



Local woman wins truck through online sweepstakes

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The odds of winning a nationwide sweepstakes are astronomical. Some people enter them for years without payday ever coming. But the long odds paid off recently for Kelley Clement of Rusk, who learned this month that she has won the grand prize in XM Radio's Wild Ride Sweepstakes — a brand new car and a year of free XM Radio.

The news came as quite a surprise to Clement, who only recently began entering online sweepstakes.

"I haven't been real big into sweepstakes until recently, but I started in September and I've probably signed up for 250 or so since then. I do it in my downtime when my kids go to bed at night," Clement said.

The Wild Ride Sweepstakes was open from Sept. 4 until Dec. 15, 2007, and the winner was drawn Dec. 30. Clement said she entered the sweepstakes only once.

Clement said at first that she didn't think the e-mail notifying her of her win was real; she assumed it was just another piece of SPAM.

"I was very excited — I was shocked. I found out late at night, and I really didn't believe it. It turns out that they had notified me once before, but that first e-mail had been marked as SPAM," Clement said. "I actually didn't contact them to claim the prize until the day before the deadline, so we got lucky there."

She was given her choice of about 15 vehicles — all costing \$30,000 — all preloaded with a one-year subscription to XM Radio. Clement selected a 2008 Chevy Silverado.

"I really didn't need a new car, so I sold it back to the dealership for cash. I never possessed it, but I did test drive it for fun," Clement said.

Originally from Las Vegas, Clement and her husband relocated to Rusk a few years ago.

"I signed up for this particular sweepstakes in September, the first month that I really started doing sweepstakes, so I guess I really don't have a bad record so far," she said.

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