

Trek* Tripe*

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2009 FLYING DOCTOR OUTBACK TREK

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EXTRA CARE AT SAFETY CHECK

A couple of observant safety checkers at last year's Sydney inspection noticed that cars with limited use registration (historic or club plates) were often not as well prepared as those with normal rego. This is not surprising as cars that are not used regularly tend to deteriorate more quickly than others, and faults that are inherent can go unnoticed. Rust in the frame, oil leaks and lights that don't work were mentioned amongst other faults.

If your car is on club plates and doesn't get much use, start now to check it over so you sail through the safety check and can rest in the four weeks between then and Grafton.

PORSCHE GT3 SIMULATOR AT FUND RAISER FOR THE X TEAM

Peter Dooley and Ian Bollen, godfathers of the X Team, and their disciples are planning a great night at Brookvale (Sydney) on **May 2nd**. The attached flier has details of the Porsche GT3 simulator, live music, food and wine or beer and the auction with great lots including a turn in an Airbus simulator and flights with Cathay Pacific.

MC for the night will be Channel 9 newsreader, Peter Overton, better known to us as Duncan's (Car CX333) brother. It is very good value and the level of donations is high because all the money you pay for entry goes to the Doctor. The boys are paying all costs.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS FUND RAISER FOR THE MACKAY TEAM

Rabbit and Chris Evert are back on the Trek and have arranged what looks like a fabulous night of rock 'n' roll in the soggy north. There is a healthy discount for early purchase but you don't have long because it will be held on **28th March**. Once again there is a flier attached so have look and give them a call.

ACCOMMODATION IN KINGAROY

Have you managed to find a bed in Kingaroy? If not, and there are definitely not enough beds in motels and hotels, try the B&Bs and 'boutique accommodation'. To learn more, call the Visitor Information Office on 07 4162 6272.

*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

FLYING DOCTOR OPEN DAY

The RFDS South Eastern Section is having its Members' Day at Bankstown Airport on Sunday **17th May** from 11 am until 3 pm. John Verhelst (B2) and Mike Browne (B1) will have the big Dodge there and some extra Trek cars would make for a great display

If you would like to be part of this interesting day when you can learn more about the charity you support, you need to book by calling 02 9941 8888!

AND STILL THEY COME

The last issue of Trek Tripe, which listed all the entrants to date, brought a few slow coaches out of the woodwork, as lists like this do. A few more have been added and we are now over the 100 mark. This is where we take a bit of a punt. Rather than run a waiting list we take about 105 and reckon on enough dropouts to bring the number under the magic ton. Still, it's a fantastic result and I'm sure it will be a great trip.

FINAL SURVEY FOR 2009

Bill Patrick and I will be heading north west on Sunday 5th April. It will be Bill's first taste of surveying and we have high hopes of making it to Darwin as the wet season seems to be on the wane. We are due back on Friday 17th April.

That's all for now. The next issue of Trek Tripe will include a list and order form for the stunning range of polo shirts, vests, jackets, caps and patches. I'll bet you can't wait!

Stephen