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2009 ANNUAL GREAT ENDEAVOUR RALLY - Mackay to Townsville via The Tip, July 15 to 24, 2009

2009 NOMINATIONS

Don't know if it's the lure of the warmth and sunshine or the chance to get right to the top of Queensland, but we already have received nominations from 48 cars for the Rally and 13 for the Cruise plus 4 back ups.

Road Boss is hitting the road in early December to do a course check, so on his return; we'll be able to let you know more about the excitement of the 22nd annual Great Endeavour Mackay to Townsville via the Tip of Cape York.

2008 DVD

Rocco from Win TV tells me that the DVD of this year's event should only be about a month away. As soon as we receive them, they'll be in the mail to those of you who have ordered their copy.

It's still not too late to secure your own DVD, just send in your \$35 and you'll get yours when they're available. Unfortunately I can't give you a date for the TV Program, so keep your eye on the TV guide. At this stage it will only be shown on the Win Network.

MUSTANG QUINNY CONQUERS THE SIMPSON DESERT

One of our regular entrants, Warren Quinn, car 606 (Mustang) has recently undertaken what would arguably be the toughest endurance event in the country. Below is a brief report that Road Boss did on our return from the Simpson Desert:

Michelle, Jordan, Tony Lowe, Warren Quinn and myself have just returned from the Simpson Desert for the 21st annual Simpson Desert Bike Challenge.



Jamie Lawson gives Warren Quinn a massage.



Warren Quinn (centre) with his support team.

A gruelling 580km mountain bike ride from Purni Bore in the West to Birdsville in the East. Some how the words Challenge, tough and gruelling just doesn't cut it.

Maybe brutal and cruel would be more fitting. Sometimes people who organise events are very clever with their marketing slogans and motto's. The one for this is "5 Days in Hell". This is not all that creative, because that is the best way to describe what these elite athletes put themselves through.

Call them mad, stupid or even ridiculous, I guess they are. But they had my utmost respect and admiration right from the second they walked up to the start line. Yes it is a push bike race to see who is the best, but it goes far deeper than that. To have the guts to listen to every person they come in contact with in the months before saying "you are a fool", would be a challenge in itself. But they weather that storm, continue training and get themselves there.

The race is just incredible. 130km a day, Riding, walking, running. 45 degree heat, flies and most times a hot furnace of gale force winds in their face. Every stage I thought to myself, there is no way possible any man on earth could face that and make it to the end. But every time, out of the dust, sand and heat haze, some would arrive, and incredibly, with a smile and a well earned sense of achievement.

We were fortunate to be supporting a good friend, Warren Quinn. We had a fantastic team and we all worked hard to make sure we gave Warren the best possible chance to get as far as he could.

He came second, won his age category and rode more km's (564km) than any other rider.

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MUSTANG QUINNY (CONTINUED)

For us, (and I presume Warren) the most incredible effort was the day when mother nature produced the harshest conditions ever seen in the 21 year history of the race.

Only 1 rider completed the day. Our man (machine) Warren Quinn.

As we followed the lone rider across that finish line, Michelle had to wipe a few tears away and I must admit, I to got caught up in the emotion of it all and had a lump in my throat and a proud grin like a Dad who's son just won a gold medal.

Unfortunately, due to an unprecedented year with not 1 person completing 100% of the course, and a very strange scoring system (that has already been changed for next year) Quinny was duded of first place.

In our eyes, Warren is a winner. I had no doubt he would do very well and achieve his personal goal.

But to outlast and outride every other rider, and mother nature, it is truly awe inspiring.

You still may think he is mad for doing it, but you must admit, it was an incredible effort. Please congratulate him and have a beer on his behalf for his amazing effort and result.

Our whole family are very honoured and proud to have been apart of his team and to do our bit.

Beside the effort and pain, we all had the most amazing adventure and loved every second.

We have already been talking of 2010. Road Boss might even pedal up to the start line?

DOORSTICKERS

For those of you who have paid their nomination of \$330, you would have received your 2009 Door Stickers.

Toowoomba area proudly displaying the door stickers and have received many complimentary comments about them.

This year we are including your car number on the stickers plus giving you your front & back numbers. I have seen quite a few cars in the

If you don't have your stickers yet, it's because we don't have your nomination yet. If you've lost your form it's on the web site.



MERCHANDISE

You'll find enclosed the order form for the 2009 Polo shirt. We are going to place the order soon so want to know sizes.

If you want one of these shirts, fill in the order form and post it back with the right money. Endeavour Foundation P.O. Box 2083 Toowoomba Q 4350.

We hope to have them before Christmas. We also have some dress shirts and jackets still available. Sizes are limited.

RAFFLE

There are still a number of books available in our latest raffle.

1st: \$2000 fuel card and 2nd: \$1000 fuel card. We provide the prize and the tickets, you just sell them. 10 tickets in a book, \$2 a ticket and all money raised from your sale of tickets is credited to your entry.

Phone Sherry on 07 46 169 313 and order your tickets.

Navigator required

Car 99 is looking for a navigator. If you know of someone who wants to go on the Great Endeavour but doesn't have a car, give John a ring on 0417 605 400.

ENDEAVOUR PRIZE HOMES

You never know when your number will come out!

The winner of the latest Endeavour Prize Home at Thornlands started buying tickets in the prize home lottery in 1990 after competing in the Great Endeavour Rally. Eighteen year later he is the lucky winner of this luxury home and a holiday in Thailand valued at \$10,000.

Our winner, who asked to remain anonymous, has been buying tickets since becoming involved in the rally which he entered for six years. Knowing that the funds raised from the prize home lottery helped men and women with a disability through a range of services offered by Endeavour Foundation was enough incentive for our winner to keep buying tickets for all of these years.

“Winning was just a big shock to the system, but one gratefully accepted. If one rally participant can win a major prize like this, then there is a great possibility that another entrant can follow in my footsteps. It might take a while, but it’s worth persevering” he said.



FROM OUR CHAIRMAN: Great Endeavour Rally 2009

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff of Endeavour and more importantly the clients of Endeavour, thanks for your interest in the Great Endeavour Rally for 2009. I have had a few conversations with the Road Boss and although the track is not yet fully locked in, I am really excited about what Jamie has in store for the rally next year.

I will be back on the rally route next year in our beloved Car 81 - “The Red Bull”. However, as I did not go this year it concerns me somewhat that my trusty sidekick has parked the car on his lawn and has not moved or cleaned it since the last bash. Notwithstanding that I am sure that we will be ready for the rally next year.

Thank you - Thank you - Thank you - for what you do for Endeavour. Since the rally started we have raised over \$3,000,000 for Endeavour. You might remember that Endeavour supports over 3000 people with a disability from more than 220 locations over Queensland. Our budget this year is \$125,000,000 and of this, we receive approximately \$65,000,000 from the state and federal governments. When you do the sums this means that we have to find another \$60,000,000 just to keep our doors open. This is a difficult task but with the support of the rally we seem to be able to continue to provide the highest quality of care to Queenslanders with a disability.

If you want to know more about Endeavour, please feel free to call Col or Sherry. We love telling people the Endeavour story and are more than happy to provide you with whatever you need to assist with your fundraising activities.

Finally, we are getting a lot of interest from people who want to participate in the rally but who do not wish to purchase a car. We are aiming for Endeavour to actually own a car/s and lease them out to entrants. The “lease” would involve the entrants having to maintain the car, etc and fundraise a substantial amount for Endeavour. Generously, we have already had some mechanics step forward to tell us that they would be happy to assist and be part of the Endeavour Pit Crew to get the cars rally ready. Ideally we would prefer cars that have been on the rally so that they are least partially ready to go. If you have a car sitting around, or you know of one, please spread the word so that we can give this initiative a go.

Good Luck with your fundraising and rally preparations, and thanks again for your support of Endeavour. You really do make a difference.

Regards
Shane Charles

Road Boss providing 'Ride of a lifetime'



Road Boss's rally team "Straight On Rallysport" are putting on a very special day for some very special people on Sunday 9th November.

We have privately hired the Willowbank Autocross track and along with eleven of the best rally cars and drivers in Queensland, we will be providing a "ride of a life time" for fifty Endeavour Clients from Toowoomba and Warwick.

Through the generosity of RACQ Insurance and the Queensland Fuel Group, we are able to put the entire day on absolutely free of charge for the clients.

From the bus trip down to the

hamburgers, drinks and the medallion they will receive at days end.

It should be a real blast and a wonderful day for all involved.

If you would like to come over for a look and a laugh, please do, you are most welcome.

As we are catering for the day, it would help if we had an idea you are coming, so please drop us an email or phone call and we will chuck an extra snag on the Barbie.

Be careful though, because you may end up cooking it!

Further details and information can be found at: www.straightonrallysport.com

Mini reunion - Thursday December 11

If you can't wait for the reunion in February and need a fix, come along to Fibber Magee's Hotel in Toowoomba. It's a fun laid back atmosphere and a great chance to catch up with a few of your fellow rally entrants.

We are having some Christmas drinks and a bit of a chin wag on Thursday 11th December at Fibber Magee Irish Pub in Margaret Street. Phone Sherry and let her know if you're coming as Marc from Fibbers, and now also Car 333 in the 2009 Rally, will be putting on some nibbles so we would like to know numbers for catering. We had one of these nights in September and about 40 people turned out. It was a great night.

GREAT ENDEAVOUR REUNION

"To reunite the old & unite the new - come one, come all!"

Somehow the year has passed us by, and we've run out of time to hold our reunion before the year comes to an end.

We will now hold the reunion on Saturday 21st February in conjunction with a one day mini rally. You'll have a chance to participate in this one day fun day rally or just come along for the after party & reunion.

Details and location in the next Great News, but keep the 21st February free. We would strongly encourage and welcome anyone that hasn't participated in a Great Endeavour before to come along on this day.

It is a great opportunity to meet fellow entrants, check out some already prepared cars and asked loads of questions.

CALLING ALL EXPERIENCED GREAT ENDEAVOUR ENTRANTS: We are asking any regular entrants that may be available on the 21st February to help us induct and nurture new entrants into our great event.

If you are willing and able, we are asking people to make a seat (preferably a navigators) available to new and prospective entrants for the 1 day rally. Very few, if any new entrants would have their cars ready, but would dearly love to find out what it's all about and what they are in for. Please contact Road Boss or Sherry if you are able to assist with this new idea.

CALLING ALL NEW AND PROSPECTIVE ENTRANTS: If you do not have a car ready for the 21st February, we may be able to team you up with someone who has a prepared car and some experience.

This will give you an opportunity to have a taste of what it's all about and ask loads of questions. It will also give you some terrific ideas on your own car preparation.

If you are interested, please call Jamie Lawson (Road Boss) on 0427633098, email: straighton@bigpond.com or Sherry at Endeavour 07 46 169 313 or s.mailman@endeavour.com.au

FOR SALE

Car 44- 1971 XY Falcon Ute \$18,000 ONO, 347 Fuel Injected Motor, Engine rebuild with new pistons, 5 speed transmission, Disc brake 9" diff, Ready for rallying, GER 44 no plate if required. Phone Gerald/Marlene 46 231 815.