

Back in the COT for 2010!

Following all the positive feedback and encouragement from competitors, local communities and sponsors following this year's event, the Classic Outback Trial will be staged again next year – sponsored by Frontier Services.

The 2010 Frontier Services Classic Outback Trial will again be run in Western and Central New South Wales for Historic rally vehicles built up to 1996, but this time will start and finish in Forbes, completing a six-day loop of regional centres in between.

The event is scheduled to start in Forbes on Sunday 22 August with a prologue in the afternoon followed by a welcome function and finish back at Forbes with the presentation function on Saturday 28.

As with the 2009 Trial, the event will serve to create awareness of Frontier Services' Outback Links programme, which aims to reduce isolation and disadvantage in Outback Australia by linking appropriately skilled and gifted volunteers with people who could use a helping hand. Frontier Services will once again be providing a breakfast service each morning.

A feature of the event will be the return visit to Coonabarabran, where we will form part the town's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Phil Rainer and I are off on 8th December to conduct our first survey and discuss new sections with Forests NSW, shires and property owners.

As we are not travelling to Tweed Heads next year the transport distance will be greatly reduced and we are aiming for at least five competitive stages per day, ranging in length from 10km to 70km and will include a night section. Travelling distances for service crews will also be reduced. More info in the next newsletter.

2009 Review

The 2009 event has been run and won and judging from your very kind emails and letters the Frontier Services Classic Outback Trial was very successful. Many months have passed and life is almost back to normal (define normal!)

Congratulations again to the victors Terry and Ross, I trust they will return next year to defend their title.

I have spoken to every property owner and without exception we are invited back.

The lunch and raffle at Burdenda raised \$1,547!! They were totally delighted with the result and the money assisted the school bus trip to the "big smoke", Sydney, later that month. They send their thanks to everyone of you for your generosity. The owners, Sue and Ben, travelled over the trial course later that day and, apart from some glass near a tree halfway through the stage (!), they were amazed at the little "foot print" we left.

The feedback from the shires and NSW Forest Departments has also been extremely positive.



Photos and movies:

The order form has been emailed out as well as put on the website covering pictures taken by James Elliott and Cathy Rainer with over 4,000 pics taken, along with information on the movie taken by Darryl Reid. A photo CD and the video DVD are now available.

Frontier Services:

I have had several conversations with David Sullivan and Rosemary Young who are also delighted with the outcome and response from the event.

Special thanks should be passed on to the generosity of the recipients of the auction of the three framed posters. With the master auctioneer Peter Cochrane doing his finest work \$3,740 was raised. Thanks to Paul Darrouzet, John Cooper, and \$1,000 donations from Jamie Lawson and Peter and Sharyn McAlpine. The raffle raised an additional \$1,800. Thank you all.



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Repc Rally Australia:

The response to our involvement at the Speed on Tweed Super Special Stage and the three Saturday stages has been extremely positive. The estimated crowd of 7,500 at the SSS at Murwillumbah on the Friday night did not disperse after the WRC cars completed their runs. The noise, smoke and fish tailing of the big V8's up the hill from the start line was a big winner with the crowds, as was the several 360s some of you executed around the tight 2.4km stage. Two cars that also got a noisy reception were the yellow and blue Vdubs of Ben Seehusen & Robert Mifsud. What a hoot.

The comments from the RRA officials at the end of the stage control points was that they have not seen so many happy competitors finishing a run for about 20 years. Those were the days when we were not rallying for sheep stations and we did it for the enjoyment value, not with the responsibility and pressure of trying to satisfy sponsors. That's what this event was trying to capture and I think we succeeded.

As almost all the staff that organised this year's

RRA event have been "stood down" by CAMS, it is very difficult to know, if, when and where the next WRC event will be conducted in Australia. With the success of our involvement in this years event, if it does happen in 2011, I feel sure that there will be a "Classic" section. This being the case it would need to be a stand-alone event and could not be a COT style as the participants in the RRA would need to be totally involved with the WRC. This has been a consideration in running the COT event in 2010.

ODO Accuracy!

Some explanation is required regarding the problems with the readings. It is still a mystery. The probe on the XTrail was positioned at the transfer case in the centre of the vehicle. We have been told that the ABS emits pulses that could interfere however I cannot recall travelling fast enough on any of the surveys or the course check that the ABS activated. On each of the checks, three in all, the distances of the stages reduced, however on the transport sections, regardless if it was gravel or bitumen, the distances remained constant.

On the event the TerraTrip was connected to the

electronic speedo and on the Laird 1 stage that was rewritten on the day, the readings, according to the several navigators that I asked, were accurate.

I am happy to listen to any explanation and advice as to what to use on next year's event.

Sponsorship

Opportunities are available to promote your product or business in the 2010 event. If you are interested please drop me an email and I will send out a proposal.



Jamie Lawson's Ute,... BUTE!



Sue @ Burdenda



Hillyards Spectators!



No Error Here?!



Greening Last WRC SS?