on the morning of 22 May more than 200 people will have been involved in making the event run smoothly and efficiently.

The event is staged by one of Australia's leading motor sport experts, Allan Moffat OBE, with support from the Northern Territory Government. This support has ensured that the event can be staged safely on the highways which comprise the Run route.

Competitors will take their vehicles through the tropical savannah of the Top End of Australia, south to Central Australia, the landscape changing from barren rocky mesas and ancient mountains to brilliant red desert sands.

What doesn't change is the quality of the bitumen surface. A 'Year 2000' all-bitumen highway, known as the Stuart Highway, stretches through this vast country to link up with the Lasseter Highway which treks west to Ayers Rock. The highways are so straight and long that the bitumen often disappears in a sea of desert mirages in the distance.

This is what the Cannonballers will encounter, and because the Northern Territory of Australia has no speed limits outside the cities and townships, it is perhaps the only place in the world where the Cannonball Run can be professionally staged.

The event will be conducted over six days and will finish in Darwin after enjoying overnight stays in Lasseter's Casino (Alice Springs) in the Central Australian desert, Yulara Five Star Resort (Ayers Rock) and authentic Australian townships.



An early arrival for the Cannonball is a \$1 million Ferrari F-40, shown with Yutaka Sakamoto, General Manager Motor Sports, Sumi Transcorp, and Paul Thorn, Manager of E. A. Rocke Customs, where the vehicle was stored on its Darwin arrival.

A WORLD CLASS FIELD

Australia's finest motor racing champions are set to take up the Cannonball challenge.

Top touring car drivers Peter Brock, Dick Johnson, Gregg Hansford and Charlie O'Brien will be joined by Sir Jack Brabham and Allan Moffat to set some scorching times on the Hidden Valley Raceway as the main curtain-raiser to the Run.

Times set by competitors on the main straight at Hidden Valley will determine pole positions for the start of the Cannonball Run on 22 May.

As Cannonball regulations require all cars to be road registered, Brock and Hansford will swap their Group A Touring cars for Group A Commodore production cars, and Dick Johnson and Charlie O'Brien will do likewise with their Falcons.

Formula One racing legend Jack Brabham is negotiating to import a \$2 million Jaguar XJ220 from the UK; if successful he will switch from his Lamborghini Diablo and participate in the Jaguar. Whatever his vehicle, he'll certainly be a major contender.

SKY HIGH KING OF THE MOUNTAIN

Australia's current Bathurst 1000 motor racing champion, Larry Perkins, has signed up for the Cannonball Run – in a high speed Cessna rather than his race car.

Perkins will be the 'Eye in the Sky' for race director Allan Moffat, providing a birds' eye view of the unique event.

THE CANNONBALL TIMETABLE

Speed Trials	Darwin	20 May	Hidden Valley Complex	
Expo	Darwin	21 May	Darwin Wharf Precinct	
Start	Darwin	22 May	From Darwin Wharf	
Day One	Katherine	22 May	330 km	Overnight stop
Day Two	Alice Springs	23 May	1065 km	Overnight stop
Day Three	Yulara	24 May	450 km	Overnight stop
Day Four	Yulara	25 May	Lay day and overnight stop	
Day Five	Tennant Creek	26 May	950 km	Overnight stop
Finish	Darwin	27 May	960 km Diamond Beach Casino	

SAFETY FIRST

Cannonball Run organisers have been meticulous in planning the safety details of the event.

Reconnaissance aircraft will track and report on the field from the air, while police, emergency services and Transport and Works officers will control roads leading onto the highway.

A communication network will parallel the field on its daily progress and officials and flag marshals will keep competitors informed of caution zones.

Road teams will scour the all-bitumen route each morning before the Cannonball cars take to the road to ensure any animal remains or blown tyres are removed.

Pace cars and police cars will also precede the field to ensure the route is clear and that all spectators are positioned safely.

All pastoral properties and Aboriginal communities along the 3700 kilometre route have been advised of the Run and all roadhouses will distribute information brochures to motorists who may encounter the Cannonball field.

Motorists will be advised to put their headlights on so Cannonball vehicles may see them from a distance and, if overtaking or turning, to indicate earlier than usual.

Organisers recommend that motorists on the road during the event might find a comfortable rest area from which to watch the race spectacle pass by.

DARWIN - THE START AND THE FINISH

The events program for the inaugural Northern Territory Cannonball Run will give competitors, media crews and Territorians plenty of opportunities to be part of the action.

A full weekend of events commences on **Friday 20 May** with speed trials at Hidden Valley Raceway for the setting of official pole positions. The Ansett Cannonball Speed Trials will be Darwin's first chance to catch the Cannonball competition cars in top gear.

On **Saturday 21 May** the Darwin Wharf Precinct will be the venue for a public display of competing vehicles in the Toshiba Cannonball Expo and Mardi Gras.

The Cannonball entertainment continues into the evening with on-stage bands and a special appearance by Australian rock legend Normie Rowe.

The green flag will drop at Darwin's Stokes Hill Wharf at **10.00 am** on **Sunday 22 May**. Grandstand seating on each side of the starting line will provide spectators with a perfect view of the proceedings.

And on **Friday 27 May** Darwin will see the returning vehicles at the Diamond Beach Casino finishing point.

The Casino will also be the venue for the Gala Presentation Night that evening, a night of sophisticated entertainment which is open to the public through advance booking.

INTERNATIONAL COVERAGE FOR THE RUN

The action and highlights of the Cannonball Run will be telecast to an international audience in excess of 100 million people.

A television special will be broadcast throughout Australia and will be translated into Indonesian for broadcast on the TPI network in Indonesia. Further translations will enable the program to be telecast into Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore.

A BBC film crew will produce a documentary for British television and a crew from Gally Film in Germany will produce a program for European distribution. The German company will feature the German-built BMWs which are expected to be highly competitive on the long distance haul.

Option Magazine, one of Japan's leading motoring journals, has entered the event in an exclusive Celica GT-Four and will arrive in Australia complete with a crew of Japanese photographers.

STOP PRESS

All media workers planning to follow the Cannonball Run event to the Ayers Rock Resort (ARR) need to be aware that the Resort is just outside Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

During the event lay day at ARR some writers and broadcasters may be interested in additional stories associated with the Park. For cultural reasons some areas of the Park are unable to be filmed and photographed and there are restrictions on use of images for advertising.

Consequently media and commercial film makers and photographers need to apply for a Film and Photography Permit. Permit forms and guidelines for permission to carry out these activities are available from the Park Manager, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, PO Box 119 YULARA NT 0872. (Fax: 089-562 064)

WELCOME TO THE CANNONBALL RUN

FROM THE NORTHERN TERRITORY CHIEF MINISTER, MARSHALL PERRON

Many people dream of owning a classic sports car or one of the latest super cars that are reaching new heights and standards of performance. More and more people can afford to realise this dream but the great irony is that there is almost nowhere that these cars can be driven legally and safely at anything approaching their capabilities.

It has been said that the Cannonball Run could only happen in the Northern Territory of Australia where we are very much in the business of turning dreams into reality.

Where else in the world do you have such flat, straight highways? Where else do you have such great distances, yet such low traffic volumes that generally speaking we do not have to impose speed limits?

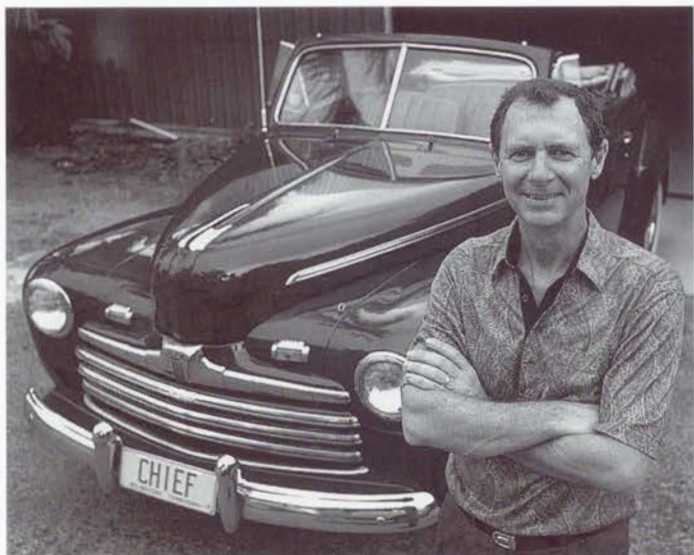
The Cannonball Run will provide drivers and owners with the opportunity to fulfil their dreams, and it will give manufacturers a unique opportunity to demonstrate their latest creations on highways that can handle such scintillating performances.

We hope the Cannonball Run will be the greatest roadshow on earth for street-legal, high performance production cars and for the type of people who have great satisfaction in owning and driving them. My Government has been happy to co-operate with the organisers to ensure that this will be a successful event.

We welcome you to our wonderful Northern Territory and I am sure that while you traverse our land in your modern machines you will enjoy the timeless quality, the unique lifestyle, the special Territorian character that makes us so proud to live here.

Marshall Perron

Chief Minister of the Northern Territory



FROM RACE ORGANISER ALLAN MOFFATT

The Cannonball Run is something which could only happen in the Northern Territory.

Great roads, a fabulous vehicle and wonderful people to deal with.

Our job of organising this event has been made all that much easier by the 'can do' attitude we have experienced at all levels.

Thanks to the Northern Territory Government in the first instance for having the foresight to support the Run – it can obviously see the value of the international exposure that visiting media teams will generate for this unique part of Australia.

The Government's support has been superb at all levels and the Cannonball Run will be the safer and better for it.

So too have the people along the route between Darwin and Yulara come to the party, displaying hospitality to organisers and, I'm sure, to the cars and their teams when the Run begins.

The benefits the Territory will reap from the event will be more than just short term. It's a great place and the Cannonball Run will ensure that even more people get to know about it.

A PLACE WHERE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Once you've driven the length and breadth of the Territory, you'll appreciate that we've got room to move.

You'll also probably ask yourself how, in this over-regulated world, the Cannonball Run ever happened in the first place.

Put it down to a Government which believes anything can be done and acts on the strength of that belief.

The Department of Industries and Development, Ministry of Asian Relations and Trade reflects this view – definitely the first point of contact for serious investors.

The Department was a key player behind the historic Memorandum of Understanding between the Indonesian and The Northern Territory Governments and the subsequent partnership between the Darwin Trade Development Zone and the Makassar Industrial Estate in South Sulawesi.

The Business and Investment Seminar at Territory Perspective at 2.00pm on Thursday 19 May will give you the good oil on real estate investments, infrastructure developments, the capability of local suppliers – all you need to know if you plan to take an informed business decision in respect to Australia's Northern Territory.

After the Cannonball Run, come and talk to the Department of Industries and Development, Ministry of Asian Relations and Trade. Contact Hugh Roberts, Marketing Manager (phone (089) 89 5228, or fax (089) 89 5106).

LEADING WINEMAKER SUPPORTS CANNONBALL

Australia's leading wine exporter, Orlando Wines, is proud to be the official wine supplier to the inaugural Cannonball Run.

Participants in the Run and its associated functions will be tasting a range of Orlando premium wines in the week from 20 May as the Run progresses to its climax in Darwin.

Orlando has focused heavily on export markets for its increasingly popular range of Australian wines for the past eight years. The company's achievements were acknowledged last year when the Australian government named Orlando as the Australian Exporter of the Year.

To celebrate during the Cannonball Run, Orlando will be providing Trilogy Premium Cuveé Brut, first released just over a year ago, which will be supplied at a number of functions including the Speed trials on 20 May, the Drivers' Gala Dinner and the Gala Ball at the Darwin Casino on 27 May.

Orlando's chief winemaker Robin Day comments; "This is a non-vintage wine, aged on lees for 18 months. On the palate it is elegant and the fruit is matched to the yeast flavours, carrying through to a lovely toasty, nutty finish. Trilogy Premium Cuveé Brut is a quality Australian sparkling wine which will set the pace in this growth area of the market."

ARAFURA SPORTS FESTIVAL

The Arafura Sports Festival is Darwin's premier sporting event.

First held in 1991, with seven countries represented, the event grew to 16 countries and 2,500 athletes in 1993. The third Arafura Sports Festival, to be held in May 1995, includes 26 sports, and over 20 countries are expected to take part.

Designed to offer top class competition to athletes in northern Australia, the Festival is the perfect stepping stone

UP AND DOWN THE TRACK

A WELCOME FROM KATHERINE

Katherine township, 330 kilometres south of Darwin, will be the first overnight stop for the Cannonballers on their southward run.

The population of Katherine is some 9200, and the township also serves people from isolated communities and cattle properties from as far as 700 kilometres away.

The people of Katherine join with the Town Council in welcoming the Cannonball Run competitors, support vehicles and media representatives, and will do their best to ensure they enjoy their brief stay.

AND TENNANT CREEK

Tennant Creek is gearing up to welcome the Cannonballers when they stopover in the town on the return leg of the Run on 26 May.

On their arrival, the Cannonballers will head for the High School Oval where the cars will be displayed for public viewing from 5.00 to 7.00pm.

Following the display, there will be a spectacular stage show at the rodeo grounds as well as a rodeo event.

Local community groups have joined in the organisation of these events and to give the Cannonballers a taste of Tennant Creek hospitality at the Stockmans' Dinner provided for drovers and crews.

THE AYERS ROCK RESORT

Nestled in the heart of Australia, the Ayers Rock Resort reflects the unique environment which surrounds it.

Once this was a destination where visitors simply came to climb Uluru (Ayers Rock), watch the sunset from the carpark, and then leave the next day.

Now Australian and international visitors are staying on to enjoy a whole new range of experiences, including walking tours, day-long 4WD safaris, exploring Aboriginal culture and relaxing in the absolute peace of the outback.

From sunset cocktails on top of a sand dune to dinner in the desert under the stars, Ayers Rock Resort leaves its visitors in no doubt at all that they're experiencing a truly special holiday.

The Resort embarked on a major redevelopment program almost two years ago. A 300-seat conference centre has been opened, and three themed zones embrace the Resort's many accommodation options.

Other major developments included a new airport terminal, which last year was the second fastest growing in Australia, handling more than 40 jet flights per week.

The Cannonballers will spend two nights and a lay day at the Resort, just enough time to unwind a little and enjoy the terrific facilities the Resort provides.

LASSETERS HOTEL CASINO

When in Alice Springs, many of the Cannonballers will stay at the four-star Lasseters Hotel Casino.

Overlooking a championship golf course, with the stunning MacDonnell Ranges as a spectacular backdrop, the 75-room hotel casino provides luxury accommodation, superb dining, a choice of bars, gaming, and recreational and entertainment facilities.

CANNONBALL PROFILES



Tony McCafferty and John Osborne will compete in the Cannonball Run in a mica red Jaguar XJS

Tony McCafferty is director and general manager of McCafferty's Express Coaches. He is very familiar with the Territory, having spent some ten years here as a tour driver. Today he pilots the company's Citation Jet on travels around the country. He enjoys all forms of motor sport and competes in the Queensland Jaguar Owners Club meetings at the Lakeside track outside Brisbane.

Co-driver John Osborne is McCafferty's national marketing manager. He competed at race meetings in the 1970s in Queensland and New South Wales in an Austin Cooper S. He later rallied a GT Cortina in state and national events, and participated in the Southern Cross International Rallies and the 1970 Round Australia trial.



From Wagga Wagga comes Entry No 129 – a Chevrolet 1500 pick-up truck 'straight off the farm'.

Driver Tony Broso is a retired farmer and long time speedway driver and motor sports enthusiast. At his last outing he won the Riverina Veterans Invitation Race.

His crew is co-driver Coleen Broso ('chief car polisher and coffee maker'), Tony Broso Jnr (farmer from Narrandera NSW, ex-speedway driver, competed in US TransAm series 1989 and 1990), Ian Stuart (motor cycle dealer from Wagga Wagga) and Frank Puntoriero (farmer from Whitton and 'the best pumpkin grower in the state').



Husband and wife team Charles and Joyce Ryder will take to the highway in their Mark I Cooper S.

Driver Joyce (known as 'Wings') received her CAMS licence in 1968, and is a championship winning rally driver.

Co-driver Charles has taken out class wins in Southern Cross Rallies and has competed in two- and four-wheel drive safaris to Darwin. His nickname? Red Ryder.



Darwin entrant Alan Marshall will be driving his 1967 Cougar GT.

Alan is proprietor and managing director of a vehicle dismantling company in Darwin. He has had 22 years motor racing experience in Australia and New Zealand, and has won many titles and held records.



Owner/driver Tim Hearse says his 1977 Porsche 930 Turbo is 'an oldie but a goodie'.

He's owned the car for two years, and so far it's been used in club events only. His navigator is Phil Nanasi.



Brisbane father and son team David and Steven Dahl will be competing in a 1993 BMW840i.

David is a business executive whose past competitive events have centred around Endeavour Rallies and Variety Club Bashes. Other interests include car club involvement (he was chairman of the organising committee for the National BMW Club convention held at Easter), fishing, golf and tennis.



A 1958 Jaguar XK150S roadster will be driven by Ian Surplice and Leslie Green, from Clareville NSW.

Ian has been interested in cars all his life and had an early association with MGs and Aston Martins.

Co-driver Leslie Green has a long interest in 'sporty' cars. His first car was a new MG TD (he still has one). He also owns a 3 litre 1927 Bentley which is frequently used on the road.



Wayne Partridge, his 1982 Camaro V8 – and the great outback! He heard about the Cannonball and decided to have a go.

Wayne competed in the Tour d'Adelaide in 1993. His co-driver for the Cannonball Run is Carolyn Jaudzens.

CATEGORIES

CATEGORY ONE Exotic Sports Cars

Reserved for a range of vehicles superior in technology and performance to most road cars. The vehicles must be capable of maintaining a minimum cruising speed of 190km/h. Vehicles such as Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, Jaguar, McLaren, Lotus and other very high performance cars will be placed in this category.

CATEGORY TWO Super Classics

General high performance road vehicles and sports cars which must be capable of maintaining a minimum cruising speed of 160 km/h. Vehicles such as Ford Mustangs, Pontiac Trans Ams, Corvettes, GT Falcons, Rolls Royce, BMW, Ford and Holden Special vehicles and sports cars of all makes and models.

CATEGORY THREE Sports Touring

Earlier models of vehicles positioned in Category Two or those vehicles not capable of maintaining the minimum cruising speed of Category Two. Category Three vehicles must be capable of maintaining a minimum cruising speed of 130 km/h.

CANNONBALL CONTACT

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COMPETITIVE SECTIONS

Competitors in the Cannonball Run will vie for points on a daily basis in three controlled Cannonball Sections.

- Cannonball Special section
- Flying Mile Challenge
- Grand Tourer Section

The daily top points scorer in each category of entry will be awarded Top Gun status and will be positioned first off the start on the following day.

Cannonball Special

The daily Cannonball Special Section will provide an exhilarating challenge for drivers and co-drivers. A nominated all-bitumen stretch of public highway will be set each day for the Cannonball Special section and a competitive time for that Section has been personally set by Allan Moffat.

Cannonball Special Sections will vary in length from 50 km to 200 km during the course of the Run and on each day competitors will be required to complete more than one Special Section.

Competitors will be required to exercise considerable open road driving skills as the nominated Special Sections will also carry general traffic and drivers must safely and responsibly negotiate such traffic and road conditions while also complying with the road rules of the Northern Territory.

Cannonball Run Special Sections are competitive sections during which competition penalty points may accrue for late or early completion. The object during Cannonball Special Sections is to incur no penalty points.

Competitors must complete the Cannonball Special Section in the set time, after which penalty points will accrue expressed in actual seconds.

Early arrival at the end of the section control point is permitted with no accrual of Penalty Points for a period no longer than three minutes, after which penalty points will accrue also expressed in seconds.

Cannonball Flying Mile Challenge

The Flying Mile Challenge provides an opportunity for drivers to test the raw power and speed of their vehicles over a mile of closed road. Safety and communications facilities will be in place for this highly controlled high speed section in which competitors will be radar clocked at their maximum speed to earn competition points, i.e. a competitor registering 200 km/h in the Flying Mile will earn 200 competition points (expressed in seconds).

Grand Tourer Sections

The sections of the Run between the Cannonball Special Section and the Flying Mile Challenge will be known as Grand Tourer Sections. No times will be set for these sections and competitors are invited to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Northern Territory and the fascinating outback.

TRANSPORT AND WORKS: BEHIND THE SCENES

The NT Department of Transport and Works, along with other NT Government Departments, is playing a major role in the staging of the Cannonball Run.

Its responsibilities cover areas such as traffic management along the route (to be supervised in conjunction with the NT Police and Emergency Services) and highlighting of hazardous areas along the route, with steps being taken to eliminate such potential trouble spots to ensure an event free of mishaps.

The Department has also made minor amendments to its annual road maintenance program to fit in with the timing of the race. And the Darwin Wharf Precinct, which provides an the venue for the Expo, Mardigras and Race Start, is also the responsibility of the Department of Transport and Works.