



# ONLY 5 MONTHS TO GO!

A lot of rallying has passed since the last newsletter. I have relied, maybe too much, on our [Facebook](#) and [website](#) pages to get all the information and progress that has happened over the past months. I trust that this newsletter will bring you all up to date.

The nomination forms continue to roll in, I am delighted to say, now up to 43 with numerous more people advising that they will also be entering. With the increase in numbers it allows us to provide some extras benefits. These include the following publicity and promotion incentives.

Official photographers, Ian Smith and Chris Brown are joining us to capture all the excitement and terrific scenery from documentation, scrutiny, all the functions and the competition.

We will then be producing a high quality hard-covered coffee table book that can include your personal event efforts. More information and order form on this will be sent out in a couple of months.

Also joining our increased team is Alan Baker. Alan has for some time been producing the Historic Rally Association's bi-monthly publication. Alan will not only be writing information for the [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages on a regular basis through the days but will also be our master of ceremonies at the welcome function in Parkes and the presentation dinner in Renmark. Alan will also be on the microphone at the morning starts, so make sure that you have filled your personal info including sponsors and info on the car.



Alan Baker & Ian Smith

## Website

We are constantly updating the [website](#) with news and stories, as well as helpful information from the Clerk of Course, and other pearls of wisdom that will assist in your preparation for the event.

We will be putting the forms you need to complete on the website too, either for download/post or to complete and submit online. Watch the website for news as we add forms. The regs and the official entry form should be available from mid April.

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014

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## EVENT CALENDAR

### Friday August 29

- Documentation / Scrutiny, Overnight Forbes

### Saturday August 30

- Documentation / Scrutiny / Prologue / Welcome function, Overnight Forbes

### Sunday August 31

- 1st Day Competition, Overnight Condobolin

### Monday September 1

- 2nd Day Competition, Overnight Cobar

### Tuesday September 2

- 3rd Day Competition, Overnight Ivanhoe

### Wednesday September 3

- 4th Day Competition, Overnight Broken Hill

### Thursday September 4

- 5th Day Competition, Overnight Broken Hill

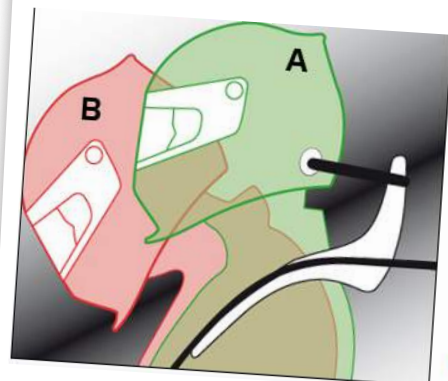
### Friday September 5

- 6th Day Competition, Overnight Renmark

### Saturday September 6

- 7th Day Competition / Presentation, Overnight Renmark





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## Frontal Head Restraints

CAMS has very recently announced that Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) will be mandatory from 1 July this year for international and national events, and for all state events as from 1 January next year. A release is on the CAMS website.

This announcement will embrace COT 2014 and all competitors will be required to be equipped with FHR.

The well-being of competitors and officials is paramount and is always of concern to event organisers. There is no doubt that the use of a FHR greatly reduces the likelihood of head and/or neck injuries, proven by those branches of the sport where the device is already compulsory.

This short notice by CAMS will create further expenditure for competitors but we are all aware of the very sad loss to the sport of some competitors over the past few years. It is very possible that the use of FHR may have avoided those tragic losses, which we all feel.

Below are comments from Geoff Becker of Motorsport Safety & Rescue Pty Ltd:

"The requirement by CAMS to introduce mandatory Frontal Head Restraints is to be commended.

As the provider of medical, rescue and fire services to a number of levels of motorsport, in particular rally events, I often get asked my opinion on Frontal Head Restraints.

Our team has attended a number of events in which we have seen the benefit of these devices when used. The continual theme is the reduction in life-threatening injuries to those patients, and we have witnessed a number of incidents where we believe very strongly that the injuries may have been avoided or at least reduced by wearing these devices.

Over recent years the validation of these devices has become unquestionable and we strongly support their use. We only get one spine and you can't replace it.

There are a few companies that are offering specials. It is worth searching the web."

## Apparel

COT competitors are advised that, as listed in the Technical Regulations available since last October, the following apparel regulations will apply for COT 2014, these being the same regulations introduced in the Alpine Rally last year.

(1) Each crew member is required to wear the following during all special stages (as a minimum):

- a one-piece driving suit made from flame retardant material (NOT Coveralls);
  - T-shirt, underwear and socks, each made from a material complying with ISO 15025:2000 or ISO 6940, or alternatively of cotton or wool;
  - flame-retardant gloves (a co-driver is exempted from the requirement) complying with current FIA standards or from materials compliant with ISO 6940;
  - boots complying with current FIA standards, the upper portions of which are made from materials compliant with ISO 6940 or alternatively boots which incorporate a full leather upper.
- (2) The use of flame-retardant apparel which has been homologated to the FIA 8856-2000 standard is strongly recommended.
- (3) Refer to the CAMS Manual on the [website](#) at 'General Requirements', 'General Requirements for Cars and Drivers', 'Schedule D – Apparel', see Clause 2.2 Rally/Road.

## Medical Intervention Vehicles

Given the increase in the number of entries for COT 2014 the organisers have determined to engage two Medical Intervention Vehicles (MIV) from Motorsport Safety and Rescue, each with a doctor and paramedic, and necessary equipment for emergencies. Given the 'linear' nature of the event, where special stages are spread out over a considerable distance (compared to loops), the organisers recognise the need to extend the MIV service to provide for intervention at an incident involving injury as quickly as possible. The MIV's communication will be part of the RallySafe system, to provide the medical staff with the quickest possible messages.



Two Medical Intervention Vehicles



# 2014 CLASSIC OUTBACK TRIAL

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CLASSIC OUTBACK TRIAL

March 2014

We were delighted that Nissan have again joined us and are supplying a brand new Patrol for all the surveying and the event. Nissan are also supplying 3 other vehicles for the event proper.

Nissan is the major vehicle supplier to Frontier Services. All the pastoral ministers in outback Australia drive the Patrols, Pathfinders and X-Trail.

## Next survey

Steve Hollowood and myself are off in the mighty Patrol on our first survey on Sunday 23 March, finalising the accommodation and joining some stages and adjusting some others.

We will be away for around 10 days then off to assist in the Sydney to London Marathon.

## Accommodation

Still plenty of beds available at Parkes but Condobolin is getting very full. Still a few rooms at Cobar, plenty at Broken Hill and Renmark. We will check on them all on our next run through but I would not wait too long if you have not booked already or if you are considering entering, get to it.

Regarding the 44 two-man tent city in Ivanhoe, we have negotiated with the owners and have managed to get the price reduced, now \$250 which includes stretchers, sleeping bags & pillows. All set up ready to go. We still have 17 available. Form and more info on the [website](#).

## Sydney to London Marathon

The COT family are heavily involved on the first 4 days having set the course from the start in Sydney to Renmark and we are supplying 6 sets of officials for the 3 stages per day.

Bill Bennet and his daughter Candice will be teamed up with Rick Hartmann and Dave Smith, other road official regulars David and Sue Johns are again joining Les and Jane Shadwick, and a new team of Kaye Kilsby and Lui MacLennan are being shown the ropes by Chris Jones and his son Tom. This will be the last officiating for Chris and Tom as they will be competing in the 2014 COT.

## Rally Hall of Fame

I was privileged (along with over 250 other people) to be at the CAMS Australian Rally Hall of Fame held in Canberra a few weeks back and witnessed several of our team being inducted. Congratulations to Barry ("my sons should be entering the Commodore in the COT") Ferguson,

David and Kate Officer and Jim Reddiex. They join others of our team who were inducted in 2013— Ross Dunkerton, Bob Watson and our Clerk of Course Tom Snooks. Congratulations to you all— well deserved.



Nissan X-Trail

As well as the above we wish all the best to the many COT members that are competing in the event. Doing the total event is Peter Riseborough and Gerry Bashford in a Holden Commodore, Hilary Evans and Doug Fernie in a Datsun 1600, Mark Pickering and Dave Boddy in a Datsun 260Z and Ian Swan who is assisting Kiwi Warren Briggs in a Ford Mustang. Competing in the Australian leg is Pat and Bradley Cole in the mighty 280SL, Trevor Stilling and David Travis in the Datsun Stanza and Garry Williamson and Geoff Graham in a Datsun 1600. Enjoy.

Philip Bernadou - Event Director



Sydney to London

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