NEWSLETTER \*12 CLASSIC OUTBACK TRIAL NOVEMBER 2010

# BUSH DRIES UP - FINALLY!



I have received a few phone calls and emails "Is the event still on?" **YES ABSOLUTLY!!** 

The 12th drive up and down the Newell Highway this year resulted in a very positive trip. It has been 15 weeks since we conducted the CAMS course check and the country has changed dramatically. Rain plus sun = growth.

Eight stages were checked and minimal road damage has resulted from the several inches of rain that central New South Wales has received.

The only issue is the growth factor. Patterson's Curse has taken over the country and combined with the tall grass, some tracks have been swallowed up. This will cause some issues for the set up crews, as several of the tracks were already very difficult to locate. After the set up crew and Car O have been through, the tracks will be revealed, however, I can see a lot more arrows being used.

<u>Note:</u> It would be prudent to cover the front grill with mesh to stop the grass seeds, and possibly locusts, clogging the radiator.

The entry list below is a little disappointing in numbers but not in quality. **Entries close this Friday 12th** so still time to come and play. We are here for a good time – not a long time! Everyone around the event is still very enthusiastic and awaiting our entrance.

AMSAG are also holding an event in Forbes on Saturday 20th. They are using two forests sections that we use on Tuesday. Although they are not using the same tracks, hopefully they will clear some of the scrub and make for an easier passage.



We welcome Ross Dunkerton and Rob Wilkins to the party. Have not had an updated pic of the Holden for a few weeks, trust it has progressed somewhat from the pic below!

With all the date changes the presentation function has had to move from the Services Club to the Forbes Inn due to prior bookings. I had a quick inspection of the venue last week and it looks great. It is larger with a great balcony where we will have a canapé or two with a glass of Peter Lehmann wine as a pre dinner drink.



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### **EVENT CALENDAR**

#### Sunday Nov 21

 Documentation, Scrutiny, Prologue, & Welcome function

#### Monday Nov 22

Loop around Forbes via Condobolin

#### Tuesday Nov 23

Forbes to Dubbo via Peak Hill

#### Wednesday Nov 24

Dubbo to Coonabarabran

#### Thursday Nov 25

 Loop to the north of Coonabarabran via Gwabegar

#### Friday Nov 26

 Coonabarabran to Forbes via Tottenham

#### Saturday Nov 27

 Loop around Forbes via Utes in the Paddock & Presentation function

## Caps & Polos:

We have produced caps and polos for the competitors and officials. Each entrant, driver, navigator and official will receive a polo and a cap. Additional polos and caps will be available and order forms will be on the website in the near future.

# A note from the Tottenham garage:

Hi Guys

Just letting you know that we now have diesel and premium 93 petrol. No unleaded.

Premium 93 is a special fuel that our distributor has made up. It has additives for the older cars...upper valve cylinder lubricant. Octane level is 93.7. This fuel will still suit your cars; I just wanted you to know, as I had previously told you we had plain unleaded.

Have fun; we will see you in November, Rose



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## Prologue

I spent some time last week with the Forbes

Jockey Club, the Showgrounds trust and a man with a grader to sort out the route for the Prologue. (we use about 500m of the main horse racing track before we turn right through a fence into the travelling stock reserve) There are still a few places where water is still hanging around. The grader will keep to the high ground and level out a few holes and bumps on the existing tracks and produce a few new ones.

It should make for an interesting and spectacular event for the competitors and spectators alike. The

event will be run twice first the Prologue and then the last section of the event - The Fat Lady Sings.

We have invited the town and services clubs to get involved at the Showgrounds and the local newspaper, the Forbes Advocate, will be producing a double page spread on the event. They have been extremely helpful in spreading the word around town with regular features each week. If you have a story to tell I am sure they would want to hear from you. If you have pics of your car please send them to me ASAP and they will feature in the spread.



# Frontier Services Roffle & Auction

Although we have received some great items we are still looking for more. Davies, Craig have donated a thermatic fan and a Electric water pump and controller, they are valued just under \$1,000. Have a look around your warehouse/office/friends and beg, borrow or steal some items and let me know what you have. The auction was a highlight at last year's presentation function and auctioneer Peter Chocrane raised thousands of \$\$\$ for Frontier Services. With Peter in NZ for the Silver Fern Rally we will be looking for another person with the "gift of the gab" for the night.

# Calling All Photographers!

We had John Doutch all lined up to take some great shots as John does, but again the date clashed with another event that he is committed to so we are looking for any shots that are taken by competitors, service crews or officials. Our esteemed scorer, Garry Searle, will be out and about taking pics but he will not be able to cover everything. He would be delighted in obtaining extra shots that he could use for the website and a collage for the presentation.

Look forward in seeing you in Forbes Philip Bernadou – Event Director

### Officials...

The postponements have also caused problems with our great band of officials. Not being able to get holidays and conflicting events have been the main issues. We have been fortunate in obtaining the services of a few new helpers.

We were saddened to receive an email from Peter Lewis-Williams advising that his wife Judi is laid up in bed so they have had to withdraw. We wish Judi a speedy recovery.

We welcome on board Barrie Edmonds and Robin Smalley, Rick Hartmann and Dave Smith, Bob Watson and Dave Johnson and Allan Wells and Ann Mulholland. Allan is the CofC for the Condo 750 and has been extremely helpful in introducing us to farmers and tracks. Allan and Ann will be in the recovery vehicle.

Although we could get by with what we have, it would be great to get two more crews, so, if you have a 4WD and wanting to have a look at central NSW up close and personal get in touch with me or Tom Snooks (kemdot@iprimus.com.au mob: 0428 165 275). Great conditions and best views.

### Pre Order NOW!

Don't wait till the last moment, take the stress out of each morning by ordering your breakfast now. The Frontier Services breakfast order form is available on the website along with Service Crew and extra tickets for the Presentation function.

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