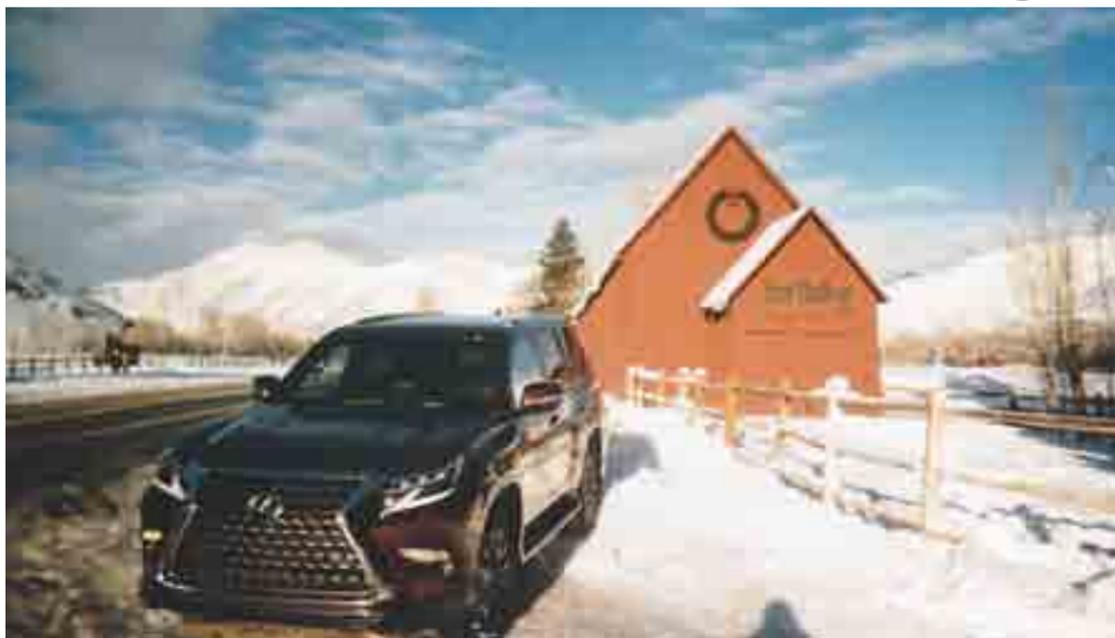


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From Seattle to Sun Valley, Idaho the 2020 Lexus GX 460 SUV Performs In Comfort for You and All Your Passengers



All-New 2020 Lexus GX 460 Luxury SUV in Sun Valley, Idaho (photo Auto News)

by Bill McCallum

Well another Seattle to Sun Valley, Idaho and back Holiday road trip is history. I have lost track as to how many I have made, but I am sure it's over twenty five in as many years. This years ride was the all-new Lexus GX 460 Luxury SUV and it was the best ever. The 2020 Lexus GX 460 offers those features you look for when taking a 2,000 mile plus Winter road trip traveling through mountain passes; Comfort, Safety, Power. Traction,

and lots of Room for ski gear and Luggage.

We ran into a little snow and ice in "The Blues" as we proceeded East on #84 out of Pendleton, OR but other than that the roads were dry for most of the trip. We averaged 20 mpg on the open road which is good for a big-rig and the 301 hp 4.6-liter V8 mated with a 6-speed AT gave us plenty of power-to-pass. The Lexus GX 460 has a towing capacity rating of 6,500 pounds if

your hauling a trailer.

For 2020 Lexus GX 460 models include forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection and lane departure warning as standard equipment. Base MSRP as tested is \$64,265.

There are a lot of luxury SUV's on the market today and if your looking for a new upscale SUV I recommend you test drive the 2020 Lexus GX 450 at your closest Lexus dealer.

2020 Hyundai Veloster resonates with Millennial Car Buyer (Story on page 6)



Terra, Pictured with All-New Hyundai Veloster (photo Auto News)

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Kelly with her son Beau pictured with a Ferarri at an Eastside dealer during the Holiday Season (photo Auto News)

Have EVs Lost Their Charge?



Bill McCallum
publisher

To be clear, I have never met an electric car I didn't like. My concerns center around global automakers spending billions if not trillions on developing electric vehicles (EVs) with out a clear definition of the size of the market and how this might affect their employees, stock holders, P&L's and the global economy.

FROM GERMANY: "Officials and executives in Germany fear that the country's big car makers and the rich eco system of suppliers and service providers are insufficiently prepared for the transition ... in an electric car world." (From a recent WSJ report)

FROM CHINA: "The worlds fastest growing market for electric vehicles has slowed down by 11% in the first 8 months of 2019 with consumer concerns about range, convenience of charging, and value retentions of EV's. BYD a leading Chinese EV automaker reports a 23% decrease in sales. (From a 9/26 WSJ report)

FROM THE UNITED STATES: in January 2020 the CES show in Las Vegas reported the following companies showed new EV's at their show; BMW, Fisker, Ford, GM, Honda, Hyundai, Mercedes, Nissan, Renault, & Toyota. These are ten new potential models in addition to existing models already in the market place.

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Honda Civic Type R Test Drive



Chris Chung
editor

It's not often that \$35,700 will get you a car that goes 0-60 in 4.9 seconds while still achieving 25+ MPG, and toting 46.2 ft³ of cargo space. But the Civic Type R delivers just that. With its wild "Boy Racer" aesthetic, I have to say I was skeptical of the Civic Type R, but after driving it, I was thoroughly impressed.

Driving Experience: What Torque Steer?

Being an avid RWD driver, I was skeptical of the Type R's FWD platform. I presumed that the Type R would suffer from the torque steer that has plagued so many Honda's from years past. That was not the case with the Type R at all. With its dual-axis strut front suspension, front & rear stabilizer bars, and multi-link rear suspension; the Type R gave a driving experience that felt like the car was on rails. The car would dive nose first into turns, with almost 0 body roll while pulling you through them at speeds that I couldn't have done in my 2004 STi.

The car is powerful as well. With 306 HP, and 295 lb-ft of torque, the Type R delivers 0-60 times around the 5 second mark and is able to run a quarter mile in roughly 13.5 seconds. I did note that the car had a lot of difficulty delivering that power to the front wheels in the rain without spinning the tires. Turbo-lag though,

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Joyce Covers Sundance Film Festival



Joyce Chow
entertainment editor

Will Farrell and Julia Louis-Dreyfus created a storm on their way to promote "Downhill" at the Music Lodge surrounded by people trying to catch a glimpse, autograph or selfie. It's a common scene at Sundance where celebrities come to promote their latest films and pop up activations descend upon a winter wonderland back dropped by snow-capped mountains in Park City, Utah.

Hillary Clinton talked politics at the premiere of "Hillary" her 4-part Hulu docuseries. Alec Baldwin talked about coming of age in the 24 hour news cycle with "Beast Beast". Eva Longoria "Sylvie's Love" came out to support Kerry Washington "The Fight". America Ferrera (Superstore) joined Longoria at LatinX House to further opportunities for LatinX voices. Taylor Swift premiered her documentary "Miss Americana" and Olivia Munn hosted the Creative Coalition Spotlight Initiative Awards Dinner.

Over 125 Acura MDX SUVs signified film teams and talents arriving up and down the uphill climb and snowy streets of Sundance. Acura is the official car of the Sundance Film Festival. The Acura Festival Village show-

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Toyota Corolla Hatchback Test Drive



Ed Barrett
feature writer

Toyota just introduced a new hatchback Corolla to replace the Corolla iM it inherited from the now defunct Scion brand. This 2019 Corolla Hatch is a completely fresh design, with new styling, new platform, a new engine and more. It is offered in just two models, SE and XSE. Sedan versions of the Corolla will be updated later.

The 2019 Hatch features a bolder, if not a prettier look, than the iM. An open-mouth grille, with a chrome surround, and narrow LED headlamps highlight the front fascia. Up-sweeping character lines on the flanks, enhanced by the available roof spoiler, convey a sense of motion. This is the sportiest-looking Corolla to come down the pike.

Inside, the interior shows a significant improvement over previous Corollas. My up-market XSE Hatch sported a premium quality interior. The soft-touch vinyl, with contrasting stitching, had a nice look and feel. Leatherette seats, with bright cloth inserts added zing, and glossy black trim provided an upscale touch.

The dash features a large, 8-inch touchscreen. Toyota's Entune controls the infotainment system. The interface is not as fluid as

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2020 Toyota Corolla Hybrid Test Drive



Scot McCallum
"Green Car Guy"

The 2020 Toyota Corolla Hybrid is one of the most popular vehicles in its class. Why? Let's start with a MSRP at \$22,950! The transition between fuel and battery is seamless, and Toyota has eliminated virtually all road noise allowing the driver to enjoy the 6 speaker audio system. The controls are intuitive and the 8 inch touch screen is positioned high for safety. Toyota has loaded this vehicle with features such as Safety Sense 2.0 Pre-Collision detection including pedestrians, Lane Departure Alert, and automatic high beams. And of course, fuel economy rating at 52 MPG along with reliability and quality engineering throughout that you would expect from a Toyota vehicle makes this a must-test-drive choice. The Holidays are upon us, and what a gift the 2020 Corolla Hybrid would be for a recent college graduate or someone looking for a solid touring or commuter vehicle.

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BIG NEWS

Drager's Clubhouse will be relocating to Skagit County in the spring of 2020! We have sold the building at 18805 Aurora Avenue N. and are in the process of deciding which of three locations will work best as our new place of business. Our plan is to continue selling cars, trucks and motorcycles on an appointment only basis. In addition, we plan to expand as a museum and an event venue which will include party spaces and a kitchen. We are excited about this move and will keep our customers and friends up to speed as final plans are made for the new home of Drager's...stay tuned!

GMC Terrain Offers All-New Black Edition



David Schmidt
feature writer

In the second year of this generation Terrain, GMC is offering a Black Edition: taking advantage of the current popularity of blacked-out trim and wheels.

GMC offers this package only on SLE and SLT trim levels. With it you get 19-in. gloss-black aluminum wheels, a darkened grille insert. The cars also feature a black surround, black mirror caps, roof rails and black exterior model and trim badging.

Beyond that, the car is similarly equipped to the other, more colorful, versions.

Looking at the Terrain from the outside, the current thinking on GM's crossover design is clear. While these vehicles are reminiscent of sport utility vehicles, now they communicate that they are spacious vehicles which aren't trucks. That's what buyers want, and GM is ensuring that they know the Terrain should fit the bill.

It is a strong looking vehicle. The front face makes it clear this is a GMC product. The roofline and greenhouse make it look like there's plenty of room inside,

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RAV4 At Badger Mt. Winery



Sally Hanson
travel editor

One road often traveled between our home atop Little Badger Mountain in Richland, Washington, is the route to the nearest winery — Badger Mountain Winery. We spotted this winery while viewing an incredible sunset from our front yard. As the falcon flies, the winery is less than a mile from our house which always amazes me because the drive is four and a half miles down the mountain and around the base of the hill and then winding up through another neighborhood to the winery which is located high on the southern slope of Badger Mountain. You would understand why we drive to the winery if you saw the terrain that separates us and just imagine a major uphill walk after tasting wine and making the climb carrying a few bottles or a case.

Life-long farmer Bill Powers planted Badger Mountain Vineyard in 1982. Six years later he transitioned his 75-acre estate to organic viticulture. All this occurred before organic became trendy and then universal. In 1990 Badger Mountain Winery became

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2020 Canadian Truck King Challenge Winners



Howard Elmer
truck writer

The Canadian Truck King Challenge focused on testing the mid-size truck segment this year. As to the why? Well, we look at what's happening in the truck world and test what truck buyers are most interested in each year.

Early this year we sent invitations to every manufacturer asking them to provide us with the relevant trucks; including the off-road versions. So, whether it's the FX4, the TRD Pro, Rubicon, PRO-4X or ZR2 Bison — mid-size owns the off-road market and we wanted to test them.

Here, below, are the builders who decided it was important to compete — and what they brought to the Challenge

Toyota, has the oldest continuously build mid-size; the Tacoma. They gave us two trucks. One for the street, the other decidedly off-road capable.

2020 Toyota Tacoma TRD Sport.
Exterior colour: Voodoo Blue.
Interior colour: Leather, Black/Grey
ENGINE: Direct Injection 3.5L DOHC V6 w/VVT-i.

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Tesla Introduces Cybertruck



Jordan Williams
millennial writer

At Tesla.com, the Tesla Cybertruck is stated to be an all-electric battery-powered light commercial vehicle to wow and please environmentally conscious and the next generation of buyers. Three models have been announced, with range estimates of 250–500 miles. The models also have an estimated 0–60 mph time of 2.9–6.5 seconds, depending on the which one.

The goal of the Cybertruck was to design and provide a sustainable energy substitute for the roughly 6,500 fossil fuel powered trucks sold per day in the United States.

The base price of the rear-wheel drive model is \$39,900. All-wheel drive models base price will be \$49,900. Don't get too excited just yet—for the Tesla Cybertruck production will begin in 2021. More models are scheduled to be offered in 2022.

Tesla is excited by the truck's exoskeleton exterior appearance, similar to the Karlmann King mega SUV at a price of \$2,000,000 and previously spotlighted here.

The Cybertruck is therefore built with an exterior shell made for

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2020 Cadillac XT5 Sport Test Drive



Arv Voss
feature writer

The Cadillac XT5 replaced the outgoing SRX in 2017 and is based on a unique all-new global chassis and structure. The XT5 tips the scales at 292 pounds less than the SRX despite the fact that it is seven inches longer. As a result, rear seat legroom is 3.2-inches more than in the SRX, and the rear seat reclines in addition to moving forward and backward.

The new architecture delivered a wheelbase two inches longer than the SRX, and a one-inch wider track, affording extra useable interior space. The XT5's overall length, width and height however, are slightly smaller than the SRX, giving it a firmly planted stance, and a lean and sleekly aerodynamic appeal.

The new base engine is a 2.0-liter, 237 horsepower turbocharged, inline four-cylinder engine. The 3.6-liter V-6 engine remains as an option with VVT and auto stop/start and Active Fuel Management cylinder deactivation technologies. V-6 horsepower is rated at 310 and

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Arv Voss
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2020 Cadillac XT5 Sport Test Drive

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torque measures 271 ft./lbs.

The Cadillac XT5 as been refreshed for 2020 with modest styling changes, the front grille gets a new design with varying mesh textures dependent upon the trim level. Front and rear bumpers have been restyled, LED headlights now come standard, LED taillights have different graphics, and there are new wheel designs ranging from 18 to 20 inches.

There are three distinct levels of trim. The styling execution displays fluid, liquid forms accented by dramatic cut and character lines. The rich image begins up front with the shield-shaped grille flanked by the Vertical LED light pipes. The hood features a subtle center line and outer edge accent lines that flow into the slimmer “A” pillars outlining the sharply swept back windshield joining the rising curved roofline that finishes with an integrated spoiler resting above the reverse angled backlight and hiding the rear wiper. The aft end exhibits a wide stance with broad shoulders and split, rectangular exhaust tips that are integrated into the rear diffuser.

The interior is a showcase of genuine materials – wood, aluminum, carbon fiber and double stitched leather. The center console has been redesigned and the XT5 gets Cadillac’s new infotainment system that’s operated by a rotary controller on the center console; the 8-inch display is a touchscreen. The seats are supportive, optimally adjustable and comfortable.

Connectivity is courtesy of Cadillac’s updated CUE system with a faster processor and revised graphics similar to the new Cadillac CT6, as well as CarPlay and Android Auto. A new Rear Camera Mirror is available with the Platinum trim, which provides a 300 percent increase in rearward vision along with an all-new auto wash feature.

XT5 provides 4G wireless connectivity, with a standard integrated Wi-Fi hotspot and wireless charging along with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto as standard fare for simpler in-car phone integration.

My 2020 Cadillac XT5 was in Sport trim and the AWD configuration. Power was provided by the 3.6-liter V-6. The exterior wore a Red Horizon metallic tint-coat, with the interior executed in Jet Black. The base price was set at \$55,095., while the final sticker came to \$65,815. After factoring in options and the destination charge.

The 2020 Cadillac XT5 features impressive content, improved NVH, pleasing acceleration and satisfying agility, while delivering

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Michelle Hale
asia correspondent

What Is Happening with Mobility

What is the future of mobility around the world? In attempting to separate the hype from the here and now, Global Auto News caught up with mobility guru
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Harold Allen
feature writer

2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Test Drive

This heavy-duty truck was completely redone for 2020 with greater capacities and a new look. It is longer, wider, and taller than the previous 2019 version.
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Lisa Delaney
special projects editor

Pups of All Sizes Fit Into Hyundai’s 2020 SUV Lineup

If you are a dog lover and haven’t had the pleasure of watching Hyundai’s “Something For Everyone” commercial, do yourself a favor and check out
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Gary Murphy
writer

States Impose Fees On EV Owners

Nearly half of US states impose fees on EV owners or will consider adding fees in 2020. The ill-conceived idea is to make up for gaps in roadway infrastruc-
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Tech Entrepreneur & Lifelong Auto Enthusiast Christopher Chung Named Editor of Auto News

by Bill McCallum

I'm proud to announce that as of January 2020, Chris Chung; lifelong auto enthusiast and tech entrepreneur is now the Editor of Global Auto News!

As a child, Chris was always passionate about cars. His first "car" was a "Little Tykes" ride-on toy that he drove all around parking lots in California. By the time he was 5 years old, he could name virtually every automobile's make and model based on their headlights and exhaust tone. This passion for cars continued through his teens and young adulthood where he switched vehicles frequently, modifying them and moving on to the next one.

I met Chris around Fall of 2011 and was quickly impressed by his passion for auto journalism. Soon after we brought him onboard to Team Auto News as an advertisement salesman. A couple years later he became our Marketing Manager, and Motorsports Editor. Throughout the past 8 years, Chris has diligently worked at Auto News, and I'm confident he'll bring in new content and a fresh perspective as we enter this next decade.

Auto News Launches YouTube Channel

Reflecting back on the last 30 years of Auto News; we've seen automotive news trends and industry changes. We've seen different content means come and go, along with automakers, manufacturers and the like as the industry ebbs and flows. We've seen the landscape of the auto industry change tremendously with updates in technology, changes in consumer behaviors; and today, we're adding a new way for you to get your Auto News! YouTube!

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Have EVs Lost Their Charge?

THE FACTS - U.S. EV market has hovered between 2% & 3% in the last 3 years with the Tesla rebate expiring 1/1/20

- The Chinese EV market is slowing even with government purchase mandates and the European market for EV's is very unpredictable.

Do We Drive To Connect or Disconnect?

Two recent conversations with new car owners led to this story

One with a doctor at a car show who just bought a new BMW and another with a pilot I sat next to who was "dead-heading" back to LA from Seattle who had just bought a new Range Rover. Both loved their new vehicles, but both said "..... I will never buy another new vehicle." The reason "..... to much technology I never use and it takes to much time to understand." (500 to 600 page technology manual included in each vehicle)

Two questions I would ask automakers. 1- Is this a growing

trend? 2- Should Automakers do more research to determine if their buyers really want to connect with everything in their life while driving a car? The answer to the first question is YES. The answer to the second question is MAYBE.

Both answers could spell TROUBLE for the auto industry in the mid to long term. While I remove "safety technology" from these examples, do we really want to connect with everything and everyone in our life while driving, or like me I want to DISCONNECT from everyone and everything while driving. Time will tell.

What Is Happening in the Automotive Mobility World

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Bill Russo. Bill, the soothsayer in Shanghai, is one of the most quoted executives on mobility in China.

He is the founder and CEO of Automobility Limited based in Shanghai, with more than 35 years experience in the mobility industry, as an auto executive in the US and China and as a leader with IT and electronics firms. He has worked as an advisor and consultant for numerous multinational and local Chinese firms in the formulation and implementation of their global market and product strategies.

Bill is also currently serving as the Chair of the Automotive Committee at the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai.

What are mobility services in the auto industry?

From the market or customer perspective, mobility services are alternative ways (other than owning a car) for people to get from point A to point B by paying a service provider for access to

a vehicle. This can be through a public transportation service (train, bus, taxi), or a private service operator (car rental and bike sharing) or person-to-person (P2P) ride hailing service.

From the auto industry standpoint, this represents an alternative channel for selling units to a fleet owner/operator of the platform that provides the mobility service.

Where do you see the future of mobility services in the auto industry in China in the next 5 years?

Markets like China have low per capita car penetration and huge urban population. In densely populated cities in China, mobility services like Didi Chuxing, UCAR and others are extremely popular. In such places, these services eliminate the pain points associated with driving and parking. It also offers higher utilization of the vehicle population, which can reduce the number of vehicles needed to serve the demand for

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Energy Storage & Hydrogen Infrastructure Funding Opportunities, in Addition to Hydrogen Infrastructure Progress Report

The California Energy Commission released two grant funding opportunities (GFOs) and one report that are important in the rollout of hydrogen fueling infrastructure and fuel cell electric passenger cars, and potentially key to the stimulus of renewable hydrogen production in California.

Energy Storage

The Energy Commission has noted that "while lithium-ion battery technology is a good short-term energy storage solution, the technology has safety concerns (thermal runaway) and long-term performance issues (limits on the number of cycles the technology can perform in a day or over its lifetime)."

GFO 19-306 will fund non-lithium ion technologies that can provide a minimum of 10 hours of energy storage. Hydrogen projects can potentially qualify for this funding opportunity.

Hydrogen is increasingly recognized for its ability to help balance the grid and provide long-term energy storage. Projects are already under way around the world, including one energy storage project in Utah that was announced last year.

Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure

The Commission also released GFO 19-602, making available up to \$115.7 million in grant funds for hydrogen refueling infrastructure.

These funds come from Assembly Bill 8, signed into law in 2013. AB 8 directs funding for at least 100 hydrogen stations for passenger cars, among other programs and activities.

More than 40 retail stations are open and more than 20 are in development across California. This grant funding opportunity, coupled with the new zero-emission infrastructure credit in the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, will likely fund enough stations to surpass the 100-station milestone and advance the market in support of the state's goal of five million zero-emission vehicles by 2030.

Former Governor Brown called for 200 hydrogen stations by 2025 and CaFCP has called for 1,000 stations by 2030 serving upwards of 1,000,000 fuel cell cars, buses and trucks.

AB 8 Report – annual report on station development

Assembly Bill 8 requires the California Energy Commission and California Resources Board annually jointly review and report on the progress of the hydrogen-fueling network. The latest report identifies the need for more hydrogen stations to meet state goals.

The current report and previous reports can be also found on CaFCP's Resources database at <https://cafcg.org/resources>.



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Canadian Truck King Challenge Winners

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MECHANICAL FEATURES: Part-Time Selectable 4WD w/2-Speed Electronically Controlled Transfer Case, Automatic Limited-Slip Differential, Locking rear differential.

TRANSMISSION: 6-speed manual
SUSPENSION: Rear Leaf Spring Suspension, Sport Tuned Bilstein Shock Absorbers

BRAKES: Front Ventilated Disc Brakes, Rear Drum Brakes.

WHEELS: 17" Alloy Wheels
TIRES: P265/65R17

2020 Toyota Tacoma TRD Pro.

Exterior colour: Army Green
Interior colour: TRD Pro Leather, Black

ENGINE: Direct Injection 3.5 Litre DOHC V6 w/VVT-I

MECHANICAL FEATURES: Locking rear differential, Part-Time Selectable 4WD w/2-Speed Electronically Controlled Transfer Case, Automatic Limited-Slip Differential (Auto LSD), Crawl Control + Multi-Terrain Select

TRANSMISSION: 6-speed automatic

SUSPENSION: Fox Shock Absorbers

BRAKES: Front-Ventilated Disc Brakes, Rear-Drum

WHEELS: 16" Alloy Wheels
TIRES: 265/70R16

General Motors chose to send us just one truck - their newest and most capable mid-size off-roader - the Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 Bison.

2020 Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 Bison

Exterior colour: Satin Steel Metallic
Interior colour: Jet Black

ENGINE: 3.6L V6, DOHC WT

MECHANICAL FEATURES: full-locking front & rear differentials, 4WD w/Electric 2-speed transfer case with shield

TRANSMISSION: 8-speed Automatic

SUSPENSION: Multimatic DSSV Dampers, 50MM suspension lift

BRAKES: 4 wheel antilock disc brakes

WHEELS: 17" AEV Aluminum wheels

TIRES: 31-inch Goodyear Wrangler Duratrac off-road tires

FCA's Jeep brand gave us two versions of its all-new Gladiator pickup truck. These new pickups were equipped as an Overland edition and the most aggressive off-roader - the Rubicon.

2020 Jeep Gladiator Overland

Exterior colour: Billet Silver Metallic

Interior colour: Black

ENGINE: 3.6L Pentastar VVT V6 w/Stop-Start

MECHANICAL FEATURES: Heavy-duty engine cooling, Fuel tank skid plate Transfer case skid plate 2.72:1 Command-Trac part-time 4x4 system, Torx tool kit, 3.73 rear axle ratio, Selec-Speed control, Transmission skid plate, Tip start, Trac-Lok anti-spin differential rear axle

TRANSMISSION: 8-speed Automatic Transmission

SUSPENSION: five-link coil suspension design, Dana M210 front axle Dana M220 rear axle

BRAKES: 4-wheel ABS Discs

WHEELS: 17-inch aluminum

TIRES: 33-inch off-road tires

2020 Jeep Gladiator Rubicon

Exterior colour: Firecracker Red

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2020 Cadillac XT5 Sport Test Drive

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acceptable fuel efficiency along with practical usable interior space.

Ride and handling qualities and characteristics benefit through the optimization of the body structure, with increased stiffness for a more pleasing and dramatic performance as well as improved crash worthiness, while delivering a lower overall mass.

The 3.6-liter V6 comes with Active Fuel Management and Auto Stop/Start (which unfortunately cannot be deactivated) combining to yield EPA Mileage Estimates of 19-mpg city and 27-mpg highway in FWD models and 18/26 respectively in AWD examples. The 310 horses along with the 271 pound feet of torque supply enough oomph to tow a substantial load.

All in all, the 2020 Cadillac XT5 sport AWD is a superb and luxurious SUV as well as in all of its other trim levels, with the Platinum Edition representing the Cream of the Crop in the lineup with added features and plushness.

SPECIFICATIONS:

2020 Cadillac XT5 Sport AWD Base Price: \$38,995. (XT5) to \$62,500 (Platinum)

Price as Tested: \$57,790.

Engine Type and Size: 3.6-liter, DOHC, 24-valve Direct Injection V6 with VVT and auto stop/start and Active Fuel Management cylinder deactivation technologies.

Horsepower (bhp): 310 @ 6,700 rpm

Torque (ft./lbs.): 271 @ 5,000 rpm

Transmission: Nine-speed paddle shift automatic with Electronic Precision Shift.

Drive Train: Front longitudinally mounted engine / Front-Wheel Drive or Twin-Clutch AWD system with Electronic Transmission Range Selection.

Suspension: Front - MacPherson strut, twin-tube struts; specifically tuned coil springs; direct-acting hollow stabilizer bar; isolated subframe; hydraulic ride bushings; available continuous damping control (CDC4 by ZF; offerings equipped with 20-in. wheels).

Rear - Independent premium Five-link design, twin-tube shock absorbers; tri-ball joint configuration; specifically tuned coil springs/isolators; hollow stabilizer bar; available rear cradle hydraulic bushings; available CDC4 by ZF (all offerings equipped with 20-in. wheels)

Brakes: Power-assisted four-wheel vented discs; front: dual-piston cast iron calipers with ceramic brake linings; rear: single-piston cast iron calipers with ceramic brake linings; four-channel ESC/ABS/TCS w/four-channel chassis control.

Tires: Michelin Premier LTX 235/65 R18 mounted on 15-spoke alloy wheels (5-long double/5 short middle)

Wheelbase: 112.5 inches

Length Overall: 189.5 inches

Width: 75.0 inches



2020 Cadillac XT5 Sport (photo Arv Voss)

2020 Hyundai Veloster Resonates with Millennial Car Buyers.....!

by Bill McCallum

The Hyundai Veloster stands out in the hatchback family with its "three-door" design. The third door allows access to the second row of seats. But the cutting edge design of the Veloster offers many more features for 2020 that appeal to those looking for a value based sporty ride. (SEE PAGE 1 PHOTO)

With a base price of \$27,400 (as tested) and a performance package offered for \$2,700 that includes; 19" alloy wheels, Pirelli P Zero

tires, Variable Valve Exhaust System, a 275 hp engine and much more, owners will have one of the hottest rides in the neighborhood. The N Trim is the top performance package and the model I tested, generated lots of "thumbs-up" during my 7 day test drive.

If you're looking for a sporty, hot ride at a fair price I suggest you test drive the 2020 Hyundai Veloster N at your nearest Hyundai dealer.

Toyota Corolla Hatchback Test Drive

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some other systems. Pairing up your smartphone is a multi-step operation, and can be frustrating. Furthermore, the graphics for the optional navigation maps are confusing. Roads look like a jumble of squiggly lines. However, on the upside, Apple CarPlay is now standard.

Seats up front are well-contoured, and provide plenty of room for six-footers. Six-way adjusters are standard on the SE. The XSE gets heated seats, and a power adjuster for the driver. In the rear, headroom is sufficient for even tall passengers, but legroom is in really short supply. Yet, the rear seats do fold down, 60/40 style, to enhance the capacity of the rather limited 18 cu-ft. trunk.

Toyota powers the Corolla Hatchback with a new 2.0 liter, 4-cylinder engine that pumps out a modest 168 horsepower. This is the same motor that drives the Lexus UX200 I recently tested. It's not a barn-burner, but it's not sluggish either. Gas mileage is good at 32-mpg with the stick, and impressive at 36-mpg with the automatic.

A six-speed manual gearbox is standard, and a CVT automatic is optional. Like the Lexus, the CVT has a mechanical first gear. After launch, it transitions seamlessly to CVT system. The idea is to generate a quicker more natural-feeling

launch from stop. The system works very well. Paddle shifters are standard on models with CVT, and enhance driving fun.

On the road, the Hatch impresses with sportier than expected driving prowess. The steering is taut and sharp, providing a good feel of the road. The suspension is tuned to deliver responsive handling. This car is right at home on a twisty road. Yet, at the same time, the ride is compliant. The suspension is slightly firm, but absorbs bumps in the pavement very well. Furthermore, the cabin is reasonably quiet at normal freeway speeds.

The previous Corolla iM was noted for its extensive advanced safety features, the Corolla Hatch goes even further. The forward-collision warning and braking system can now spot bicyclists and pedestrians, even at night. Lane-Tracing Assist takes the lane-departure feature to a new level by keeping your Corolla centered in its lane, and the adaptive cruise control on CVT models will not only maintain a constant interval, it can bring the car to a complete stop. As before with the iM, blind-spot monitors are standard.

The Corolla Hatchback looks like a real winner in today's market. Pricing starts at just \$21,000 for the SE with manual transmission, and \$24,010 for the XSE. Models with automatic transmission are \$1,000 more.



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From Meeting to the Track the Honda Civic Type R is the Perfect Car

by Chris Chung

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is virtually non-existent, with smooth power delivered through precise throttle control. The Type R is only available with a 6-speed manual transmission with a short-shifter that made banging gears feel like flipping a light switch. Not to mention the Type R has an auto-rev matching feature that makes you seem like a better driver than you really are when downshifting (no need to heel and toe!).

Overall, the vehicle was responsive, handling was impressive, and driving the car was pure bliss. I would absolutely say that the driving experience is the biggest selling point of the Type R.

//The Civic Type R is the perfect car if you're looking for a reliable, fast car"

Aesthetic:

Exterior:

The Type R has a very, "in your face" aesthetic. With a gigantic wing, and lots of aero features. The Type R looks a bit like a hot hatch that just came out of The Fast and the Furious. I wasn't a huge fan of the look, and would prefer it a little more muted (like the Si). The market seems to either love or hate the style, so you'll have to see for yourself.

Interior:

The interior of the Type R though, was high quality. The racing seats hug you firmly, but are comfortable over long distances. The dashboard, is borrowed from

other Civic trims and features a 7-inch infotainment system that has Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integrations. In previous years, Honda had received complaints about the user experience, so I was happy to see they took quick action and added a physical volume control knob and buttons. This served to make the infotainment system much less glitchy and easier to use than my friends 2016 Civic.

The interior is also spacious for a small car. I comfortably seated 4 adults, with the 42.3 inches of leg room in the front, and 35.9 inches in the rear. Being a hatchback, cargo space was also excellent. You have 25.7 ft³ to work with, with the rear seats up and 46.2 ft³ with them down. Plenty enough space for Costco runs or moving medium-sized pieces of furniture.

Red is obviously associated with sportiness for Honda. There is red everywhere in the interior. The instrument cluster, the seats, even the seat belts are red! I personally, was a fan, but if you hate the color red you may run into some issues.

Takeaway:

The Civic Type R is the perfect car if you're looking for a reliable, fast car to daily drive in the city while still being a contender on the track. The hatchback stature makes this car highly functional while also achieving great fuel economy numbers. It's not often you find a vehicle that is a jack of all trades but the Type R seems to check all the boxes.

So, if you're a yuppie that lives in the city and want a functional vehicle that still puts a smile on your face like me, be sure to check out the 2019 Civic Type R.

Tesla Introduces Cybertruck

by Jordan Williams

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ultimate durability and passenger protection. As per their website, Tesla states that the Cybertruck begins with an almost impenetrable exoskeleton and that every component has been designed for

superior strength and endurance. From the Ultra-Hard 30X Cold-Rolled stainless-steel structural "skin" to Tesla armor glass. Windows were supposed to be shatterproof, however, in a recent televised reveal demonstration, when bricks were thrown at two windows, they both shattered. -(Insert sad emoji). We will see if Tesla can make good on their shatterproof claim within a year's time. The Tesla Cybertruck can also

now be found at Wikipedia, so that means it has made it, right? (insert emoji wink face)

Ex-Indy race car driver, Arie Luyendyk, Jr. expressed on his social media account that he is interested in one.

Question is: Are you? Let me know your thoughts by emailing me here at global auto news.

Happy New Year! Happy New Decade! See you next time, Millennials!

GMC Terrain Test Drive by David Schmidt

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which there is. The interior is typical of this segment. Since it is a compact crossover there's not so much cargo and people space to keep buyers for looking up to mid-sized version. But for the market it serves, it offers a competitive amount of space.

The interior looks good, although you'll never decide you're in a luxury vehicle. The seats are comfortable and there's an airy feel to the cabin. The center screen works well to control the infotainment and other systems, providing an intuitive process. Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and an onboard Wi-Fi hotspot are all standard.

I wasn't much of a fan of the transmission buttons, although in today's world of electronically controlled trannies, putting a huge lever in the middle of the console isn't all that meaningful. But I would prefer a more clearly isolated and specific layout, to make the transmission selection easy and positive.

The interior reflects what this vehicle is, a capable smaller crossover to serve small families. This isn't a tiny vehicle, as it's 182.3-in. long on a 107.3-in. wheelbase. It's also 72.4-in. wide and 65.4-in. tall, putting it squarely in fighting

size with its primary competition in the compact crossover segment.

This includes Chevrolet's Equinox, which shares much with the Terrain. Others are the Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V, Mazda's CX-5, Jeep Cherokee and the Ford Escape. Both Kia and Hyundai are fighters in this segment, perhaps the most competitive segment of the crossover market.

The model I tested was the Terrain SLT with all-wheel drive. My test car had the nice 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine. I would seriously recommend

this engine. It produces 252 hp. and 260 lb.-ft. of peak torque. Its rated mileage is 26 mpg in the city and 30 mpg on the highway.

The base engine for the Terrain is a 1.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine. This motor produces 170 hp. and 203 lb.-ft. of peak torque. Fuel efficiency is rated at 26 mpg in the city and 30 mpg on the highway.

The power from either engine goes through a nine-speed transmission. This modern and capable tranny makes the best use of the **continued on page 8**



GMC Terrain (photo David Schmidt)

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Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Delivers Historic Record Results in 2019

- Annual sales of 5,152, the highest in the marque's 116-year history
- Sales reflect growth of 25% on 2018's previous record of 4,107
- Significant sales growth in all regions worldwide
- Cullinan, the brand's new SUV, makes major contribution to sales growth
- Black Badge continues to enjoy strong demand, particularly amongst younger clients
- Strong demand for Phantom, Wraith, Dawn and Ghost (in its final year of production)
- Spectacular Bespoke commissions and Collection Cars reaffirm Rolls-Royce's status as the world's foremost manufacturer of luxury products
- Significant new investment in manufacturing plant at the Home of Rolls-Royce at Goodwood
- 50 new jobs created to meet expanded global demand
- Record number of Apprenticeship Programme recruits in 2019

Rolls-Royce Motor Cars has delivered an historic annual sales record in 2019, with a global performance unequalled in the company's 116-year history. A total of 5,152 cars were delivered to customers in over 50 countries around the world, an increase of 25% on the previous high set in 2018. With these historic results, Rolls-Royce continues to make a meaningful contribution to the overall performance of its share-

holder, BMW Group.

Commenting on the results, Torsten Müller-Ötvös, CEO, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, said: "This performance is of an altogether different magnitude to any previous year's sales success. While we celebrate these remarkable results, we are conscious of our key promise to our customers, to keep our brand rare and exclusive. We are pleased and proud to have delivered growth of 25% in 2019. Worldwide demand last year for our Cullinan SUV has driven this success and is expected to stabilize in 2020. It is a ringing testament to the quality and integrity of our products, the faith and passion of our customers and, above all, the skill, dedication and determination of our exceptional team at the Home of Rolls-Royce at Goodwood and around the world and our dedicated global dealer network."



Torsten Müller-Ötvös, CEO Rolls-Royce

Worldwide Sales Growth

Sales grew across all regions during the year, driven by strong customer demand for all Rolls-Royce models. The company reported significant sales growth in every one of its key global markets. North America retained top status (around a third of global sales) followed by China and Europe (including UK). Individual countries that achieved record sales results included Russia, Singapore, Australia, Qatar and Japan. In 2019, Rolls-Royce motor cars were sold in more than 50 countries worldwide through a global network of 135 dealerships. As part of its commitment to long-term sustainable growth, Rolls-Royce announced two new dealerships during 2019 – Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Brisbane and Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Shanghai Pudong. Development of the new Rolls-Royce Motor Cars flagship dealership in Berkeley Street, London – more than twice the size of the previous location – is underway and is due for launch in 2020.

GMC Terrain Test Drive by David Schmidt

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power it gets. Unfortunately, in the base engine that isn't a really effective amount of power. While it will work for around-the-suburbs trips, on the highway the Terrain benefits from the 2.0-liter engine.

However, the Terrain makes up for that sluggishness by being quite comfortable and quite inside. The MacPherson front and multilink rear suspension is tuned to make the ride smooth and calm, which it does. This isn't a vehicle drivers are planning on throwing around the mall parking lot, so that suspension pliability is a good thing.

The Terrain's offerings aren't the least expensive of its competition, but GMC isn't interested in being seen as a "value" product. As they say, they offer "professional-grade" vehicles. With that in mind, the prices for the Terrain start at \$26,195 for the SL, \$29,295 for the SLE, \$32,095 for the SLT, and finally \$38,995 for the Denali. The special Black edition costs \$795.

The model I tested was an SLT with AWD and plenty of options. Its list price was \$40,500.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please send them to comment@AutoWritersInk.com.

Jim Farley, Ford Pres. and his Executive Team Ink Mahindra Deal

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"Mahindra and Ford coming together is a testament to the long history of cooperation and mutual respect between the two companies. Our combined strengths – Mahindra's expertise in value-focused engineering and its successful operating model, and Ford's technical expertise, global reach and access to future technology – are a potent recipe for success. At its core, the partnership will be driven by the shared values of both companies, which are focused on caring for our customers, associates and our communities," said Anand Mahindra, chairman, Mahindra Group.

"Ford and Mahindra have a long history of working together, and we are proud to partner with them to grow the Ford brand in India. We remain deeply committed to our employees, dealers and suppliers, and this new era of collaboration will allow us to deliver more vehicles to consumers in this important market," said Bill Ford, executive chairman, Ford Motor Company.

"At Ford, our purpose for 116 years has always been to drive human progress, and that won't change. But to continue to do that, we need to evolve with new and faster ways of not only delighting our customers around the world but also solving their very different needs. Strong alliances like this play a crucial role in assuring we continue to achieve our vision while at the same time staying competitive and delivering value to our global stakeholders," said Jim Hackett, Ford president and CEO.

The joint venture expects to introduce three new utility vehicles under the Ford brand, beginning with a new midsize sports utility vehicle that will have a common Mahindra product platform and powertrain.

Another area of focus for the joint venture will be electric vehicles. Ford and Mahindra will collaborate to develop vehicles to support the growth of sustainable mobility across emerging markets.

Driving greater economies of scale across the automotive value chain including sourcing, product development and access to relevant technologies, the joint venture is expected to achieve enhanced efficiencies to strengthen the Ford brand in India. In addition, the joint venture will be a catalyst for growth for the Ford and Mahindra brands in emerging markets, which are growing at double the rate of the global industry.

The joint venture will use the Ford brand distribution network in emerging markets to extend support for export of Mahindra products, in addition to Ford branded vehicles. Exports today form about 7 percent of Mahindra's auto business revenues and its products are exported to South Africa, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Chile, among other nations and areas.

"Emerging economies including India are expected to account for one in three future vehicle

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INSIDE INDIA AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

MAHINDRA AND FORD ANNOUNCE A JOINT VENTURE TO DRIVE PROFITABLE GROWTH IN INDIA AND EMERGING MARKETS

Marks a new era of collaboration, using the strengths of both companies to deliver operational excellence and value to stakeholders

The partnership will allow Ford and Mahindra to offer new product to customers faster than before and will deliver profitable growth to both companies

Valued at INR 1,925 crores (US\$275 million), the joint venture will drive enhanced competitiveness through greater economies of scale across the automotive value chain, including optimized sourcing, product development, use of relevant technologies and a global network

Mumbai/New Delhi, India, October 1, 2019 – Mahindra & Mahindra Limited and Ford Motor Company have signed a definitive agreement to create a joint venture that will develop, market and distribute Ford brand vehicles in India and Ford brand and Mahindra brand vehicles in high-growth emerging markets around the world.

Mahindra and Ford will form a joint venture, with Mahindra owning a 51 percent controlling stake and Ford owning a 49 percent stake. Ford will transfer its India operations to the joint venture, including its personnel and assembly plants in Chennai and Sanand. Ford will retain the Ford engine plant operations in Sanand as well as the Global Business Services unit, Ford Credit and Ford Smart Mobility.

The joint venture is the next step in the strategic alliance forged between Ford and Mahindra in September 2017 and is expected to be operational by mid-2020, subject to regulatory approvals. The joint venture will be operationally managed by Mahindra, and its governance will be equally composed of representatives of Mahindra and Ford.

The joint venture will be responsible for growing the Ford brand in India and exporting its products to Ford entities globally. Ford will continue to own the Ford brand, and its branded vehicles will be distributed through the current Ford India dealer network. Mahindra will continue to own the Mahindra brand and operate its own independent dealer network in India.

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INSIDE EUROPE AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

BEHR HELLA SERVICE (BHS) TO BE TAKEN OVER BY MAHLE AFTERMARKET ON JANUARY 1, 2020

• Logistics center for thermal management products equipped and ready, central location and flexible structure ensures fast, reliable delivery

Following the acquisition of the entire shareholding in Behr Hella Service (BHS) by MAHLE Aftermarket, all existing BHS activities will be transferred to MAHLE on January 1, 2020. The new logistics center in Wroclaw/Poland, the future hub for thermal management products for passenger cars, trucks, agricultural vehicles, and construction machines, is currently being filled. This will allow MAHLE to ensure a high level of availability as well as short delivery times and respond flexibly to rising volumes. The MAHLE Aftermarket logistics centers in Germany, the UK, Spain, France, Turkey, Russia, Brazil, the USA, and China are also equipped and ready for orders.

With its expanded thermal management portfolio, MAHLE is positioning itself more broadly with regard to the increasingly important e-mobility market in particular. Thermal management is, after all, a central prerequisite for the reliable operation of electrically powered vehicles.

"The feedback from our customers in relation to the launch campaign has been extremely positive," says Olaf Henning, Corporate Executive Vice President and General Manager MAHLE Aftermarket. "The workshops are aware of the challenges they face from the mobility transformation and the diversity of new technologies, and they are counting on us. We will support them by providing fast and reliable diagnostic and service solutions, information, and, of course, spare parts," continues Henning.

In order to assist the workshops with regard to the new thermal management products, MAHLE Aftermarket also offers specific training and makes repair and maintenance information (RMI) available on its diagnostics tools and service equipment. MAHLE is thereby positioning itself as a solutions provider and future-proof partner for the workshops.

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sales,” said Dr. Pawan Goenka, managing director, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited. “The joint venture will have a distinct product portfolio with shared platforms and powertrains, the newest technology, high quality and engineering standards from both Mahindra and Ford, at optimized costs. This winning combination will enable the joint venture to successfully position its vehicles in India, as well as unlock the potential of other highly competitive emerging markets”.

“The creation of this joint venture is a pivotal moment in both our companies’ histories. Strong alliances such as this play a crucial role for Ford to compete profitably in the high-volume, affordable vehicle segments so popular with our diverse customer base. By combining our respective talents, we will offer more vehicles to more customers in more places than ever before and deliver profitable growth to both Ford and Mahindra,” said Jim Farley, president of Ford New Businesses, Technology & Strategy.



2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Test Drive Report
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The chrome grill looks huge when you look at it through your rear-view mirror. Most truck folks absolutely love it or absolutely hate it.

This truck has 20” chrome wheels, cab lights, huge trailer towing mirrors, LED fog lights, and a built-in step just ahead of the rear wheels to help load things in the bed. The hood has a large air scoop with the logos of Allison™ transmission and Duramax™.

Under the hood you’ll find the a 6.6-liter Duramax™ diesel that is rated at 445-horses, and 910-pound feet of torque. New for 2020 is a 10-speed Allison™ automatic transmission for improved fuel

economy, although the EPA does not rate ¾ ton and up trucks.

If you’re looking for a gas version there is a 6.6-liter engine with over 400-horses and 464-pound feet of torque. More than enough power to handle the 18,500 pounds capacity either gas or diesel.

This is the LTZ model with the Z71 off-road 4-wheel drive package. LTZ is next to the top-of-the-line High Country, and there are 3 trim levels under it.

Inside this truck are captain chairs in the front and a 60/40 rear bench that folds up from the bottom to reveal a cargo area.

All the controls in the dash are easy to understand and operate. The infotainment system is touchscreen and you operate audio, navigation, all the apps, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and



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INSIDE CHINA AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

Automechanika Shanghai 2019 embraces the evolving automotive ecosystem (December 3rd thru 6th, 2019)

Long-time supporters of Automechanika Shanghai eagerly await the 15th edition of the fair, and following another record breaking year, anticipation is higher than ever. The show stands as a dedicated platform for world-renowned industry leaders to connect at one of Asia’s most influential automotive trade fairs. This year, the show expands on the automotive ecosystem concept by not only covering the entire supply chain but also exposing more opportunities for research and development, insurance, investment, future technologies and more.

The show expects to host over 6,270 exhibitors across the impressive 350,000 sqm of exhibition space, which will occupy the venue’s current exhibition area. A growing number of special sectors, zones and fringe programme events will amplify many of the latest advancements and rising trends throughout numerous areas of the industry.

Ms Fiona Chiew, Deputy General Manager, Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd, said: “Over the past 14 editions, Automechanika Shanghai has continued to thrive alongside Asia’s automotive industry; China has now become the world’s largest auto market. When the show first opened its doors back in 2004, it hosted just 235 exhibitors and 9,000 visitors. In 2018, a staggering 150,568 visitors filtered through every corner of the NECC. It has continued to embrace change and nurtured development by way of new themes and elements. Looking to the future, we plan to collaborate further with research institutes, universities, industry organizations, finance and insurance firms, and the wider automotive community, so that we can work together and advance the fair’s automotive ecosystem.”

Developing an automotive ecosystem

Automechanika Shanghai will echo the progressing concept of the automotive ecosystem. The developing term comes as a result of rapid advancements in the industry that are currently remapping the automotive value chain. It zooms in on the concept of connectivity; not just through emerging technology, but also the notion of networks and knowledge sharing. As a result, Automechanika Shanghai will place more focus on digitalization, future technologies and services, as well as shaping more opportunities in the fringe programme, to work closer with research institutes and the wider auto community.

Digital trends spark new opportunities

The Tomorrow’s Service & Mobility sector will, once again, become a central area of the fair to demonstrate the show’s strengthened ability for emphasizing digital trends and connectivity. For instance, research suggests that the connected vehicle market in Asia Pacific is expected to reach USD 47.4 billion by 2023, expanding at a CAGR of 20 percent. As such, the sector shines a light on communication between the vehicle, infrastructure, pedestrians and networks. With this in mind, exhibitors will cover the latest innovations for electromobility, intelligent vehicle technology, car connectivity, mobility services, as well as lightweight materials and more.



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Ugly EV's Be Gone. EV in Style with a Converted Classic by Gerber Motorsport!

Story by Chris Chung, Editor

With EV's (electric vehicles) hitting the market from seemingly every auto manufacturer, it's hard to not notice that almost all of them are styled in a very conspicuous manner that screams "EV!" at the top of its lungs. This never made sense to me, as in my opinion, a lot of people would love to have the savings of an EV while keeping a low-profile.

Gerber Motorsport in Seattle, WA has recognized that and have now added EV conversions for classic cars to their repertoire of services.

About Gerber Motorsport:

Gerber Motorsport is a Seattle based premier Porsche and European car specialist. Originally founded in 1993 by Walter Gerber as a consulting firm for clients that needed professional racing and Porsche management services, Gerber Motorsport has evolved over the past 23 years to become one of the most trusted full-service European vehicle repair shops in the Pacific Northwest.

By 2016, Walter Gerber was looking to retire. Coincidentally Patrick Dobson, brother of Dominic Dobson, was working at the shop as a mechanic. Dominic, a 7-Time Indy 500 and LeMans driver had previously raced for Walter under Bayside Racing; so naturally Walter couldn't think of any better successor than Dominic Dobson. The acquisition happened and Dobson Motorsport took ownership of Gerber Motorsport with Dominic now leading the shop.

EV Conversions, Virtual Reality, and Gerber Motorsport in the 21st Century:

Since acquiring Gerber Motorsport, the Dobson brothers have taken the company to new heights. The shop has been remodeled, a partnership with VR Motion has been established, but most notably, Gerber Motorsport has been certified to perform EV conversions and added this into their service mix. A move that keeps Gerber at the cutting edge of technology within the automotive realm and brings them the accolade of being the first shop in Seattle that is able to do these conversions.

When asked why Gerber made this move, Dominic Dobson gave insight into the industry:

"When you start looking around, there's a lot of older cars that have engines that have problems, or engines you can't get anymore and people are saying listen, we can't keep burning fossil fuels. We're seeing a lot of the young

(race car) drivers that are coming up through the ranks, and they're now of the mind set that electric cars would be cool."

Points in which I agree with. Having worked on a couple classic cars myself, it can be daunting tracking down parts, and building an engine only to have it get 12 mpg with mediocre performance numbers. Through EV conversion, much of this headache can be avoided while also yielding better performance than the original powertrain coupled with lower maintenance costs.

"People would be shocked at the performance gain" stated Dobson

With EV's there is no oil changes to be dealt with, services, or leaks. The benefits of an all-electric powertrain seemingly just go on. From fuel and maintenance savings, to instant torque, EV's just make sense. My only gripe has been the outlandish look of all the new EV's, but through conversion, people will be able to drive a vehicle with a classic car (or any car they want for that matter) aesthetic while still receiving all the benefits of an EV.

Gerber Motorsport's EV conversion segment is headed off by Jay Krewson, a Tesla UK veteran, and European automotive aficionado who joined the team in 2018. With Jay's EV expertise, and Patrick Dobson's 35 years of experience working on Porsche's and European cars, the Gerber team is able to convert virtually any vehicle into an electric vehicle. With all of the changes that the Dobson's have made, Gerber Motorsport's full list of services now includes:

- Maintenance
- Engine Building
- Major Repairs
- Restorations
- Track Preparation
- Virtual Reality Training
- Sales & Brokerage
- Electric Vehicle Conversions

All of these services are focused around Porsche and European brands. So whether you want EV performance in a classic car aesthetic, track preparation, or simply are a European car fan, check out what's happening at Gerber Motorsport at www.gerbermotorsport.com or contact them at (206) 352-6911.



RAV4 at Crystal Mountain Resort (See page 18)



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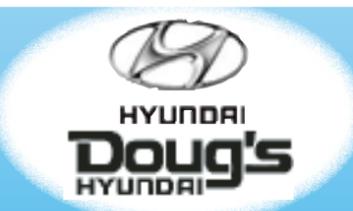
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CARS, STARS AND FILMS



Sundance Film Festival Report

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cased various Acura models and nightly music throughout the Sundance Film Festival.

A white Audi complete with ski rack promoted Audi's Silvercar program at The Luxury Escape at the St. Regis by Rand Luxury. The Audi-owned mobile app-based car rental program gets you an Audi every time, currently including the A4 sedan, A5 Cabriolet, Q5 SUV

and Q7 SUV from 20+ destination at airports and dealerships.

Ethan Hawke's "Tesla" movie was one of the most buzzed about movies during Sundance. It's not about the Tesla car, but the life of Nikola Tesla as a man young in New York City. Tesla, played by Ethan Hawke believed in limitless energy with Jim Gaffigan (George Westinghouse) and protégé played by Vincent De Paul. They rivaled

Kyle MacLachlan (Thomas Edison).

The Kia Telluride Supper Suite pop-up hosted the premiere after-party for "Tesla". Throughout the weekend, the suite was filled with a portrait studio and gifting suite

by day with dinners and parties by night. The highlight was the new eight-passenger Telluride SUV ahead of the production release complete with heated front and back seats plus steering wheel, charging pad, USB back seat

charging and more. I wasn't the only one who loved the ride back to my Sundance retreat, just ask Olivia Munn. It's not easy to resist a quick video for memories of a very special ride during the winter wonderland of Sundance.



Olivia Munn by Kia Telluride at the Kia Telluride Supper Suite during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. Photo from Instagram @SupperSuite



"Tesla" cast at the Sundance Film Festival Premiere in Park City, Utah. Left to right: Jim Gaffigan, Eve Hewson, Ethan Hawke, Rebecca Dayan, Kyle MacLachlan. Photo by Joyce Chow

Curing Kids Cancer - SubStation II has a Heart for Cures

This Southeastern based company is sharing its heart for cures!

This year Curing Kids Cancer was ecstatic to team up with SubStation II, a southeastern based sandwich shop franchise. After hearing the Owen family's story, Sandy Corbett, SubStation II's President/CEO and Allison Corbett, Director of Development, were ready to jump into action.

The Curing Kids Cancer heart is a special logo and now it is helping to spread even more awareness for the lack of funding for childhood cancer research. All SubStation II franchise owners were excited to join us in raising awareness during National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Each store is taking a donation for each icon, displaying banners as well as digital

boards about the partnership. On Thursdays employees wear gold cobranded T-shirts and corporate stores donate 10 percent of their earnings of the day to Curing Kids Cancer!

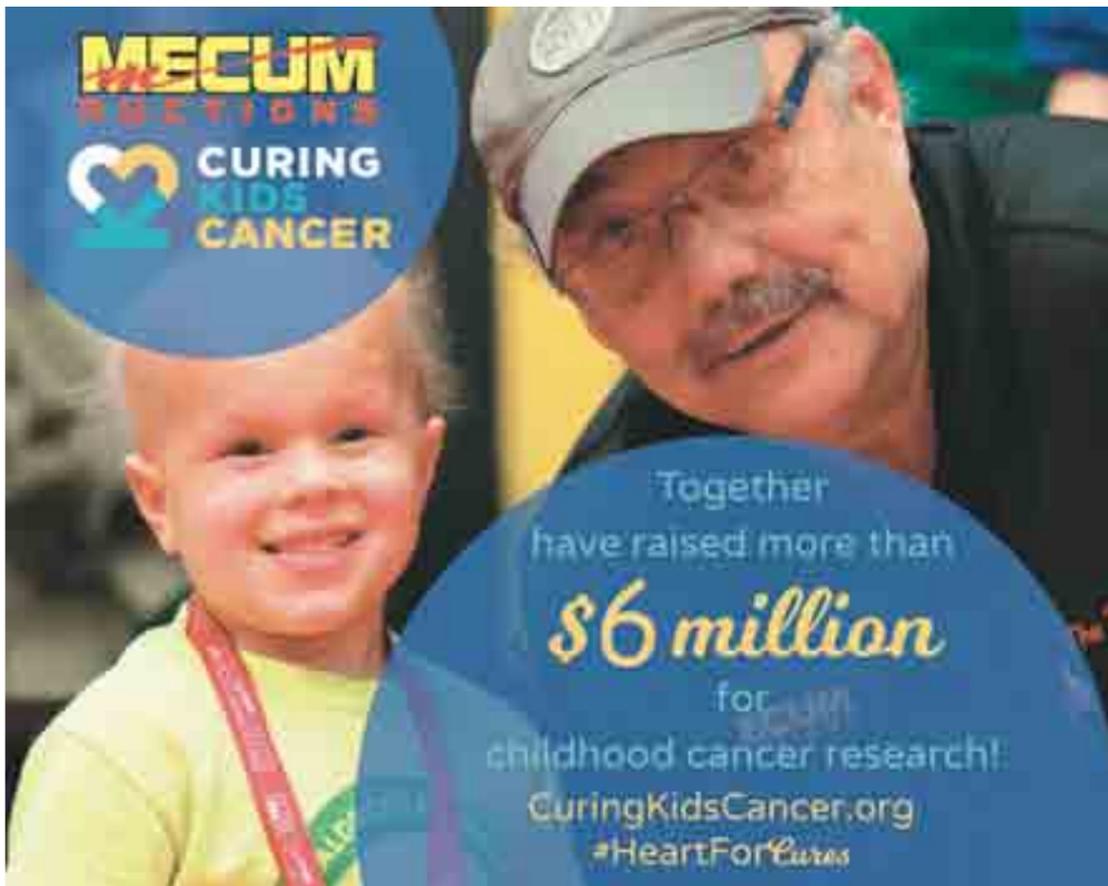
SubStation II also has its own connection to pediatric cancer as a franchise owner from Greer, S.C. had a granddaughter affected by a brain tumor. We are excited to say



that their granddaughter is doing well! In next month's newsletter, we will share her story as well as the grand total of this first year campaign.

We cannot thank SubStation II

enough for teaming up with us this September! SubStation II has 43 shops in five states so please visit one near you! Click here to learn more about SubStation II and Curing Kids Cancer.



CKC Co-founder and President Grainne Owen with Jerry Queen from SubStation II.

Sally's RAV4 Test Drive to Badger Mountain Winery in Tri-Cities

2020 Toyota Prius Prime Delivers 54 MPG with a Base MSRP of \$24,200

by Bill McCallum

I had the chance to test drive a 2020 Toyota Prius Prime on a recent business trip to Phoenix, Arizona. The Prius first launched in 1997 in Japan as a hybrid electric mid-size sedan. It was the first mass produced hybrid vehicle and was introduced worldwide in 2001. I attended the press conference where the Prius was introduced to the U.S. media.

The state of Washington where I live, was one of the first states in the U.S. to purchase the Prius for state and county owned vehicles.

On May 15, 2008 worldwide Prius sales topped 1 million and according to the United State EPA the Toyota Prius was and is the most fuel efficient vehicle in

the U.S. California classifies the Prius as a SULEV (Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle).

The plug-in Prius Prime, which I tested, is one of a number of new models introduced since 2001 and it takes two hours to charge on 240 volt connection and 5 hours on 120 volt. On our test we got 54 mpg combined. All new 2020 Prius models get standard Apple CarPlay compatibility systems. Prius models range from \$24,200 to \$33,500. The Prius Prime offers 9 Safety and convenience features including Toyota Safety Series P and BlindSpot Monitor with Rear Cross Traffic Alert.

The word PRIUS is a Latin word meaning "to go forward" and Toyota has done that with the Prius.



RAV4 at Badger Mountain Winery (photo Sally Hanson)



2020 RAV4 at Crystal Mountain Ski Resort (See story on page 18) (photo Auto News)

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the first certified organic wine-grape vineyard in Washington State. Badger Mountain's winery and tasting room sit adjacent to the estate organic vineyard that produces wine made with 100% USDA organic grapes with no added sulfites. My favorite Badger Mountain wines are the White Cuvée and Merlot.

The tasting room offers tastes of the organic varietals under the Badger Mountain label as well as Powers wines that are blended and crafted to feature Washington State's distinctive vineyards and diverse microclimates. Known for long term relationships with premium Washington State growers, Powers sources a variety of the highest quality fruit to produce exceptional wines. The tasting room is surrounded by beautiful grounds perfect for outdoor events. The winery is well-known locally for its Wine Down Wednesdays June through September featuring live music, food trucks and the opportunity to wine down on the lawn of

the winery. Some of my favorite events have been the Spring Barrel tasting party, Friday night food trucks with live music and the Winterwinederland festival in December featuring horse drawn carriage rides. Another advantage to living so close to Badger Mountain Winery's tasting room is that we can often hear the music coming from the event which reminds us to head down to the party!

And for electric car drivers, Badger Mountain Winery is equipped with two Tesla charging stations in front of their tasting room and a charging station for other electric vehicles behind the tasting room.

It's been over a year since I decided to make a bold move and trade in my luxury sedan for a compact sport utility vehicle which could better navigate trips through snowy mountain passes in the winter as well as travel up and down the very steep hill in our neighborhood with snow on the road. Not only was I looking for a small SUV with all-wheel-drive, I wanted a hybrid in a bril-

liant color. I got bored driving white, tan or silver/gray vehicles and I began to appreciate the new colors and beautiful paint applications being offered by automobile manufacturers.

The Toyota RAV4 was my choice because I appreciate Toyota's proven hybrid technology and the RAV4 continues to be a leader in the compact-crossover SUV segment. The fifth generation RAV4 was introduced for model year 2019.

You can definitely see me coming in my Electric Storm Blue RAV4 and contrary to the belief of some hybrid skeptics, I do not hold up traffic due to lack of power. The 2.5L 4-cylinder engine delivers 194 net horsepower with CVT offering outstanding acceleration. My Limited model also features electronic on-demand all-wheel drive with intelligence(AWD-i) which includes an electric motor that delivers instant torque to the rear wheels when you need more traction. The hybrid gauge cluster is easy to help you track when the system is charging and providing power to the drive wheels. To help increase the efficiency of your drive, you can also view the hybrid energy monitor on the 7" touch screen display to determine the operation of the gas engine, electric motor generator and hybrid battery. This offers real-time information showing how the power is being routed to the drive wheels or how the battery is being charged.

My decision to purchase a hybrid was based mostly on the advantage of increased fuel economy. The environmental issue is nice, but I want to save a few bucks! I have been calculating my mileage and to my surprise and delight, I am exceeding the EPA's estimated miles per gallon of 34 mpg in the city and 30 mpg on the highway. Now the State of Washington has taken away some of the monetary savings by adding a \$75 fee for license renewal allegedly to be used to provide more fueling stations for electric and other alternative fuel vehicles.

As winter approached, I equipped my RAV4 with a new set of wheels and snow tires. I selected black alloy rims which hardly show the winter road grime as opposed to the standard chrome wheels that will change up the vehicle's look when warmer weather returns. The only other addition to my RAV4 was window tinting for the front windows and windshield to eliminate the sun's glare on my trips to Badger Mountain Winery.



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Hyundai Santa Fe Test Drive Review

by Bill McCallum

The 2020 Hyundai Santa Fe LTD 2.0T AWD was my ride on a recent road trip from Los Angeles to Phoenix and back with a stop in Palm Springs. There are seven features that separate the Santa Fe from the crowded field of mid-sized SUV's. 1- Visibility, best in class. 2- Quiet ride, no road noise. 3- Room, three row seating with lots of space for gear. 4- Simple, easy to use infotainment panel. 5- More than enough power-to-pass. 6- MPG, 30 + on the highway 7- Comfortable drivers seat design.

It's easy to understand how Hyundai has created a position of leadership in the SUV segment with the Hyundai Santa Fe, the compact Kona SUV, the mid sized Tucson SUV and the all-new Palisade SUV. (see page 1 Palisade story) the 2020 Hyundai Santa Fe offers 6 Advance Safety Technology Standard Safety features that make city or open road driving safer for you the driver and your family. 1- Forward Collision Avoidance Assist. 2- Blind Spot Avoidance Assist. 3- Rear Cross Traffic Collision Assist. 4- Lane Keeping Assist. 5- Stop and Go Surround View Mirror. 6- Rear Occupant Alert

The 2.0L Turbo GDI engine gives you the "power-to-pass" and is mated with an 8-speed AT. With a starting MSRP of \$26,480 (\$39,200 as tested) the Hyundai Santa Fe deserves a look and a test drive.

Best New idea for the 2020 Hyundai Sante Fe SUV"

replacement of the turn signal video screen in the center stack giving driver direct straight on vision

States Add Fees for EV Owners

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ture investments usually derived from gasoline taxes. Expect these counter-productive fees to expand in the coming years as the EV market grows. Oregon and Utah are next.

Starting on Jan. 1, Oregonians driving an electric vehicle will pay \$110 more per year to register their EVs. That will lift their registration fee to \$306 for two years. The new Oregon scheme will calculate registration costs based on the miles per gallon of the vehicle. In other words, you get penalized for having a more fuel-efficient car. The increased registration fees were written into a transportation bill passed in 2017.

EV owners in Oregon have the option to instead track their travel and get charged 1.7 cents per mile.

That by-the-miler alternative is also available in Utah, where on Jan. 1, the state will start charging an extra registration fee of \$90 to owners of electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids. The fee is continued on page 20

SHOWCASE REVIEWS

HONDA CIVIC 4D TOURING



This value based Honda is loaded with new safety features and above average MPG. With new designs and more room it's a "winner".

BASE PRICE: \$27,300
TYPE: Sedan
ENGINE: 1.5 Liter
TRANS: CVT
HORSEPOWER: 174 hp
MPG: 30 city / 38 hiway

HYUNDAI PALISADE LTD



The all-new Palisade is Hyundai's large 3 row SUV, and is getting rave reviews from automotive journalists across the U.S.

BASE PRICE: \$48,400 as tested
TYPE: SUV
ENGINE: 3,8L GDI
TRANS: 8 sp AT
HORSEPOWER: 291 hp
MPG: 19 city / 26 hiway

HYUNDAI KONA ULTIMATE



Until the introduction of the all-new Venue the Kona was Hyundai's small value based SUV in the lineup

BASE PRICE: \$19,990
TYPE: SUV
ENGINE: 1.6 T GDI-4
TRANS: 7-speed AT
HORSEPOWER: 175 hp
MPG: 26 city / 29 hiway

MAZDA 3 HATCHBACK



The Mazda 3 Sedan and Hatchback have been top sellers for the last decade. Value priced with great MPG and advanced design

BASE PRICE: \$28,900
TYPE: Hatchback
ENGINE: SKYACTIVE-G 2.5L
TRANS: 6 SPD Sport Mode
HORSEPOWER: 186 hp
MPG: 23 city / 32 hiway

SUBARU OUTBACK TOURING



Subaru continues to expand it's lineup with new exciting products such as the Outback Touring Model current available at dealers

BASE PRICE: \$37,345 As tested
TYPE: SUV
ENGINE: 2.5L Boxer
TRANS: CTV
HORSEPOWER: 182 hp
MPG: 25 city / 32 hiway

TOYOTA SIENNA LTD PREM



This is the top of the line for Toyota's minivans. Available in full-time four-wheel drive and comes with Android Auto & Apple Carplay

BASE PRICE: \$49,190 (as tested)
TYPE: Minivan
ENGINE: 3.5 liter V6
TRANS: 8-sp Automatic
HORSEPOWER: 296 hp
MPG: 18 city / 24 hiway

*** all information on vehicles as tested

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Genesis Appoints Haselwood Auto Group as South Sound Dealer

by Bill McCallum

While the Genesis Luxury vehicles are some of the best in the market the dealer roll-out has seen some delays. With 4 dealers now in place including Haselwood Auto Group in Bremerton the dealers are ready to rock-and-roll with large inventories and test drives.

I had a chance to test drive the 2020 G80 AWD 3.3T Sport Genesis last month. Hyundai says.....

To appreciate how a beautifully crafted luxury sedan is designed, start by studying the elegant proportions of the Genesis G80.

With its long hood and short rear deck, the G80's shape is befitting of an iconic luxury sedan. Its athletic stance, bold front grille and available sculpted LED headlights also signal an intensity of purpose that reflects your own.

Step inside, and the G80 puts you instantly at ease. Its advanced technologies blend naturally with timeless craftsmanship to create a welcoming environment. The textures and materials please your senses and uphold your standards for quality.

Drive it, and you'll travel with supreme confidence and control. Intuitive controls and a streamlined instrument cluster ensure you feel totally comfortable in your surroundings, not distracted by them. And you're secure in the knowledge that the state-of-the science safety technologies surrounding you from all sides are every bit as substantial as the

Genesis G80's style.

You deserve it. And by designing the G80 with the most front and rear headroom, front legroom and overall interior volume in its class, Genesis obviously agrees.

Even more agreeable that all of that room is how you'll feel seated inside. Onboard

the G80 5.0 Ultimate, you're surrounded by the premium Nappa leather, genuine matte-finish wood and aluminum trim gracing its surfaces. A 16-way power driver's seat features a seat cushion extender, 4-way power lumbar and power side bolsters that inflate individual air cells for

precise support. The front seats come equipped with soothing warmth and cooling ventilation, and rear seat passengers are treated to heated seats as well.

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sunshades and a power rear window sunshade are available to block unwanted sunlight from disturbing the comfort of rear-seat passengers. Should you feel the urge to live even larger, the G80 is also available with a panoramic glass sunroof.



Genesis G80 (photo Genesis)

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2019 Genesis G80

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Cathy Droz, Journalist, Author, & Radio Host

Cathy Droz is an accomplished automotive journalist, author, speaker and radio host with a passion for the automobile industry. A native of New York, she was just 17 when she purchased the family sedan, which evolved into a 40-year career including opening a full-service automotive advertising agency, and, most recently, publishing her first book, "A Woman's Guide to Buying a Car with Confidence and Street Smarts - Don't Let These High Heels Fool You." Highly respected by industry influencers, Cathy has test driven

more than 500 vehicles, giving her insight and knowledge on virtually every make and model on the market to effectively educate the car buying consumer and make the search for the perfect automobile a pleasant and rewarding experience.

Cathy is currently Founder and CEO of HER Certified® - which stands for Honesty, Excellence and Respect - the industry's first comprehensive certified dealer program aimed to help dealerships better serve female car buyers. The full-service "trifecta" employee training is designed to ensure the

dealership not only meets, but exceeds, a women's expectations when buying or servicing a car. To be a part of the program, qualified dealerships who meet the criteria pay a fee and then receive items and services such as sales training for up to 100 employees that focuses on how to handle sales with female customers. Additionally, employees take the sales training online and must pass with 85 percent or higher. The sales training includes downloads of a workbook and her book for each employee taking the course.



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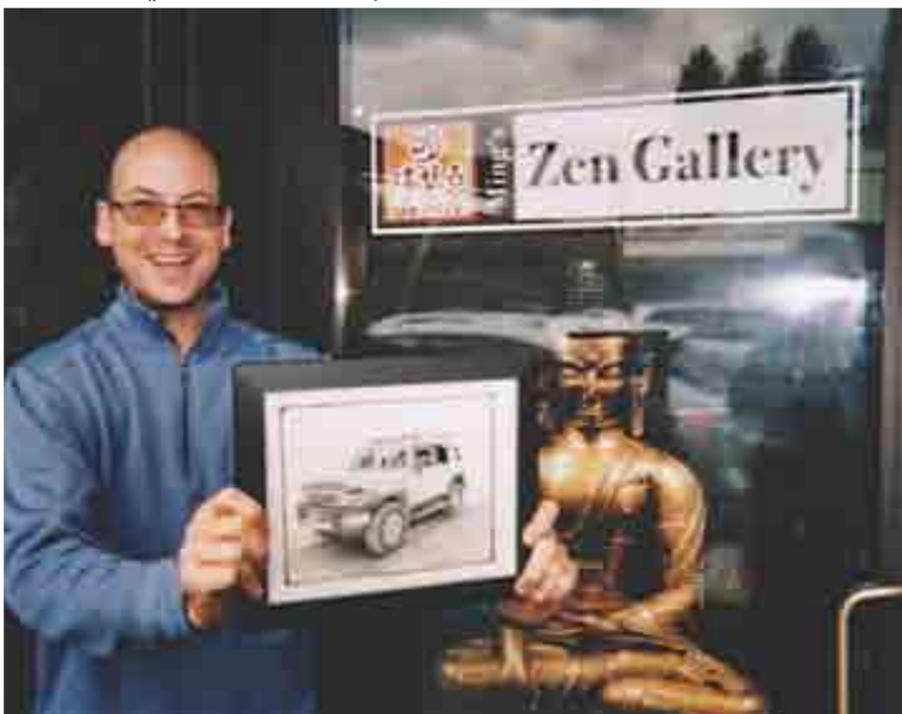
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Lot 189, 1972 Chevy C10 crossing the block in February 2020



1961 Cadillac Coupe deVille (Lot # 250) owned by Danny "The Count" Koker, star of the History channel TV show "Counting Cars," sold for \$63,000 Nov 2019 event

Results From McCormick's Fall Palm Springs Auction

McCormick Car auction features Cadillac restored for TV show

A total of 330 vehicles sold at the Nov. 22-24 Collector Car Auction in downtown Palm Springs with a total of 522 vehicles crossing the auction block, a healthy 65% sale rate and above the national average for a reserve auction.

Jason McCormick, manager, said "Sales were brisk and attendance was high, thanks to sunny skies, warm weather and a wide variety of cars and trucks."

A 1961 Cadillac Coupe deVille (Lot # 250) owned by Danny "The Count" Koker, star of the History channel TV show "Counting Cars," sold for \$63,000. The classic car, its restoration and sale, will be featured on the TV series during the new season beginning in February.

Also notable was a 1966 Shelby Cobra CSX4236 (Lot # 263) that topped out at \$153,700 in competitive bidding.

A 1970 Oldsmobile 442 W30 (Lot #364) sold for \$69,960.

The next auction in the twice-a-year series is scheduled for February 2020. For more information, go to www.classic-carauktion.com or contact Keith or Jason McCormick at (760) 320-3290. The year-round showroom is located at 244 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

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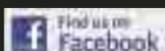
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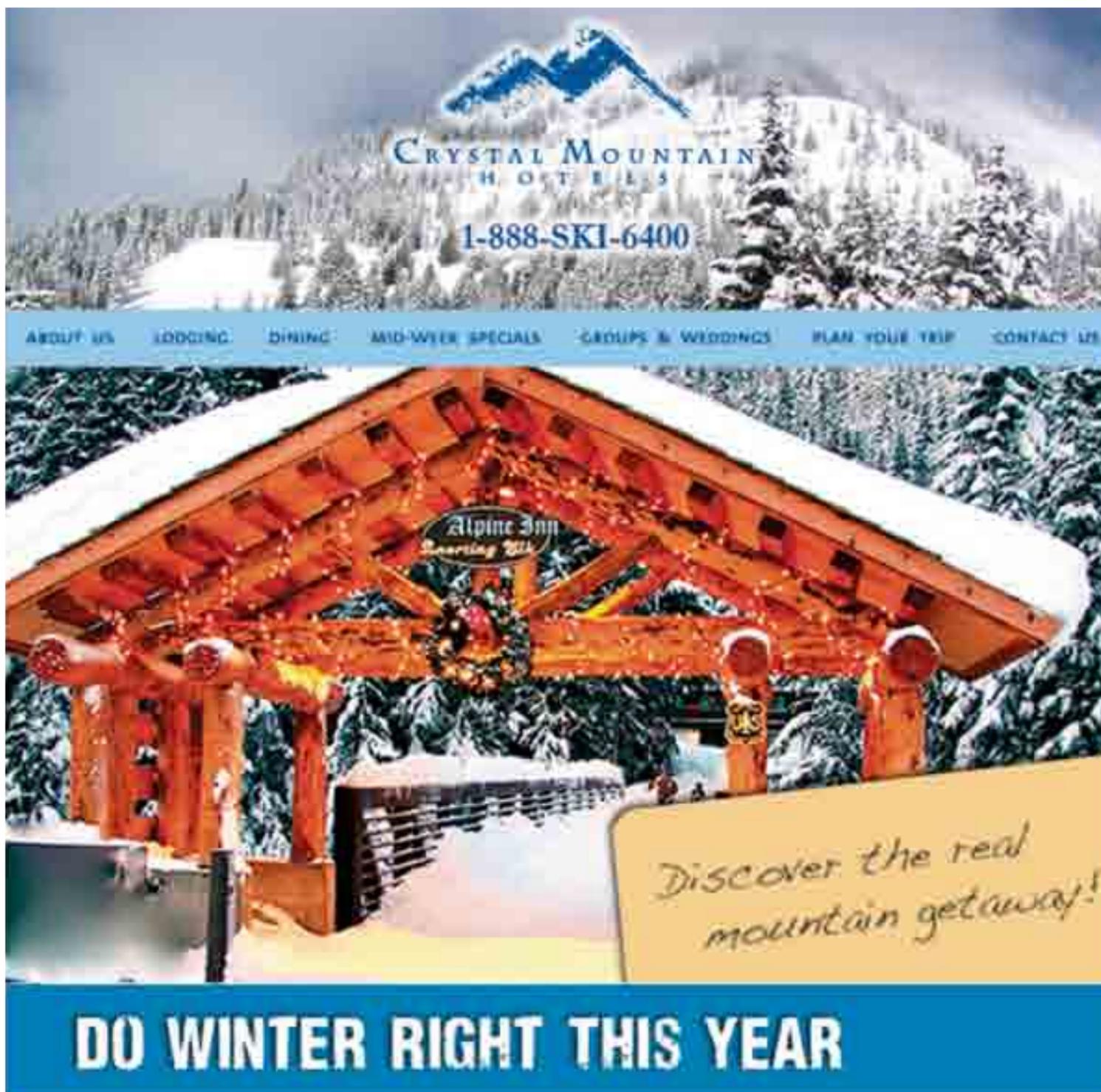
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2020 Toyota RAV4 Performs Well in Snow and Ice

Toyota's RAV4 has been one of the top sellers in the compact SUV category. As SUV's grew in size and performance many automakers started designing and equipping their new models to compete with the Jeep lineup to appeal to the "off-roaders." The RAV4 TRD Off-Road model we tested is an example of that strategy. (see photo on page 13)

The RAV4 TRD model comes with a 2.5 liter 4 cylinder engine mated with an 8 speed automatic transmission producing 203 horsepower. The RAV4 TRD model is equipped with Dynamic Torque Vectoring AWD with Multi-Terrain Select System and TRD-Tuned Suspension.

Standard equipment includes 7 Safety and Convenience features including Toyota Safety 2.0 Pre-Collision System with Pedestrian Detection, Lane Departure Alert, Radar Cruise Control, Road Sign Alert, and much more. For the off-roader Downhill Assist Control is

“Toyota’s RAV4 has been a top seller in the SUV category.”

standard. MPG for a SUV is above average with 25 city/32 hiway.

Base MSRP of the RAV4 TRD is \$35,180 (as tested) The TRD Off-Road Weather Package at \$ 1,015 includes Heated Leather-Trimmed Steering Wheel, Perforated Heated & Ventilated Front Bucket Seats, and Rain Sensing Variable Intermittent Windshield Wipers with a deicer function. At \$1,950 the TRD Off-Road Technology Package includes; Front & Rear Parking Assist with Automatic Braking, Digital Rearview Mirror with Homelink Universal Transceiver, Wireless Smart Phone Charging Bird's Eye View Camera with Perimeter Scan, Overhead 360 Degree View in Low-Speed Drive and reverse and Curb-View.

If your an "Off-Roader" or looking for a well equipped compact SUV the RAV4 TRD deserves a look.

(See Photo on page 13)

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Truck King Challenge

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Interior colour: Black/Dark Saddle
ENGINE: 3.6L Pentastar VVT V6 w/Stop-Start

MECHANICAL FEATURES:

4:1 Rock-Trac heavy-duty part-time 4x4 system 4.10 rear axle ratio, Fuel tank skid plate Transfer case skid plate Heavy gauge rock protection sill rails Torx tool kit Power tailgate lock Heavy-duty engine cooling, Class IV hitch receiver, Trailer hitch zoom, 240-amp alternator

TRANSMISSION: 8-speed Automatic

SUSPENSION: Front FOX performance shocks, Rear FOX performance shocks Tru-Lok front and rear axles Dana 44 M210 wide front axle Dana 44 M220 wide rear axle Electronic sway-bar disconnect system

BRAKES: 4-wheel ABS Discs

WHEELS: 17-inch aluminum

The Challenge is all about "Real World" testing; in other words, we use these trucks the way you, the consumer, would. Each year, we enlist the aid of five experienced

Judges to drive the trucks back to back on our test loop. This year, with the mid-size truck capacities in mind we drove the 12-mile Head River loop empty and then we did it all over again with 500 lb of payload in the beds. Finally, each truck towed a flatbed trailer with a gross weight of 4,000 lb. This routine gives each judge a chance to "feel" the differences in each truck as they drive over the same course – again and again. Over two very long days we manage to collectively drive over 1,200 miles around this course. While there is always an off-road element to the Challenge; but this year, because of the unique off-road trucks we had - we spent significantly more time in the snow, mud and water.

When was all over – this is how the scores (out of 100) added up.

1. Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 Bison - 78.5 – Winner!
2. Jeep Gladiator Rubicon -72.5
3. Toyota Tacoma TRD Pro -71.3
4. Jeep Gladiator Overland -70.4
5. Toyota Tacoma TRD Sport -70.0

2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Test Drive Report

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a Wi-Fi Hotspot. The infotainment system features voice recognition, a rear seat reminder, and a Bose™ Premium stereo system. There is a wireless phone charger, USB ports, a 12-volt power source, and a very handy 110-volt electrical outlet.

Rear seat passengers have air conditioning vents, a couple of cup holders, USB ports, a power outlet, and heated rear seats.

The LTZ package comes well equipped, but this truck has almost \$20,000 in options, half of that being the Duramax™ diesel.

This truck has the Premium package which gives you cooled front seats, forward collision alert, lane departure warning, power sliding rear window, park assist, blind spot monitoring, surround vision camera, a terrific heads-up display, and a power tailgate. You can lower the tailgate with the key fob, but you must push a button on the tailgate to raise it. Still, a power open and close aluminum tailgate is a very nice touch.

Chevy now offers new trailer towing mirrors that will extend out or fold in with the push of a button.

Inside the 6-foot 10" bed, there is a bedliner, bed lighting, a 120-volt power outlet for tools, it is

drilled for a 5th-wheel hitch, and one of the camera views will allow you to see the bed and any cargo back there.

With a camera that offers 15 different views you can see the front view, overhead view, at the rear bumper for hooking up, and a transparent trailer view. An optional camera can be mounted on the back of your trailer to be able to see behind you.

A new independent front suspension and a new frame for 2020. It is a very quiet cab and the diesel engine is very quiet also.

The interior is very bland but move up to the High Country and it will cost you an additional \$12,400.

Total MSRP as equipped is \$73,265 and that puts it in line with Ford and Ram offerings. The standard base price is \$53,300.00.

This new Chevy Heavy-Duty has a capacity of 18,500 pounds. The Duramax™ with the Allison™ transmission work very well together. One thing I would like to mention is if you opt for the gas engine and you can figure out the cost of the diesel option (\$9,890.00) you can buy a lot of gas for a long time and travel lots of highway miles.

What Is Happening in the Automotive Mobility World

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mobility, and reduce the need for allocating space in the city for underutilized, parked vehicles. In China, we expect shared vehicles to rise from slightly under 10% of the car population to nearly 25% by 2025.

Where do you see the future of mobility services in the auto industry in China in the next 20 years?

Mobility services will expand as populations grow and urbanization rates continue to rise. New technology in the form of connected and self-driving vehicles will make the economics of the mobility services business more favorable, and urban residents will embrace the convenience of being transported in a personal space where they can repurpose their time to purposes other than the mundane task of city driving. Beyond 2030, people and goods movement will increasingly be served by autonomous mobility on demand (AMOD) devices.

What are the challenges mobility services face in the auto industry in China?

Initially, mobility services will be a fiercely competitive market with most automotive companies seeking to carve out a relevant space with existing and new partnerships. In a fragmented landscape, profits will be difficult to generate. However, successful players will emerge that will have the backing of digital ecosystem partners who have the ability to monetize the big data associated with the mobility and online consumption pattern of the platform

user. Obtaining business licenses to operate a fleet of mobility service vehicles may limit the participation in the business and give more power to the fleet operators in the new value chain.

What are the advantages of mobility services in the auto industry in China?

For the users, it's the elimination of pain points associated with driving, with democratized access to personal transportation. For the cities, more efficient matching of mobility demand and vehicle supply with fewer cars need to serve the demand. However, the desire of individuals to "upgrade" (from bus or metro) and be in their own space does create added congestion on the road during peak hours.

How does your company help mobility services in China?

Automobility is a strategy & investment advisory firm focused on helping its clients to build a collaborative ecosystem of partnerships to participate in the new mobility value chain. Our main businesses are advisory services for venture and private equity investors, and consulting services for corporations seeking to participate in the new mobility business model.

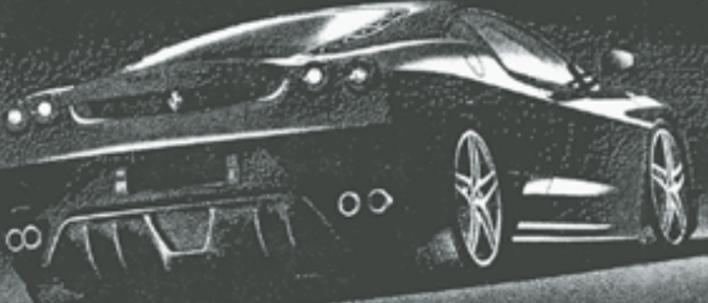
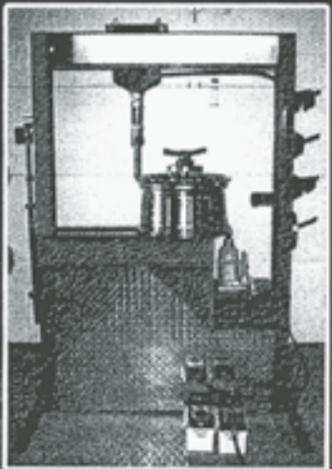




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Mecum January Auction Sales Reach \$130 Million Dollars

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1932 Duesenberg Model J Tourster (Lot T170.1) at \$522,500
 1966 Superformance Ford GT40 MkII (Lot S203) at \$484,000
 1967 Shelby GT350 Fastback (Lot F178) at \$440,000

The complete top 10 motorcycle sales at the 29th annual Vintage and Antique Motorcycle Auction include:

1922 Brough Superior Mark 1 90 Bore (Lot F166.1) at \$308,000
 1930 Brough Superior SS100 (Lot S141) at \$239,250
 1956 Harley-Davidson Indian Larry Grease Monkey (Lot S181) at \$220,000
 1940 Harley-Davidson EL Knucklehead (Lot F189) at \$220,000
 1916 Militaire Four Cylinder (Lot F88) at \$214,500
 1974 Ducati 750SS (Lot S257) at \$198,000

1934 Harley-Davidson CAC Speedway (Lot F188) at \$181,500
 2004 Indian Larry Chain Of Mystery (Lot S182) at \$165,000
 1953 Vincent Black Shadow (Lot F202) at \$143,000
 1924 Patria Ace-Henderson (Lot S104) at \$137,500

The complete top 10 Road Art sales of January 2020 include:
 1953 Litchfield Hardware Dou-

ble-Sided Porcelain (Lot Q210) at \$35,400

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1930 Indian Silver Arrow Rowboat Outboard Motor 10 HP (Lot P229) at \$14,160

Oldsmobile Single-Sided Porcelain Neon (Lot Q203) at \$12,980

The complete top 10 Guitar sales of January 2020 include:

1959 Gibson Geddy Lee Les Paul Standard (Lot F198.2) at \$253,700
 1960 Gibson Les Paul Standard Scarface Electric (Lot F198.1) at \$212,400

1960 Gibson Geddy Lee ES-355 (Lot S187.1) at \$49,560

1956 Gibson Les Paul Goldtop Electric (Lot Q233) at \$44,840

1955 Fender Geddy Lee Stratocaster (Lot Q259) at \$44,840

1960 Gibson Geddy Lee ES-345 (Lot Q260) at \$24,780

Rickey Medlocke's Boat, Guitar & Lake Okeechobee Fishing Trip (Lot Q269) at \$24,780

1990 Gold Warwick John Entwistle Buzzard Customized Bass (Lot Q232) at \$20,060

1957 Gibson Les Paul TV Special Electric (Lot Q242) at \$11,800

1963 Gibson ES-175 DN (Lot Q243) at \$8,260

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Fees for EV Owners

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expected to grow in the coming years. Proponents argue that the average annual state gas tax paid by owners of gas cars is about \$187.

The root cause is stagnated fuel taxes, a misplaced priority on highway expansion, and broad improvements in vehicle efficiency. Not EVs.

As a new article by CalMatters makes clear, the shortfall in transportation funding is not caused by EVs, which still represent less than 1% of cars on the road. The root cause is stagnated fuel taxes, a misplaced priority on highway expansion, and broad improvements in vehicle efficiency. But that won't stop state legislators from scapegoating EVs and thereby ask electric-vehicle owners to pay higher registration fees.

A recent Consumer Reports study showed that 26 states currently impose EV fees, with 11 charging more than the amount of owners of similar gas-powered cars pay in gas taxes. Three states charge more than twice the amount. This graphic from CR shows most, but not all, of the expected EV fees.

The list of states with EV fees currently in effect, or about to start, include Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Minnesota and Missouri are two of the four states considering proposals to increase current EV fees. In those two states, the annual fee could triple in the coming years – from the current \$75 fee.

The states considering new proposals for EV fees – many of which would result in taxes higher than what a driver of a gas car pays – includes Arizona, Hawaii, Kansas, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

In October, Pennsylvania state legislators proposed slapping electric vehicle owners with a \$250 annual tax.

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Alan (left) Scale Racing Center owner hosts slot car competition at Legends Gala (See Story on Page 10)



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TIRES

Yokohama Launches New Winter Tires

Winter is coming...and Yokohama Tire is ready with the launch of two new products: the iceGUARD® iG53 and iceGUARD® G075.

“Both are premium winter tires that are ideal for the toughest icy conditions,” said Bob Abram, Yokohama’s senior manager of consumer product planning. “Besides offering exceptional ice/snow traction and all-around performance, the iceGUARD iG53 and iceGUARD G075 feature additional benefits such as improved fuel efficiency, longer tread life and a quiet ride.”

The iceGUARD iG53 is designed for passenger cars and minivans, and comes in 32 sizes with 14- to 18-inch fitments, while the iceGUARD G075 is for crossovers and SUVs, and is available in 37 sizes in 16- to 20-inch fitments.

The highly advanced iceGUARD

iG53 and iceGUARD G075 stick to the road in harsh, winter weather due to the new directional tread pattern that increases the contact area and maximizes the edge effect on icy/snow surfaces. The tread pattern features zig-zag-shaped main and intermediate grooves, a wide center rib, micro diagonal grooves and 3-D triple sipes.

Additionally, the iG53 features Yokohama’s new absorptive tread compound, which lowers the risk of micro-hydroplaning on icy surfaces by putting the tire into contact with the ice rather than the water.

The G075 features a high-density reinforced compound, which allows for a more stable tread block that provides optimized road contact and longer, more even wear.

Fuel efficiency gains for both tires come from the newly developed, low-heat generating under tread compound,

which increases stiffness and contributes to low rolling resistance.

For more information on all of Yokohama’s winter tires, visit <https://www.yokohamatire.com/winter-tires>.

About Yokohama Tire Corporation

Celebrating its 50th year in the U.S., Yokohama Tire Corporation is the North American manufacturing and marketing arm of Tokyo, Japan-based The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd., a global manufacturing and sales company of premium tires since 1917. Servicing an extensive sales network throughout the U.S., Yokohama Tire Corporation is a leader in technology and innovation. The company’s complete product line includes tires for high-performance, light truck, passenger car, commercial truck and bus, and off-the-road mining and construction applications.



Yokohama - iceGUARD Winter Tires

Pirelli Selected As Exclusive Tire Supplier For The Brand-New Aston Martin DBX



2020 Aston Martin with Pirelli Tires

Nearly three years of hard work in close collaboration with Aston Martin’s engineers have resulted in three different tires to showcase the capabilities of the new DBX. This latest Aston Martin is equipped exclusively with Pirelli tires, following a painstaking development process designed to meet the exact requirements of the famous British manufacturer. The P Zero for the DBX has been developed to offer the best possible performance and handling while the Scorpion Zero AS will go off-road, and the Scorpion Winter delivers safety and performance even in winter conditions, with the same dynamic drive as experienced in summer.

This joint development work, which is a hallmark of Pirelli’s ‘perfect fit’ strategy, began with laboratory testing before moving on to outdoor testing in varied conditions. The wet weather capabilities of the tires for the new Aston Martin DBX were refined at Pirelli’s test track in Vizzola near Milan, while tire performance on ice and snow was honed at Pirelli’s winter test facility at Fleurheden in Sweden. Outright performance was developed at the famous high

speed Nardo circuit in southern Italy. The final validation came at the epic Nürburgring Nordschleife in Germany: the ultimate test for any car and tire package.

P Zero, A Tire For Gran Turismo

The new Aston Martin DBX delivers maximum performance thanks to P Zero tires that have been developed especially for the vehicle. In particular, the compound is derived from tires used for GT cars, to maximise the V8 turbo power of the new Aston Martin. The P Zero compound for the DBX also produces maximum grip on the track. The zero-degree belt in the structure of this P Zero marked A8A on the sidewall (to identify specific tires for the Aston Martin DBX) uses a new hybrid material that offers better steering feel to enhance pleasure behind the wheel. Furthermore, it brings the overall weight of the tire down, reducing rolling resistance and fuel consumption.

Scorpion Zero As, For Sports Performance Off Road

The Pirelli Scorpion Zero AS is instead designed for those who also intend to use their DBX off-road. Aston Martin’s goal is to create possibilities for their customers, by offering a vehicle that is as versatile as possible while maintaining the performance and emotion that is synonymous with their cars. To achieve this objective, the Scorpion Zero tread pattern has been redesigned to optimize its off-road capabilities, with more rigid blocks towards the outside of the contact patch that provide enhanced grip in tricky conditions.

Scorpion Winter: Maximum Safety On Ice And Snow

The Scorpion Winter, Pirelli’s specialized winter tire for SUVs, has been optimized for winter weather – right down to temperatures of -22°F – to guarantee maximum efficiency even in the most extreme conditions. Pirelli has modified the materials that make up the carcass of this tire to provide the best possible steering feel, even in winter. As a result, performance driving is not just a summer activity in the DBX.

Pirelli And Aston Martin

Pirelli and Aston Martin have always enjoyed a long and close relationship. The arrival of the new DBX, which is only available to run on Pirelli tires, means that the Italian firm now equips 50% of all new Aston Martins, including iconic models such as the DBS Superleggera and new Vantage.

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bumper repair, and scratch removal. Doug's is also "going Green" with the addition of a Toyota Highlander and Camry Hybrid and two Pruis loaners to be used in the business. Doug's Auto offers rental cars, and towing is available. Doug said, "We have been in business 36 years, and now the second generation is taking over and helping us be the best body shop in Bellevue." (Pictured from Doug's car collection are, left to right, a '72 Mustang, '56 Ford T-Bird, '66 Blue Mustang, '74 MG, '57 Chev, '74 Corvette, and a '67 Olds Convertible.

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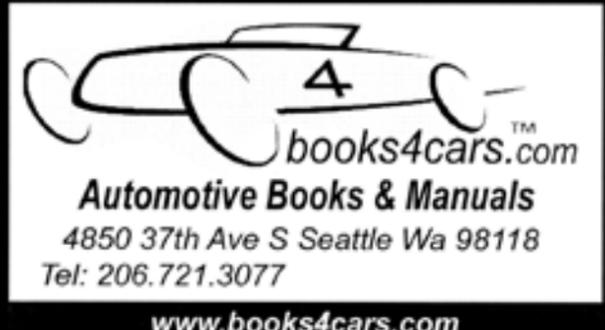
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Pups of All Sizes Fit Into Hyundai's 2020 SUV Lineup by Lisa Delaney

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Hyundai's YouTube channel, where you can get your fill of canine cuteness. Smile in delight as pups of all shapes and sizes lean out of the windows of their respective Hyundai vehicles, the automaker says that no matter what size adventure you're into, it's better in a Hyundai. Customers can get the perfect car for their canine companions from the company's family of SUVs, including the Hyundai Venue.

Not only does Hyundai offer SUV's for any breed, size or shape

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Mecum Auctions Rings in New Decade with \$130 Million in January Sales

World's Largest Collector Car and Motorcycle Auction Company Does it Again

Mecum Auctions burst into the new decade with a strong \$130 million in overall sales realized in just the first month of 2020. With the hosting of both the world's largest collector-car auction in Kissimmee, Florida, as well as the world's largest vintage and antique motorcycle auction in Las Vegas, Mecum achieved an 83% overall sell-through rate as a jaw-dropping 5,259 lots of collector cars, motorcycles, Road Art and collectible guitars hammered sold in just over two weeks of auction action.

Mecum's Kissimmee 2020 collector car auction, held Jan. 2-12, saw overall sales skyrocket to \$105.1 million with 2,140 vehicles changing hands throughout the 11-day auction. While

attendance throughout the duration of the event was exceptional with another marked increase over last year, the Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park was filled to absolute capacity as the auction-headlining Bullitt Mustang (Lot F150) of movie fame approached the block for its turn under the gavel. Amidst a sea of cell phones held high in the air to capture the inevitable historic moment, a lengthy bidder battle from all sides of the floor ensued, and the gavel finally dropped with the car reaching a total sale price of \$3.74 million, crowning the Bullitt as the most valuable Ford Mustang in history. [Complete top 10 sales list below.]

The 29th annual Las Vegas vintage and antique motorcycle auction this year achieved \$22.6 million in overall sales as 1,540 motorcycles hammered sold for

an excellent 90% sell-through rate. Held Jan. 21-26 at the South Point Hotel and Casino, the auction was topped by the sales of two of Brough Superior's best: a 1922 Mark 190 Bore (Lot F166.1) that sold for \$308,000 and a 1930 SS100 (Lot S141) that brought \$239,250. [Complete top 10 sales list below.]

With offerings available at both annual auction events, Mecum's Road Art division achieved total sales of \$1.5 million as 1,579 items hammered sold. The division's top seller was a one-of-a-kind, dealership-sized 1953 Litchfield Hardware Double-Sided Porcelain sign (Lot Q210) from the top-quality collection of Garrett Betts, which demanded a final sale price of \$35,400. [Complete top 10 sales list below.]

Mecum's newest division, Guitar Search by Domino, wel-

comed some amazingly unique and desirable instruments to the stage as well as some instantly recognizable faces with several celebrity musicians making an appearance at the Kissimmee event. Total sales from the guitar division came in at \$779,489 with 163 sold in total for a 79% sell-through rate overall. The segment's top-most seller was a 1959 Gibson Les Paul Standard (Lot F198.2) previously owned by Rush's Geddy Lee, which was ultimately purchased for \$253,700 by renowned guitar collector and lead musician of Cheap Trick, Rick Nielsen. In typical showman fashion, Nielsen even took to the Mecum stage with his new purchase to strum a few chords on the stunning classic instrument, driving the crowd wild with delight. [Complete top 10 sales list below.]

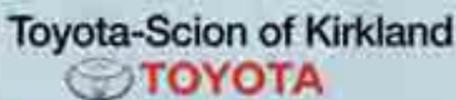
With combined total sales from both events reaching that \$130 million mark, January 2020 went into the books as another of Mecum's most successful months in history.

The complete top 10 collector-car sales at the Mecum Kissimmee 2020 auction include:
 1968 Ford Mustang GT "Bullitt" (Lot F150) at \$3,740,000
 2019 McLaren Senna (Lot S113) at \$1,430,000
 2015 Porsche 918 Spyder (Lot S111) at \$1,430,000
 2015 McLaren P1 (Lot S159) at \$1,089,000
 1967 Ford Mustang "Eleanor"® (Lot S135) at \$852,500
 1968 Challenger 2 Streamliner (Lot S130) at \$561,000
 1972 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona (Lot S192) at \$544,500

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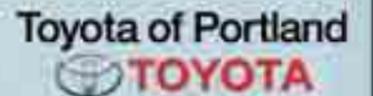
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Mecum Kissimmee Auction Record Sale of Mustang Bullitt

In front of a standing-room-only crowd, the legendary 1968 Ford Mustang GT 'Bullitt' movie car crossed Mecum's Kissimmee auction block. Cheers broke out when the Highland Green icon became visible. People clamored and clawed for a better view of the car which has become a permanent piece of pop and cinema culture. And those into classic fast Fords felt they were looking at the Holy Grail.

All of that high-revving emotion contrasts sharply with the seller, who grew up considering the car nothing more than mom's around-town ride. For him, the road to the block has been a wild ride – bittersweet, exhausting and certainly full of memories.

All eyes were on the green Mustang as it crossed the block.

The Classic Commutes

The car burst onto the scene in 1968, being driven by Steve McQueen in the Warner Bros film, 'Bullitt'. After the production's wrap, it was sold to a company employee, who then sold it to a New Jersey detective in 1970. The late Robert Kiernan, of Madison, New Jersey, bought it in 1974 after always wanted a Mustang fastback. His wife drove the car regularly, commuting to the classes she taught at a nearby school.

Put Out To Pasture

When the transmission's clutch went out in 1980, she parked it with 65,000 miles on the odometer. Upon Robert's passing in 2014, the

Mustang was inherited by his son, Sean. He lovingly cared for the classic, which for the most part was off the radar of most enthusiasts. With the car out of the spotlight for so many decades, the thought was it had been long destroyed and gone.

Autoshow Debut

That all changed with a surprise debut at the 2018 Detroit Auto Show, rocking the collective automotive world. Even more unexpected news came last year when it was announced the vehicle would become available for sale.

One Final Family Trip

With news circulating the globe these past twelve months, thousands of spectators and interested gawkers flocked to sunny Kissimmee, Florida, to take in the spectacle firsthand. Under balmy blue skies on Friday of the auction house's ten-day sale, at approximately 2:30 pm, the glass doors to the vehicle's presentation cube were opened.

Sean and his sister Kelly quietly stepped inside and got into their family's rolling relic for one last ride. Sean gripped the steering wheel, once held by his dad and McQueen, and turned the key. The 390 CI V-8 roared to life and Sean put the transmission in gear. As a security team and ushers kept crowds back, the couple eased down ramps, out onto the fairgrounds and made their way to the auction block.

Like Father, Like Son

Upon arriving at up front and in front of a sea of peering eyes, Sean brought the car to a stop and revved the engine. After a few brief words, he announced bidding would start at \$3,500, the same price his dad paid for the car decades ago. From there the room lit up, with shouts of exclamation and serious bids.

When the dust finally settled, two parties battled it out to become the iconic car's next caretaker. Finally, the gavel hammed, with

the total ringing up at \$3.74 million dollars. The occasion was emotional for all and goes down in history as being the most expensive Ford Mustang to ever be sold at auction. The title belonged to another pricey pony, a 1967 Shelby GT500 that sold at this event last year for \$2.2 million.

Wall to wall crowds watched with eager anticipation at the car's selling price.

Riding Into The Sunset

As Sean and Kelley inched off the block and out into the waiting sun, all minds turned to what lies ahead for the wheeled legend. Will it go into a museum? A private collection? Will it ever be seen again? All those and more are unknown but there's little doubt wherever it heads to next, it'll stay squarely in the limelight.

Bidding quickly jumped to over three million dollars.



Bullitt Mustang Breaks Records Bringing Millions

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Apr	12th	ALL Italian Car Show
Apr	19th	All Porsche Car Show
Apr	26th	NW C10s Classic Truck Show
May	3rd	Issaquah Spring Electric Vehicles
May	10th	Sunset Hwy Cruisers Spring Opener
May	17th	Pre-1970 Vintage Travel Trailers
May	24th	BMW's & Burgers - Car Show
May	31st	Convertibles Only
Jun	7th	Fenders and Fins
Jun	14th	Shelby-mustang Show
Jun	21st	Fenders at Front Street
Jun	27th	PNW Ford Raptors Meet
Jun	28th	Cadillac-Lincoln-Lincoln Show
Jul	5th	NW Hot Rod Hall of Fame Show
Jul	9th	All Ford Meeting
Jul	12th	UNIVERSA Feed the Children Show
Jul	19th	Camaro Club Show
Jul	26th	All Mopar Meet & Greet
Aug	2nd	Corvette Marque Club Car Show
Aug	4th	Mitsubishi Club Meeting
Aug	9th	NW GTO Legends Muscle Car Show
Aug	16th	Tri-5-6-7 Chevy Show
Aug	23rd	Classic Swagger Show
Aug	24th	VCC meeting
Aug	30th	Beats-olds-ponies
Sep	6th	Corvair Air-cooled Autumn
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