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San Mateo Credit Union Spring Car Event Offers Community Low Rates on Pre-Owned Vehicles

REDWOOD CITY, Ca – When it's time to buy a car, San Mateo Credit Union (SMCU) steps up to make it easy for anyone who lives or works in San Mateo County to find the right car and best financing available. The spring car event is one of SMCU's most popular ways to do that and the event also offers non-members a great chance to join the credit union and take advantage of the deals.

This year's spring event is taking place March 21 and 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at SMCU's Redwood City branch at 525 Middlefield Rd. Dealers will bring out more than 200 pre-owned, including some certified pre-owned vehicles and many vehicles selling for less than \$15,000. Vehicles available will include fuel-efficient, hybrid, high-line/luxury, sport performance, SUV, compact imports and other models. Members who buy during the event can take advantage of special interest rates that could be as low as 5.34 percent, including all discounts, and may qualify to receive up to 100 percent financing. To make shopping easy, members should prequalify for loans before the event and non-members are encouraged to join and prequalify for a loan before March 21.

One lucky member could also drive home a free hybrid vehicle. Last year, one SMCU member was thrilled to discover that the key she almost threw away started a new Mercedes-Benz. Sending a winning key to one of its members is a fun way for the credit union to get out the word about the spring car sales event.

SMCU holds member-only car events two to three times a year, featuring cars from a variety of dealers. Car events are one of many benefits SMCU offers its owner-members and one of the unique services that set credit unions apart from other financial institutions.

Anyone interested in becoming an SMCU member and prequalifying for a car loan in advance can call toll-free 888 363-1725 or apply online at www.smcu.org. Membership in San Mateo Credit Union is open to all San Mateo County residents, employees and students; employees of member companies and companies who belong to the Golden Gate Better Business Bureau or one of the county's 15 Chambers of Commerce; as well as family members, domestic partners and roommates of SMCU members.

About San Mateo Credit Union (SMCU)

Founded in 1952, SMCU is a member-owned financial institution that currently serves more than 68,000 members, who live, work or attend school or church in San Mateo County. Managing more than \$580 million in assets, with six San Mateo County branch locations, SMCU provides a full range of financial services to its member-owners. For the branch nearest you, visit www.smcu.org.