



CANNONBALL NEWSLETTER NO. 5

CANNONBALLERS,

2nd December, 1993.

Welcome to Cannonball Newsletter Number 5, as we count down to the start of the Run. The past month has been one of great activity as the mechanics of the event are being put together in Darwin and in the towns along the route of the Run.

Enthusiasm in Darwin and throughout the Territory is running high for the event and everyone is looking forward to seeing the Cannonballers and their cars in action next May. Support from local tourism and promotions authorities and also local businesses has been excellent.

Organisers are very pleased to welcome Hot 100 FM in Darwin and Katherine as associate sponsors. The Radio Station has connections with a national Network and will be starting to crank up promotions for the event from December.

Recent meetings with the Deputy Commissioner for Police in the Northern Territory, with the Department of Transport and Works, and with executives from the Darwin Wharf Precinct, have been very positive during November and organisers wish to extend their thanks to these Government Departments for their exceptional support.

A competitor's meeting was also held in Darwin recently which gave Cannonballers from the Territory an opportunity to meet Cannonball Organisers and to ask any questions. It was a very successful night at Darwin's Melia Hotel and Organisers are hopeful of holding similar meetings for competitors in other capital cities after Christmas.

VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS

Cannonballers are advised that Mr. John Hollins has been appointed to co-ordinate all matters relating to vehicle modifications. John will advise as to whether any modification you may wish to make will be within the parameters of eligibility for the event. His contact number is 089 896535.

As noted in the last Newsletter, to be eligible to Start in the Cannonball Run, vehicles must be registered on the road and must comply with the Standards, Rules and Regulations of Motor Vehicle Registry at the time of Scrutineering and throughout the event. Any modifications must remain within this scope and presentation of documents relevant to modifications will be required at Official Scrutiny.

Any competitor presenting a vehicle which has been modified to an extent that it no longer complies with these standards will be excluded from a start in the event. The Cannonball Run is strictly designed for road cars, not race cars.

The Official Competitor's Handbook (Supplementary Regulations) has not yet been printed as it is currently being ratified by CAMS, however attached is an unofficial excerpt of the relevant section of the Handbook which deals with modifications for those who require the information. Please be advised that it remains "unofficial" until the Handbook is printed and may be subject to change.

SPECTATOR PACKAGES

Cannonball Spectator Packages will be available to the public shortly and will be marketed through the Northern Exposure Travel Group and the Ansett Travel Group. Cannonballers will have first option on the packages (for wives, friends, family, etc.) Cost of the packages are:

- * Bus Package - \$1400 per person twin share, includes meals, accommodation, return air fares and a VIP Cannonball Pass which entitles the holder to VIP Entry to Scrutineering, Starts, Finishes and entry to Public Entertainment venues.
- * Fly/Bus Package - \$2000 per person twin share. Inclusions as above.

Please contact the Cannonball Office on 008 812824 if you wish to reserve positions prior to these packages being offered to the general public.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

International competitors are advised that E.A. Rocke Customs Services has been appointed to co-ordinate the import and export of Cannonball cars for the event. Any questions or queries should be referred directly to Paul Thorn on 61-89-470755 (089 470755 for calls from within Australia).

NUMBERPLATES

Official Cannonball Numberplates are available for dispatch to competitors upon receipt of the Secondary Progress Payment. Please note the numberplates cannot be legally affixed to your vehicle until the start of the event.

Finally for this Newsletter, any Cannonballer requiring to utilise our special freight rate for freighting vehicles to Darwin and back, or to utilise our special airline rate for return air fares, should contact the Office and advise as soon as possible.

Until the next Newsletter!

YOUR CANNONBALL TEAM

EXCERPTS FROM SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

8) Conditions of Scrutiny

- 8.1 All vehicles nominated to compete in the Run must be presented for Speeded Observation Scrutiny on Friday, 20th May, 1994 at the Hidden Valley Raceway commencing 1700 hrs., and at Official Scrutiny on Saturday, 21st May at the Wharf Precinct, Darwin, from 0800 - 1500 hrs to be eligible to start in the Run.
- 8.2 It is the responsibility of the nominated Crew Captain to ensure that upon the day of Official Scrutiny, the nominated vehicle meets all of the Vehicle Requirements and Crew Requirements and all other regulations and criteria as set down herein the Official Competitors Handbook for eligible entry into the Run.
- 8.3 If the nominated vehicle does not meet the criteria set down herein for eligible entry into the Run, then that vehicle may be re-presented for a secondary scrutiny at 0800 hrs. on Sunday, 22nd May at the Darwin Trade Development Zone, or at a place to be nominated by the Director of Scrutineering. A penalty Fee of \$50.00 must be submitted to the Cannonball Office in Darwin no later than 1800 hrs on Saturday, 21st May for any vehicle requiring a secondary scrutiny.
- 8.4 Vehicles that do not meet the set criteria on the day of Official Scrutiny or the secondary scrutiny may be excluded from a start in the Run.
- 8.5 On the day of Official Scrutiny, all nominated vehicles will be examined for:
 - 8.5.1 Compliance with the Vehicle Requirements and Crew Requirements as set down herein the Official Competitors
 - 8.5.2 Compliance with the criteria of the nominated entry category.
 - 8.5.3 Compliance with the relevant rules and regulations relating to Motor Vehicle Registry in the Northern Territory of Australia.
 - 8.5.4 Make and Model of the vehicle as nominated on the entrant's Official Entry Form.
 - 8.5.5 Presentation.

- 8.5.6 Quality of selected tyres.
 - 8.5.7 Noise emission level.
 - 8.5.8 Compliance with the provision of compulsory safety equipment.
 - 8.5.9 Provision of safety helmets for each Crew member.
 - 8.5.10 Compliance with the requirements for vehicle Signage and Identification.
 - 8.5.11 Safety requirements and or matters relevant to the particular vehicle as may be identified by the Director of Scrutineering or his authorised representative.,
- 8.6 Vehicles will be subjected to further scrutiny during the course of the run as determined by the Director of Scrutineering. It is the responsibility of the crew captain for each nominated vehicle to ensure that all of the requirements of scrutiny be met before presentation of the vehicle at the daily start of the Run.

SECTION THREE

CANNONBALL RUN REGULATIONS

1. Vehicle Requirements

- 1.1 Each nominated vehicle entered in the Cannonball Run will require:
 - 1.1.1 Approved safety belts for each crew member which meet the minimum requirements of Schedule I of the General Requirements of Automobiles as set out in the 1994 CAMS Manual except in the case of open vehicles which do not have roll-over protection. Lap belts only are permitted for these vehicles.,
 - 1.1.2 High speed tyres with a minimum tread depth of 1.6mm measured at the centre of the tyre. Racing "slicks" or tyres marked "For Racing Purposes" or "Nor For Highway Use" are not permitted for use in this event.
 - 1.1.3 A minimum of two spare tyres of the same make and type as those fitted to the vehicle. Tyres may be replaced or changed at the discretion of the Crew Captain to ensure the road safety of the vehicle is maximised at all times.

- 1.1.4 A Fire extinguisher complying with AS 1846 or AS 1848, of at least 900g capacity, must be properly fitted in a suitable location.
- 1.1.5 UHF Radio transceiver.
- 1.1.6 First Aid Kit
- 1.1.7 Two reflective or fluorescent "Hazard" triangles.
- 1.1.8 One "Hazard Flash" battery operated torch.
- 1.1.9 A minimum of two litres of drinking water.
- 1.1.10 Compliance with the provisions of the General Requirements for Automobiles Schedule A and the General Requirements for Rally Cars Schedule R as set out in the 1994 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.
- 1.1.11 Laminated windscreens or a windscreen of a suitably rigid and transparent material and at least 6mm in thickness.
- 1.1.12 A resettable odometer which registers in kilometres and tenths of kilometres.
- 1.1.13 A noise emission level of no higher than 96 dbA as tested by the CAMS method.
- 1.1.14 For vehicles with an exposed tail shaft, a tail shaft loop must be fitted.

12. Vehicle Modifications

Vehicle modifications are permitted insofar as any modification must comply with the rules, regulations and standards for Motor Vehicle Registry in the State, Territory or Country in which the vehicle is legally registered.

Authorised documentation, certificates and compliance plates relevant to vehicle modifications must be presented to Motor Vehicle Registry Inspectors at Official Scrutiny. Vehicles with modifications presented for scrutiny without relevant documentation authorised by the relevant Motor Vehicle Registry authority in the State, Territory or Country in which the vehicle is registered may be denied permission to start in the Run.

SECTION TWO
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entry Categories and Eligibility

- 1.1 There will be two categories of entry into the Cannonball Run.
They will be:

EXOTIC SUPERCARS
SUPER CLASSICS

To be eligible to enter the Run in either category, a vehicle must be fully registered for general road use in Australia or in the vehicle's country of origin and must comply with the rules, regulations and standards as set down by the relevant Motor Vehicle Registration authority in the State, Territory or Country in which the vehicle is legally registered.

- 1.2 Vehicles must comply with the relevant Australian Design Rules or equivalent in the country in which the vehicle is registered.

If there is question as to the vehicle's compliance with the relevant rules and regulations pertaining to registration then the matter shall be referred to the Director of Scrutineering for adjudication. The decision of the Director of Scrutineering on the matter will be final and not subject to appeal.

- 1.3 The vehicle must also be capable of a minimum cruising speed of
190 km/h EXOTIC SUPERCARS
150 km/h SUPER CLASSICS.

- 1.6 Competition motor racing vehicles and vehicles modified for the purposes of competition circuit motor racing will not be eligible to enter the Run.

2. Definition of Categories

- 2.1 The Selection Committee of the Organising Body of the Cannonball Run reserves the right to position any vehicle into the category deemed most appropriate to its make, model, performance and technology status.

2.2 CATEGORY ONE - EXOTIC SUPER CARS. Vehicles positioned in this category will be considered to be superior in technology and performance than most road cars. Vehicles such as Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, Jaguar, McLaren, Lotus and other extremely high performance vehicles will be placed in this category.

2.3 CATEGORY TWO - SUPER CLASSICS. Vehicles positioned in this category will be general high performance road vehicles and sports cars. Ford Mustangs, Pontiac Trans Ams, Corvettes, GT Falcons, Rolls Royce, BMWs, Ford and Holden Special Vehicles, sports cars of all makes and models, or general road cars fitted with a reasonable sports pack will be eligible to apply for entry in this category.