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### **HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB CELEBRATE THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF "ROMANCING THE CHROME" CAR SHOW**

**(Belcamp, Maryland- April 18, 2016)** -- After having to reschedule its date due to spring snow and sleet, Romancing the Chrome celebrated its fifth anniversary in beautiful weather in Jarrettsville on April 16 with over 270 automobiles and more than 3000 spectators. Lauren Morrison of MPT's *MotorWeek* served as celebrity judge.

Keene Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram served as the Headlining Sponsor of the free, family friendly event which also featured music, contests, food concessions (Pond View Farm & Pit Crew, Pit & Pinchers and Jarrettsville Creamery and Deli), a beer garden and more. Waste Industries returned as the Premiere Sponsor. Supporting Sponsors were Jarrettsville Creamery & Deli, Jarrettsville Federal Savings & Loan Association and 103.7 WXCY. Contributing Sponsors included APG Federal Credit Union, B.E. Miller & Son Septic Services, Carl's Door Service, Inc., Jacks Small Engines, Jarrettsville Pharmacy and North Harford Liquors.

And the winners are....

**Best of Show – Stephen Amspacher, 1948 Plymouth Business Coupe**  
Imports/Tuner – Brandon Weaver, 2013 Mitsubishi EVO  
Custom (1949 – 1992) – John Czachorowski, 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle  
Street Rod – Rose Bramon, 1932 Ford Coupe  
Foreign Pre '92 – Robert Parker, 1968 Volkswagen  
Foreign 1993 + - Mike Davis, 2000 BMW 323ci  
Jeep/Truck/SUV pre '92 – Steve Delp, 1941 Chevrolet Pickup  
Jeep/Truck/SUV post '93 – Charles Eakle, 2003 Chevrolet Truck Silverado 4x4  
Muscle Car: GM – Marvin Rembold, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

Muscle Car: Mopar – Bill Gross, 1968 Plymouth Road Runner  
Muscle Car: Ford – Corey Reiss, 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1  
Stock(1949-1992) – Steve Waggy, 1969 Chevrolet Z/28 Camaro  
Historic (pre 1949) – Jesse Herndon, Ford F-1  
Domestic 1993+ - Michael MacDonald, 2016 Chevrolet Corvette  
Muscle 1993+ - Henry Jones, 2007 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe

A special Hero's Choice Award was presented by Sheriff Jeffrey R. Gahler and Colonel Steven Bodway to Charlie Plott (1940 Chevrolet Pickup) in memory of Deputy Patrick Dailey and Deputy Mark Logsdon. Additional funds were raised for the Harford County Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Fund by the Aberdeen Rotary and the Harford County Public Library.

Community organizations taking part in the day's festivities included the Harford County Sheriff's Office, the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, and Harford County Public Library. Romancing the Chrome was also made possible by the generous support of Edwin Jarrett and The Rose Family, and the dedicated efforts of the Bel Air Corvette Club.

"It's been great having Romancing the Chrome right in our own backyard for five years," said Mike Baldwin, general manager of the third-generation, family-owned and operated Keene Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram. "Keene has been proud to serve as the Headlining Sponsor since the beginning and wants to thank the community for their tremendous support."

"We are so thankful for all the sponsors, vendors, car enthusiasts, spectators and volunteers who make Romancing the Chrome such a fun family event each year", said Rebecca Jessop, foundation director of the Harford County Public Library. "It's very rewarding to work with the community to raise funds for so many great initiatives."

The event raised \$13,000 which will be divided between the Harford County Public Library Foundation and the Jarrettsville Lions Club. "Romancing the Chrome is the first car show of the season and is well received by the community," stated king lion Ed Sturtevant. "The beautiful weather made for a wonderful turnout this year." The Jarrettsville Lions Club is a charitable organization whose mission includes the

promotion of good citizenship will use proceeds to support their Leader Dog Program, The Maryland School for the Blind and other local community projects.

The Harford County Public Library (HCPL) Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization established to raise funds to augment the financial resources of HCPL, will use proceeds to support the Summer Reading Challenge, Havre de Grace Library Building Campaign and other valuable programming.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout the county. The library serves more than 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of more than 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading in the community. For more information, visit [hcplonline.org](http://hcplonline.org).

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***Photo caption #1:*** *Celebrity Judge Lauren Morrison of MPT's MotorWeek checks out a car during the judging process.*

***Photo caption #2:*** *Romancing the Chrome featured all types of cars.*

***Photo caption #3:*** *(Left to right- Harford County Public Library (HCPL) Foundation Director Rebecca Jessop, HCPL Board of Directors President Mark DiBerardino, Colonel Steven Bodway, Hero's Choice Award winner Charlie Plott, Sheriff Jeffrey Gahler and HCPL CEO Mary Hastler.*

***Photo caption #4:*** *Best in Show winner, Stephen Amspacher, 1948 Plymouth Business Coupe*

***Photo caption #5:*** *A sample of the show cars seen at Romancing the Chrome.*

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