



"THE BEST COT YET!"



Winners!



Start of the final stage into Broken Hill

That seems to be the common feedback we received after 7 days of hard competition at the presentation dinner in Renmark.

The event ran without any major incident and with little car damage. Thanks to the mighty band of officials, RallySafe and the two teams of Motorsport Safety and Rescue paramedics. Full reports and fantastic

photos, thanks to our roving reporter Alan Baker and cameramen Ian Smith and Chris Brown.

Congratulations again to father and son team of David and Andrew Travis for their 2nd COT win. All the results, stories and photos are on the website: classicoutbacktrial.com.au



LEFT: Event Director and assistants Bob Carpenter and Bob Watson



CENTRE: Alice Springs Mayor Damian Ryan and Event Director



RIGHT: Great tracks, great scenery

So what's next? Alice Springs mid 2016.

The first survey and meetings with key government officials and property owners were completed in June this year. The event will consist of 6 days of competition each day starting and finishing at the central Australian town of Alice Springs. The support from the town gave me the confidence to again invest

in the continuance of the 5th Classic Outback Trial. The very large properties with a huge variety of tracks will again test the endurance of competitors and vehicles.

Alice Springs offers a unique opportunity to experience true outback rallying with stunning scenery and the convenience of staying in one town for the duration of the event.

Rally headquarters will be at Lasseters Hotel/ Casino. Documentation, the welcome and

presentation functions will all be held at this central location. Special rates and packages will be available, and will include options for vehicle transportation, rail and air fares and accommodation. Further information along with **the flyer** and nomination form can be located on our website – complete **the appropriate form** on the website and forward, with \$500 non-refundable nomination fee to guarantee a start.

Our next survey will be conducted in March 2015.



Warren Briggs and his flying UK Mustang



Stephen & Rosemary Young keeping everyone well fed

Properties

One of the joys of organising these rallies is finding and meeting the many property owners. We started locating the properties for COT 2014 back in 2011 and it was with some trepidation on their part in getting to know us and trusting us to do the right thing on their land.

I would like to make a special mention of the 39 properties that the event travelled through over the 7 days. Obviously without their permission and cooperation we would not have had an event. Some of the properties allowed us to traverse through their land on many occasions: 2 COT events a Sydney to London, numerous surveys, course checks and the event itself. Nothing was ever too much trouble, they went out of their way to grade tracks, remove fences and more importantly move stock on the day of the event to allow us to keep gates open. I will miss their support and friendship.

Frontier Services

We were first introduced to Frontier Services by Geoff Portman in 2007. Geoff had been training some of their patrol ministers in the finer art of 4 wheel driving. Frontier Services became the charity partner of the Red Centre to Gold Coast Rally and has been the Classic Outback Trial's charity partner for the past 7 years. The breakfasts have also become an integral part of the event forming great camaraderie and have cemented some strong relationships amongst competitors along the way. Thanks to Rosemary and Stephen Young and Peter and Paula King for their outstanding effort each morning and for the two lunch breaks.

This year's event raised a total of **\$7,091.50** with the breakfasts raising \$2,813.50 and the Go Fundraising site raised \$4,278 for the Broken Hill plane. Thank you for your support.

The Book

The 2014 Classic Outback Trial will be captured in print in a 80 page A4 landscape full colour, hard cover with dust jacket on 130 gsm gloss paper. The book includes chapters on each day's competition, officials, service crews and information on the major centres visited.

Production is well under way with the finished product due in December. So far over 80 books have been ordered, but, it is not too late to order your copy. The book retails for \$75, postage is extra.

Customised books are no longer available.

Information and an order form is on our website.



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