

RED CENTRE NATS

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QUICK FACTS

The vehicle must have been driven by the registered Entrant to be eligible for Red CentreNATS Champion

VEHICLE JUDGING

Entrants wishing to be judged must initially be presented to judging during scrutineering.

FINALISTS SHOW

Vehicles that qualify into the Finalist Show will be listed or advised during judging or via SMS.

Each vehicle is limited to the entrant plus up to five (5) helpers for set up. Absolutely no children under the age of 15 years will be permitted into the pavilion for the set up period.

The Finalists Show will be held on Saturday with the vehicles staying in the pavilion overnight Friday and Saturday but can leave for driving events and street parade.

Those wishing to participate in the driving events must notify the Chief Steward or Judges before positioning their vehicle in the pavilion. Arrangements will be made for your vehicle to take part in Red Centre Champion driving events.

It is recommended low wattage LED lights are used for displays. Entrants must also display caution signs for lights which produce heat and all electrical cords must be safely secured to ensure no trip hazards. All electrical items must test and tagged. This can be done at the Red CentreNATS but you must notify any of the judging staff if required. It is advised you complete this prior to the event.



DISPLAYS

Cars that are elevated with stands must have a barrier and there must be a 1.5m space between each vehicle/barrier.

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Any branded signage must be approved by Red CentreNATS prior to displaying. Signage will be removed if deemed unsuitable.

JUDGING GROUPS

Entrants may nominate their category preference, however the judging team will classify each vehicle into one of the below categories.

ELITE

Elite recognises and rewards the supreme craftsmanship and build quality found at the absolute top level of restoration, customisation, with only the very best vehicles accepted to compete.

STREET

Street exhibits a high degree of detail and finish; however, they've been built to be registered and street driven. It's not all about good looks and breathtaking presentation, vehicles must incorporate a high degree of innovation, practicality and usability to have any chance of being a front runner in this intensely competitive category.

No undercarriage detailing will be accepted. Floor pans, chassis and mechanical components can be painted, but no filling of seams, welds or highly detailed areas.



JUDGING CRITERIA

- Quality of Workmanship
- Innovation
- Degree of Difficulty
- Cleanliness
- Presentation



Vehicles must be presented ready for judging, including unlocked and the bonnet open. The judges will only score what they can have access to. Entrants are encouraged to advise the judges a brief description of any detailed workmanship or modifications.

Red CentreNATS defines a street machine as a post-1948 street driven vehicle that has been restored, modified or customised.

To further identify other vehicle types, Hot Rods are pre-1948 vehicles given similar re-build treatment or as described by the ASRF handbook.

Points are awarded in the following areas taking into consideration:

BODYWORK assess the preparation of the body before paint is applied. Consideration is also given to gaps, straightness, quality and degree of difficulty of modifications to the body.

PAINT includes preparation, primer and overall finish in all areas of the vehicle.

STANDARD PAINT is a solid, metallic or pearl colour available on OEM vehicles.

INTERIOR key areas are creativeness, workmanship and attention to detail. Consideration all items visible from the doorjambs, dash, floor coverings, rear parcel, hood lining, seats, modified/fabricated panels, use of materials and fitment.

UNDERCARRIAGE includes the floor pan, substructure, driveline components, suspension components and all visible brackets, fuel lines etc on the underside of the car.

ENGINE BAY reviews the fitment and finish of engines and accessories and all other components in the engine bay, the overall detail and enhancement.

ENGINEERING covers all non-factory modifications that would require a degree of manufacturing including driveline and suspension components.

ALICE SPRINGS



AWARDS — VEHICLE, OVERALL

| AWARD | DESCRIPTION |
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| RED CENTRENATS CHAMPION | This will be the vehicle with high scores in judging, People's Choice and driving events. |
| MINISTER'S CHOICE | This is chosen by the Minister of NT |
| MEGUIARS SHOWCAR SUPERSTARS | A coveted spot in the Meguiar's Superstars qualifying for MotorEx. |
| PEOPLE'S CHOICE | Vehicles on display in the Elite Show, the entrant with the highest individual votes from event attendees. |
| DRIVERS CHAMPION | Awarded to the Entrant with the highest points received across all Grass Driving Events. |
| SPIRIT OF THE EVENT | The entrant who embraces sportsmanship, enthusiasm and positive attitude of the event. |

AWARDS — VEHICLE, ELITE

| AWARD | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| TOP 10 | Top 10 highest scoring vehicles in the Elite category |
| TOP BODYWORK | Highest scoring bodywork from assessment of straightness, alignment, glass markings, rubber seal fitment, boot, door jams, sills, floor pan and engine bay. |
| TOP ENGINE BAY | Highest scoring from assessment of engine bay fabrication, engineering and detailing. |
| TOP INTERIOR | Highest scoring bodywork from assessment of straightness, alignment, glass markings, rubber seal fitment, boot, door jams, sills, floor pan and engine bay. |
| TOP PAINT | Highest scoring colour available on OEM vehicles or custom finish |
| TOP UNDERCARRIAGE / ENGINEERED | Highest scoring from assessment of undercarriage, fabrication, mechanical, performance and suspension parts. |

ALICE SPRINGS



AWARDS — VEHICLE, STREET

| AWARD | DESCRIPTION |
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| BEST PRESENTED 4 WHEEL DRIVE | Best presented 4-wheel drive |
| BEST PRESENTED RALLY | Best presented rally inspired vehicle |
| STREET TOP 10 | Top 10 highest scoring vehicles |
| TOP AUTHENTIC | Highest scoring vehicle in original condition from the manufacturer, allowing up to five changes, period correct but may be for safety / registration reasons. |
| TOP BODYWORK | Highest scoring bodywork from assessment of straightness, alignment, glass markings, rubber seal fitment, boot, door jams, sills, floor pan and engine bay. |
| TOP CLASSIC | Highest scoring pre-1970 vehicle, not a hotrod |
| TOP CLUB | Best presented club within the show and shine |
| TOP COMPETITION | Highest scoring vehicle which can be a racecar or race inspired. |
| TOP CONVERTIBLE | Highest scoring convertible (no roof) |
| TOP COUPE | Highest scoring two door with no pillar, side rear window may be fixed or movable. |
| TOP CUSTOM | Highest scoring vehicle with body modifications, chopped or flip front with significant changes from original. |
| TOP ENGINE BAY | Highest scoring from assessment of engine bay fabrication, engineering and detailing. |
| TOP ENGINEERED | Highest scoring from assessment of fabrication, mechanical, performance and suspension parts. |
| TOP EUROPEAN | Highest scoring vehicle manufactured by a European car brand |
| TOP HOT ROD | Highest scoring pre-1948 vehicle, open or closed |
| TOP INTERIOR | Highest scoring interior judged based on workmanship, use of materials and execution. |
| TOP JAP | Highest scoring vehicle manufactured by a Japanese car brand |

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| TOP MUSCLE | Highest scoring original or restored retaining manufacturing guidelines |
| TOP PAINT | Highest scoring colour available on OEM vehicles or custom finish |
| TOP RETRO TECH | Highest scoring pre-1986 with a post 1986 engine and engine management system. |
| TOP RESTORED | Highest scoring vehicle restored to original condition, allowing up to five changes, period correct but may be for safety / registration reasons. |
| TOP SEDAN | Highest scoring four door sedan including pillarless models. |
| TOP UTE/PICKUP/MINI TRUCK | Highest scoring utility vehicle. |
| TOP STATION WAGON / VAN | Highest scoring van with minimum two doors. |
| BEST POST 1980 | Highest scoring vehicle post 1980. |
| BEST POST 1980 MUSCLE CAR | Highest scoring vehicle post 1980 muscle car. |
| BEST POST 1980 MODIFIED | Highest scoring vehicle post 1980 with modifications. |
| TOP CRUISER | Top Cruiser on the Motorvation Super Cruise Track |

🏆 AWARDS — VEHICLE, BIKE

| AWARD | DESCRIPTION |
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| BEST STREET BIKE | Best bike either factory built or owner modified whilst retaining legal road registration |
| BEST VINTAGE / VETERAN | Best bike over forty year old |
| BEST IN SHOW | Best bike overall |



RED CENTRENATS CHAMPION

This is the highest award at Red CentreNATS.

Entrants wishing to contend for the Red CentreNATS Champion must inform the Chief Steward by 11AM Saturday 31 August 2024 and displayed in the Elite area.

In previous years an entrant cannot win the Red CentreNATS Champion award more than two times in a row with the same vehicle, then not again for another two years unless the vehicle has gone through a major rebuild. However to celebrate 10 years of Red CentreNATS this rule will be paused in 2024, with all previous RCN champions invited to compete!

Points are accumulated by judging, votes received in People's Choice and overall performance in the driving events held Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The driver must be the Entrant noted on the application form. The vehicle needs to be road registered or have been approved with the appropriate permits to drive on public roads.

The winner will take home the Red CentreNATS Champion will receive a locally built trophy, \$7,500 and join the elite ranks of those who have proved themselves worthy of one of the most sort after awards in the Australian Street Machine scene.

PROGRAM

| DAY | ACTIVITY |
|-------------------------------|---|
| WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/ FRIDAY | Vehicle judged |
| FRIDAY | Showcar Finalists announced and show setup |
| SATURDAY | Showcar Finalists show Red CenterNATS Champion Driving Events |
| SUNDAY | Red CentreNATS Champion Driving Events Red CentreNATS Champion Awards Presentation |



RED CENTRENATS CHAMPION - POINTS ALLOCATION

Points awarded in descending order with the number of points determined by the number of competitors e.g. 1st Place = 12 points, 12th Place = 1 point. There will only be a maximum of 12 points for Red Centre Champion driving events to keep the points balance correct over all the disciplines.

Contenders must compete in all Red CentreNATS Champion driving events as listed below.

| CRITERIA | POINTS |
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| SHOW 'N' SHINE – Selection in the Top 10 | 10 points |
| PEOPLE'S CHOICE (must receive min. 5 votes; void if in the Top 3 votes) | |
| PEOPLE'S CHOICE – 3rd place | 3 points |
| PEOPLE'S CHOICE – 2nd place | 4 points |
| PEOPLE'S CHOICE – Winner | 5 points |
| DRIVING EVENT – Drag Racing | Place |
| DRIVING EVENT – Tarmac Time Trial | Place |
| DRIVING EVENT – Grass Driving | Place |

