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Rick Morrow of M & M Auto Parts Receives 2009 ARA President's Award

Manassas, VA – Rick Morrow, owner of M & M Auto Parts in Stafford, Virginia, accepted 2009 Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) President's Award at the recent 66th Annual ARA Convention & Exposition held in Lexington, KY, October 7-10. Morrow was chosen for this award by 2009 ARA President Linda Pitman for his tireless efforts to promote and advance the automotive recycling industry. Time and time again, Morrow worked alongside ARA to allow tours of his facility, and provide access for media coverage on the pending Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS), known as Cash for Clunkers. His efforts, and that of his staff, helped secure a positive image of the industry on Capitol Hill.

M & M Auto Parts, started in 1960, specializes in recycling late model "End-of-Life" vehicles for their parts value and then their scrap value. They primarily purchase American and foreign passenger cars, SUV's and light trucks from current model year and 4 years older. It operates under approximately 40,000 sq. ft. of indoor storage and facilities, with 40 acres of outdoor storage. M & M Auto Parts has a staff of 36. Operating to the highest standards possible, they are a Certified Automotive Recycler and a Gold Seal member of ARA.

"We joined ARA in 1980 to learn better business methods for the auto recycling business and become part of a group of professionals in this industry," says Morrow. "I personally have 30 years in the business after receiving a business degree at James Madison University. My brother, Ron, has been in the business 32 years. And, our combined staff experience is over 350 years in the auto recycling business."

Morrow believes membership in ARA is vital for success. "Any business that is involved in automotive recycling would benefit immensely by being a member of ARA and their state association. Furthermore, the businesses who choose to participate in ARA's best practices programs must operate with integrity and strive to meet the professional standards of environmental and customer service that ARA promotes. This advantage is essential to remain competitive and it allows consumers to see the great benefit they provide as automotive recyclers."

ARA congratulates Rick Morrow and the team of M & M Auto Parts for this prestigious achievement.

Since 1943, the Automotive Recyclers Association ("ARA") represents an industry dedicated to the efficient removal and reuse of "green" automotive parts, and the proper recycling of inoperable motor vehicles. ARA represents over 4,500 auto recycling facilities in the United States and fourteen other countries around the world. With programs such as the Certified Automotive Recycler Program (CAR) and other partnerships, ARA members continue to provide consumers with quality, low cost alternatives for vehicle replacement parts, while preserving our environment for a "greener" tomorrow.

To learn more about the Association, visit ARA online at www.a-r-a.org or call (571) 208-0428.