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**Great News!**

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**DECEMBER 2008**

Christmas is just around the corner, so that means 2009 is fast approaching. If you haven't nominated for our adventure from Mackay to Townsville via the Tip, it's time to fill in your nomination form and send us your \$330. At this stage we have 63 cars in the rally and 20 in the cruise. If you've lost your form, you can download one from our website. The sooner you nominate, the sooner you can start fundraising. Remember the top 30 fundraisers will start permanently in the top 30 positions, and of course proceeds from your fundraising efforts support people with disabilities and their families.

**RAFFLE RESULTS**

The latest raffle was drawn on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December with the results as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$2000 fuel card to ticket No: 6862- Ed Madigan

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1000 fuel card to ticket No: 4512- Margaret Ferrier

Both winning tickets were sold by Margaret Ferrier of Car 20 "Dunnydore"

**MACKAY START**

Registration day will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Details will be announced in a future Newsletter along with the venue for the dinner and the flag off. We will also provide you with some accommodation options close to the dinner venue.

**TOWNSVILLE FINISH**

I have recently returned from a trip to Townsville checking out suitable venues for the finish line and trophy presentation and dinner. I'm waiting for approval from Council and some quotes before I announce our plans. I will also have accommodation options for you. As North Queensland's busiest time of the year is during the winter season, I would recommend that you book your accommodation early after I give you the details early next year.

**2008 DVD**

The DVD'S have finally arrived. The footage is very, very good and well worth having your own copy. I'm sure that every car would be featured either in the Television Program or in the uncut footage. Win Television put the half hour program to air on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am on their network throughout Australia. Sherry and I have been kept busy since with enquires. A great result and a job well done Rocco. We still have some copies available so send in your \$35 and we'll get one in the mail to you.

**NAVIGATOR WANTED**

Car O84 XE Falcon needs a navigator for 2009 cruise. Car is prepared, ready to go and has completed the 07 & 08 cruise. Navigator must be willing to contribute to fundraising & sponsorship, be available for the weekend lead up rallies and preferably be a Ford supporter. Car is located in Brisbane, phone Steve 3219 2429.

\$400 000

\$380 000

\$360 000

\$340 000

\$320 000

\$300 000

\$280 000

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\$260 000

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\$220 000

\$210 000

\$200 000

\$180 000

\$150 000

\$120 000

\$100 000

\$50 000

\$20 000

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## MERCHANDISE

We are still waiting for the Polo Shirts to arrive, so hopefully early in the New Year you'll receive your shirt. That's if you have ordered one. If you haven't you can still do so, as we have to place another order. Check it out on our rally web site under merchandise.

## NAME CHANGE

After 8 years of being know as Sherry Mailman to all of our rally entrants, there has been a name change. It is now Sherry Wilkinson. The email address is now [s.wilkinson@endeavour.com.au](mailto:s.wilkinson@endeavour.com.au) By the way, Sherry will be on holidays from 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec to 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. Col is away between 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec and 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to another enjoyable and successful Great Endeavour in 2009.

## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Once again this year as part of the Julie Creek Dirt & Dust Festival, Margaret Ferrier of Car 20 fame, is holding the mini Endeavour Rally Townsville or Mt Isa to Julia Creek on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. More details are on the flyer with this newsletter. Will be a great time for all, so if you can, go along and support it. If you're in the Toowoomba area, the girls from Car O12 are holding a trivia night on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at the Irish Club Hotel. Come along and support this fun, fundraising event. For more details phone Roz on 0412 781 269.

## GOSS FROM THE ROAD BOSS

### SURVEY ONE IS NOW DONE

Road Boss has recently returned from the first of the 2009 Great Endeavour Rally & Cruise course surveys. While the trip was mainly to focus on the towns, facilities and overnight stops, I did get a chance to do some mapping and look at expected road conditions.

Having not been very far up on the Cape York Peninsula before, it was all new and I didn't really know what to expect apart from the vague and sketchy stories that everyone tells. I was very impressed with the amount of facilities and resources scattered all over the Cape, and conditions, although not to be taken lightly, were far better than expected. All the primary roads are very well made and maintained and traffic-able to all types of vehicles. The dreaded and famous corrugations were not as plentiful as first envisaged. We only struck about 40km of what I would consider harsh and vehicle (ill prepared vehicles) damaging. Any vehicle that starts the event in a fit and healthy state, is looked after and driven sensibly should have no foreseeable difficulty in getting to Cape York and back.

The basic rule of thumb will apply for both rally and cruise cars. If you follow these basic steps, you should have a great adventure to the tip and back.

- Make sure you start with a car in a strong and sound mechanical condition. Make sure all perishable items like ball joints, shock absorbers and rubbers are new, or in as new condition before leaving. Go over the entire car with no stone unturned.
- Check, maintain and recheck your car each day.
- Drive to, or well within the prevailing conditions
- Make sure anything that is an ad on, like roof racks, bull bars, jerry can holders etc... are capable of shaking, rattling and constantly moving for four (ten really) days straight.

Do not use standard radial tyres. Use 4wd or light truck tyres that are in good condition. Always carry two spares.

**Cruise course:** There is nothing on this trip that you have not uncounted before, there is just a lot more of it. Whether you're part of an event or not, no one should ever embark on a trip to Cape York with out having an understanding and appreciation for what conditions lie ahead. Roads are wide, very dusty and occasionally quite corrugated. In general and for the most part, roads are in good order, however, not always. There are no deep river crossings or sandy billy goat tracks. Just hundreds of kilometers of red dusty roads, all the way to the top. If you have any doubts or questions, which I hope you do, I would strongly encour-

age you to give me a call to discuss them and get the correct information straight from me, rather than obtain second hand, in-accurate details. Road Boss: 0427633098.

**Rally Course:** As above. Like any Great Endeavour, it was never meant to be easy and this will be no exception. The main road to Cape York is as mentioned in the cruise course, but you won't be going that way. I have done a bit of work on finding other routes that are more challenging. The main rally course is yet to be completed, however you can certainly expect some very interesting and adventurous tracks. Most days will be very comfortable in length, but there will be a couple that will stretch out a bit.

**Information for all rally, cruise and officials:** One thing is for sure, it will be extremely dusty. Not only will we have our 130 cars on the road, we will also be sharing it with 1050 4wds, tourist coaches, triple roads trains and road works everywhere. This will be the biggest hazard that everyone will need to take heed to and be very careful with.

Also, while repair facilities are adequate, they are a long way apart. So in the event of a break down, you may be 350km from the next hoist, welder, tyre changer, telephone etc...

So while I do not wish to put the fear of god into anyone, as the rewards will far outweigh your efforts, it is imperative that all vehicle owners start thinking about their preparation and preventative maintenance now.

### **OVERNIGHT STOPS AND ACCOMODATION:**

#### **Tue 14<sup>th</sup>:**

Registration & check in, Mackay. Venue's TBA

#### **Wed 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Mackay – Mingela

Note there is no accommodation at Mingela, camping only.

#### **Thur 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Mingela – Oak Park.

Oak Park is a bush picnic race course in the middle of nowhere. If you are looking for it, it is about 50km South, South West of the Lynd Junction. 200km North of Hughenden. No accommodation.

#### **Fri17<sup>th</sup>:**

Oak Park to Chillagoe:

Couple of pubs, a motel and caravan park in Chilligoe. Camping will be at the Rodeo ground, which has good toilets and showers.

#### **Sat 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Chillagoe – Wiepa

Lots of accommodation in Weipa, but I would strongly advise to book ASAP. Even if you are camping at a caravan park. Although TBC, the function may be at the Albatross Hotel Motel.

#### **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> (Mon 20<sup>th</sup> is a lay-day)**

Wiepa – Seisia

Although TBC, most of our activities will be based in and out of Seisia village. There is very little, if any accommodation still available in and around Seisia/Bamaga. July is absolute peak season up there, and it will book out if it hasn't already. The Seisia Holiday Park is charging \$15 per head per night for camping and although we have secured our own large area specifically for the rally, you do need to book on 4069 3243. Tell them you are with the Endeavour rally.

All the camping grounds have excellent toilet and showers facilities, lean too/huts and the weather will be spot on, so don't be disappointed or concerned if you have to camp.

Other places to try:

Loyalty Beach Campground – 07 40693372 (camping and some cabins only)

#### **Tue 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Seisia – Coen

Very little accommodation here, but you could try.

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Coen - Cooktown

There is a fair bit of accommodation in Cooktown, but don't leave it too late to book. Most of it is within walking distance to everything.

**Thur 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Cooktown – Ewan

Ewan is another bush picnic race course between Charters Towers and Greenvale. No accommodation.

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Ewan - Townsville.

**REUNION – SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> FEB 2009**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Great Endeavour reunion will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February. We are looking at two suitable venues, which are about 3 hours from everywhere, so this will be announced early in January.

There will be a one day fun day rally to coincide with the reunion, so don't pull your car apart just yet.

There are many new entrants booked in, or have inquired about the 2009 Great Endeavour, so we would strongly encourage you all to come along on this day to start asking questions, looking at already prepared cars and meeting some of our (& soon to be your) wonderful extended rally family.

Until Next Time

Col, Sherry and Road Boss