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AACA HERSHEY REGION CELEBRATED A VERY SPECIAL VALENTINES DAY

Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Hershey Region Receives Prestigious Lee Iacocca Award

HERSHEY, PA, February 16, 2009 - - On February 14, the Hershey Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) was the honored recipient of The Lee Iacocca Award. Sharon M. Lee, National President of AACA, presented this significant award to William Prescott, 2008 AACA Hershey Region President during the AACA national awards banquet, part of the AACA 73rd Annual Meeting festivities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Created in 2006 by the Iacocca Foundation in its effort to find a cure for diabetes and garner financial support for on-going research, The Lee Iacocca Award recognizes car shows and enthusiasts for outstanding Dedication to Excellence in Perpetuating an American Automotive Tradition. Past honorees include Carroll Shelby and Randy Ema, world-renowned Dusenberg authority. Joining numerous corporate and hobby-related organizations, National Parts Depot has been a national sponsor of the Award for over three years. More information about the Award and Foundation is available at www.iacoccafoundation.org

Jim and Rick Schmidt, owners of National Parts Depot, were proud to sponsor this award presentation acknowledging the stellar work of the AACA Hershey Region. "For over 50 years the AACA Hershey Region has brilliantly hosted one of the largest, most celebrated antique car events in the world, the AACA Hershey Fall Meet in October," said Rick Schmidt. "The members of the AACA Hershey Region embody the true spirit of this Award and we are thrilled to acknowledge them and join the chorus in praising their extraordinary contribution to the collectible vehicle hobby."

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Each October, AACA Hershey Region welcomes hundreds of thousands of motoring enthusiasts from around the world to enjoy the collectible vehicle hobby by participating in the full and diverse menu of events offered at the Fall Meet. During the 2008 'Remembering the Past' AACA Fall Meet the region masterfully managed major events that included over 1300 show cars, 9000 flea market vendors, and 1000 vehicles cars for sale in the car corral. More details about the Hershey Fall Meet and the AACA Hershey Region available at <http://local.aaca.org/hershey/>

Sharon M. Lee, AACA President notes, "Members of the AACA Hershey Region deserve high praise for this impressive achievement. The Hershey Fall Meet is a year-round effort, a product of countless hours by over seventy-five committees and over 1,000 devoted volunteers, members who work very hard to ensure a successful event each and every year."

"It is absolutely amazing to experience a city of auto enthusiasts come alive during Fall Meet week and how artfully the Hershey Region members rise to this logistic and managerial challenge all the while striving to make improvements for the future," adds Steve Moskowitz, Executive Director of AACA. "The members of our Hershey Region certainly exhibit true passion for our wonderful hobby and are most deserving of the prestigious Lee Iacocca Award."

About The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA)

The Antique Automobile Club of America, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, is the country's premier resource for the collectible vehicle community. Since its formation in 1935, the Club, through its national office, publications, and membership, aids individuals, museums, libraries, historians and collectors dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of automotive history. For additional information on the AACA family, please visit www.aaca.org, www.aacalibrary.org, and www.aacamuseum.org

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