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CENTURYUASA 2011 NZHRA HOT ROD LOTTERY

The New Zealand Hot Rod Association is pleased to announce ticket number 17,000 - William 'Bill' Thompson - as the winner of the CenturyYuasa 2011 NZHRA Hot Rod Lottery. Bill received the Roadster with a 350 Chev, 350 Turbo transmission, Ford 9 inch diff and Tube Axle front end, at 1pm on the 30th November at the Corogate Cafe, SH25, Waitakaruru on the Hauraki Plains.

The CenturyYuasa 2011 NZHRA Hot Rod Lottery included BG Wheels, Mothers High Performance Car Care Products and Classic Cover Insurance for a year, plus as an extra bonus, Mr Thompson will be getting a Sony Xplod Beach Hop 2012 Ultimate entry pass - thanks to Noddy Watts.

There were 30,000 tickets on sale for this year's, CenturyYuasa 2011 NZHRA Hot Rod Lottery, which ran from the 20th August 2011 until the 10th November 2011. Tickets were available through New Zealand Hot Rod Association Clubs around the Country and via the Associations website (www.hotrod.org.nz).

During the three month period, the Roadster travelled from the South Island to the Palmerston North Swap Meet, Tararua Rodders Show n Shine in Levin, the NZHRA National Hot Rod Show in Hawera (hosted by Egmont Rod and Custom Club), Full Throttle at Manukau, Auckland, and it spent a couple of days at Classic Cover Insurance in Hamilton.

Bill had purchased three tickets online via the New Zealand Hot Rod Association website at 9.01pm on Sunday 30th October, thanks to a reminder from his friend, Al, who drives for the Coromandel Peninsula Courier Company and delivers Bill his monthly "PetrolHead".

Ticket number 17000 was pulled from the 1926 Ford Roadster by USA So-Cal President Pete Chapouris, with Daryl Gates (NZHRA President) and Bill Mudgway (Justice of the Peace) watching over. When Organiser Jo Henderson rung Bill, from the Castrol Edge and Classic Cover Insurance Ltd NZHRA 50th Anniversary Dinner at Te Papa, he was polishing the bumper on his 1956 Chevy Step side (a project he started with his brother). When asked by MC Mike Currie, "what is the first thing you are going to do when you get the car?" Bill replied "take it for a drive", our dinner guests could hear Angela (Bill's new bride) in the background crying "You won, you won!".

The local community came out to congratulate Bill on his win, and true to his word, after a few photos, getting the keys and a quick run down of the cockpit from Daryl Gates, Bill took his mate Al for the first drive. There was a quick pull over on their return trip as Bill ran across the road to retrieve his Classic Cover cap which blew off his head. We hear that "Bill spent the night practising driving round the tables delivering coffee, but in particular, getting in and out of the car".

Bill will be leading the Street Parade for the V8 Show & Swap Meet in Paeroa, on Saturday 18th February 2012 - the day before the famous "Battle of the Streets" Bike Race. Bill and Angela are in the process of setting up their Christmas display at the Corogate Cafe located between Auckland and Thames. The Corogate has about 1200 pieces of royal memorabilia proudly on display, and on a fine day, you may just see the lime green Roadster in the carpark.

Photos and more information about the lottery can be found at www.hotrod.org.nz

Issued on behalf of the New Zealand Hot Rod Association.

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William "Bill" Thompson and his winning ticket #17000



Daryl Gates congratulates Bill on his win



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