



CANNONBALL NEWSLETTER NO. 8

27 April 1994

CANNONBALLERS,

At the time of compiling this Newsletter, there are just 25 days to go to the Start of the 1994 Cannonball Run!!!

We welcome new Competitors who have joined the field over the past four weeks, in particular those from Japan. One of Japan's leading motoring journals and video magazines, Option Magazine and Option Video Magazine, have recently entered a new Celica GT-Four and will bring an entourage of photographers and journalists. The new entry will compliment a growing Japanese contingent including Mr. Akhiro Kabe in his Ferrari F-40 from Tokyo.

On the subject of media, German Film Company, Gally Film, will produce a special for European Television based upon the Mitsubishi GSR entered by German Consul, Mr. Harry Maschke and his nephew, from Dortmund in Germany. The BBC is to produce a special for Television in Great Britain and we also welcome and thank the Seven Network in Australia for their ongoing support. The Seven Network will produce a television special on the Cannonball Run which will be telecast in Australia and distributed to most of South East Asia.

On a final media note, the Courier Mail from Brisbane has entered the Event with Gregg Hansford at the wheel and General Manager, John Cowley, as Co-driver. Keep an eye on their group of newspapers around Australia for Cannonball reports over the next month and during the Event. Incidentally, congratulations to Gregg for his fine win in the Bathurst 12 Hour recently.

But down to business...

ALL CORRESPONDENCE

We have recently established a Media Office and Competitor Registration Office in Darwin and some confusion has arisen as to our mailing address for correspondence. All correspondence should be directed to:

PO Box 2085
Darwin NT 0801

THE "BIG NIGHT!" - GALA PRESENTATION DINNER & BALL

For those Competitors whose wives, husbands, friends or family plan to meet you in Darwin at the finish of the Event, tickets are available for the Gala Presentation Dinner & Ball at the Diamond Beach Casino. This is set to be a fabulous night with a glitzy entertainment line-up co-ordinated by John Farnham's Manager, Glenn Wheatley. Tickets are \$150.00 per head all inclusive. Contact the Cannonball Office on 079 726 222.

Cannonball Competitors tickets are free. Don't forget, it's a Black Tie function.

DECALS AND STICKERS

By the time you receive this Newsletter you should have also received your door and roof decals (or will shortly). Please note that you will have to arrange to purchase your own stick on Car Numbers to affix to the decal in the appropriate box. The printer advises that he has printed this box 200mm deep. As this is the required size for the number itself, Organisers advise that Competitors are permitted to affix smaller size numbers to ensure the numbers fit neatly into the box. You will notice also that there is a blank space at the bottom of the decal. Please reserve this space for Event Sponsors stickers which will be supplied to you either at Registration in Darwin or will be posted to you prior to the Event.

You will also have noted that the Rules and Regulations Book advised of a requirement for a space on the front of the bonnet to be reserved for an Event sticker. As this has created difficulty for some Competitors because of sponsor's requirements, the requirement is now optional.

VEHICLE STORAGE - DARWIN

As previously advised, Organisers have secured premium storage space in the Trade Development Zone in Darwin for Competitors who intend to transport their vehicle to Darwin prior to their own arrival in the city. The storage sheds are fully covered and enclosed with excellent lighting and air-conditioning.

Competitors requiring space should advise Organisers immediately of the date of arrival of your vehicle in Darwin so space for your vehicle can be officially booked.

NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR JOHN HOLLINS - MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRY

John Hollins of Motor Vehicle Registry in Darwin is your contact for matters relating to modifications you may wish to undertake and he will advise whether these modifications comply with the requirements of motor vehicle registry. His Phone Number has recently changed and is now 089 893 121.

REGISTRATION FOR EVENT IN DARWIN

Upon your arrival in Darwin please proceed to the Trade Development Zone (Berrimah Road, Berrimah) to officially register all crew members for the Event. All Crew and Support Crew members are required to be present with OEP number and identification (driver's licence, passport or other), plus, if you wish to save time, a passport size colour photograph of each crew member (if you have not already sent one in). You will be issued with a photopass which will carry your photograph and details and will be required to be worn in a conspicuous position at all times during the Event or at official functions.

QUALIFYING - DARWIN

Please be advised that the venue for the above has been confirmed for Hidden Valley Raceway on Friday May 20th and Competitors will need to marshal at the Raceway from 2.00pm. Your starting position in the Event will be determined as a result of this qualifying afternoon which looks set to be a lot of fun and will be the first chance for Cannonballers to get to know one another and to assemble as a full field. (See your Rules and Regulations Manual for details). The public of Darwin are really looking forward to it and the radio station in Darwin has dubbed it "Cannonball Alley"!

CANNONBALL RUN HEADQUARTERS - DARWIN

From May 16th, Allan Moffat and the Cannonball Run Executive and Staff will be located at the Trade Development Zone near the Registration office.

PERSONAL LUGGAGE

We hope you will be able to keep your personal luggage to a minimum for the week you will away. We estimate you will need approximately two changes of clothes per day, your driving gear, for example, the driving suit that most have ordered, and smart casual wear for the evening dinners. We would ask that each Competitor and Crew member keep their luggage to 2 medium size pieces.

Excess baggage will be carried in the baggage truck and we would appreciate your advise to this office by fax (079 722 543) where you intend to use the facilities of the baggage truck and roughly, how many pieces and what size, we will be required to carry on your behalf.

The same goes for spare parts and spare tyres. If you anticipate using the Cannonball baggage truck, please advise, again by fax (079 722 543), your requirements immediately.

Please do not telephone the office with this information, we must have this on fax.

Please also ensure that all baggage and spare parts are clearly labelled with your name and your OEP No.

TOUR PACKAGES

For those of you travelling to Darwin well in advance of the start date, enclosed is a sample range of tours available.

'Til next issue...

YOUR CANNONBALL RUN TEAM.

Pre and Post Tours From Darwin 1994 Cannonball Run, 22 - 27 May



Afternoon Sunset City Tour

Departs daily. Cost per person \$29.00 including all entry fees.

A 2.00 pm departure from your hotel. Visit the many interesting sights of Darwin including the Chinese Temple, Botanical Gardens, Fannie Bay Gaol and Museum, Fish Feeding (subject to tides), the Stokes Hill Wharf Precinct and the Museum of Arts and Sciences. Finish at East Point Military Reserve to enjoy the late afternoon views of the sun setting over Darwin Harbour and watch the wallabies feeding. Return to your hotel at approximately 7.00 pm.

Wildlife Spectacular Tour

Departs daily. Cost per person \$79.00 including all entry fees.

A 7.30 am departure from your hotel to travel down the Stuart Highway for 45 minutes, passing relics of Darwin's involvement in World War II, to the Territory Wildlife Park. Plenty of time to wander around the park where you will see large aviaries that extend into a natural rainforest walk, the aquarium with its underwater viewing tunnel, the second largest nocturnal house in the world, the bird hide and natural wader's lagoon as well as dingos, kangaroos, buffalo, emus, and much more. Visitors can use the motor trains which travel around the 4 km path in the Park. After lunch (at own expense) visit the Darwin Crocodile Farm on the way to the Adelaide River. Here you board the exciting Adelaide River Queen Cruise to see the famous Jumping Crocodiles. These huge wild crocodiles will jump almost their full body length out of the water to snatch a piece of meat. See the flora and fauna of the Adelaide River and watch closely as the magnificent sea eagles are fed. After the cruise visit Fogg Dam Nature Reserve. Arrive Darwin at approximately 6.00 pm.



Vroom Vroom....

Litchfield 4WD Adventure Tour

Departs daily. Cost per person \$89.00 including a picnic lunch.

A 7.00 am departure from your hotel. Drive down the Stuart Highway to Litchfield National Park. During the day visit Batchelor, Karlstein Castle, Finniss River, magnetic termite mounds, Florence Falls for a swim and a rainforest walk, Tolmer Falls then Wangi Falls for a picnic lunch and swim. Additional 4WD is necessary to visit the Lost City and Sandy Creek Falls. In the late afternoon visit Lake Bennett for afternoon tea and canoeing. Return to Darwin approximately 7.30 pm.

Bathurst and Melville Island - Full Day Tour

Departs daily except Sunday. Cost per person \$230.00 including return airfares, tour on both islands, lunch and entry fees.

Check-in at the Darwin airport at 7.30 am. Your flight by light aircraft departs at 8.00 am. Your morning is spent at Nguiu, Bathurst Island. Your guide leads you through the workings of the community and the industry workshops where you may view and purchase Tiwi design clothing, wood carvings and pottery. Morning tea with the Tiwi ladies. At midday cross the Apsley Strait by small boat to Paru on Melville Island. Relax with a healthy lunch and swim at Taracumbie Falls. Visit a burial site before returning to Nguiu for your flight back to Darwin. Arrive into Darwin airport at 4.45 pm. *Transfers to and from the airport are not included.

One Day Air Tour to Kakadu National Park

Departs daily. Cost per person \$299.00 including return flights, lunch and National Park entry fee.

Check-in at the Darwin airport at 6.45 am. Your flight by light aircraft departs at 7.00 am. Arrive into Cooida in the heart of Kakadu. Take an early morning Yellow Waters Wildlife cruise followed by a smorgasbord lunch at Gagudju Cooida. After lunch travel to Nourlangie Rock to view the Aboriginal Rock Art. A short walk to Gunwarde Warde Lookout is rewarded with panoramic views. Visit National Park Headquarters before arriving into Jabiru. Rejoin the aircraft at Jabiru for a scenic flight back to Darwin. View the magnificent Arnhemland plateau and spectacular Jim Jim Falls and Twin Falls from the air. Arrive into Darwin airport at 6.00 pm. *Transfers to and from the airport are not included.



For further information or to make a reservation,
please contact Linda or Pauline at

Northern Gateway on telephone number 089 411 394 or fax number 089 412 815.

TOLL FREE RESERVATIONS NUMBER 008 813 288

Pre and Post Tours From Darwin **1994 Cannonball Run, 22 - 27 May**



One Day Kakadu National Park Tour by Coach

Departs daily. Cost per person \$109.00 including lunch and National Park entry fee.

A 6.30 am departure from your hotel. Travel down the Stuart and Arnhem Highways, crossing the Adelaide River and the Marrakai Plains to Kakadu National Park. After arrival at Coinda you join the Yellow Waters Wildlife Boat Cruise. Lunch is served at the Gagudju Lodge. After lunch you drive to Nourlangie Rock to explore the excellent ancient Aboriginal art galleries and see the magnificent views of the Arnhemland escarpments from the Gunwarde Warrde Lookout. Call in at the Kakadu Park Headquarters and the mining town of Jabiru, home of the unique crocodile shaped hotel. Return to Darwin, arriving at approximately 7.00 pm.

Two Day Kakadu National Park Tour by Coach including Scenic Flight

Departs daily. Cost per person \$420.00 (twin share) including overnight accommodation at the Gagudju Crocodile Hotel in Jabiru, scenic flight over Kakadu, lunch on Day One and breakfast on Day Two, National Park entry fee and the services of a experienced guide.

A 6.30 am departure from your hotel. Travel down the Stuart and Arnhem Highways, crossing the Adelaide River and the Marrakai Plains to Kakadu National Park. After arrival at Coinda you join the Yellow Waters Wildlife Boat Cruise. Lunch is served at the Gagudju Lodge. After lunch drive to Nourlangie Rock to explore the excellent ancient Aboriginal art galleries and see the magnificent views of the Arnhemland escarpments from the Gunwarde Warrde Lookout. Call in at the Kakadu Park Headquarters and the mining town of Jabiru, home of the unique crocodile shaped hotel. Overnight accommodation at the Gagudju Crocodile Hotel. After breakfast on Day Two visit Ubirr (Obiri Rock) where a great number of rock drawings and peckings can be viewed. Some paintings in this area are believed to be as much as 20 000 years old. There is a opportunity for a short guided bush walk and superb views across the wetlands. Back at Jabiru airstrip there is time to make the spectacular 30 minute flight over the Arnhemland Escarpment. This is followed by a fascinating tour of the Ranger Uranium Mine project. At 4.15 pm depart for Darwin, arriving at approximately 7.00 pm.

****Cheaper two day tour options to Kakadu are available - telephone for details.**

Davidson's Arnhemland Safari Camp

Departs on request. Cost of \$300.00 per person per day plus return charter flights from Darwin to Mt Borradaile. Price subject to numbers. Telephone for details.

****Don't miss this magnificent wilderness experience.****

An exclusive experience awaits you - this is no predictable package. Max Davidson is the proud owner/operator of this high quality safari camp in Arnhemland. Max and his experienced guides will mould your adventure to suit your particular interests - be it exploring the rugged escarpment country or rainforest, visiting magnificent ancient Aboriginal rock art site and burial sites that will leave you in awe, learning about and tasting bush tucker, an insight into the ancient Aboriginal culture, marvel at the wildlife and birdlife that inhabits the nearby billabongs and wetlands, barramundi fishing that will not leave you disappointed or just relaxing and swimming in the beautiful crystal clear billabongs near the camp. The safari camp is set in a woodland area with permanent tents with comfortable beds made with fresh linen daily. The camp has a large "moszie and fly proof" dining tent where you will be served delicious meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Toilets and fresh showers are also a feature of the camp. Mt Borradaile is so unique that the Aboriginal custodians will allow only 15 visitors per day to enter the area. The price includes accommodation, all meals, all activities, guided tours, fishing and entry fees to the traditional owners.

The possibilities are endless.
Many more one, two and three day tours
are available.
Telephone for details.

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