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## **CreaTV San Jose's *Car Guy Channel* Up for Cable Award**

**San Jose, CA:** The local public access TV program *Car Guy Channel* has been nominated as a finalist in the Western Access Video Excellence (WAVE) Awards in the Entertainment / Variety Category by The Western States Region of the Alliance for Community Media.

*Car Guy Channel* Producer Mike Hennessy has been very involved with automotive events throughout California for over 25 years. He and his co-producer Mike Malament from Fish Eye Films cover everything cars, including swap meets, auctions, car shows, building cars. The program airs on community TV stations throughout the bay area, including CreaTV San Jose's Channel 15 in San Jose and Campbell.

Hennessy is passionate about his show, and has been producing for the past year. Oddly enough, he has never actually watched his show on television, although twice he's caught it airing on a TV in a Santa Cruz restaurant. "I thought the awards notification was a joke at first, and then quickly realized that the awards are for real," Hennessey said.

Hennessy's next big project is producing the first annual downtown San Jose car show called "Hot San Jose Nights," premiering in the South Hall of the San Jose Convention Center in July 2009.

The WAVE Award winners will be announced in Denver on October 24, 2008 as part of the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) Western States Regional Conference. The ACM is a national membership organization founded in 1976, representing over 3,000 Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access organizations and community media centers throughout the country.

CreaTV San Jose is the new non-profit organization that took over management of Cable Channel 15 on July 1, 2008. The mission of the non-profit is to manage community public and education channels on the Comcast Cable system, as well as open a media center for residents, businesses, and non-profit organizations that serve San Jose. CreaTV San Jose welcomes San Jose residents, organizations and businesses to submit non-commercial programming for airing on Channel 15. Currently 140 independent producers submit content for airing on the channel.

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