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Shanghai Confers Blackhawk Collection's Don Williams With Prestigious Magnolia Award

DANVILLE, CA--(Marketwire - December 1, 2009) - The Shanghai Municipal Government has presented Blackhawk Collection's president, Donald Williams, with the prestigious Magnolia Award for his contributions to the city.

Named after Shanghai's official flower, the Magnolia Award was established in 1989 with the aim to honor non-Chinese citizens who contribute significantly to the development of Shanghai culture, society, economy and international relations. Williams was among 60 recipients to receive the Award this year, as since its inception is the first to be recognized from the international classic car world.

As the largest cooperation partner of Shanghai Auto Museum, Blackhawk Collection has provided Shanghai Auto Museum with significant cooperation and support with their classic automobile exhibition and the development of the Blackhawk Pavilion.

Williams has been a key factor in the design, construction and contents of the Shanghai Auto Museum. The second floor of this four-story eclectic masterpiece is named Blackhawk Pavilion and dedicated to Don Williams with the mission of providing cars to educate the public.

"I've been working for several years to bring significant cars to China so they can learn about history, and see what they have only been able to enjoy on television and in books," says Williams. "We have provided cars for both the Pavilion level and the first-floor which houses the historical vehicles."

"People everywhere should be able to enjoy classic cars and learn about their history, and I am privileged to be a part of making this happen with our Shanghai Museum partnership," continues Williams.

Shanghai Auto Museum, the first dedicated auto museum in China, is located in the Auto Expo Park of Shanghai International Automobile City. The museum covers an area of 28,000m², and its exhibition area exceeds 10,000m², and displays around 70 vehicles from the Blackhawk Collection that showcase the evolution of the automobile. These cars cover 22 different brands and demonstrate the important stages during the auto history.

Shanghai Auto Museum, completed on October 24th, 2006 and opened to the public on Jan. 17th, 2007, has five pavilions: History Pavilion, Technology Pavilion, Brand Pavilion, Antique Car Pavilion and Temporary Exhibition Pavilion. There are still two floors to furnish before what Williams hopes will be a

"global open house" where the world is invited to see the remarkable cars and a spectacular facility. The cars on display will rotate and there will always be fresh and exciting examples.

About Blackhawk Collection

Blackhawk Collection, Inc., Danville, CA, owned by Don Williams, a noted authority and car connoisseur for four decades, specializes in the acquisition and sale of one-of-a-kind classic automobiles and sports & race cars. Don Williams has redefined the classic automotive market for private collectors, museums and investors worldwide. Blackhawk Collection is one of the world's leading classic car companies that provide services in the buying and selling of entire collections, and in assembling collections for enthusiasts, investors, corporate heads, celebrities, and royalty -- and indulging in Williams' particular passion, seeking out the rarest of all classics, one-of-a-kind or limited-production models from the pre-World War II "golden era" of cars. Over the years, more than 5,000 of the world's rarest and most desirable classic automobiles have passed through the doors of the Blackhawk Collection. www.blackhawkcollection.com

About Shanghai Auto Museum

China's first dedicated museum that combines history, profiles, technology, and originality of automobiles. Featuring a history museum, a modern technology exhibition hall, a vintage auto collection, and a brand culture exhibition hall, Shanghai Auto Museum presents to the public a brand new comprehensive presentation. It demonstrates features of the auto industry through automobiles, and the automobile's far-reaching influence on human society through its development. The development of the car has been showcased to offer a perfect place for the people of China to learn about the history, technology and culture about the automobile. www.shautomuseum.gov.cn

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