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NEW FULL-SIZE CHRYSLER 300 BAGS TOP TROPHY IN TEXAS, VISITS VALLEY IN TIME FOR FIRST PITCH THE NEXT DAY —AND PROMPTLY WINS ANOTHER TROPHY IN ARIZONA

As soon as we wrapped up our driving and judging duties at the Texas Auto Roundup, we caught the dawn flight back to Phoenix. The folks from Chrysler were so excited, they did the same, and magically had the new 2015 Chrysler 300 here by the time we landed.

Actually, they were already coming to visit—a chance to duck out of Detroit and join us for a Spring Training game on a beautiful March day. The fact the Texas Auto Writers Association (TAWA) had crowned the new Chrysler 300 as 2015 Car of Texas was just icing on the cake.

Just the day before, in a day of wet and challenging driving at Texas Motor Speedway near Fort Worth, collective media had voted FCA US products eight of the possible 20 awards, the most

of any manufacturer at the event, with trophies going to Alfa Romeo, Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep (see full TAWA results elsewhere in this issue).

It turns out they weren't done. By the end of the same week, FCA had earned two more awards here at home, as AAA Arizona voted the 2015 Chrysler 300 as Top Pick in the full-size sedan segment, and the new 2015 Jeep Renegade as Top Pick in the "Cool Car" category.

Jim Prueter, AAA Arizona automotive writer, said of the Chrysler 300, "This big, bold American sedan has world-class levels of sophistication, craftsmanship, and technology including Wi-Fi service." Vehicles selected as AAA Arizona Top Picks are evaluated on performance, safety, fuel economy, styling, reliability, and other criteria. ■



FCA Product Communications Manager Jiyan Cadiz explains the finer points of the fine Chrysler 300C Platinum, in Jazz Blue Pearl Coat, to media at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. The top model has 20-inch fully polished cast aluminum wheels, four-wheel independent touring suspension, full Poltrona Frau leather interior trim with quilted leather-trimmed seats, hand-sanded wood inserts, luxury Berber floor mats, power adjustable pedals with memory—and even heated and cooled front cup holders. All this starts at \$42,395 and is available with AWD starting at \$44,895.