Media Release

Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

RedCentreNATS fires Central Australia on all cylinders

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All roads led to Alice Springs over the weekend and the people of Australia have spoken loud and clear– they want the RedCentreNATS to continue in the heart of the country and we will commit to that, Chief Minister Adam Giles said today.

The first ever RedCentreNATS has delighted the organisers, the participants, the spectators and the most hardened motor enthusiasts.

“Together, we have exceeded all expectations with 500 entrants and 13,500 people gathering to watch an event that has fuelled the automotive fire of Territorians and interstate visitors from around the country,” Mr Giles said.

“Huge crowds turned out to see drag racing, burnout qualifying, grass driving, show ‘n’ shine, the Alice Springs street parade, the Rock N Rumble and CARnival zone.

“Summernats in Canberra receives around 1800 entrants and over 100,000 through the gate each year in January. I am confident that we can build on our event and give our southern counterparts a real run for their money and maybe after the smoke has cleared, even exceed their extraordinary success.

“There have been so many highlights including the wonderful hospitality of locals, the spick and span Mustangs, Corvettes, Holdens, Fords and the magnificent but brutal 8000 horsepower Top Fuel-engine Holden Monaro, the world’s most powerful burnout machine.

“I’d like to thank the team at NT Major Events, RedCentreNATS and volunteers for making the Central Australian event one of the highlights of the calendar year, it has provided cherished memories for those who have attended or competed.

Winners of the Top 3 awards at Red CentreNATS included:

- Red CentreNATS Champion - #175 John Curwen-Walker, Green 1948 Holden FX, 215 Sedan from Palmerston NT
- Chief Minister’s Choice - #88 Duncan McKinstry, Deep Black 1934 Chev Roadster Coupe from Humpty Doo
- Burnout Masters – Winner - # 106 Fred Watson, 2005 Commodore Coupe “Fear”
2nd place - #207 Ryan Pearson, 1969 HT Holden

3rd place - #148 Darren Green, LX Torana

Red CentreNATS 02 dates have now also been announced for Fathers Days weekend 2016 – 1st to 4th September 2016.

All results from the weekend’s event can be found at www.redcentrenats.com.au

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