

ARB Pinjarra Engineering 2008 Hyden 400

Round 1 2008 Australian Off-Road Championship Round 1 2008 West Australian Off-Road Championship

21st-23rd March (Easter)

February 2008

G,day all,

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND ALL THE BEST IN RACING, once again!

First of all, thank you for the unmitigated support and accolades that have been showered upon the committee and myself for the 'TASTER' we sent out prior to Christmas.

IT WAS AN ABSOLUTE SCOOP WITH SOME OF THAT GROUND BREAKING NEWS but it did reflect the undying effort the committee puts in year round to deliver this sensational event.

BUT SERIOUSLY, we have been building on last year's successes and improving on our last year's constructive criticisms to ensure the event and the sport moves ahead.

The committee is absolutely delighted with the re-signing of **ARB** and matched dollar for dollar, **BRAD COOPER** from **PINJARRA ENGINEERING**.

The generosity of other sponsors stepping up and keen to be a part of a professionally run event once again this year include:

GRAEME REEVES FROM MADISON CEILINGS is once again the cash sponsor of our **\$2000 TOP TEN SHOOTOUT WINNER**. Graeme himself has got his ex Graydon/Robinson Magnum Turbo Honda all sorted and states 'probably the fastest thing in a straight line'.....Should I tell him about the corners in prologue????

THE KONDININ SHIRE (Hyden) once again have thrown their full support behind this very successful off road race and have pledged a variety of services and assets to assist us.



KONDININ SHIRE CEO MR PETER WEBSTER WITH DARIAN SMITH AND IAN FRENCH AT LAST WEEKS MEETING.

ERIC PHILLIPS from **PHILLIPS ENGINEERING** is still hard in the chase for his first Australian championship title but knows what winning at Hyden is all about and has jumped in once again. **ISOLD IT BALCATT**A, **HYDEN TRAVEL STOP**, **BRIAN ROBINSON AND ODIN ROAD HARDWARE**, **KERR RACE ENGINEERING DRUGSCREEN AUSTRALIA**, **FLASH FOTOS AND GRAPHICS**, **GREAT SOUTHERN FUELS**, **RACER IMPORTS**, **SEARLE RACING EQUIPMENT**, **WHEELS OF WANNEROO**, **WORKS AUTOMOTIVES**, **DIRT COMP MAGAZINE**, **HYDEN HOTEL AND YOKOHAMA** have already signed on as trophy sponsors and the CAMS office is very busy ticking and flicking our documentation so we can get this race underway.

Terry Rogers from **TERRY ROGERS SIGNS** has been burning the midnight oil in an effort to tell some of you people where to go and some surprise teams have already requested landing rites for fixed wing aircraft!!!!!!! So, our phones here in the west have been running hot with plenty of new teams and familiar faces obviously heading West this Easter.

The success of the sale of the DVD produced last year and the efforts put in by **RANDY** at **DIRT COMP MAGAZINE**, the **PIT STOP BOOKSHOP** and the **ARB** outlets has seen an unprecedented success in sales and has encouraged the committee to once again commission Black Olive Productions and Jandakot Helicopters to come down and video record the excitement of the event. Those of you who have enjoyed American DVDs through Racer Imports, we have asked Black Olive to try and emulate a bit of the American flavour in the next production.

THE REAL NEWS

The event will be a 400km off-road race comprising of Round 1 of the 2008 Australian Off-Road Championship and Round 1 of the WA State Off-Road Championship.

The event will be comprised of three sections, including section 1 being a point-to-point race from start/finish line at Smithy's Place through 20km+ of track and on to the Hyden township, run some 30km, park for lunch for an hour and a half and a return leg back to the start/finish line at Smithy's Place. The entire length of section 1 will be approximately 100km.

Section 2 will comprise of two laps of a circuit around Smithy's Place conducted on Sunday morning, with a lap distance of approximately 48km.

Section 3 (AORC only) will comprise a further three or four laps around Smithy's Place on Sunday afternoon, depending on competitors challenging the Australian Off-Road Championship or the WA Off-Road Championship.

EARLY ENTRY COMPETITION (FREE ENTRY TO THE WINNER)

Entries are now open!

Once again we will be running an early entry competition. Entries (including payment) received by the 21st February 2008 will go in the draw to have their entry fee refunded. Normal entries close Sunday 8th March 2008.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2008

Scrutineering for local competitors 10am – 3pm Westfield Carousel Shopping Centre car park.

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH 2008

Competitors are free to arrive and set up camp (Smithy's Place).

The Legends Bar will be open as will the shop (FROM THURSDAY EVENING)

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2008

The track will be open for free reconnaissance AT 12pm, the shop and bar will be open.

Scrutineering will commence at 7am and 11 am. By 9.00 p.m. we hope to have scrutineering complete and during the day we may see some action from the quad bikes.

SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2008

The shop will be open again, prologue will commence in the morning around early daylight.

The bar will be open at about 12 pm and after a top ten shootout we will kick off with section 1 at about 12.30 p.m.

There will be a stop over conducted in the parking area at the centre of the Hyden township, a light lunch will be served compliments of the Hyden Hotel (without alcohol). Once the track is cleared, there will be a run back to Smithy's Place.

A cocktail party at the Legends Bar at around 7.00 p.m. will round off the day till about midnight.

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2008

The shop will be open at 8.00 a.m. for breakfast, will kick off with section 2 at about 8.00 a.m. and stop for lunch for an hour, kick off with section 3 after lunch at about 2.00 p.m.

At 6.00 p.m. we will have pre-dinner drinks at the Legends Bar and commence the formal/semi-formal bush dinner at 7.30 p.m. at the event tent to the rear of the Legends Bar. There will be a trophy presentation which will go through till about 10.00 p.m. then some social activities.

At the track, there are plenty of videoing opportunities and spectator vantage points to take some great still shots, some within walking distance, some you can drive a sedan or 4WD to various points of the track through clearly marked access roads.

The Saturday morning section the race truck runs adjacent to the tar road running into Hyden and crews and teams leaving Smithy's Place and heading down the tar road will easily arrive at the Hyden township prior to the race vehicles arriving. There are many viewing points en route.

There is a 24 hour BP fuel outlet (wholesaler card access) and a Shell service station/roadhouse kind of affair that does serve Shell ultra fuel.

WE HAVE ORGANISED BP ULTRA ON SITE THROUGH GREAT SOUTHERN FUEL SUPPLIES AND WE WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PRICE THE CLOSER WE GET TO THE EVENT.

For those of you who are planning to make the trek by road, it's a great adventure and over the years, we've been travelling west-east and east-west and find that the sooner you start organizing, the more pain free the trip is. The best bet is to grab yourself a group of guys from your local off-road club or family, hire a five tonne truck from Thrifty, hook a trailer on the back and maybe get a Thrifty bus or the usual 4WD and head towards the common meeting place in the middle of the Nullarbor.

We will identify a hotel that should provide good comforts, swimming pool, etc and give you enough safe parking for your rig. If you've never seen central Australia, it's a great time to have a look around with the family and enjoy the experience. Your second stop could be gold city at Kalgoorlie which has a great lot of Australian history and a lot of activities for tourists. There's a back road from Norseman to Hyden which is about 300km or right at Kalgoorlie, probably puts another 150km onto your trip, but obviously once you get to the race site, you can definitely do the accommodation on a budget at Smithy's Place if you wish to.

The weather will still be fairly warm, high twenties, low thirties for an average and the chance of rain at about 1.00% and that will only be if we have cyclonic activity in the North West.

The committee is still working fairly hard to try and organise sponsorship and advantages to competitors and will keep you informed as we go.

KEEP PLANNING TO GET TO HYDEN. IT WILL BE A FANTASTIC OFF-ROAD EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T ATTEND LAST YEAR AND

SOMETHING THAT WILL BE TALKED ABOUT FOR YEARS TO COME. IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT HOW GREAT THIS EVENT IS, PLEASE RING DARIAN SMITH AND HE'S SURE TO TELL YOU.

ACCOMMODATION

A variety of accommodation is available for off-roaders for the weekend including....

WAVE ROCK HOTEL (19km from race venue) Phone **(08) 9880 5852**

57 comfortable suites including three luxurious executive suites with spa
In-house bar and private garden
Billabong pool and gymnasium
Coffee making facilities, fridge, phone
Private facilities

WAVE ROCK RESORT (12km from the race venue) Phone: **(08) 9880 5022**

A New development of quality accommodation at affordable prices
14 colonial style, two bedroom cottages, all with private facilities
Can accommodate families and up to six or eight people

WAVE ROCK CARAVAN PARK CABINS (10km from race venue) Phone: **(08) 9880 5022**

30 powered sites in natural bush setting
30 tent sites
Close to Wave Rock
On site vans



**GROUND BREAKING NEWS
....BRAND NEW ENSUITE SITES
FOR YOUR VAN OR CAMPER.
GET IN EARLY AND BOOK YOURS!**

ON SITE ACCOMMODATION AT SMITHY'S PLACE (the greatest off-road venue in Australia)

Open paddock camping with facilities at the site including hot and cold showers, flushing toilets, the Legends Bar (open most hours), Desert Café (club shop), breakfast, lunch and dinner, good quality food reasonably priced (ugly waitresses).

This venue is designed so competitors can arrive at Hyden, unload their gear and stay on site all weekend.

Supplementary regulations and entry forms are now available.

Your Event Liaison Officer is Mr David Farthing, mobile **0418 873 865**, who is one of a team of dedicated off-road enthusiasts who will answer your every whim (including finding excuses for your wife or employer).

I can't thank enough all of those members of the off-road family who have contacted me over the past 12 months endorsing our bid to run Hyden a fourth time and look forward to seeing you all there and seeing some new faces that didn't experience Smithy's Place last year. Watch this spot.

I thank this website for their continued support of the sport, our club and this event, and can only advise you to watch this spot for more updates.

All in all, once again Hyden will strive to be the best off-road event in Australia so if you are only going to attend one event this year, do yourself a favour and make it Hyden.

Cheers

Ian French (Chairman)

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ROUND 1 2008 WEST AUSTRALIAN OFF-ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP

PS. OH, THE DUST FREE RUN.....THE HYDEN TO MT WALKER ROAD SECTION IS FAST, FURIOUS AND TARRED, NO DUST, JUST SMOKE, OIL, BITS OF BROKEN RINGS AND WHITE KNUCKLES.....ENJOY!