

# ***THE 3 PEAKS RALLY***

## ***EVENT NEWSLETTER***

**It's back to the "Peaks".** After four years south of the "Divide", we return to the spiritual home of the Event, the North East of Victoria. The origins of the Event go back to the early 90's when it used to take in venues such as Falls Creek, Mt Hotham and Mt Buffalo, hence the "3" Peaks. With the need for more variety the Peaks venues changed (now you can see the 3 Peaks, we don't actually go to them), the Event was reduced to three days from four and The 3 Peaks continued up to 2004 by which stage we had just worn the area out. So we went South! Now, after four years break, we're back!!!!

**When?** The Melbourne Cup Long Weekend, 31 October - 2 November 2009. This three day event allows the Tuesday Melbourne Cup Holiday to (recover) return home!

**How Much?** Driver/Navigator Entry is \$1485.00 (inc GST). Double Driver Entry is \$1785.00 (inc GST), see below. Note: Still no increase in the last 3 Years!

**Double Driver Entry?** The Double Driver Entry will allow for both the nominated 'Driver' and 'Co-Driver' to compete in all 'driving sub-events' scoring points towards the 'Drivers and Co-Driver' Awards. For the navigation sub-events, the navigation score will be added to the nominated Drivers scores for the "Overall Crew Awards". The Double Driver Entry is available to all Entrants and is an additional \$300.00, (\$1785.00) (Inc GST).

**Who?** Open to all Classic, Collectable and Performance cars, **'THE 3 PEAKS'** follows in the traditions of Grand Touring Events by providing challenges for both the Drivers and Navigators skills to come to the fore.

**How Many?** Entry will be limited to 30 Crews (with a maximum of 10 Double Drivers), first in best-dressed etc... The Organisers cannot 'save' a spot for an entrant.

**Entry?** The Event shall be open to: Drivers that are holders of a current Civil Licence issued by a State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia and an Australian Auto-Sport Alliance (AASA) Club Licence or similar. Navigators must also hold an AASA Club Licence or similar. Navigators do not have to be holders of a current Civil Licence. AASA Licences are available from the Organisers or [www.australainautosportalliance.com.au](http://www.australainautosportalliance.com.au)

**Where?** The Rally will, for 2009, involve a balanced schedule with 'Touring' and 'Speed' sub-events with the Event starting at DECA in Shepparton on Saturday, Saturday night in Shepparton then moving to Historic Beechworth for the Sunday and Monday nights.

**Roads?** All sub-events will be conducted on bitumen roads and sealed venues. Some access roads to venues may be unsealed as will some navigation Via's.

**Accommodation?** The Organisers will provide an Accommodation Listing for Shepparton for the Friday/Saturday and Beechworth, for Sunday/Monday nights, or you can arrange your own.

**Events?** Circuit Sprints and speed sub-events will combine both the horsepower and agility features of the competing cars with a balance of 'wide open' and 'tightish' layouts. Auto-Test events, pioneered by the Organisers, offer the ultimate test as car, driver and navigator, to work as one, accelerating, braking and negotiating the set course, through gates, against the stop watch, plus the "1000 M Sprint!"

**Meals?** Luncheon each day and morning and afternoon teas where applicable. Saturday night in Shepparton is a free night, Beechworth on Sunday night we are negotiating a "Pub Night" and the Presentation Dinner on Monday Night will be held at La Trobe-Beechworth for the entered Crew. Additional Crew Meals and Presentation Dinner places can be arranged with the Organisers.

**Navigation?** For 2009, there will be a variety of navigation styles using the 250,000:1 Maps and RACV Maps with plotting the course by grid reference, reading off a compass, plotting by map reference, traveling the road as mapped and being observant. The "VicRoads" Directory will be allowed in the vehicle. The Organisers will conduct a Navigation School prior to the first Navigation and follow up review notes each evening.

**Navigation Equipment?** What navigators will need! A 'Rally Roamer' to read 250,000:1, a **decent magnifying glass**, highlighter pens, a clipboard, (A4 or A3 Size), clutch pencils and erasers. A Compass will be handy but the clear plastic Rally Roamer has a compass included, remembering that all maps read north.

**Entry Form?** With this Newsletter I have included the proposed Schedule, Event Regulations and the Event Entry Form.

**Licences / Credentials.** All crew must have at least the AASA Club Licence (or similar) and it must be presented at Credentials at Scrutiny or Sign-On as well as a Current Drivers Licence, (where applicable). This must be strictly enforced, the Event Officials must sight the credentials and failure to present any of the documents will mean a non-start to the Event. AASA Licences are available from the Organisers or from;  
[www.australianautosportalliance.com.au](http://www.australianautosportalliance.com.au)

Hope to see you all "back to THE 3 PEAKS", Cheers, Rowan.

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