

**Rockville, MD, Technician Wins Grand Prize of Petty's Garage Custom-Built Ford Mustang, in MAHLE "Drive With the Original" Promotion**

Farmington Hills, MI, November 10, 2017 – Tracy Weiland, a technician at The Shop European Auto Clinic in Rockville, MD, won the Grand Prize in the MAHLE "Drive With the Original" promotion. The custom-built Petty's Garage Ford Mustang was awarded on the first day of last week's Automotive Aftermarket Product Expo (AAPEX) in Las Vegas.

"I've never been to Las Vegas and I've never won anything in my life," said Weiland right after she won the Petty's Garage MAHLE Mustang. "I just can't believe I won this incredible car. It's going to take a few days to sink in. But I really would like to thank all of the folks at MAHLE for this fantastic experience."

"On behalf of all of us at MAHLE Aftermarket, I would like to congratulate Tracy for being our 'Drive With the Original Promotion' Grand Prize winner," said Jon Douglas, President, MAHLE Aftermarket Inc. "I know she is going to give that Mustang the 'tender love and care' it so deserves. I had a chance to talk with her and the other finalists at the Show, and we owe them all many thanks for supporting and representing our brand and our Promotion with such enthusiasm. I also want to thank all of the promotion entrants for participating and placing their trust in MAHLE Original® gaskets."

The four finalists were randomly selected from the nearly 10,000 entries submitted throughout the past year. The four finalists each received a trip to Las Vegas to participate in the special grand prize ceremony held at the MAHLE Aftermarket booth on the opening day of AAPEX 2017.

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Weiland is co-owner and manager of The Shop European Auto Clinic, and specializes in classic Jaguars. The MAHLE Mustang will sit next to her daily driver, a 400 horsepower, supercharged Jaguar XJ-R.

Weiland says the first thing she's going to do is take the 1,000 horsepower MAHLE Mustang to nearby Summit Point Raceway "to get one of the trainers there to teach me how to drive the car without hurting anything!"

Bogi Lateiner, master technician and co-host of Velocity Channel's *All Girls Garage*, served as the emcee for the grand prize ceremony. The "Original" himself, Richard Petty, accompanied by two Las Vegas showgirls, was on hand to present each of the finalists with the opportunity to draw a key fob from his signature Charlie One Horse hat – one of which unlocked the doors of the customized, twin-turbo 1,000 HP Grand Prize MAHLE Ford Mustang from Petty's Garage.

In addition, thousands of instant win prizes were awarded in the promotion, including Richard Petty Driving Experiences, autographed Richard Petty Charlie One Horse cowboy hats, and autographed #43 die-cast model cars.

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**PHOTO CAPTION:** Pictured with two Las Vegas showgirls beside the MAHLE "Drive With The Original" Technician promotion Grand Prize MAHLE Mustang built by Petty's Garage are, (l to r): Bogi Lateiner, master technician and co-host of Velocity Channel's *All Girls Garage*; Jon Douglas, President, MAHLE Aftermarket Inc.; Tracy Weiland, the winner of the MAHLE "Drive With the Original" Technician promotion; "The Original" Richard Petty; and Olaf Henning, Corporate Executive Vice President & Head of Global Aftermarket, MAHLE.

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**About MAHLE**

MAHLE is a leading international development partner and supplier to the automotive industry. With its products for combustion engines and their peripherals as well as solutions for electric vehicles, the group addresses all the crucial issues related to the powertrain and air conditioning technology—from engine systems and components to filtration to thermal management. In 2016, the group generated sales of approximately EUR 12.3 billion (USD 12.9 billion) with around 77,000 employees and is represented in 34 countries with over 170 production locations.

**About MAHLE Aftermarket**

MAHLE Aftermarket, the business unit specializing in spare parts, uses the expertise from the series production of original equipment in its automotive aftermarket product range, and supplies trade, repair shop and engine repair partners. MAHLE Aftermarket is represented at 22 locations and other sales offices worldwide, with 1,555 employees. In 2016, the business unit achieved a global sales volume of EUR 899 million (USD 946 million).

**About MAHLE Service Solutions**

MAHLE Aftermarket Inc., Service Solutions division specializes in the development, manufacturing and distribution of automotive services, tools and maintenance equipment, including vehicle diagnostics, air conditioning service, fluid exchange and nitrogen tire inflation systems. Formerly known as RTI Technologies, MAHLE Service Solutions continues its legacy of building shop equipment for the most stringent OEM and aftermarket needs. Along with this expertise, MAHLE Service Solutions combines the know-how of MAHLE Behr with automotive thermal management and MAHLE Powertrain with automotive test systems. Each of these three entities have more than 25 years of R&D and technology deployment experience providing advanced solutions for OE manufacturers.

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In addition to the high-quality products offered through its Service Solutions division, MAHLE Aftermarket provides a comprehensive and well-developed service network to ensure quick and professional technical support and training for repair shops. For more information about MAHLE Aftermarket Service Solutions, visit [www.servicesolutions.mahle.com](http://www.servicesolutions.mahle.com).

**About Petty's Garage**

In June 2008 Petty's Garage, a Level Cross, N.C.-based company, was born to begin restorations on racecar chassis from owner Richard Petty's private collection. Petty's Garage is currently bringing "The King's" winning tradition to a wide variety of high-performance automobiles from production-based Richard Petty Signature Series to custom builds and restorations. Petty's Garage is a high performance speed shop focused on spectacular performance automobiles.

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