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2010 Trek is filling fast

Norman Rydge was the first to enter the 2010 trek – who will be entry number 100? The 2010 Trek is now only a few cars away from being fully subscribed, so if you're thinking about entering you'd better be quick!

After discussions with Trekkers we placed a limit of 100 vehicles on the 2010 event. Many veterans have mentioned to me "we'll get our entry in ASAP" so if you are one of those participants, please get your entry in by return to avoid disappointment.

Hay motel fire – Comfort Inn burnt down

Tragedy befell the Comfort Inn at Hay burnt down on January 11, with all 36 rooms plus the restaurant and residence lost in a dramatic fire.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL OF THE OWNERS RECORDS WERE LOST AND THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHO TO CONTACT. IF YOU HAD BOOKED ROOMS AT THE COMFORT INN, YOU WILL NEED TO FIND NEW ACCOMMODATION.

The local Tourism office has had a ring-a-round of the accommodation options, and there are still plenty of beds available in town. For further info email or ring the Trek office, and we can let you know who to contact to try and secure a bed.

Drinks night

Phillips Foote at The Rocks is again the venue for our drinks night, to be held on Wednesday 10 February at 6 pm. Come along and have some fun and catch up with your Trek mates and get the latest update on the 2010 Trek.

Trek History book

After months of exhausting research, design, compilation and caption writing, the book on the first 20 years of the Trek is complete. It has turned out extremely well and will be a treasured reminder of those wonderful days. It is an A3 coffee table book with 132 pages and around 1000 photographs. It weighs 2.1 kgs!

The book is a gift from the Flying Doctor and Jill and Stephen and is a thank you for 20 fabulous years and a huge contribution to the RFDS coffers. It is not for sale but is a gift of appreciation to those who have been great supporters of the event.

The biggest logistical exercise now is distribution and the Sydney copies will be handed out at the Drinks Night at Phillips Foote on 10th February. Please do your best to be there, or to send a mate on your behalf, because we want to avoid a big postage bill.

TREK HISTORY BOOK

Brian Hall will be in Sydney at about the time of the Drinks night and has kindly offered to take the South Australian copies back home with him. We'll be in touch soon with details for collection from Brian. Other interstate entrants will be contacted individually.

If you are unable to come to the Drinks Night, we can arrange to send them but we will ask for a contribution to the cost of packing and posting. More details on that soon.

Fundraising events

There are several up-coming fundraising events that you might like to support;

- John Verhelst's Rugby Dinner is on at the Four Seasons Hotel on Monday 19 April 2010. Tickets are \$200 each or \$1,750 for a table of ten. The event is fully inclusive of a three course dinner and premium beverages. For bookings, please contact Kim Lawler at the events group on 02 9439 3434 or online at www.eventsgroup.com.au
- John Gorman and the K9 Team are running a couple of events; first is their golf day at Dunheved Golf Club, on Tuesday March 9. The day starts at 8 am sharp with a shotgun start (get there early for breakfast), and your fee of \$75 includes breakfast, golf, lunch and lots of laughter. Ring John on 0418 296 262
- The K9 team's second event is the perfect opportunity to blow the cobwebs off your Trek car (four wheel drives are also welcome) – a 3 day mini Trek around Sofala, Hill End and Bathurst on the weekend of 19 – 21 March. Contact John Gorman for details of cost and to book your spot on 0418 296 262
- Leigh Turnbull from the Criterion Hotel in Rockhampton has managed to secure the services of Basil Fawly and Manuel for a Fawltee Golf day at the Capricorn Resort Yeppoon on Friday 21 May and also a Fawltee Feast at the Rockhampton Leagues Club on Saturday 22 May – contact Leigh direct on (07) 4922 1225 for details, and to reserve your tickets.

Cars for sale

Reg O'Keefe has a car for sale – here's what Reg has to say about it;

Valiant S series - 1962 -Auto - Has competed in many Trek and Bash events and still goes strong. In 2009 the only problem was a blocked fuel filter (fixed and on the go in 5 mins). Comes with 6 Tyres - 4@ 80% 2@100% - never been flat - Amber dust light plus brand new spare - Driving Lights - New GME UHF Radio - VDO Mini Cockpit Rally Meter - Rear End Suspension rebuilt 2009 - Twin Fuel Tanks - Roll Bar - 2 Fire Exting. - Bull Bar with Towball - Rear Towbar - Comes with 3 seats but only 2 fitted at present - some Basic Spares Reg till Dec 2009 , pink slip supplied. \$6000 ONO. Contact Reg O'Keefe M 0408 259 397 Email regokeefe@yahoo.com.au

Auction items

The Auction this year will be held in the main hangar at Broken Hill RFDS base on the Sunday night 6 June.

Letting the Trek office know what items you might have for the auction sooner rather than later is always a good idea. Please drop me a line with information on what you are able to donate as soon as you can so we can start the catalogue going.
