

OFFSPRING OF AUSSIECON FLYER

#1 5TH JUNE 1975

(With deference to Woman's Lib - you provide the sex)

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Dear Pat & Roger:

This is going to the following:

- Lynn & Carolyn Hickman, Wauseon, Ohio
- Roger & Patricia Sims, Detroit, Mich.
- Roy & Deedee Lavender, Long Beach, Calif.
- Fred Prophet, Detroit, Mich.

So please excuse the photo-copy format.

I don't know what plans you may have made for the TOUR, but I wonder if you would like to consider doing some touring, in the free time after the Convention, as a group.

The question is what and how much do we want to do? Are you in the special group that wants to go to Ayers Rock? or do you have some other special place you would like to visit? Perhaps I should ask if any of you plan to take the 4 week tour, if it goes? Not that it will make any difference, except that they would be more familiar with the country and it's ways. The group is small and we are acquainted, so I think it would be compatible.

A short resumé of the first part of the TOUR.

Fri. 9th We leave at 9:15PM PDT via Air NEW ZEALAND and arrive in Sydney
Los Angeles at 10:30AM local time Monday 11th. We loose a day crossing the International Date Line.

Mon. 11th According to the natives it/probable be after noon before we arrive
Sydney at our Sydney Hotel. (Name is unknown at the moment). The Hotel is 4 miles from the Airport, but evidently Immigration & Customs can move very slowly. When we arrive at the Hotel we will probable want to rest for 3 or 4 hours to let our time sense recover and then be ready for dinner and whatever may be arranged for our first evening in Australia.

Tue. 12th To the best of my knowledge nothing has been planned for Tues. in
Sydney the daytime, so we may be free to sightsee, shop, etc. In the evening, there is suppose to be a party, hosted by Ron Graham. Ron is Australia's formost Science Fiction Collector & has a very large collection. I believe the party is to be held at his home. This is subject to confirmation.

Wed. 13th Leave for Melbourne, by train, Car, bus or plane. As people will be
Sydney going down to Melbourne in a number of different ways, Grace decided that this trip would NOT be a part of the TOUR package. The air distance to Melbourne is 140 mile, by road 557. So flight time is one hour and flights leave every half hour. Train time is 13 hours, must be a very slow train. So I think I would like to avoid it and fly down mid-morning. Cost one way is \$77.10 U.S. \$.

What about car?

Wed. 13th Arrival at The Southern Cross Hotel. Explore the local area for
Melbourne the needful things. Party in CON Suite late evening.

Thu. 14th
to Sun. 17th A U S S I E C O N
Melbourne

Mon. 18th The Con-Com has organized a day trip to Ballaratt and Sovereign Hill.
\$6.00 Aust. An extra night at the Southern Cross, convention rate available. This might be interesting, plus Aussie fans will be present so we will have an excellant opportunity to visit with them.

Tue. 19th If we take the above trip we are free to tour during these dates.
to We have paid for hotel space at our Sydney hotel for the night
Tue. 26th of the 26th.

CHOICE OF TRANSPORTATION

Auto Rental: BMC - Mini, seats 4, at \$ 105.20, per week, unlimited mileage, plus cost of gasoline. Grace says - 30 to 40% higher than U.S. Possible 80¢ per gal.?? but, it's sold by the litre, as Australia is now on the metric system. Other cars at higher prices. We would need 2 cars, plus insurance, etc. Advantage - flexibility. disadvantage - time consuming and finding our own way.

Train: Recently announced AUSTRILPASS. First Class travel 14 day pass \$94.00 Can. 21 day is \$147.00. Sleeping accommodation and meals are extra. Train travel appears to be very slow.

Air Here we have three items to choose from.

1st. Trans-Australian Airlines offers a 30% discount for any arranged tour of over 1000 miles. The itinerary must be made up before leaving the U.S. & purchased with the basic tour package.

2nd. See page 3 for two Australia Air Passes, also Unlimited Sightseeing Pass, and unlimited Motorcoach Pass.

The \$ 150 pass is ^A good buy, when you consider that the fare from Sydney to Melbourne is \$77.10 and we have to go back to Sydney, so twice \$77.10 is \$ 154.20. So any other flying is for free. You are limited to the six places named, but it is ^A very good spread of distance.

With 30% discount plan you make up the 1000 mile bit very easily when you consider the mileage between Sydney and Melbourne is 440, so double is 880 and balance is 120 for the 1000 miles required.

We have 8 days to tour. Daytime Tues the 12th we may be able to see something of Sydney, otherwise no other opportunity until after the Convention.

So as a suggested schedule: We can purchase a \$ 150. 00 air pass and the \$25.00 Sightseeing Pass. We can use the pass to fly to Melbourne on Wed. morning the 13th.

Let us do the Ballarat Tour on the Mon. 18th with the Committee.

Tues 19th & Look around Melbourne. Perhaps find a less expensive hotel.
Wed 20th

Thu 21st & Fly to Hobart (This schedule is purely suggested
Fri 22nd please feel free to offer alternatives.)

Sat 23rd & Fly to Canberra
Sun 24th

Mon 25th & Fly to Sydney
Tue 26th

If you are interested in this plan, I would be willing to coordinate it. Please give me some idea where you would like to go and the time you want to stay at each place. I am enclosing a preaddress post card so can confirm or deny.

My home Telephone is (416) 489-7015
I am usually at home by 6:30PM EDT.
Mon to Fri. and all week-end.

I am,

yours,

for AUSSIECON
& The TOUR

John
John Millard

PS. We only have a few weeks to make our PLANS so DON'T delay. Because of time & money requirements for this trip, I will not be going to Cincinnati for the MIDWESTCON.

JM

AUSTRALIA SIGHTSEEING PASS

Listed below is a sampling of the FREE motorcoach tours available in Australia by merely presenting your UNLIMITED SIGHTSEEING PASS. A similar program is available in New Zealand if extending.

FREE TOURS FROM SYDNEY

1. Morning sights of Sydney.
2. Afternoon city and southern beaches.
3. Full day Katcomba and Blue Mountains.
4. Full day Hawkesbury River tour.
5. Full day Jenolan Caves and Blue Mountains.
6. Full day Warragamba Dam and Lion Safari.
7. Full day Federal Capital City of Canberra tour.

FREE TOURS FROM CANBERRA

1. Morning Mint and Library tour.
2. Afternoon city sights.
3. Full day city and country tour.
4. Full day Sheep Station tour.
5. Full day Mt. Kosciusko and Snowfields.

FREE TOURS FROM MELBOURNE

1. Morning city and garden tour.
2. Afternoon Blue Dandenongs tour.
3. Half-day Healesville Sanctuary tour.
4. Afternoon "Emu Bottom" Homestead.
5. Afternoon Lion Safari tour.
6. Half-day Mt. Macedon tour.
7. Full day Port Phillip Bay tour.
8. Full day Geelong-Lorne tour.
9. Full day Golden Bendigo tour.
10. Full day Ballarat tour.
11. Evening Fairy Penguin Parade tour.

FREE TOURS FROM GOLD COAST

1. Morning city and Marineland tour.
2. Afternoon Bird Sanctuary tour.
3. Morning McPherson Ranges tour.
4. Morning Natural Arch tour.
5. Full day Brisbane tour.

FREE TOURS FROM BRISBANE

1. Morning city and Cannery tour.
2. Afternoon Line Pine Koala Sanctuary.
3. Full day North Coast tour.
4. Full day Gold Coast tour.

FREE TOURS FROM CAIRNS

1. Full day Atherton Tablelands tour.
2. Full day Port Douglas tour.
3. Full day Kuranda Highway tour.

FREE TOURS FROM ADELAIDE

1. Morning city and garden tour.
2. Afternoon National Park and Beaches.
3. Afternoon Mt. Lofty tour.
4. Afternoon Marineland & Sturt's Cottage.
5. Full day Victor Harbor and Cape Jervis.
6. Full day Barossa Valley tour.

FREE TOURS FROM ALICE SPRINGS

1. Morning city tour.
2. Afternoon Emily Gap and Amooinguna.
3. Full day Standley Chasm-Simpson's Gap.
4. Full day Palm Valley.
5. Full day Ormiston-Glen Helen Gorges.
6. Full day Trephina Gorge.
7. Full day Arltunga & Corroboree Rock.

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AUSTRALIA AIR PASSES

BASIC UNLIMITED AIR PASS
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For just \$150, you can have a 14-DAY UNLIMITED AIR PASS on TRANS AUSTRALIA AIRLINES, permitting unlimited travel between the following cities: Sydney - Canberra - Melbourne - Hobart - Brisbane - Coolangatta.

SUPER UNLIMITED AIR PASS
\$300 PER PERSON

For only \$300 you can have a 14-DAY UNLIMITED AIR PASS, which not only permits you travel as often as you desire between the cities listed above, but also between the following additional cities: Adelaide - Alice Springs - Mackay - Townsville - Cairns.



UNLIMITED SIGHTSEEING PASS

UNLIMITED SIGHTSEEING PASS
\$25 PER PERSON

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