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## **HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND THE JARRETTSVILLE LIONS CLUB HOST THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "ROMANCING THE CHROME" CAR SHOW**

**(Belcamp, Maryland- April 27, 2015)** Beautiful spring weather brought out nearly 200 automobiles and over 2000 spectators to Jarrettsville on April 11, 2015 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Romancing the Chrome", the largest car show of its kind in Northeastern Maryland.

The show featured Greg Carlross of MPT's MotorWeek as a 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, Fat Boys Café and Jarrettsville Creamery and Deli), a beer garden and more. Other sponsors included Harford Sanitation Services/Waste Industries, John W. Cairnes Realty, WXCY 103.7FM, APG Federal Credit Union, Dietz and Associates and Fisher Auto Parts.

A variety of exhibiting vendors included the Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, the Harford County Sheriff's Office and the Harford County Public Library. In addition, several businesses supported the event by purchasing a vendor space on the field including The Brass Giraffe, Camp Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County, Clerk of the Court, Details Concepts, Ener G Remodeling, Green Brilliance, Gutter Helmet Systems, Harford County Wheels for Work, the Maryland Insurance Administration, McCool Insurance, The Nut Lady, Stephanie Edge/Origami Owl, Bob Paulding Photography, Republican Central Committee, Kathy Rohrbaugh, the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, and Jesse Thomas. Romancing the Chrome is also made

possible by the generous support of Edwin Jarett and The Rose Family, and the dedicated efforts of the Bel Air Corvette Club.

"We like to give back to the community which has been so good to us all these years," said Mike Baldwin, General Manager of the third-generation, family-owned and operated Keene Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram. "Keene is proud to serve as the Headlining Sponsor for the fourth year!"

"Thank you to sponsors, vendors, car enthusiasts, spectators and everyone who help make Romancing the Chrome such a great event each year", said Rebecca Jessop, Director of the Harford County Public Library Foundation. "It is a privilege to work with such community-minded businesses and organizations working so hard to make life better for so many!"

The event raised almost \$11,000 which will be divided between the Harford County Public Library Foundation and the Jarrettsville Lions Club. "It's great everyone comes out and supports Romancing the Chrome because it's the community that benefits," stated King Lion Ron Gartrell.

The Jarrettsville Lions Club is a 501(c)3 charitable organization whose mission includes the promotion of good citizenship, to take an active interest in the cultural and social welfare of the community, provide a forum for open discussion, and encourage residents to serve their community without personal financial reward. The Lions Club will use proceeds from the car show to support their Leader Dog Program which provides service animals to sight impaired individuals.

And the winners are.....

**Best of Show – Todd DeFrain, 1967 Chevy Camaro**

Imports/Tuner – Mark Walters, 2006 Honda Civic Si

Custom (1949 – 1992) – Bob West, 1955 Chevy Sedan Delivery

Street Rod – Walt Tydings, 1934 Chevy 2 Door Sedan

Foreign Pre '92 – John Maners, 1988 Mercedes Roadster 560sh

Foreign 1993+ - Danny Roberts, 2011 VW Autobahn

Jeep/Truck/SUV Pre '92 – Mike Zyski, 1953 Ford F-100

Jeep/Truck/SUV Post '93 – Charles Eakle, 2003 Chevy Truck Silverado 4x4

Muscle Car: GM – Christian Jones, 1965 Chevy Malibu  
Muscle Car: Mopar – Rick Heaps, 1965 Dodge Coronet  
Muscle Car: Ford – Arvin Sadler, 1966 Ford Mustang Shelby 350 Hertz Original  
Stock (1949-1992) – Ed Kelly, 1969 Chevy Chevelle- Malibu  
Historic (Pre 1949) – Jesse Herndon, Ford F100  
Domestic 1993+ - Daniel Laubach, 2009 Chevy HHR SS  
Muscle 1993+ - Matt Turner, 2014 Dodge Challenger

The Harford County Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established to raise funds to augment the financial resources of the Harford County Public Library and to promote awareness of its services. The Foundation will use their portion of the proceeds to help funding the Summer Reading Program, Little Leapers Collection and other projects outside of the Library's operating budget.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout the county. The Library serves more than 191,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of more than 4.1 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community. More information may be found at [hcplonline.org](http://hcplonline.org).

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*Photo caption #1: Best in Show Winner: (left to right) Celebrity Judge Greg Carloss, Library CEO Mary Hastler, Winner Todd DeFrain, Keene Dodge General Manager Mike Baldwin, Library Foundation Director Rebecca Jessop*

*Photo caption #2: MPT's MotorWeek's Greg Carloss and other judges examine a possible winner!*

*Photo caption #3: It was cars as far as the eye could see!*