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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Hal Blaine to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award
at Route 66 Rendezvous Cruisin' Hall of Fame® Dinner**

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. (July 22, 2008)– Hal Blaine, famed drummer of the sixties and seventies will join past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients such as Dick Dale “King of the Surf Guitar”, Jack Brown of Stater Bros, and most recently Wally and Barbara Parks of the National Hot Rod Association. Deemed the most in-demand session drummer of his era, Blaine played on more hit records than his counterparts including 40 Number One singles and 150 that hit the Top Ten. Eight of the records won Grammys for Record of the Year.

In 1961 Blaine drummed on “Can’t Help Falling in Love With You,” one of Elvis Presley’s most memorable sides. He was a key component of Phil Spector’s “Wall of Sound” production and served as the first-call session drummer for the Beach Boys appearing on many hits including “Surfer Girl” and “Good Vibrations”. According to Blaine, he has performed on 35,000-recorded tracks during a quarter century’s worth of work and has worked with the likes of Jan and Dean, the Mamas and the Papas, the Byrds, Johnny Rivers, Sonny and Cher, the Grass Roots, Frank Sinatra, John Lennon, Neil Diamond and countless other popular musicians. In March 2000 Hal Blaine was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

“From entertainment to community involvement, the Lifetime Achievement Award serves to recognize the sacrifices made in order to fulfill one’s dreams,” states Wayne Austin, president and CEO of The San Bernardino Convention & Visitors Bureau (SBCVB). The SBCVB, in conjunction with the City of San Bernardino, established the Cruisin’ Hall of Fame in 1995. A landmark area called the “Route 66 Plaza” was created just outside City Hall as a backdrop for the Cruisin’ Hall of Fame. A specially designated wall, with a map of “America’s Main Street,” serves as the actual monument.

Blaine will be honored along with the other 2008 inductees, Bill Hines, the Justice Brothers, the 1968 Ford Mustang, and the Inland Vans Berdoo Club at the Cruisin’ Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction Ceremony on Friday, September 19, 2008 at the Hilton San Bernardino, 285 E. Hospitality Lane at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person, and tickets must be purchased in advance at the Route 66 Rendezvous office, 415 West 2nd Street, San Bernardino.

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California's largest cruisin' classic car show, the Stater Bros. Route 66 Rendezvous® takes place September 18-21, 2008 and will transform the 35-blocks of historical downtown San Bernardino, Calif. into an automotive paradise with 1,900 hot rods, classics and custom cars cruising. This event is free to the spectators who will enjoy the classic cars, music and entertainment, sponsor displays, legendary guests, contests and commercial exhibitors. For more information, visit www.route-66.org.

The San Bernardino Convention & Visitors Bureau (SBCVB) is a private, non-profit corporation providing destination sales and marketing services for the City of San Bernardino. As a sales and marketing organization, the main objective of the San Bernardino CVB is to promote and market the San Bernardino area as a tourism destination and meeting site.

Additional information:

Blaine's Number One Hits (most are linked)

- "[Can't Help Falling in Love](#)" - [Elvis Presley](#) (12/18/61)
- "[He's a Rebel](#)" - [The Crystals](#) (10/06/62)
- "[Surf City](#)" - [Jan & Dean](#) (06/22/63)
- "[I Get Around](#)" - [The Beach Boys](#) (06/06/64)
- "[Everybody Loves Somebody](#)" - [Dean Martin](#) (07/11/64)
- "[Ringo](#)" - [Lorne Greene](#) (11/07/64)
- "[This Diamond Ring](#)" - [Gary Lewis & the Playboys](#) (01/23/65)
- "[Help Me, Rhonda](#)" - [The Beach Boys](#) (05/01/65)
- "[Mr. Tambourine Man](#)" - [The Byrds](#) (06/05/65)
- "[I Got You Babe](#)" - [Sonny & Cher](#) (07/31/65)
- "[Eve of Destruction](#)" - [Barry McGuire](#) (08/28/65)
- "[My Love](#)" - [Petula Clark](#) (01/15/66)
- "[These Boots Are Made for Walkin'](#)" - [Nancy Sinatra](#) (02/05/66)
- "[Monday Monday](#)" - [The Mamas & the Papas](#) (04/16/66)
- "[Strangers in the Night](#)" - [Frank Sinatra](#) (07/02/66)
- "[Poor Side of Town](#)" - [Johnny Rivers](#) (10/08/66)
- "[Good Vibrations](#)" - [The Beach Boys](#) (10/29/66)
- "[Somethin' Stupid](#)" - [Frank & Nancy Sinatra](#) (03/25/67)
- "[The Happening](#)" - [The Supremes](#) (04/15/67)
- "[Windy](#)" - [Association](#) (06/03/67)
- "[Mrs. Robinson](#)" - [Simon & Garfunkel](#) (05/04/68)
- "[Dizzy](#)" - [Tommy Roe](#) (03/15/69)
- "[Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In](#)" - [5th Dimension](#) (04/12/69)
- "[Love Theme - Romeo & Juliet](#)" - [Henry Mancini](#) (05/24/69)
- "[Wedding Bell Blues](#)" - [5th Dimension](#) (10/04/69)
- "[Bridge Over Troubled Water](#)" - [Simon & Garfunkel](#) (02/14/70)
- "[\(They Long to Be\) Close to You](#)" - [The Carpenters](#) (06/27/70)

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- "Cracklin' Rosie" - Neil Diamond (08/29/70)
- "Indian Reservation" - Paul Revere & the Raiders (05/29/71)
- "I Think I Love You" - The Partridge Family (10/31/71)
- "Song Sung Blue" - Neil Diamond (05/13/72)
- "Half Breed" - Cher (09/01/73)
- "Annie's Song" - John Denver (06/15/74)
- "Top of the World" - The Carpenters (10/20/74)
- "The Way We Were" - Barbra Streisand (12/22/74)
- "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" - John Denver (04/05/75)
- "Love Will Keep Us Together" - Captain & Tennille (05/24/75)
- "I'm Sorry"/"Calypso" - John Denver (08/30/75)
- "Theme from Mahogany (Do You Know Where You're Going To)" - Diana Ross (11/22/76)

Cruisin' Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Honorees:

- 2001 – Dick Dale “King of the Surf Guitar”
- 2002 – Jack Brown, president & CEO of Stater Bros. Markets
- 2003 – C.W. “Scotty” Scott, owner of Scotty’s Muffler
- 2004 – Paul Peterson, child star from the Donna Reed Show
- 2005 – Barry Meguiar, president & CEO of Meguiar’s Inc.
- 2007 – Wally and Barbara Parks for the establishment of the National Hot Rod Association
- 2008 – Hal Blaine, American drummer and session musician

