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**CHRYSLER'S RARE TOWN AND COUNTRY STARS
AT 20th ANNUAL AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE**

Jacksonville, FL (September 30, 2014) – On March 15, 2015 the 20th annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance will honor Chrysler's timeless "woodie," the famous Town and Country, on the fairways of The Golf Club of Amelia Island at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island.

Chrysler was not the first to offer a wood-bodied car, but the Town and Country was the zenith of the American woodie genre. The Town and Country was the final flourish of the traditional woodie, where the wood was structural and not merely decorative.

"The Town and Country was essentially a hand built car," said Mark Becker, Vice-Chairman of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. "That contributed to its demise. It was the end of an era of manufacturing exuberance.

"At a time when most new cars were simply warmed over pre-war models, the 1946 Town and Country was truly new," said Becker. "They married post-war optimism with the pre-war concept of what a luxury car should be. The Town and Country summons images from another era in America: when elegance and dignity were more important than the 'bottom line.'"

The 20th anniversary Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance will feature a full class of significant Chrysler Town and Country models displaying the final flourish of the American hand built body era. Among the most sought after vehicles of the Town and Country line are the early "barrelback" station wagons. The 20th annual Amelia Concours will display the 1941 model, the "first barrelback," as well as the 1942 model featuring different design details.

"The Town and Country had the grace, pace and presence of a prewar luxury car. It was the perfect car to park in front of the club or one's country estate," said Becker.

The 2015 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance will be held March 13-15th on the 10th and 18th fairways of The Golf Club of Amelia Island at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island. The show's Foundation has donated over \$2.5 million to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc. and other charities on Florida's First Coast since its inception in 1996. In 2013 the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance won *Octane Magazine's* EFG International Historic Motoring Event of the Year award.

About the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

Now in its second decade, the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is among the top automotive events in the world. Always held the second full weekend in March, "Amelia" draws over 300 rare vehicles from collections around the world to The Golf Club of Amelia Island, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island for a celebration of the automobile like no other. The 20th annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is scheduled for March 13-15, 2015. For more information, visit www.ameliaconcours.org or call 904-636-0027.

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