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FACT SHEET

INTRODUCTION

The Northern Territory evokes images of 'Crocodile Dundee' Country - an exciting, exotic wonderland that has tremendously varied landscapes with diverse attractions that will ensure the most intrepid "Cannonballer" a feast of adventure and rewarding experiences.

DARWIN:

Darwin, a thriving modern city on the edge of a magnificent harbour, is at the northern end of the Territory's lifeline - the Stuart Highway.

South on the highway, towns such as Katherine and Tennant Creek have a character unique to outback Australia.

ALICE SPRINGS:

Historically and geographically the Centre of Australia. Originally a Trading Post and located in the vicinity of a Natural Spring, Alice Springs is Central Australia's most famous town.

AYERS ROCK - YULARA:

This spectacular National Park is dominated by the 200,000,000 year old monolith of "The Rock" and the Olgas.

CLIMATE:

The temperature in Darwin during May averages 31.8 degrees C. maximum to 21.2 degrees C. minimum. As we travel South the temperature reduces to an average maximum of 22.8 degrees C. and a minimum of 8.3 degrees C. at Alice Springs. Engine and tyre temperatures at this time of the year are not considered to pose a problem for any well maintained automobile.

APPLICATIONS

Applications for an Official Entry Position in the 1994 Northern Territory Cannonball Run must be made by completing the Application Form and lodging a Holding Fee of \$750.00 (AUD).

The Holding Fee is refundable if your application is unsuccessful. The Holding Fee is not refundable if your application is successful and you subsequently decline to enter.

Upon receipt of your Official Entry Position Certificate, a Primary Progress Payment of \$2,500 will be required to be paid within 30 days. Non-payment within the period may result in forfeiture of your Official Entry Position and will result in the forfeiture of your Holding Fee.

A Secondary Progress Payment of \$3,000.00 will be required to be paid by November 30th 1993. An applicant may withdraw entry prior to this date whereupon the Primary Progress Payment will be refunded. The Holding Fee will not be refunded.

Final Payment to complete Entry in your nominated category must be received by the Organisers by February 28th 1994. An applicant may withdraw entry prior to this date whereupon the Secondary Progress Payment will be refunded. The Holding Fee and the Primary Progress Payment will not be refunded.

Applications lodged after December 31st 1993 must be accompanied by the Holding Fee and the Primary Progress Payment. The Secondary Progress Payment must be lodged within 7 days of receipt of an Official Entry Position and Final Payment will be required within 30 days or by May 1st (whichever occurs first).

The balance of your Final Payment is equal to the Entry Fee of your nominated category minus the Holding Fee and the Primary and Secondary Payments.

ENTRY FEES

Category One - Exotic Super Cars: \$ 7,500

Category Two - Super Classics: \$ 7,500

Five Star accommodation Darwin x 2 nights, Alice Springs x 1 night, Yulara (Ayers Rock) x 2 nights - add \$1,000.

INCLUSIONS:

Vehicle handling and security bond storage in Darwin at the Northern Territory Trade Development Zone

Customs and Quarantine handling, Darwin

Customs and Quarantine costs, Darwin

7 days accommodation (1 twin share room per entry) except Tennant Creek. Tennant Creek has a limited number of Motel Rooms and some entrants will be accommodated in local Caravan Parks.

6 days meals (two persons per entry, breakfast and evening)

Organised tours of Katherine Gorge, Ayers Rock and the Olgas

2 tickets to Gala Dinner and Presentation Evening, Darwin Saturday 28 May 1994.

Official Northern Territory Registration and Cannonball Numberplate. Registration valid for one month, Numberplate remains in your possession.

2 tickets to other organised Entertainment Specials, Katherine, Alice Springs, Ayers Rock and Tennant Creek.

Vehicle security overnight en route

Baggage and spare parts transport en route

The organisers reserve the right to transfer a vehicle into a different Category more appropriate to the technology and performance of the vehicle. Any such decision of the organisers shall be final and not subject to protest or appeal.

THE ROUTE

SUNDAY 22/5/94 - FRIDAY 27/5/94

DAY ONE: Darwin to Katherine. 330kms (Sunday).
The road distance on this day is designed to facilitate a later than usual morning start occasioned by the planned major public spectacle and celebration to be staged at the Grand Start of the event in Darwin.

DAY TWO: Katherine to Alice Springs. 1065 kms (Monday).
A challenging day of Cannonballing through the classic Australian outback. You'll experience the unique character of Australian outback towns and enjoy the long stretches of open road to put your automobile through it's paces.

The bright lights of the Alice Springs Casino will be a welcome sight at the end of a challenging day.

DAY THREE: Alice Springs to Ayers Rock (Yulara) 450kms (Tuesday). After a high rolling night at the Casino, a late start will enable competitors time for routine vehicle maintenance. The drive along the Lassiter Highway to Ayers Rock (Yulara) is spectacular.

DAY FOUR: Lay Day Yulara (Wednesday)
The Lay Day at Yulara enables competitors time to enjoy Ayers Rock, The Olgas, and perhaps a few hours by the pool. It's an ideal time to prepare vehicles for the final two days of the Event.

DAY FIVE: Ayers Rock (Yulara) to Tennant Creek. 950 kms (Thursday). By the completion of Day Five you'll feel like a veteran Cannonballer as your vehicle hums along the highway on it's marathon run to Tennant creek.

DAY SIX: Tennant Creek to Darwin. 960 kms (Friday).
An early start from Tennant Creek will prepare competitors for the long day ahead. A lavish Civic Reception and Gala Party is planned for the Grand Finish in Darwin.

ROAD CONDITIONS:

The highway selected for the staging of the 1994 Northern Territory Cannonball Run is constructed to a very high standard and will allow high performance automobiles the opportunity to drive safely at competitive speeds.

The primary highways used will be the Stuart Highway and the Lassiter Highway. Both highways offer broad bitumen surfaces and accommodate two way traffic. The road surface condition is excellent and special maintenance arrangements have been secured with the Northern Territory Department of Transport and Works to ensure the high quality of the road surface during the Event. The road features long straight stretches, wide arcing curves and bends, and undulation hills. It is considered by motor sports experts as ideal for this Event.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

The following Support Services will be available to competitors during the Event:

- Personal Baggage Transport
- Spare Parts Transport
- General Medical Services
- Emergency Medical Services
- Communications Base plus satellite telephone services
- Tyre repairs, service and supply
- Recovery Vehicles for towing
- Full Air Support including fixed wing and helicopter fleet
- General Store
- Banking Facilities

OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:

Officials and Administrative Support include:

- Communications Officers
- Point Scoring Referees
- Safety Officers
- Competitor Liaison
- Accommodation Co-ordination
- Scrutineer
- Road Officials
- Police Officers
- Department of Transport and Works Officers
- Entertainment Co-ordination
- Media Liaison
- Pace Car Officials

FUEL SUPPLY:

Organisers will make available controlled fuel depots for the exclusive use of automobiles in the Event. These depots will allow competitors to purchase high quality controlled fuel to ensure that performance engines are not adversely affected by the use of low grade or contaminated fuel.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Each vehicle starting in the event must be fitted with a quality UHF two-way radio to ensure effective communication between competitors and officials.

SECURITY:

A security compound will be made available to competitors for the secure storage of their vehicles each night of the event. The compound will be strictly patrolled by security officers and guard dogs.

EVENT RULES

Competitors in the 1994 Northern Territory Cannonball Run will vie for points on a daily basis in two controlled Cannonball Sections. They are

THE SPECIAL SECTION

THE FLYING MILE CHALLENGE

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.

DAILY SPECIAL SECTION:

A pre-determined set time will be allocation by the Organisers for this section. Competitors must meet the pre-determined set time for maximum points. Points will be deducted for late arrival and double points will be deducted for early arrival. The daily Special Section will provide a worthy challenge to drivers and navigators alike.

THE FLYING MILE CHALLENGE

On each day of the Event, a specially selected and prepared section of the highway will be closed to the general public. This will be a highly controlled section with full safety facilities in place for the complete mile.

Competitors will be radar clocked at a given point to determine Section Maximum Speed. Points will be allocation on your Section Maximum Speed for your engine class.

The Flying Mile Challenge will provide an opportunity for competitors to exercise their automobiles at a competitive speed.

BUSINESS 2000 CONFERENCE

DARWIN - MAY 20TH 1994

A Business and Trade Conference is currently being organised in Darwin during the week prior to the start of the Northern Territory Cannonball Run.

The Conference will include business seminars, lectures and a comprehensive Trade Expo on business opportunities in the Northern Territory.

The Business 2000 Conference will be professionally conducted and will be of vital interest to those wishing to expand their business horizons. In addition, the Conference will qualify for the Government's Training Guarantee Scheme.

Further information will be provided in following Northern Territory Cannonball Newsletters.