

COT RECCE



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COT UPDATE

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With just over 14 months until COT18 raises the dust in Alice Springs and 2 months since our last communication, a lot has happened.

I recently spent a few days in Darwin having had appointments with NT Tourism, NT Festivals/Major Events and with government officials at Parliament House. I was pleased that all the people I met were very aware of the event and complimented me on the event's organisation's professionalism including the book and the TV presentation. It seems that after 5 COTs we are doing something right. Let's make 2018 the best long distance event.

ERCA

We announced the association with the Endurance Rally Club of Australia (ERCA) in our COT Recce in April. The club have been extremely busy organising a great touring and regularity event covering 3 weeks commencing in Melbourne and finishing in Sydney.

The tour from Melbourne overnights in Warrnambool, Barossa Valley a rest day in the Barossa, Coober Pedy, Uluru, Kings Canyon to Alice Springs. They will then join the COT Welcome function on Saturday night and some competition for

the next 7 days with 1 or 2 regularity events finishing at the Presentation function on the Saturday night.

"But wait there's more" Sunday the tour continues to Tennant Creek, Mt Isa, Longreach with another rest day, then to Cunnamulla, Dubbo, Newcastle and on to Sydney. What a great trip!

At the time of writing this newsletter they already have 20 expressions of interest with 10 of those from overseas.

Their full schedule is on our website:

www.erca.com.au

AUG 2018

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

EVENT CALENDAR

16 Crews and officials arrive.
17 Documentation and scrutiny.
18 Documentation and scrutiny continues; prologue close to Alice Springs (to assist with determining the start order); and welcome function for all participants.

19-25 Classic Outback Trial rally.
25 Presentation dinner function.

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CHARITY PARTNERSHIP - SCOUTS NT

The Scouts Association of Australia – Northern Territory (Scout NT) will be the official charity partner of the 2018 Classic Outback Trial.

While David Officer and I were in the Alice on our last survey run, we met Scouts NT President Sandra Potter and CEO Nichole Vincent to confirm the partnership.

Sandra stated "The Scouts Association is one of the biggest youth focused organisations in Australia and the NT branch works with young people of diverse cultures in local communities to assist in the development of skills such as working in teams and independently through a range of activities."

Earlier this year Scouts NT partnered with the Motor Trades Association (MTA) to launch a new initiative called Motoscouts. Motoscouts is a two year skill-based automotive training program to assist at risk, indigenous and disadvantaged youths aged 15-24. This exciting program aims to expose up to 180 individuals to VET training, driver training and employment skills training. At the completion of the course, participants will receive a Certificate I qualification in Automotive Vocational Preparation.

We will be building on the partnership between Scouts NT and MTA. The COT will donate two entries to the event. The CARS Club of Alice Springs will donate a rally car to be built to meet the CAMS requirements and will mentor junior and senior Scouts over the following 14 months to obtain the relevant CAMS licence.



TOUR THE COT

With the growing success of Targa Tasmania and Classic Adelaide tours, several people have approached us wishing to incorporate a tour as part of the COT. An event will be open to 4WD and SUV vehicles. No need for roll cages or helmets just a controlled leisurely drive through some stunning Red Centre country. However, all vehicles will be fitted with a RallySafe unit.

Although still to be fully finalised, the touring event will take place over 7 days

experiencing some of the COT competitive stages and witnessing magnificent scenery on private properties that could otherwise not be viewed. There would be overnight stops in Gemtree, Hale River Homestead at Old Ambalindum and Ross River Resort. The \$3,900 entry fee will include 2 people to the welcome function, camping sites and dinners at the 3 overnight stops plus the presentation dinner on the Saturday night. For more information contact:

[Philip Bernadov.](#)



INTERNATIONALS

With around 10 international cars entering the ERCA regularity event, the interest from overseas to compete in the COT is growing. On current enquiries we are expecting around 9 entries.

We have an attractive package for our International crews including 14 days accommodation at the 4.5 star Crown Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, plus there is a discounted early bird offer open until

July 31. With the field limited to 60 entries, and 20 nominations received to date, the Classic Outback Trial is well on the way to becoming the biggest event yet. Don't miss your opportunity to become part of COT18. With the Silver Fern Rally in New Zealand just 3 months later, having 2 events to compete in down under makes commercial sense.

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Extract from Terms and Conditions of Nomination and Entry document on [website](#):

10 NOMINATION AND ENTRY FEES

10.1 Nomination fee

A non-refundable nomination fee shall be \$1,000, and this fee will be deducted from the entry fee.

10.2 Entry fees

The entry fee shall be:

- Early Bird \$8,000
- Regular \$9,500

and shall include:

- CAMS Permit Fee which covers CAMS Public and Products Liability Insurance and CAMS Personal Accident Insurance;
- Hire of RallySafe unit (not including wiring loom, antennas and mounting kit);
- Entry to pre-event welcome reception for all crew, service crew members and officials;
- Two tickets to the presentation at the finish;
- Registration of one service crew and one set of service instructions;
- Set of road books;
- Apparel (eg: cap and polo shirt for each competing crew member);
- Newsletters.

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Fees may be paid in full, or as follows, less \$1,000 Nomination Fee (on receipt of an invoice from the organisers):

Early Bird Entry:

- Nomination Fee \$1,000
- \$3,000 by 31 July 2017
- \$1,000 by 31 December 2017
- \$1,000 by 31 March 2018
- \$1,000 by 31 May 2018
- \$1,000 by 31 July 2018

Regular Entry:

- Nomination Fee \$1,000
- \$2,000 by 31 December 2017
- \$2,000 by 31 March 2018
- \$2,000 by 31 May 2018
- \$2,500 by 31 July 2018

Alternative periodic payments (eg: monthly, bi-monthly, etc) are available upon making arrangements with the organisers.



BOOK/DVD...

The 2016 Commemorative book and the TV DVD of the event are still available. Order forms are available on the website, [order online](#) with payment through PayPal on our website.

Likewise the feedback on the 47 minute TV production has been extremely well received. The only negative was "there were too many ads"! Well you can overcome that concern by purchasing an ad free DVD. The show is also available, add free, on [YouTube](#).

