

Trek* Tripe*

The latest news from the ...

2009 FLYING DOCTOR OUTBACK TREK

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PRESENTATION DINNER IN DARWIN...

The Presentation Dinner in Darwin will be held on Friday 12th June, the day we arrive. Final details are to be worked out but we are aiming for a slightly earlier start than usual to catch Darwin's famous sunset.

...AND COMING HOME

CEVA Logistics has quoted prices for transporting vehicles back from Darwin. A **booking sheet is attached** to this newsletter and sending it in sooner is better than later. As usual the company has been very accommodating and will open their Darwin yard to suit us. The plan is for those who just can't wait to be back in the saddle, it will be possible to arrive in Darwin on the Friday, deliver your car to CEVA, come to the dinner and be at the airport for a flight home at about 1.00 am. This will get you into Sydney at dawn in time to go home and mow the lawns.

Alternatively and more sensibly, CEVA will open on Saturday morning for those leaving on Saturday or Sunday. The yard will be open for normal business on Monday.

IMPORTANT DATES

The next (and final) drinks night at Phillips Foote in Sydney will be on **Wednesday 22nd April**. It will be just after the final survey - that is, if the wet season has finished and the record floods in the north have subsided - so we will have some interesting tales to tell.

The Sydney safety check will be held at Heartland Holden, Castle Hill, on **Sunday 3rd May**. That is the week before Mothers' Day. Reminders will be sent.

NEED SUPPORT?

We have a supporter in search of a supportee. Bruce Phillips and his crew are keen to come this year but their Trek car is in doubt and they would like to hedge their bets by entering a support. If you would like someone to give you some help on the trip to Darwin and don't have a support of your own, I'll put you in touch.

*trek/,v., **trekked, trekking**, n.-v.i. 1.to travel or migrate, esp. with difficulty. -n. 2. a journey, esp. a difficult one. -**trekker**, n.
*tripe/,n 1. the first and second divisions of the stomach of a ruminant, esp. of the ox kind, prepared for use as food. 2. Colloq. anything poor or worthless, esp. written work; nonsense; rubbish. 3. Colloq. **beat the tripe out of, a.** to beat up, **b.** to defeat utterly

STRONG ENTRY LIST IN WEAK TIMES

As you can see the list of entries for the 2009 Trek is very healthy. The reason must be (a) no Trekkers are affected by the GFC; (b) no Trekker has been game to look at his or her investments so is unaware of the GFC; or (c) Bigger it! Let's do it! There are still a few who say they are coming but have not entered, so if there is a name missing from the list and you think it should be there, give the absentee a nudge. With 99 Trek cars and 32 supports we are almost there.

B1B2	Browne	X20	Buckeridge	108	Elias A
005	Johnson	23	Wood	X108	Elias D
X005	Smith	27	Ketelby	CX111	Dooley
007	Wilson	30	Hungerford	X111	Seaver
X007	Pollard	32	McNab	112	Appelgren
008	Duffy	33	Wharton	123	McFadden
X008	Duffy	34	Crane	137	Moxey
013	de la Rue	35	McDermid	138	Clark, T
X013	NAB TBA	37	Howard	140	Moon
014	NAB TBA	X37	Maudsley	150	Calwell
015	NAB TBA	38	Calvert-Jones	151	Besseling
018	Gerathy	40	Williams	179	Mills
X018	Fehon	41	Hill	X186	Richard
019	Giannikouris	42	Ayoub	193	Vardill
044	Carstens	45	Rydge	195	Rogers
07	Fordham	49	Foster	220	Gibson
2	Wickham	54	Pratt	CX222	Bollen
2GO	Dawson	59	Bird	250	Alexander
X2GO	Knox	X59	Williams	308	Greenacre
3	Edwards	65	Parks	X333	Feiertag
4	Cooper	67	Turner	371	Osmand
7	Peaty	X67	McPherson	390	Green
X7	McArthur	68	Milne	404	Catts
8	Dredge	69	Bowen	454	Dunbier
X8	Osborne	X69	Bowen	456	Johnson E
V8	Englefield	72	Todd, K	492	Nance
XV8	Rowe	72C	Jewell	X492	Murray
9	Mattick	80	Evetts	493	Sands
X9	Edwards	86	Pembroke	500	Shutes
9/9	Afford	X86	Crandon	501	Coleman
10	Salter	87	Jackson	504	Jones
10/10	Todd, J	89	Shaw	727	Robson
X10/10	Furey	X89	Shaw	888	Hicks
11	Salmat TBA	91	Ward	X888	Douglass
13	Stockwell	94	Krivan	1001	Kleinig
X13	Cory	X94	Smith	1012	Wells
15	Hodgetts	96	Davies	1013	Hughes
X15	Smith	X96	Butler	1869	Hunter
16	Wheatley	97	Brown	1905	Duffield
17	Cook	X97	Dobson	1906	Buckle
18	McInnes	101	Thompson	2020	Gibbs
X18	Ryan	107	Elias B	3333	Graham
19	Gollan	X107	Elias S	X3333	Harris
20	Paramor			7065	Turnbull

(BIG) CAR FOR SALE...

John Van Beers who came on the Trek in 2008 is building another car so his big Chev is up for sale. Here's what he has to say about it:

1963 CHEVROLET IMPALA, V8 350 CHEV ENGINE, TURBO 400 AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, FULL ROLL CAGE, FULLY TREK PREPARED

\$18,000 ono. RING JOHN VAN BEERS 02 9982 2350 or 0458 261 962

...AND A WELL-KNOWN UTE

FALCON XY UTE – Well proven Trek Ute. 351, FMX auto, disc brakes front & rear, locked diff, floating axles, long range fuel, trip meter, air conditioning, built in air compressor and tank etc. Rego GTH00Q. Price reduced to \$20 000.00. Call Adam Lowe on 0407 438570 or 02 43402366.

ACCOMMODATION IN LONGREACH

Accommodation in Longreach is becoming scarce but there is some at the Abajaz Motor Inn (1800 081288). Barbara of that establishment said she has had to turn people away as she was fully booked, but there has been a cancellation of five rooms each with a queen sized bed.

If you're interested call NOW.

VALE – KATH COLLER

I am very sorry to have to say that Kath Coller, one of the main people behind the NAB Team, has succumbed to cancer. Chris De La Rue, another one of the main players in that team, credits Kath with being the organiser, planner and office manager of one of the most successful teams in the Trek.

Those of us who remember Kath on the last Trek will recall a very brave lady who clearly had been through a lot of treatment, but she wouldn't have told you. She loved the Trek and Chris said that when her doctor said she probably would not be able to go this year, she was devastated. It was her wish that instead of flowers at her funeral, money be donated to the RFDS.

On behalf of all those who got to know Kath on the any of the four last Treks, we extend our sympathy to her family. We want them to know she was a great supporter of the Flying Doctor and a good sport.

Stephen