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**Re: National Classic Car Rally – 27<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September**

AHMF, combined with the State and Territory Councils, have committed to promote the National Classic Car Rally. This is non-competitive un-timed national car rally to start in each of the state capitals and finish in Canberra, giving the Classic Car fraternity an opportunity to showcase their vehicles and a chance to show their concern and gratitude to the men and women who serve our country.

The rally is a fund-raising event supporting "Soldier On" who assists Australia's wounded soldiers. There are numerous people and their families who could benefit from the fund raising event. I believe each and every one of us would know at least one person effected.

The event committee is comprised of 3 people with experience in motor-sport and business. Their aim is to raise \$1 million for "Soldier On", to be used as "Soldier On" sees fit and to be administered by the organisation.

They have approached major corporate and private sponsors to fund all of the expenses associated with the event. Please note – There will be no wages paid to the organisers of this event.

Entry forms and regulations are available on the website – [www.soldieron.org.au](http://www.soldieron.org.au)

"Soldier On" was founded in April 2012 and looks to help Australia's wounded soldiers in 3 ways:

1. Enhancing their rehabilitation;
2. Inspiring them to overcome obstacles in their lives, both physical and psychological; and
3. Empowering them to continue to live rewarding and fulfilling lives.

At the beginning of 2013, 246 servicemen and women had been physically wounded in Afghanistan. Looking beyond physical wounds, the Department of Defence estimates 8%, around 4,600 servicemen and women, suffer psychological wounds such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

A donation to "Soldier On" might send a care pack to the child of a wounded digger, go towards buying specialist rehabilitation equipment for Brisbane's St Andrews Hospital or sponsor a sounder soldier to walk the Kokoda Track. For more information refer to [www.soldieron.org.au](http://www.soldieron.org.au)

AHMF is not a sponsor of this event or the organiser; we are a National body recognising this very worthy cause. We truly hope the event is a total success and the target figure of \$1 million is achieved.

Please pass on this letter and flyer to your State and Territory Councils, request that they pass the information on to their clubs who, in turn, need to pass this on to their members.

Regards  
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