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CANNONBALLERS AND CANNONBELLES,

Well, you've probably noticed from the above that some of our female teams have insisted on some due recognition. They may be few in number but they say they'll be more than a match for the boys on the open highway.

CANNONBALL MEETINGS

Our recent meetings with Competitors in Sydney and Brisbane have been most successful, and like the meeting in Darwin last year, it was great to at last put some faces to the names. If the team spirit of Cannonballers is as good in the Run as it has been during our pre-event meetings, then it's going to be a most enjoyable motor sport event.

We look forward to the Melbourne get-together on Thursday March 10th.

RULES, PROCEDURES AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS MANUAL

Our Chief Executive, Allan Moffat, took the opportunity of these Cannonball meetings to distribute the first release copies of the Rules, Procedures and Supplementary Regulations Manual. The remainder will be posted to those unable to join the meetings.

Please remember that the Manual is an "original", as this event is the first Cannonball Run to be conducted professionally anywhere in the World. The procedures and rules in this Manual have been created specifically for this new motor sport event, therefore are quite different to those of other motor sports Events. Please keep the Manual as a confidential document so that the Cannonball Run continues to remain an exclusive Event.

The Manual will provide you with detailed information about what you will need to do to prepare for the Event and what to expect during the course of the Event. A Guide to Competitors will be published just prior to the Event which will provide you with further general information and details.

ROUTE SURVEY NO. 3.

The recent Cannonball Route Survey conducted by Allan Moffat and Officials from the Cannonball Run and the Department of Transport and Works in the Northern Territory went without a hitch in early February. The survey was conducted in a BMW 840Ci and a Mazda RX7. Allan was absolutely amazed at the faultless handling and smooth ride of the BM. It covered the 4000 kilometres with ease and did not require a drop of oil during the whole survey. After a quick wash at the end of the survey, both cars looked as if they were ready for the showroom floor, which proved the quality of the highway.

Allan wishes to extend his many thanks to BMW for making the car available for the survey - it certainly proved beyond doubt the exceptional abilities of this car.

As a result of the survey, Allan also wished to pass on to Cannonballers (and Cannonbelles) the following hints and recommendations:

1. Ensure that your wheel alignment and balancing is set up exactly so that toe-in settings are exact to manufacturers specifications.
2. Ensure your tyres are in perfect condition.
3. Use steel tyre valve caps only.
4. Ensure your car has been fully greased and that your oil has been replaced with new oil. Allan recommends using top quality synthetic oil only such as Mobil 1 or Shell XMO.
5. Any vehicle which has had little highway work over the past year should have the cooling system fully flushed and checked.
6. Don't forget your sunglasses, insect repellent and camera!

If you've prepared your car well and drive within the mechanical capabilities of your car, you'll find you will be competitive, and that you'll enjoy the inaugural Cannonball Run enormously. Those who attempt to push their car hard all day will end up spending long nights under the bonnet and may lose points in the Cannonball Special Sections. Save your car to perform well in the Flying Mile each day, when you can post Competition Points.

****URGENT** THE ORGANISERS NEED....**

1. **A Passport sized colour photo of each member of your crew.** This will be used for your Crew Identification Photopass which gives you access to restricted areas and to your meal venues and accommodation, etc.

Send the photograph in with your name, your OEP number and your vehicle make and model printed clearly on the back. Send to:

The Registrations Officer
Northern Territory Cannonball Run
GPO Box 1448
Darwin NT 0801 Australia

2. **Competitor Profiles.** We plan to publish a "Cannonball Bulletin" prior to the event which has a history of each team in the Cannonball Run. Please send in a photograph of your car with some running details. Also provide a sentence or two on each of your crew members. Please ensure that vehicle details and OEP number is printed clearly on the back of the photograph you submit. Remember, this will be a good opportunity to publish some positive words for your sponsors. Send to:

The Media Co-Ordinator
Northern Territory Cannonball Run
GPO Box 1448
Darwin NT 0801 Australia.

ACCOMMODATION

A list of which hotel you have been booked into in Darwin prior to the Event and after the completion of the Event will be posted shortly. If you plan to arrive a few days earlier and wish to book accommodation in the same hotel, we recommend you make your arrangements immediately upon receipt of this information as Cannonball spectators are already flooding the city with bookings.

When making your bookings please advise staff that you are a Cannonballer.

TRANSPORTATION OF CARS

We will be advising Competitors in future correspondence (within 2 weeks) of information relating to car transportation (Company Name, Contact Number and Costs). Competitors wishing to transport their vehicle to Darwin may then contact the Transport Company direct to make their own arrangements.

INSURANCE

We will also be issuing information in relation to comprehensive insurance in future correspondence (within 2 weeks), for those Competitors who may wish to insure their vehicle for the Event.

WELCOME NEW SPONSORS

A warm welcome and special thanks is extended to our new sponsors who have most generously pledged their support for the Cannonball Run. They are:

Sumitrans (Japan) Corporation
Dunlop
Enzed (Darwin and Alice Springs)
FM Hot 100
Lasseters Casino (Alice Springs)
Diamond Beach Casino (Darwin)

DRIVING SUITS

Many Competitors have already sent an order in for Driving Suits. If you have not done so, and do wish to make an order, please use the attached form, which outlines the specific sizing required by the Manufacturer.

The driving suits look great and are designed in blue and white with blue stripes with your name and the Cannonball Run logo embroidered on the front.

AIRFARES

Just in case you have not seen correspondence dated 15 February 1994 let us reiterate information relating to airfares.

The Cannonball has been able to negotiate with Qantas the following rates:

Brisbane	- Darwin	- Brisbane	\$569.00
Sydney	- Darwin	- Sydney	\$600.00
Melbourne	- Darwin	- Melbourne	\$600.00

To ensure the efficient handling of your booking, would you please contact Harvey World Travel, Gladstone Qld direct on 079 723488 and give your booking to either Grant Cameron or, in his absence, Peter O'Toole. Please make sure you identify yourself as being an entrant in our Event.

Please note Brisbane-Darwin-Brisbane is \$569.00 not \$596.00 as notified in the previous Newsletter.

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FINAL PAYMENT

We advise that ALL MONIES are now DUE. Please arrangement for payment immediately.

Please note the new Telephone Number for the Cannonball Office, from Monday 14 March 1994 will be

079 726222

Don't miss the Cannonball Cartoon strip recently published in the NT News, there's a copy attached.

Until next issue.

YOUR CANNONBALL RUN TEAM.