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**COUNTY EMPLOYEE'S LUCKY KEY WINS 2008 MERCEDES-BENZ
IN SAN MATEO CREDIT UNION GIVEAWAY**

SAN MATEO, CA – A very happy San Mateo Credit Union (SMCU) member and county employee is the proud owner of a new 2008 Mercedes-Benz 300 CL coupe given away during the credit union's July Car Sales Event. Michele, a San Mateo County employee who asked that only her first name be used, was one of the SMCU members mailed a key and invited to try opening the lockbox to win the new Mercedes-Benz.

"I put the key in the lockbox and it turned," said Michele, an SMCU member since 1985. "I looked over at the gentleman overseeing the contest and he told me that my key was a winner. I was so shocked, I asked if he was sure and had him try it, too. Sure enough, it worked!" SMCU sends out keys offering its members the chance to unlock and win a new car during its members-only car sales events held two to three times each year. The keys give members in the market for new or used cars an extra incentive to come out during the event.

"I always go through San Mateo Credit Union for all my car loans and banking," said Michele, "but I wasn't in the market for a car, so I almost threw away the key. Something told me not to, and I'm sure glad I listened."

"We're delighted to award the 2008 Mercedes to one of our long-time members," said Barry Jolette, SMCU's president and CEO. "The giveaway adds extra fun and excitement to our car sales events, and I suspect this news will encourage our members who receive keys to come out and try their luck at our next members-only sales event November 8th and 9th."

Anyone interested in becoming an SMCU member 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 61,000 members, managing more than \$600 million in assets. With six San Mateo County branch locations and a comprehensive online banking system, SMCU provides a full range of financial services to its member-owners. More information on SMCU is available at www.smcu.org.