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## Toyota's "Voodoo Blue Wave" continues with A 2019 Toyota Tundra TRD PRO CREWMAX



Brandy Falconer (Auto News) with Toyota Tundra TRD PRO CREWMAX at WeatherTech Laguna Seca Race Track (photo Auto News)

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## Concours d' Elegance It's that Time of Year Again... See you at the McCall's Motorworks Revival Event, Wednesday, August 14, 5-10 PM

by Gary T. Williams  
Going to the Monterey Jet Center on Wednesday, August 14th at 5 PM? If not, you really should be. For it's that time of year again, the time for the party of the year.

McCall Events, Inc, led by Gordon McCall, will continue in its 28th year of hosting the McCall's Motorworks Revival Event, which is also famously known as the "Kick-Off" party for the Concours d' Elegance, or the world-famous Monterey, California Car Show, a spectacular automotive week known as Pebble Beach. The Motorworks Revival Event brings approximately 3,000 enthusiastic guests together whom appreciate this annual tradition of vintage cars, private jets, and delicious, gourmet food.

The McCall Super Ticket Experience is sold out however, you can still purchase McCall Red Carpet Experience tickets and McCall VIP Experience tickets. Just visit the

website at [www.mccallevents.com](http://www.mccallevents.com) to purchase your tickets.

From the website's description: "The automotive world comes to the Monterey Peninsula each year to celebrate automotive history, racing, and design and Gordon McCall's Motorworks Revival kicks-off this world class week of events.

Please join us and our 3000 VIP guests as we host our exclusive First-Class evening and experience culinary delights while strolling the array of exceptional and rare vintage race cars, motorcycles, and aircraft. World-Class sponsors will also join us to show off their latest offerings and WOW guests with the first look at what's coming next in the aviation and automotive world. Noted California chefs will pair gourmet selections with California wines for McCall's 28th Anniversary Celebration.

• Your "ticket" into the event is the 2019 Wristband for easy entry. **continued on page 5**

by Bill McCallum

As the Voodoo Blue wave continues with Toyota, I had a chance to test drive a Voodoo Blue 2019 Toyota Tundra TRD PRO CREWMAX on a recent business trip to Monterey, CA.

The 2019 Consumer Reports Auto Issue ranks the 2019 Toyota Tundra as a "Best Buy" when compared to the Ford F-150 and the RAM 1500. The Toyota Tundra TRD Pro Crewmax as tested had

a MSRP of \$48,645 and Toyota offers a base model of the Tundra for \$33,000. Toyota has set a 2019 sales goal of increasing their U.S. market share and gaining ground on the leaders. With 17 mpg on the highway and a 9,800 to 10,200 lb. towing capacity the Tundra out ranks most competitors in those areas.

2019 Tundra upgrades include; LED headlights and fog lights, 18-inch BBS forged aluminum

wheels, TRD Pro-badged seats, and many more. Tundra safety features include; Lane Departure Alert, Dynamic Radar Cruise Control, Automatic High Beams, Sway Warning Alert, and more.

Toyota offers two engine choices for the Tundra, a 4.6L/310 hp and a 5.7L/381-hp.

I suggest a Toyota Tundra test drive you are considering purchasing a new truck. **(See Photo on page 17 also)**

## The All-New 3 Row, Full Size Kia Telluride SUV Enters Crowded Field of SUVs (See Story on Page 2)



2020 Kia Telluride SUV (photo Art Gould)



McCall Motorworks Revival at the Monterey Jet Center features planes, cars and more (photo McCall)



### Must See Events during Concours Week



Bill McCallum  
editor

Our Pebble Beach Concours week starts Wednesday night with the McCall Jet Center party 8/14 - (see page 1 story) and ends Sunday with the Concours d' Elegance 8/18 on the 18th hole at the Pebble Beach Resort and Golf Club. Visit: [www.pebble-beachconcours.net](http://www.pebble-beachconcours.net)

Four "must see" events during that week include; 1- Legends of Auto Gala Dinner - 8/15 (see pages 4, 5, 10, 14, 24) 2 - The Quail, a motor sports gathering in Carmel Valley - 8/16 featuring over 200 collector and special interest cars, automaker displays featuring what's new for 2020, gourmet food, a collector car auction and much more. 3- **The Concorso Italiano featuring all things Italian - 8/17, Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Alfa Romeos, Maseratis, Fiats, a fashion show, vendors, awards, Italian cuisine and much more.** Visit: [www.concorso.com](http://www.concorso.com) 4- The Weather Tech Raceway at Laguna Seca has a full schedule of racing events starting on Thursday 8/16 thru Sunday 8/18. Visit: [WeatherTechRaceway.com](http://WeatherTechRaceway.com)

As I have said before, the Pebble Beach/Monterey Classic car week should be on your "bucket list."

I hope to see you there this year.

**Legend Gala Stories on: Pages 4, 5, 6, 10, 14, 24**

### 2020 Kia Telluride Test Drive



Art Gould  
feature editor

The incredibly crowded SUV/Crossover market adds its newest member, the Kia Telluride. Of the 165 global brands available in the auto industry, a disproportionate number, at least in the United States, fall in the category of Sports Utility vehicles also known as crossovers and crossover utility vehicles.

Every auto company in the U.S. either already has a selection of crossover vehicles or have several ready for production. This phenomena, when looking at the overall auto industry, is of a magnitude not seen in the modern history of the automobile.

The Kia Telluride falls into the category of a three row, full size SUV that is ready to accommodate families that need people space as well as adequate storage. In addition to convenience, this vehicle is impressive in its overall competence and high level of standard features. The 291 horsepower 3.8 liter Gas Direct Injection V6 engine with an economical eight-speed automatic transmission is available in active on-demand all-wheel drive as well as front wheel drive. This is the only engine available in the Telluride found in any of its four trims.

Second row passengers can set their own temperatures and fan speed. They can decide whether

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### Brentwood & Pacific Palisades Inter. Film Festival



Joyce Chow  
entertainment editor

Herald in summer and it's a road trip to the beach in a convertible, perhaps the passion that inspired the love story of "Le Grand Voyage" or the desire that created "Envy" at the inaugural Brentwood and Pacific Palisades International Film Festival in Los Angeles.

Another summer favorite is watching films. My producing partner Gloria Kisel and I created a day of entertainment to inspire filmmakers seeing indie films, learning from industry panels with celebrities, distribution and the latest livestreaming technology from Sub2r cameras.

Filmmakers came from as far as Japan for Japanese anime filmmaker Rie Arai for "Whipped Clouds" or within Southern California such as John Savage, who was presented with the Epic Award, with red carpet favorite Blanca Blanco before the World Premiere of their film "Fake News".

The festival kicked off with a remembrance to two of Brentwood's most well known personalities, Nicole Brown Simpson and Marilyn Monroe, with music video "I Remember Nicole" by filmmakers Renee Sotile and Mary Jo Godges with a special appearance by Tanya Brown, Nicole Brown

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### 2019 VW Jetta Test Drive



Ed Barrett  
feature writer

Volkswagen has redesigned its best-selling car in the U.S., the Jetta, and given it fresh styling and the latest advanced safety features, while continuing to provide the usual roomy and functional cabin that's been its trademark.

Visually, the 2019 Jetta is a more interesting design than its predecessor. Volkswagen added some pizzazz to latest Jetta, by broadening the grille—adding creases in the hood and providing a strong character line on each flank. The Jetta looks more contemporary now, yet does not go to the styling extremes of some of its competition.

Inside, the new Jetta displays the understated look that we have come to expect from Volkswagen. Interior colors are either a muted gray or black. The dash is functionally designed so that it cants toward the driver. The large, 8-inch touchscreen, and the climate controls are easy to operate. Bins and cubbies are small, but handy. Two USB ports are available for electronic devices.

The Jetta is roomy for a compact sedan. Front passengers have comfortable seats with plenty of back and forth movement. The driver get a height adjuster too. Those in the rear have a surprising

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### Mitsubishi Outlander Plug-In SUV



Scot McCallum  
"Green Car Guy"

2019 Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV GT S

The new Mitsubishi Outlander has had a nice face lift to include updates to security and safety features. Let's start with the efficiency the 12 Kwh battery gives this vehicle with a 74 MPGe rating. The plug in hybrid feature is convenient and the Outlander looks sharp with a new front end design modification. Nineteen safety and security features include Traction Control Logic, Active Stability Control, Hill Start Assist, Tire Pressure Monitoring, Forward Collision Mitigation, Blind Spot Warning, Lane Departure Warning, Acoustic Vehicle Alert, and a sophisticated airbag system. The Outlander has a stable and particularly quiet ride and features a key passive entry system with push button start and panic feature. Spice up your summer with a test drive today!



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### 2019 Kia Cadenza Test Drive



David Schmidt  
feature writer

For those people who still want to own and drive a good-sized sedan, Kia gives plenty of comfort and capability at a reasonable price with its Cadenza.

It is a car for people who are social and carry people rather than mostly family members in their back seats.

This might be another couple who ride with them to and from social events. And the car owners may actually want them to be comfortable during that process. It is much harder to be as comfortable in a crossover ute from roughly the same price range.

That's a matter of some of the laws of physics and some of the understanding that people who buy crossovers want the second row to fold down. That limits their ability to be as comfortable as a fixed seat. Then those buyers also tend to have children sitting back there the majority of the time.

It is just possible that may influence how important it is for the manufacturers to spend extra money to make those seats com-

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### Toyota Camry takes on Everglades National Park



Sally Hanson  
travel editor

*Sally Hanson, Auto News feature writer for the past 30 years, continues her visits to National Parks in press vehicles to give readers a view of new automotive offerings as well as an insight to our beautiful National Parks. Sally is scholarship co-chair of the Northwest Automotive Press Association.*

by Sally Hanson

A 2019 Toyota Camry was waiting for me in Fort Lauderdale and made the drive into Everglades National Park easy and effortless. Everyone could see us coming in the Ruby Flare (bright red) midsize sedan with a bright metallic front grille and silver alloy wheels as we entered the park at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center on the park's east side. Coe worked tirelessly for over 20 years for the preservation of the Everglades and the establishment of Everglades National Park in 1947.

Proceeding comfortably through the park, the Camry did not have any mountains to climb or canyons to cross because the elevation of

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### All-New Jeep Gladiator Test Drive



Howard Elmer  
truck writer

Want a Jeep and a truck? That's what the new Gladiator is – a midsize pickup built by Jeep with all the ability and attitude you expect from a Wrangler – and it's here now.

Walking up to the Gladiator it's instantly recognizable as a Jeep. The Jeep design team kept the Wrangler front-end in its entirety. Its only when you peak around the side that you see the bed. Of course from a marketing point of view the unique design of a Jeep is one of its greatest assets; so basing the truck on this iconic look is just good business.

However, the 5-foot bed on this truck is not just welded onto the standard Wrangler frame. No, the Gladiator's body-on-frame design offers the same four doors, but on a stretched frame 31 inches longer than the Wrangler. The wheelbase is also 19.4 inches longer and the rear axle and suspension setup borrows heavily from the Ram 1500. This engineering mix was necessary to hit the payload and towing numbers that the Jeep people envisioned.

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### Karlman King 2 Million Dollar SUV



Jordan Williams  
millennial writer

About last year at the time, author Jessica Tyler of Businessinsider.com introduced us to a 2 plus million dollar SUV designed in Beijing by IAT automotive technology that is - or can be - not only bulletproof, but cut like a diamond. It's been described as a piece of art and showcases the peak of evolution combined with advanced technology in the auto manufacturing industry. - Just look at the image!

Named the Karlman King, it was showcased at the 2017 Dubai Auto Show. A visit to the Karlman King website details that the inspiration for the top of the line automobile came from the falcon. Each Karlman is designed by a team of 1800 people and the company's goal is to have a unique collection of these cars, 12 at first to be exact, throughout the world. Enough about the incredible exterior.

The interior looks like a recording studio, movie or sound room and is said to be luxurious and finely detailed. It has also been described as looking like the

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### MAG & Silver Auction of Arizona Merge



Chris Chung  
motorsports writer

In a game changing move, MAG Auctions of Nevada and Silver Auctions of Arizona have joined forces! Beginning this year, Silver Auctions of Arizona will do business under the MAG Auctions brand through a partnership between owners Mike Oberle and long time car dealer Emmett Rice.

**About Motorsport Auction Group (MAG Auctions):**

MAG Auctions is a Nevada auction company has been in business since 2015, specializing in classic cars, special interest vehicles, and memorabilia. Its' premier auction is the Collector Car Auction held during Hot August Nights in Reno. In total, MAG has been in business for 4 years and built itself to be a player in the auto auction industry through its dedication to its' principal values: Honesty, Integrity, and Dedication to their Clients.

At most MAG Auction events between 500 and 600 vehicles are auctioned off.

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Arv Voss  
feature writer

### 2019 Mercedes-Benz AMG 4MATIC Sedan Test Drive

The 2019 Mercedes-Benz A220 4MATIC sedan in AMG trim moves in to take the entry-level place of the Mercedes CLA, formerly the starting point for those aspiring to join the Mercedes clan. It serves up considerably more than the average entry-level luxury vehicle.

The new A220 4MATIC sedan is definitely worthy of sporting the iconic 3-pointed star emblem. In a word, it is “properly” a Mercedes-Benz through and through. It would not even be out of context to rank it as a “Baby S-Class” in terms of its technological content. It is truly and surprisingly a most proper Mercedes.

Essentially, it is a sleek and sporty mobile device, especially with the \$2,600 AMG Line package, which adds unique bodywork, a lowered suspension, a chrome-finish diamond-block grille, and perforated front brake discs. Toss in the 19-inch AMG black 14-spoke 19-inch wheels for another \$500 and the aggressive persona is completed, giving this A-Class a younger image and closing the gap between a C-Class (more particularly the CLA), in a more desirable form.

My test A220 came with 4MATIC, an exterior finished in Mountain Grey metallic and the interior done on Black and Red leather with brushed aluminum trim accents. The base sticker read \$34,500., with the as tested price totaling \$50,485.

Despite the reduction in length, the four-door, five-passenger sedan’s headroom and legroom are substantially better in both rows and the rear seat becomes not only usable but also genuinely comfortable for two adults.

The new A220 comes with but one powertrain – a front mounted 2.0-liter, DOHC, 16-valve inline turbocharged four cylinder engine with Gasoline Direct Injection that churns out 188 horsepower in a range from 5,500-6,100 rpm along with 221 lb.-ft. of torque from 1,600 to 4,000 rpm. Motive force is geared to either the rear wheels or optionally to Mercedes’ 4MATIC, all-wheel drive system via a 7G DCT seven-speed dual clutch automatic transmission with a manual shifting mode and paddle shifters.

Convenience features and comfort through advanced state-of-the-art technology are where the new A220 shine. The A-Class cabin is one of the most pleasant places to spend your time offered in a recent production vehicle. The design of the dashboard and the large greenhouse provide an airier feeling. Switch gear would feel right at home in a more upscale Benz, with standard dual displays positioned atop the center console - twin 7-inch screens – one for the driver’s instrumentation and one



Michelle Hale  
asia correspondent

### Infiniti Logo Represents the “Horizon” of New Products-To Come

Infiniti is in the midst of what it calls a “strategic restructuring,” which includes going all-in on electrification, withdrawing from Europe, axing the QX30 small

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Harold Allen  
feature writer

### Cadillac XTS Test Drive

Cadillac is now the new Town Car as Lincoln has changed its direction. Both Lincoln and Cadillac have been the choice of limo converters for years and so

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Lisa Delaney  
special projects editor

### Automakers Expand Pet Marketing

If you’re Subaru, you know what it takes to sell vehicles, and it might not be what you think. Unmatched reliability, high resale value? No, it’s pets.

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Gary Williams  
feature editor

### Legends Gala Scheduled for August 15, 2019

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## Research Says: More Models but "No Future for Plug-in Hybrids"

Something strange is happening. Car manufacturers are issuing a flood of plug-in hybrid cars. You are spoiled for choice with Mini, BMW, Skoda, Volvo, Porsche, Mercedes and others joining in. The fundamentals are all against them. Those offering the most desirable pure electric cars – those with the longest range and three times the resale value – have long waiting lists but they will catch up. No long wait for a plug-in hybrid. GM abandoned its Volt plug-in hybrid. Many users report two types of range anxiety: a small battery and a small gas tank. The UK withdrew PHEV support because people never plugged them in, benefitting the environment, not at all. Consequently, although plug-in hybrid sales have been rising, their market share has been dropping since 2013 (IDTechEx and BNEF).

Dr. Peter Harrop led the IDTechEx team producing the new report, "Electric Vehicles 2020-2030" with EV forecasts in 100 categories.

He says "Traditional automotive companies wish to keep the internal combustion engine going for a bit longer. Many have revealed how far they are behind Tesla in pure electric by bringing out what are essentially copies of Tesla powertrains from six years ago but not all. Hyundai, Kia, for example, has one-year waiting lists for its excellent pure-electric cars. They will clear that delay, releasing pent-up demand. Others will rapidly copy that success."

"Well-funded start-ups go straight to pure electric. Tesla Roadster will have 1000 kilometres range matching gasoline: it will then become commonplace. Those buying internal combustion vehicles hope the city and country bans will not apply to hybrids, but they face increasing range anxiety from the number of gas stations plummeting – down 90% in the UK in recent years for example as charging stations increase. They have financial anxiety from dropping resale values."

Harrop concludes, "There is absolutely nothing to reverse dropping market share for plug-in hybrids leading to decline in sales numbers. Indeed, with new inputs, we have just revised our forecasts down to show plug-in car sales at zero in 2030. Technologically they

are becalmed while pure-electric is evolving fast – from camper mode to solar versions that never plug in."

For more information contact [research@IDTechEx.com](mailto:research@IDTechEx.com) or visit [www.IDTechEx.com/Research/EV](http://www.IDTechEx.com/Research/EV)

## 10 Year Anniversary of Legends of Auto August 15, 2019 During Concours Week

What a show!  
Since 1950, the United States west coast Concours d'Elegance has set off to duplicate the amazing Concours d'Elegance first established in Europe pre-World War II and which was a showcase of beautiful cars, style and fashion.

Each year Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance attendees are wowed by the passionate setting in beautiful California, where the warm, sunny, breezy feeling of the Monterey peninsula meets the Pacific Ocean and where meticulous renovations of approximately 200 cars are entered in the show-the Car Show of the year. Each compete for the coveted Best of Show title and award where judges weigh meticulous renovation, engineering and style and select their annual winner.

Attendees this year saw special car groups and classics, Cadillac, Mercedes, Pierce Arrows, Rolls Royce, etc. along with other exotics. The Best in show was awarded to an Alfa Romeo: a 1937 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Touring Berlinetta, owned by David and Ginny Sydorick of Beverly Hills, California.

The Concours d'Elegance is the highlight culmination the end cap to a week of special and exciting automotive events, like the McCall Motorworks Revival party, which traditionally kicks off the Concours d'Elegance car week and showcases beautiful automobiles and aircraft, the annual Legends of Auto Gala, which honors those whom have made significant contributions to the auto industry and advanced the excitement and passion therein, and the Concorso Italiano, which features more than 800 vehicles of Italian origin, as well as elements of Italian style such as fashion, food, art and music on the gorgeous grounds of Black Horse Golf Club.

The list of this special week's events really does go on and on and as an interested spectator, you can pick and choose those shows and events which you would like to attend.

So even though Pebble Beach, CA inspires golf and those passionate in golf, once each year, Pebble Beach is host to what many call the Greatest Car Show in the World, the Concours d'Elegance, as well as many other fun and exciting events related to the Automotive industry and world. If you have ever considered attending all or part of this special week, and you are a classic or exotic car lover or buff, make 2019 your year and join us next August. You won't be disappointed.

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## McCall's Motorworks Revival-August 14

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- McCall's commemorative "Pit Pass" credential
- Open bars with wines, champagne, specialty cocktails, artisan liquors and beers
- Light bites at designated stations and tray passed at your service
- Gourmet Food & Wine pairings with California's award-winning boutique wineries and the Monterey Peninsula's top Celebrity Chef's
- Delectable desserts and coffee bar
- Three acres of rare vintage aircraft, motorcycles and race cars, Supercars and more on display
- Live and DJ Music with dancing after dark

▪ McCall's Motorworks Revival Commemorative Hat

As always, the evening benefits a great cause. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the CHP 11-99 Foundation which supports families of fallen California Highway Patrol officers. The foundation provides assistance to CHP families in financial or other crisis, at a death, and with scholarships for their children and spouses.

Find something fun and fancy to wear, purchase your tickets, supporting this great cause, and we will see you there! Global Autonews has been attending this event for years and years. We look forward to it - and seeing you there - come say, "Hello" to us!

## AUTO NEWS® BYTES

### HAGERTY ACQUIRES MOTORSPORTREG.COM, NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST MOTORSPORT MEMBERSHIP AND EVENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Created in 2003 as a prototype for a single car club in San Francisco, MotorsportReg.com automates event listings, registration and payment processing for all types of motorsport events ranging from small social gatherings to the world's largest participatory motorsport events.

"MotorsportReg is simply the best at what they do," said Hagerty CEO McKeel Hagerty. "It's how millions of people connect with their passion, whether it's track days, autocross, road rallies, driving tours, vintage races or local car club events. Our goal is to enhance what they already do and make the experience of getting behind the wheel even easier and more immersive."

MotorsportReg.com is used by millions of motorsports fans and by 1,300 clubs, racetracks and sanctioning bodies to manage 40,000 events and 2 million registrations. Included in the sale is MotorsportReg.com's popular "RaceHero" app, which brings everything about race day to your pocket in a fun, social way. RaceHero lets users access entry lists, schedules, live timing and results from any device.

MotorsportReg.com founder Brian Ghidinelli said he and the rest of the team are staying in place. "We're all excited about this," he said. "With Hagerty's resources and expertise behind us, we can speed up our strategic vision of connecting event organizers and participants to live out their passion for all forms of motorsport."

Event organizers, he added, won't see any change to service or data agreements but will benefit from Hagerty's passion for motorsports. "Hagerty's audience is 10 times larger than ours, which organizers will love because it means many more people will see their event listings. We'll also be growing our team to improve our products, and expand our famous high-touch support."

MotorsportReg's customers include North America's largest enthusiast clubs, including Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), BMW Car Club of America (BMW CCA), Porsche Club of America (PCA), SuperKarts! USA (SKUSA), MotoAmerica, Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs Ontario Region, Street Survival and Circuit of the Americas.

#### About Hagerty

Hagerty is an automotive lifestyle brand dedicated to the love and protection of driving, and the world's largest provider of specialty insurance to vintage vehicle enthusiasts. Hagerty is home to:

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**The Hagerty Valuation Tool**, the gold standard for classic vehicle current values and market trend insights.

**Hagerty, the magazine**, which is among the highest circulation car magazines in the country.

**"The Barn Find Hunter"**, one of the most popular automobile focused shows on YouTube with nearly 700,000 subscribers.

**Hagerty Plus**, the industry's most comprehensive roadside service.

**DriveShare**, the nation's only peer-to-peer classic vehicle rental marketplace.

#### About MotorsportReg

Created in 2003 as a prototype for a single car club in San Francisco, MotorsportReg.com is a membership, licensing and event management system that helps automate tasks, improve accuracy and grow participation. It is now used by more than 1,300 clubs, racetracks and sanctioning bodies to manage 40,000 events and 2 million registrations and by millions of motorsport enthusiasts to find and register for events.



# All-New Jeep Gladiator “First Drive” by Howard Elmer

**Additional  
Jeep Gladiator  
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Payload is a hefty 1,600 lb and the tow rating is a class-leading 7,650 lb. These numbers should appeal to any recreational hauler as well as the Jeep enthusiast. This is a real truck, with all the right capacities.

My first drive in the Gladiator came in Northern California; which didn't seem like much of a workout – at least that's what I thought when I was first invited. However, once there, three days of steady, cold rain turned the off-road site that Jeep had prepared into a nasty mud-pit.

Once on site the first thing I noted was the clearance. The Gladiator has 11.1-inches of ground clearance complemented with an under mounted spare tire that is tucked up above the rear axle. This is the reason for the rather shallow truck-bed. On the other hand this design makes it possible to reach the cargo bed anywhere along its length.

Because the Gladiator is available with the same trim packages as the Wrangler (Sport S, Overland and Rubicon) it is progressively more aggressive in the off-road arena as you move up to the Rubicon outfit. These were the units we churned the mud with in California. These Gladiator/Rubicon trucks came with a Rock-Trac 4x4 system with a “4LO” ratio of 4:1; Dana 44 axles; Tru-Lock electric front and rear-axle lockers, Trac-Lok limited-slip differential and sway-bar disconnect. The truck has standard front and rear tow hooks, skid plates and steel bumpers that are winch-ready from the factory. The Rubicon version comes with 33-inch off-road tires giving it up to 30-inches of water fording ability.

As rain bore down steadily, the ruts on the off-road deepened till driving was more like running on train tracks. Once in the ruts the Gladiator steered itself – I just keep the accelerator down negotiating the hills and rocks. Though it dragged its belly it never got stuck despite the ever worsening conditions. On the steep slopes I also got to use a new safety feature – a TrailCam that projects images from the nose of the truck – it let me peak over the lip of hills on-screen; while out the windshield all I could see was hood and sky.

Powering this truck is the long serving Pentastar 3.6L V6. Matched to a six-speed manual an upgrade to an automatic transmission gets you an eight-speed.  
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## Automotive Fine Arts Society Expands Access To Its Masterpieces With Show At Carmel's New Masters Gallery

**Old Masters To Star at New Masters Gallery During Collector Car Week**

The Automotive Fine Arts Society (AFAS) is expanding accessibility to member works by moving its legendary show during Monterey

Collector Car Week to the New Masters Gallery in Carmel. The free exclusive art show, entitled, “Old Masters at the New Masters,” will begin on Saturday, August 10 and continue through Sunday,  
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## 2019 Volkswagen Jetta Test Drive by Ed Barrett

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amount legroom, even if there's a tall person in front of them. The trunk is spacious as well (14.1 cu-ft.) with room for a half-dozen suitcases.

Under the hood, VW powers the Jetta with just one engine—until the sporty GLI model join the lineup. It's the 1.4-liter turbo that it used in the last generation Jetta. This motor generates a modest, but adequate, 147 horsepower. It's hooked up to either a new 6-speed manual gearbox (base model only) or a new 8-speed automatic. My test car had the automatic, which shifted seamlessly. The Jetta delivers an impressive 34 mpg in combined city/hwy. driving.

On the road, the revamped Jetta delivers competent handling and a comfortable ride. Drivers can select various drive modes to suit their driving style. I preferred using the “Sport” mode, which tightened the steering, quickened throttle response and altered the shift pattern of the automatic transmission. It made this Jetta feel like Jettas I remembered from the past. At the same time, the ride was compliant, even over rough pavement.

Volkswagen offers the Jetta in

five trim levels, S, SE, R-Line, SEL, and SEL Premium. The Base S is a good deal at \$19,395. It comes with cloth upholstery, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, a touchscreen display and Bluetooth. However, the SE (\$23,005) should be more popular with upgrades like, a standard automatic transmission, a sunroof, leatherette seats and a suite of safety equipment that includes blind-spot warning, rear cross-traffic alert and forward-collision warning/braking.

Next up the ladder, the sporty Jetta R-Line (\$23,845) delivers gloss black exterior trim and an XDS differential. Then there's the SEL (\$25,265) that provides interior upgrades, such as a digital dash display, a BeatsAudio system, as well as additional safety features, like lane-keep assist and adaptive cruise control. Topping the list, the SEL Premium (\$27,795) gives you the whole enchilada, with leather upholstery, navigation and heated seats front and rear.

The 2019 Jetta will no doubt please Volkswagen fans, and it should also have greater appeal to others shopping for a small, four-door sedan.



2019 VW Jetta (photo Ed Barrett)



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## 2019 Mercedes-Benz A220 Test Drive Report by Arv Voss

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for the infotainment and HVAC, with twin 10.25-inch upgrades provided as part of a \$2,100 Premium Package. A 64-color ambient lighting system is available adding a nice warm, inviting touch.

The A-Class is the first to bring Mercedes' new MBUX infotainment system to market, with the biggest change being the "Hey Mercedes" smart assistant – a sort of an automotive Alexa. Navigation instructions may be accessed in several ways, and like Alexa, one can ask general knowledge questions. "Hey Mercedes" ties into the car's HVAC and other systems as well, able to adjust the temperature by voice.

A screen accessible Multimode selector provides a choice of four modes: Individual for manual shifting; Sport; Comfort; and Eco – the latter three alter throttle response, shift points and steering effort.

The driving experience delivered by the 2019 Mercedes-Benz A220 4MATIC AMG equipped sedan is far greater than one would expect from any entry-level vehicle from any manufacturer

Turbo lag is virtually non-existent, with outstanding throttle response and the DCT transmission moves up and down through the gears smoothly in both auto and manual modes.

The ride quality is smooth and compliant, yet exhibits superb on road stability, and the steering provides a spot on feel with instant responsiveness.

Seats are both supportive and comfortable in this exceedingly attractive sedan.

The 2019 Mercedes-Benz A220

4MATIC AMG equipped sedan is likely the best entry-level luxury sport vehicle available in its class. With its elitist good looks and good driving feel, it's definitely a winner. Load it up with all the available options and it tops the \$50,000 price point.

### SPECIFICATIONS:

2019 Mercedes-Benz A220 4MATIC Sedan  
 Base Price: \$34,500.  
 Price as Tested: \$50,485.  
 Engine Type and Size: 2.0-liter, DOHC, 16-valve inline turbo-charged four cylinder with Direct Injection  
 Horsepower (bhp): 188 @ 5,500-6,100 rpm  
 Torque (ft./ lbs.): 221 @ 1,600-4,000 rpm  
 Transmission: 7G DCT seven-speed dual clutch automatic with manual shifting mode.  
 Drive Train: Longitudinally mounted front engine / 4MATIC all-wheel drive.  
 Suspension: Four-wheel independent  
 Front - MacPherson strut/wishbone  
 Rear - Multilink  
 Brakes: Power-assisted four-wheel discs (vented front) with ABS, ESC, and Active Brake Assist.  
 Tires: Pirelli P-Zero 225/40 R19 93W mounted on 14-spoke AMG black painted alloy wheels  
 Wheelbase: 107.4 inches  
 Length Overall: 179.1 inches  
 Width: 78.4 inches  
 Height: 56.9 inches  
 Curb Weight: 3,395 lbs.  
 Turning Circle: 36.1 ft.  
 Fuel Capacity: 13.5 gallons  
 EPA Mileage Estimates: Not yet certified

## Karlman King, A Two Million Dollar SUV

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cabin of a galactic Sheikh's personal space ship -HaHa- by a sort of critic, Loz Blain at newatlas.com, and available in various color schemes. It is outfitted with Playstation, satellite TV and a built in fridge. - Champagne anyone? - If you employ a driver, of course.

For all this opulence, the engine is a Ford F550 commercial cab chassis, complete with a lightly warmed up version of the standard 6.8-liter V10 engine that boosts it up to 398 horsepower. The highest travel speed is 87 MPH - ya know all that bullet proof stuff.

So what do you think? Will the world only see 12 of these? Or

many more? I have to say I was intrigued and LOVED the look, hence the story.

I would further love a test drive. Or even better, anybody want to buy me one? - Anybody?

See you next time car aficionados!

I've enjoyed dreaming about my Karlman this edition.

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## Kia Cadenza Test Drive Report by David Schmidt

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parable to those found in sedans. It seems somehow philosophically satisfying that a car that is made to look somewhat like a truck also rides somewhat like a truck.

But riding is more than just how the seat feels. With the Cadenza the first thing you notice is that the cabin is very nice, perhaps up to the quality of many of the entry-level Japanese and German sedans.

As stated before, the seats are very comfortable, also very adjustable. They are seats that appeal to the people who buy sedans for their comfort and the confident driving they inspire.

While you are in there, you want the features to be both numerous and of good quality. The sound system qualifies, as the sound filling the car is well balanced. Unless the interior needs "sound" tuning I almost always play an audio system with the filters set to the middle (called "flat" by audiophiles). This plays the various frequencies at their maximum.

That's because using a "bass" filter, for example, actually works by reducing the mid-range and treble output. So, if you, for instance, set all three filters on

maximum or minimum, the only difference would be the volume. The filters are to allow people to tailor the sound to their room, or in this case, cabin.

I particularly like that the sound system is easy to figure out and doesn't take studying to be able to make it work. You use knobs to tune it and control the volume. This is a nice, perhaps essential, design feature for those who will be buying sedans such as these.

Also, the car's connectivity is quick and accurate, and the features broad-based. This is true for the Bluetooth as it finds and connects to your smartphone. Then you can use that connectivity to use a number of Internet-based apps. For example, a phone app that will control many features of the car from afar.

I don't feel quite the same way about the navigation. For one thing, it keeps asking me where I want to go when I start the car. I also don't like the "lawyer statement" every time you turn it on.

I am familiar with and comfortable with the navigation system, which is shared by Kia and Hyundai. That doesn't mean I am completely happy with it. To me the map display seems a bit cartoonish. It is functional, and not some-

thing, I would guess, most owners will spend a lot of time worrying about.

The Cadenza's powertrain is quite good. The output of this 3.3-liter V-6 is 290 hp. and 253 lb.-ft. of peak torque. This power goes through the eight-speed automatic transmission to the front wheels. In doing so it earns an EPA efficiency rating of 20 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway.

You have the option of two powertrain setups in addition to the normal settings. They are Eco and Sport. The later makes the transmission hold in gear longer when accelerating and pay more attention to what you are doing with the accelerator. While it isn't a big difference, it's an addition to the driver's control of the power, which is always a good thing. On the highway there is a noticeable difference when you are in Eco mode. On a long trip, you will actually get better gas mileage.

Another mechanical advantage the Cadenza offers is recognition of its quality. In first full year on sale in 2017, Cadenza topped the quality charts, earning a J.D. Power Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout award and J.D. Power's 2017 Initial Quality

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# Kia Telluride SUV Test Drive Report

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the vents blow from the ceiling or near the floor. When getting back to the third row of seats, a one button solution is on each side of the Telluride. It lowers the seat back halfway, then pushes the seat forward, making a path to the rear. A well done solution for easy entry to the rear seats.

The second row also supports good posture with seats high enough off the floor to provide adequate thigh support, which isn't always the case with competitors. The newest Kia continues to listen to their customers that always ask for buttons and knobs that are easy to see and use, eliminating difficult technology solutions found on an ever larger number of vehicles that try to solve infotainment and other methods to operate the ever increasing number of features found on newer vehicles.

The inside story continues with a mix of soft-touch surfaces, imitation wood and some chrome touches. A further look addresses visibility. Although the Telluride is a large vehicle, large windows make parking maneuvers easy. Second-row seats can be lowered by pressing a button in the rear cargo area when needed.

The new Telluride includes an excess of advanced safety features including forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detec-

tion, lane departure warning, lane keeping assist, blind spot warning and rear cross-traffic warning with braking. Smart Cruise Control with stop & go add to the surprise and delight items that will pave the way toward the day when automatic pilot is added to the mix.

Drivability is easy with one of the most responsive characteristics found on a full size SUV. Necessities such as side window curtains on rear doors go along with front power tilt wheel and sliding sunroof. Smart hands

free power liftgate, power folding heated outside mirrors with turn signal indicators go along with heated leather wrapped steering wheel with remote controls.

The new Kia Telluride has a starting price at \$39,000 and my 'as tested' example, with several options on the upgraded SX model, came in at \$46,860. A real bonus to remember is one of the leading warranties to be found anywhere, 10 year, 100,000 mile powertrain warranty. I always ask the competitors, why don't you have this?



Kia Telluride SUV (photo Art Gould)

# 2019 Kia Cadenza Test Drive Report

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Study accolade in the Large Car category.

One of the better things about this car is what it looks like. It is attractive, and it also looks sophisticated. It frankly looks a step higher up the automotive food chain than you pay for it. With plenty of features, the Cadenza Premium begins life at \$33,190, the mid-range Cadenza Technology has an MSRP of \$39,290 and the top-of-the-line Limited is tagged at \$44,690.

In the case of this Kia, it means that it's a value-oriented vehicle. Kia originally had a reputation for being the cheapest kid on the block. That was not an altogether positive view. But that's not true anymore.

Perhaps it would be fair to say now that it's the "best value for money" on the block.

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# Automotive Fine Arts Society Expands Access To Its Masterpieces With Show At Carmel's New Masters Gallery

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August 18.

"For many years, AFAS member pieces were primarily available only for a few hours on the Pebble Beach Concours green during Collector Car week," said Ken Eberts, AFAS president and founding member. "With so many events now occurring across the Monterey Peninsula, it is difficult for patrons, fans and collectors to enjoy the show. Moving our show into Carmel and expanding the days it can be seen allows us to better feed the growing demand for automotive fine art. The 'Old Masters at the New Masters' show will make great art even more accessible to our global audience."

While the location may be new, the focus of AFAS's show continues uninterrupted. Member artists will show pieces that transform many of the automobiles celebrated during Monterey Collector Car Week into the rarefied realm of art.

"While there has been a great deal of reporting and speculation on new automotive technologies, automotive design continues to seduce consumers, both in showrooms and on the road," said William Motta, AFAS board member. "And within the global automotive market, design differentiation continues to be a prime motivator for many when choosing a vehicle. While countless cars and trucks have been sold on the merits of their appearance, only the finest designs can be appreciated and reinterpreted by the artist's eye while filtered through the viewer's imagination."

The AFAS show's title, 'Old Masters at the New Masters', reflects both the years many AFAS members have been perfecting their craft and the show's venue, the New Masters Gallery in Carmel. The gallery, opened in 1974 by Bill and Jennifer Hill, began in a small space featuring six local artists. That modest beginning and subsequent growth parallels AFAS history; it began with a handful of artists and has grown into an international membership satisfying a global demand for automotive art.

"This will be the largest exhibit of automotive fine art available to the general public to enjoy for free during Monterey Collector Car Week in history," said AFAS board member Richard Pietruska. "We love the synergy expressed in the show's title and appreciate the efforts of Bill and Jennifer Hill in elevating the appreciation of art, in all of its many forms."

Artists showing pieces at the New Masters Gallery include: • Dennis Brown, • Sandrine Blondel, • James Dietz, • Ken Eberts, • Peter Harsey, • Yahn Janou, • Charles Maher, • Dan McCrary, • William Motta, • Richard Pietruska, • Stanley Rose, • Barry Rowe, • Tony Sikorski

While the AFAS show continues to reflect the collective passion for automotive history, the New Masters Gallery exhibit allows member works to be viewed by those visiting the area for the Pebble Beach Concours, auctions and vintage racing at their own pace. It also gives those residing in or visiting Carmel, long known as one of the West's most established art communities, the opportunity to see the pieces without purchasing an event ticket.

## INSIDE INDIA AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

### VR MOTION NAMES TATA ELXSI AS EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR IN INDIA FOR VR DRIVER TRAINING

VR Motion Corp, Hillsboro, OR, has reached agreement with Tata Elxsi, Bangalore, India, that names Tata Elxsi as distributor and promoter of VR Motion's exclusive VR driver training software throughout India. This agreement will continue to promote the VR revolution in fleet driver training, using the total immersion of Virtual Reality.

VR Motion has defined the Virtual Reality Driving Simulator with a new level of realism. This will allow Tata and other OEM manufacturers, dealers and other fleet users of all types to practice, learn, and operate multiple specific vehicles, particularly delivery vehicles and other high-risk driving environments. Using a multi-axis motion platform and the latest VR hardware, the unique VRMC software immerses both novice and more experienced drivers into specific locations, unique vehicles, distracted driving and accident avoidance. India has a traffic accident fatality rate that is over twice as high as the USA, and the Indian government is taking active measure to reduce accidents and fatalities.

Keith Maher, VR Motion Co-founder and CEO, said "Our purpose at VR Motion is to provide tools that will create better drivers globally and reduce casualties. Tata Elxsi has shown amazing leadership in helping to bring this cutting-edge technology to the drivers of India and we are thrilled to partner with them to support this worthy mission".

"The collaboration between Tata Elxsi and VR Motion is aimed at addressing the real challenges that vehicle and fleet owners & operators face today. Partnering with VR Motion Corp and promoting the VRMC software with the VR Hardware will help promote a safe driving awareness and reduce fatalities" said Sunil Punjabi, Vice President and Head of Systems Integration Services at Tata Elxsi. "We look forward to working with VR Motion Corp on a long-term collaborative partnership."

## INSIDE EUROPE AUTO NEWS BYTES

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## Distracted Driving Reaches All Time High According to Research of University Missouri

A distracted driver — such as answering a phone call, a text message, or being distracted by a passenger — is 29 TIMES MORE LIKELY to wreck in a work zone, says Praveen Edara and a team of researchers.

“Unfortunately, crash reports do not include detailed information about driver behavior prior to a crash,” Edara said. “What’s unique about our research project is that we used naturalistic driving study data that provides information about how driver, vehicle, roadway and environmental factors contribute to a crash. In other words, we reconstructed a driver’s actions and the surrounding environment prior to the crash from a firsthand account.”

The study’s results could provide recommendations on “behavioral countermeasures” to state transportation agencies and the Federal Highway Administration, which are implementing countermeasures to decrease injuries and fatalities in a highway work zone. Of the seven current Federal Highway Administration funded projects using this data, only MU is using the data to specifically look at highway work zones.

## Cadillac XTS Test Drive Report

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many are still in use in big cities like New York and Los Angeles.

The XTS is most comfortable on long trips and gets a respectful MPG of 19-28 miles per gallon. The field of sedans on the market is mind-boggling. The amount of technology goes from minimal to overwhelming. Dealers now offer courses in learning how to use the technology. This also helps improve customer evaluations of the dealership.

I do like the fact the phone works well with most and this is great to help keep your eyes on the road. This is especially important if you have a teen driving the car. Pairing the phone is simple for most systems.

Seating really is for four, not five passengers. The middle of the

back seat is great for a youngster but that’s all. The 3.6l 304 HP V-6 engine has good acceleration and the six-speed transmission is seamless. Pricing starts at \$46,395 and jumps to \$65,695 there is also a V model for more performance. AWD starts at \$52,395 for folks living in cold and icy areas.

The XTS supports Apple Carplay and Android Auto. The XTS is a good value if you are looking for a Cadillac sedan. The XTS is available in a base model, Luxury, Premium and Platinum V-Sport. I understand Cadillac is planning for two new sedans in the future and is not abandoning the sedan market.

The Cadillac SUV market hit a home run with the Escalade and now its time for the sedans to do the same.



Cadillac XTS (photo Harold Allen)

## NWAPA (Northwest Automotive Press Assoc.) Announces “Mudfest” Event Winners

The Northwest Automotive Press Association named the 2020 Jeep Gladiator Rubicon 4x4 as the top vehicle at its annual Northwest Outdoor Activity Vehicle of the Year competition. The all-new 2020 Gladiator came out on top with its excellent on-road drivability, off-road prowess, and its impressive utility. This new pickup truck demonstrated an unbeatable combination of performance, features, capability, and technology during the NWAPA’s 25th annual Mudfest competition.

NWAPA automotive media professionals spent two days driving 22 vehicles through a mix of on-road handling and off-road courses at The Ridge Motorsports Park in Shelton, Wash. Day one’s activities included on-road handling testing while the second day took journalists through a custom-made off-road course built at The Ridge to evaluate the capabilities of the sport utility vehicles, crossovers, and pickups.

Entrants in Mudfest competed in six categories: Subcompact and Compact Family Utility Vehicles, Mid-and Full-Size Family Utility Vehicles, Compact and Midsize Luxury Utility Vehicles, Full-Size Luxury Utility Vehicles, Pickup Trucks and Extreme Capability Vehicles. NWAPA members also selected an overall winner: The Northwest Outdoor Activity Vehicle of the Year.

While the competition was fierce, and the voting was close, there can be only one winner from each category. These vehicles earned the praise of the 25 NWAPA media professionals who evaluated the vehicles:

- Subcompact and Compact Family – **2019 Subaru Forester Sport**
- Runner up – **2019 Jeep Renegade Trailhawk**
- Mid-and Full-Size Family – **2020 Kia Telluride SX V6 AWD**
- Runner up – **2019 Toyota 4Runner TRD PRO**
- Compact and Midsize Luxury – **2020 Mercedes-Benz GLE450 4MATIC**
- Runner up – **2019 Acura RDX SH-AWD A-SPEC**
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- Runner up – **2019 Ram 2500 Power Wagon Crew Cab 4X4**
- Extreme Capability – **2020 Jeep Gladiator Rubicon**
- Runner up – **2019 Mercedes-Benz G550**
- NW Outdoor Activity Vehicle of the Year – **2020 Jeep Gladiator Rubicon**
- Runner up – **2020 Kia Telluride SX V6 AWD**

## INSIDE CHINA AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

### Automechanika Shanghai 2019 embraces the evolving automotive ecosystem

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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Gary Williams (right) with the All-New Saleen S1 Sports Car at Entrance to Legends of Auto Gala Dinner (photo Auto News)

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Legends (left to right) Bob Bondurant, Lyn St. James, Bill McCallum, Founder, Tom duPont, Steve Saleen, Barry Meguiar, Keith Martin, Ken Lingenfelter and Dana Mecum (photo Auto News)



Legends of Auto Gala Event attendees at dinner during presentations (photo Auto News)



Steve Saleen (left), John Clinnard, Ford (ctr) and Keith Martin at Legends Gala (photo Auto News)



George Barris, a Legend who has departed, with Gary Williams at Pebble Beach Concours (photo Auto News)

Legends of Auto Gala Dinner Brings guests from Across the U.S.

by Bill McCallum

Our "Legends of Auto Gala Dinner" in Monterey during Classic Car Week was an outstanding success.

I want to publicly thank our Sponsor (Mecum), Legends (see above photo), our guests, our partners, (see page 24), our team from Los Angeles (Gary, Joyce, Lisa.) and our team from Seattle (Barb, Chris, Mike, Zach). Thanks to all and see you next year on August 15th. Same time same place. (See page 10)

This year we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the founding of "Legends of Auto" and on August 15, 2019 we will celebrate the actual 10th annual Legends of Auto Event in Monterey during Classic Car Week. If your an auto enthusiast Classic Car Week and our Legends Event should be on your "bucket list". Make your reservations today. (see Gary Williams story on page 4 and 9)

Legends honored this year included; Tom duPont, founder duPont Registry Magazine, Ken Lingenfelter CEO Lingenfelter Company, Keith Martin, founder Sports Car Market Magazine, Barry Meguiar, President Meguiar Car Care Products Company, Steve Saleen, CEO Saleen Motor Company. Bob Bondurant, Bondurant Performance Driving School, Dana Mecum, Founder Mecum Auctions, Lyn St. James, and others.

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- Sandra Button - Concours Chair
- Corky Coker - Tire Co. Exec.
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- Ken Gross - Concours Judge
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# CARS, STARS AND FILMS



International actress and actor Blanca Blanco and John Savage at the Brentwood & Pacific Palisades International Film Festival on June 10, 2019 in Los Angeles (photo courtesy of Sheri Determan)

## Joyce Chow Covers the Brentwood & Pacific Palisades International Film Festival

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Simpson's sister.

Bai Ling, who we last caught posing with cars at the Greystone Concours d'Elegance in Beverly Hills, was presented with the Global Actress Award by supermodel and

comedian Eugenia Kuzmina, the Best Actress in a Comedy.

George DiCaprio's West Coast premiere of his "Pollinators Under Pressure" was one of his latest films with his son Leonardo DiCaprio. While Leo wasn't present, Nor-

mandie and Peggy DiCaprio were when he received the Legacy Award. International actress and singer Maria Conchita Alonso was also presented the Legacy Award.

We held the World Premiere of "Envy" after returning from the Cote d'Azur Webfest in Cannes at the Cannes Film Festival. Patrick Kilpatrick and Sofia Milos earned Best Actor and Actress Awards Mini Movies with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Clinton H. Wallace.

Additional talent included: Martin Kove (Fake News), Tori Higginson (Fake News), John Barrymore (Fake News), Jennifer Day (Fake News), Gillian Greene (Fanboy), Patrika Darbo (The Bold and the Beautiful), Kate Linder (The Young and the Restless), David Milbern (Now What?), Chris Browning (Bosch), Leonardo Nam (Westworld) and BJ Korros (Shout Out for a Cause).

Thankfully, my Kia Sorrento, just passing the 200,000 mile mark continues to be reliable and was large enough to transport one of our main prizes, a TCL 65" 4k television. It's an endurance race similar to the film festival. Thank you Kia.



International actresses Maria Conchita Alonzo and Sofia Milos at the Brentwood & Pacific Palisades International Film Festival on June 10, 2019 in Los Angeles (photo courtesy of Sheri Determan)

## Curing Kids Cancer-An Update on this 14-year-old Charity

Back in 2005 when Curing Kids Cancer ("CKC") was founded – it was just two parents at their kitchen table grieving the loss of one of their twin boys. But these parents knew they had to act because as their 9-year-old son Killian was battling leukemia they learned about a new drug. At the time, this specific drug was stuck in the lab and was too underfunded to get

into treatment. This knowledge inspired the Owens to start CKC, because they did not want any other families to go through the same loss they did. Grainne and Clay Owen began fundraising one year after losing Killian. That was 14 years ago. Since then the "CKC" team has grown to have five full time employees in three locations across the United States, and has

raised more than \$15 million!

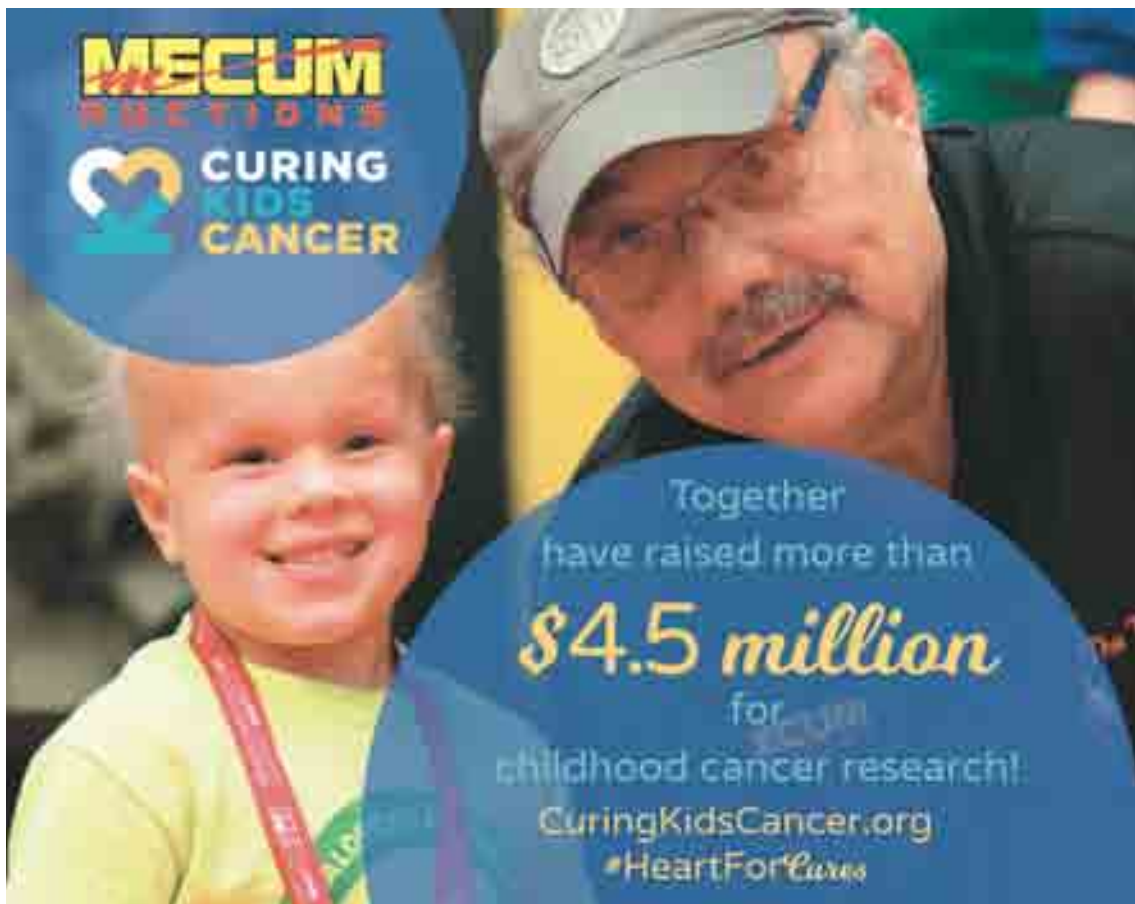
Much of CKC's success can be credited to its partnerships, especially the one with Mecum Auctions. More than seven years ago, Grainne and Clay Owen had the opportunity to meet Dana Mecum at an auction after a donated motorcycle crossed a Mecum Auction block in Kissimmee, F.L. After some time getting to know



the Mecums and the Mecum family getting to know the Owen family, a partnership was formed. Now, Mecum Auctions customers, staff and partners have helped CKC raise more than \$6 million for childhood cancer therapies. The relationship with Mecum Auctions involves the world's largest auction house donating a neon sign or clock to raise money to find cures for all childhood cancers. This has blossomed into countless customers and companies becoming involved by donating cars, motorcycles and memorabilia.

This partnership is so much more than just raising money, CKC also has the opportunity to share these auctions with patient families. Kids from local children's hospital attend the auction and have the chance to drop the hammer for CKC. It is a great time for all as their families enjoy a fun day looking at cars and meeting the Mecum Auctions team.

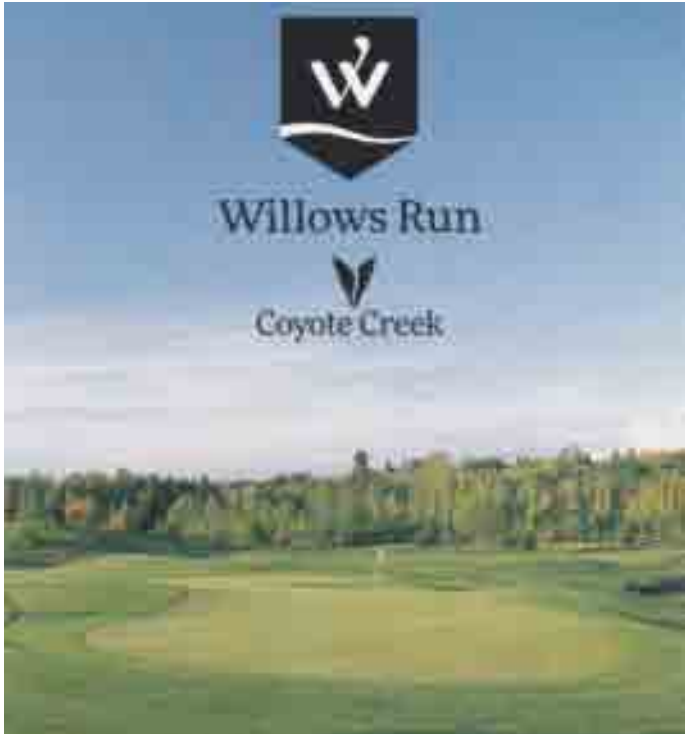
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Ella with Dana Mecum



# Ride & Drive: 2019 Hyundai Tucson at Willows Run Golf Course



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from the black tees. For more info call (425) 883-1200 or visit [www.willowsrun.com](http://www.willowsrun.com)

**THE RIDE** - The 2019 Hyundai Tucson got a major refresh for 2019 and is great value ride for any golfer. With a starting MSRP of \$ 23,500 and 24 MPG for your trip to the golf course the Tucson is easy on the pocket book. For 2019 the Tucson is powered by a 2.4 liter I-4 mated with a 7sp twin-clutch transmission. Safety features include; forward collision warning, automatic emergency warning, lane keeping assist and are standard. If your looking for a new SUV take a look.

# Toyota Camry takes on Everglades Nat'l. Park

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the entire 2,350 square mile park varies only a few feet above sea

level. Fuel economy in the Camry averages 32 mpg from the 2.5-liter four cylinder engine paired with

an eight speed automatic transmission. Driving the XLE trim, which is the higher end trim, the vehicle was equipped with several great options like the driver assist package, navigation package and panoramic sun roof with front power tilt/slide moonroof. Offered in four other four-cylinder trims, the Camry is also available two trims with a powerful six-cylinder 3.5-liter engine as well as a hybrid model.

Everglades National Park offers a wide variety of environments with nine separate ecosystems — marine and estuarine, coastal marsh, mangrove, cypress, coastal prairie, freshwater slough, pine-land, freshwater marl prairie and hardwood hammock. The park is a bird watchers paradise as well as a place to catch a glimpse of an endangered or threatened species like the American crocodile, West Indian manatee, Florida panther or east indigo snake.

Proceeding into the park, we stopped at the Royal Palm area where two popular half-mile walking trails are wheelchair accessible. Along one trail winding through a marsh, alligators and wading birds were plentiful. Tall royal palms and gumbo-limbo trees were on the second trail which passes through a woodland.

Back in the Camry for the 30-mile jaunt to the end of the road at the Flamingo Visitor Center, we relaxed in the comfortable seating of the 8-way power adjustable seats. As driver, I was treated to power lumbar support. The leather trimmed seats are also heated, but on the pleasant spring day we visited the park, the feature was not used.

A few quick words about the weather in the park — the summer months are usually hot, humid and buggy. May through November is usually the wet season and an occasional hurricane may drop in. The first four months of the year are probably the best time to visit.

At the Flamingo area — where we saw no flamingos — we hopped on a tour boat that traveled up the wilderness waterways through mangrove forests where alligators, manatees, river otters, crocodiles, and wading birds inhabit the rivers.

On our way back to Fort Lauderdale, I got to test the braking power of the Camry when a small reptile skittered across the road in South Miami. I braked quickly as did other motorists to avoid a roadkill situation. The brakes were excellent — no skidding, no swerving and I'm sure the LED taillights helped avoid being rear ended.

Once on the interstate, I was able to appreciate the power of he Camry's very adequate four cylinder engine. Florida drivers are in a hurry to get somewhere, so I quickly got accustomed to acceleration!

Everglades National Park was unlike any other National Park I have visited — it offers a stark reminder of the ecological dilemmas that occur naturally as well as those created by man. In contrast, the Camry is a very dependable, eighth generation sedan that remarkably keeps getting better.



Heading into Everglades National Park, the beautiful red Toyota Camry entered the Main Park Road at the Ernest F. Coe visitor center on the east side of the park.



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# “Infiniti’s Logo is meant to represent a horizon”... of exciting New Products



Infiniti’s QS Inspiration (photo Michelle Hale)

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SUV and moving its global headquarters back to Japan in order to gain more synergies with its parent Nissan.

This is good news for loyal Infiniti fans who were devoted to the G and loved the FX, as this means new products are coming, presumably with more help from the Nissan stable.

To be sure, Infiniti’s latest offering, the QX50, is one of the best-looking luxury SUVs in the mid-size segment, sporting the first series production engine that can vary compression ratios on the fly for both power and efficiency. The QX50, however, is built on a unique platform, not currently shared with any other vehicles

in the Nissan (or for that matter Renault) portfolio. While it’s a cracker of a chassis, delivering a smooth, capable ride, gone are the days when automakers can continue to grow deploying single-use platforms.

The soon-to-be-a-collector’s item QX30 is a great looking SUV that shares a chassis with Mercedes’ GLA. The company said they couldn’t make the business case work and it’s a pity as it probably brought new customers to the brand. Production will end soon.

Infiniti turns 30 this year, having debuted at the North American International Auto Show in 1989. It’s had some standout products and breakthrough technologies and, like other luxury brands that

are part of bigger groups (as Cadillac is to GM; Lincoln is to Ford; Audi is to VW, etc.), it has tried to maintain differentiation with Nissan through its distinct design and engine performance.

The need to differentiate is why former Nissan executive and current Aston Martin CEO Andy Palmer moved the brand’s HQ to Hong Kong in 2012 – to give it room to grow on its own outside the yoke of Yokohama. In January in Detroit, Palmer spoke about the challenges luxury brands face while operating as part of larger automakers.

Like many millennials, it’s time to move back in with the parents. Let’s hope the move achieves the synergies and efficiencies to expand the portfolio in significant ways. The Company has said it will electrify its entire lineup in the coming years, using traditional battery electric powertrains and a technology exclusive to Nissan called e-Power, which uses a traditional gasoline engine as a generator to keep a battery charged. The motor is powered exclusively by the battery, not the gas engine, and according to the Company, this eliminates range anxiety associated with battery electrics. Nissan introduced e-Power on the compact NOTE in Japan a few year’s ago and has seen sales skyrocket.

Infiniti unveiled its latest electric concept – the QS Inspiration – in Shanghai in April (pictured).

The move out of Europe is not surprising, as the brand never really took hold among the German stalwarts. The EU (plus or minus the UK) is entrenched with traditional players all of whom will face tough emissions regulations in the coming years.

Infiniti says it will focus on the US and China, the two biggest markets in the world, as it transitions to electrification.

The brand’s logo is meant to represent a horizon. With the help of Nissan and the move to Japan, let’s hope there are some exciting products around the bend.

## Outdoorsy Announces Vehicle Purchase Program With New Online Distribution Model

### Outdoorsy

*First-of-its-kind vehicle purchasing, financing, and distribution program is designed to fulfill skyrocketing demand in the recreational vehicle market*

Outdoorsy announced the launch of its Vehicle Purchase Program, an internet sales and distribution model for campervans and RVs. This new, one-stop purchasing platform — a first in the recreational vehicle space — harnesses the power of the internet to give consumers factory-direct access for purchasing recreational vehicles that have historically been unavailable to the average consumer.

Outdoorsy’s new platform streamlines the online purchasing process for campervans and RVs, with the initial models to be provided by Mercedes-Benz with **continued on next page**

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2018 Legends and Honored Guests (Left to Right) Bob Bondurant, Lyn St. James, Bill McCallum, Tom duPont, Steve Saleen, Barry Meguiar, Keith Martin, Ken Lingenfelter and Dana Mecum

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## Legends of Auto Gala Dinner

2019 Legends to be announced Spring 2019

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## Outdoorsy Announces Vehicle Purchase Program With New Online Distribution Model

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financing provided by Daimler Financial Services. The new platform works in tandem with dealers and upfitters.

Introduced as the Outdoorsy Vehicle Purchase Program, individual owners as well as rental fleet managers now have factory-direct access — from purchase and financing to insurance, listing, and renting — all within the Outdoorsy marketplace to fulfill growing demand.

“We are geared toward consumers and small- to mid-sized businesses who don’t have the purchasing power bigger rental companies do. The Vehicle Purchase Program gives users a simple, hassle- and headache-free way to grow their business,” says Outdoorsy CEO Jeff Cavins. “Whether you’re adding a campervan for personal use, just getting started as a lister on Outdoorsy, or are a Pro dealer wanting to expand your fleet, we’ve designed this program to enhance transparency while eliminating the friction and high costs associated with traditional purchasing and financing methods.”

For Outdoorsy RV owners, this announcement means they’ll be able to solve their most difficult operational needs and focus on the core of their business: providing their customers with the best rental experience possible. For Outdoorsy RV renters, this means more searchable, high-quality vehicle options directly at their fingertips.

Outdoorsy’s new program launches first with Mercedes-Benz and Sportsmobile, and Outdoorsy is currently in conversations with additional manufacturers to further expand product selection in the marketplace. Mercedes-Benz was selected for their world-renowned Sprinter and Metris vans. Sportsmobile is the most recognized and respected Campervan upfitter in the world.

Kyle Columbus, Outdoorsy’s director of business development for OEM relationships, joins Outdoorsy from Mercedes-Benz, where he spent almost a decade developing digital delivery programs and products. Columbus is responsible for spearheading the buildout of Outdoorsy’s Vehicle Purchase Program.

“Outdoorsy’s Vehicle Purchase Program is in strategic alignment with manufacturers like Mercedes-Benz who are seeing explosive global demand for campervans, which are especially popular among millennials. In fact, millennials and Gen Xers represent more than 70 percent of all campervan and RV rentals on Outdoorsy,” Columbus says. “This new program will unlock much-needed supply for this fast-growing audience.”

**Program benefits include:**

- **Discounted pricing.** Outdoorsy’s 2020 pricing for all Sprinter vans are set at discounted, industry-leading rates unavailable through dealers.

- **Preferred upfitter.** Sports-

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### CHEVROLET TRAVERSE AWD



The Traverse was redesigned last year and added a new infotainment system this year including Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

**BASE PRICE:** \$30,925  
**TYPE:** SUV  
**ENGINE:** 3.6L V6  
**TRANS:** 9-speed AT  
**HORSEPOWER:** 310 hp  
**MPG:** 17 city / 25 hiway

### CHEVROLET SILVERADO



The Chevrolet Silverado has been redesigned and is lighter. A turbo diesel I-6 has been added to the engine lineup and the towing capacity increased.

**BASE PRICE:** \$29,795  
**TYPE:** Pickup Truck  
**ENGINE:** 2.7L Turbo  
**TRANS:** eCVT  
**HORSEPOWER:** 310 hp  
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### TOYOTA 4-RUNNER TRD PRO



The Toyota 4-Runner in Voodoo Blue is a popular addition to Toyota’s “Blue Wave.” See cover story and photo. Great for off-roading.

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**TYPE:** SUV  
**ENGINE:** 4.0L V-6  
**TRANS:** 5-speed AT  
**HORSEPOWER:** 270 hp  
**MPG:** 17 city / 20 hiway

### RAV4 ADVENTURE AWD



A major redesign for Toyota’s all-time best seller. Shares an engine with the Camry and lots of room for road trips and packed with safety features.

**BASE PRICE:** \$26,500  
**TYPE:** SUV  
**ENGINE:** 2.5L 4 cylinder  
**TRANS:** 6-speed AT  
**HORSEPOWER:** 203 hp  
**MPG:** 25 city / 33 hiway

### VOLVO S60 T6 R-Design



The Volvo S60 T6 is a premium offering from Volvo loaded with new safety features, above average MPG and an elegant interior.

**BASE PRICE:** \$38,000  
**TYPE:** Luxury Sedan  
**ENGINE:** 2.0L Turbo I-4  
**TRANS:** 8A  
**HORSEPOWER:** 316 hp  
**MPG:** 26 city / 36 hiway

\*\*\* all information on vehicles as tested



# Ford Explorer is The All-Time Best Selling SUV in America

When you're the leader of the pack, the view only continues to get better. Such is the case with the new 2020 Ford Explorer which has been the perennial leader for almost three decades. With some 8 million sales since its introduction, the Ford Explorer has been the all-time best-selling SUV in America. This sixth-generation model is the most advanced version to date. The newest example has its sights set on continuing to dominate and hold the title as the leading SUV in the industry.

For 2020 the Explorer returns to rear wheel drive. This enables the Explorer to capture the most capable towing capability in this highly competitive SUV class. Vehicles equipped with a 3.0-liter V6 EcoBoost and the towing package can haul up to 5,600 pounds, while those outfitted with a 2.3-liter EcoBoost with the towing package can tow up to 5,300 pounds.

Equipped with the standard 10-speed automatic transmission and available Terrain Management System with seven drive modes, the Explorer can take occupants anywhere they want to go, in comfort and style. The drive mode system, controlled by a rotary dial on the center console, lets drivers shift easily between Normal, Slippery, Trail, Deep Snow/Sand, Sport, Tow/Haul and Eco modes.

Comfort and space is designed with the passenger in mind. Sliding second-row seats make it easy to customize the inside to fit your crew. Reports state that now even

a child can easily operate the previously challenging second row operation. With best-in-class first and second row hip room and best second row headroom, the interior has answered requests from customers to better accommodate interior room including unsurpassed third row headroom.

PowerFold third-row seats make it easy to create a flat-floor cargo area that bests the competition. Power lift gate continues the list of surprise and delight features. Dual-Zone Electronic Automatic Temperature Control add to conveniences to complete the 'inside story'.

40/20/40 second-row seats, with split fold flat and reclining outboard seats reminds occupants of all the comforts of home. FordPass Connect 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot, SiriusXM satellite radio, SYNC 3, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility assure the latest and best technology conveniences.

The latest in safety was not overlooked with Ford Co-Pilot360 driver-assist system. It includes automatic emergency braking with rear view camera, blind spot information with cross traffic alert and lane keeping system technology. Ford's new Active Park Assist 2.0 enables the driver to hold a button on the dashboard while the Explorer takes control of the steering wheel, gas pedal, brake pedal and gear shifter to fit the vehicle neatly into a parallel or perpendicular parking space.

Ford Co-Pilot360 is standard across every Explorer model. Post-collision braking is also

standard on all models offering advanced features such as Reverse Brake Assist and Intelligent Adaptive Cruise Control with Speed Sign Recognition.

The all-new Explorer offers two new models to round out the popular Explorer line. The Explorer ST and the Explorer Hybrid. All-new for Explorer is the ST, the newest SUV from Ford Performance. This is the most fun to drive and the most powerful Explorer ever with a specially tuned 3.0-liter EcoBoost engine projected to

make 400 horsepower and 415 lb.-ft. of torque. Targeted top track speed is 143 mph. Strictly a performance machine and a real standout in the SUV world.

All-new for the Explorer line is the Hybrid. This SUV is designed to offer performance and capability in a fuel-efficient package with a 3.3-liter hybrid powertrain producing 318 combined system horsepower and is projected to return an EPA-estimated range of more than 500 miles between gas station fill-ups in the rear-wheel

-drive model.

The new Explorer family goes on sale this summer. As America's favorite SUV Explorer sets the pace for the rest of the Ford's utility lineup, which will grow this year with an all-new Escape and add to the recently introduced Expedition.

Look out for the Explorer lineup that includes the base model, XLT, Limited and Platinum models. Ford continues the lead in the hottest segment of the auto industry, SUVs and crossovers.



All-New 2019 Ford Explorer (photo Ford Motor Co.)

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**Monterey area couple turn their 40 Plus Classic Car Collection into a Rental Fleet - (MTV)**

Carmel Valley residents, Rob and Heather Gardner have turned a classic car collecting hobby into business. The business, Monterey Touring Vehicles (MTV) uses the Gardner's 30 classic cars as a rental fleet for tourists and local residents to tour Carmel, Monterey, Big Sur and the world famous Pebble Beach 18 mile drive. The Gardner's said ".....we thought these cars need to be driven

and why not let our clients have fun driving them."

The Monterey Touring Vehicle (MTV) fleet includes; a 1965 Ford Shelby Cobra, 1988 Chevy Camaro, 1955 Ford Thunderbird, 1970 Chevy Corvette, 1985 Nissan 300 ZX, 1988 Mercedes 560SL, 2008 Tesla Roadster, 1965 Ford Mustang GT, 1961 Volkswagen 22-window van, 1970 Pontiac Firebird, 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder,

1957 Chevy Bel Air, 1971 Cadillac Eldorado, 1978 Volkswagen Bug Convertible, 1949 Willy's Overland, 1978 Citroen 2CV, and a 1981 Delorean to name a few. You can rent a classic car for 1/2 a day (4 hrs.) or a full day (8 to 24 hrs.) Prices range from \$200 (1/2 day) to \$800 (full day). For more information or reservations, visit [www.montereytouringvehicles.com](http://www.montereytouringvehicles.com)



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A 1965 Shelby GT500 Mustang was a Top Seller at last years Auction (photo MAG Auctions)

## Two Power House Auto Auctions - Motorsport Auction Group and Silver Auctions of Arizona Join Forces

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### **About Silver Auctions of Arizona:**

For the past 20 years, Silver Auctions of Arizona has been a mainstay of the collector car scene in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area. Originally founded by Mitch Silver, it was later sold to Emmett Rice, a long-time car dealer, auto enthusiast, and owner of Vintage Autohaus & Imports in Amarillo, Texas.

Silver Auctions of Arizona holds three large auctions every year with the largest being in January during Arizona Auction Week.

Over the past 20 years, Silver Auctions of Arizona has thrived with their highest priorities being honesty, integrity, and providing a comfortable auction setting where everyone is welcome.

### **How this Impacts the Future:**

With strong company values so closely aligned, it seems like a great fit that these two companies would combine forces. I had the pleasure of speaking with both Mike Oberle and Emmett Rice and the passion that they brought when speaking about the auto auction industry, auto enthusiasts, and the future of these two companies left no doubt in my mind that they're on the verge of something great. "We have a shared vision and are focusing on building the brand and taking care of customers" stated Oberle.

With Silver and MAG doing business together under one name, Rice and Oberle will be able to achieve greater economies of scale with their business. "It was time to combine our efforts" stated Rice when speaking on the partnership. Both are dedicated to maintaining the customer centric values that has made them successful over the years - delivering three quality auctions in the 2019 calendar year.

When asked if there was a fourth on the horizon, Rice stated that the two were going to "let one thing lead to another" and focus on making the three confirmed auctions great ones. From everything I've heard, it seems that's exactly the direction they're headed. With some great ideas to create a superior auction experience for sellers and buyers alike, checking out one of the MAG Auctions in 2019 would be a great move if you're looking for that next collector car, specialty vehicle, or simply an exciting time!

### **Auction Schedule:**

Based on previous auction schedules, and the currently announced Collector Car Auction, below are what we anticipate will be the auction schedule for end of 2019 through the beginning of 2020.

**August 8th-10th, 2019** - Collector Car Auction at Hot August Nights | Reno, NV  
**TBA November, 2019** - Fall Auction | Phoenix, AZ  
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# OEM & AFTERMARKET PARTS



## Arnott® Introduces New Rear Air Springs for Range Rovers® & Range Rover Sport

- Arnott's new air springs feature a high-impact resin top mount and bottom piston
- The Arnott air springs are assembled with an OE-quality air sleeve
- Arnott replacement air springs are designed, assembled and tested in the U.S.

Arnott, the industry leader in aftermarket air suspension products, has introduced new aftermarket replacement air springs for the 2013-2018 Range Rover and 2014-2018 Range Rover Sport.

Arnott's new rear air springs A-3025 for the 2013-2018 Range Rover L405 chassis and A-3027 for the 2014-2018 Range Rover Sport L494 chassis feature an OE quality air sleeve, heavy-duty crimping rings and high-impact plastic resin top and bottom pistons. The Arnott replacement air springs are designed, assembled and tested in the U.S.

Arnott's new universal Range Rover air springs fit either the left or right side of the vehicle and are backed by Arnott's industry leading warranty.

For more information on the company's extensive line of affordable, high-quality air suspension products for more than 150 automotive and motorcycle applications, visit [www.arnottindustries.com](http://www.arnottindustries.com).

## United Pacific Industries Launches New Classic Car Parts E-commerce Website

In an effort to better serve their classic auto enthusiast customers, United Pacific Industries has introduced an all-new online shopping website: UPcarparts.com. This website allows users to easily search for items by product name, key word or part number while also providing the option for customers to peruse all available products for classic Chevy and Ford automobiles as well as merchandise such as a t-shirt, gift items and car accessories.

United Pacific has released the new site with clean and modern designs. Online shopping at UPcarparts.com provides the United Pacific brand experience to the customer. Customers can easily search products and add them to their shopping cart, which is a brand-new feature for the company. Listed on the site are more than 6,000 parts and accessories for automobiles such as the 1932 Ford vehicles, 1966-89 Ford Mustang, 1966-77 Ford Bronco, Chevrolet C-10 and more.

Additional features of the website include customer registration for email notifications, customer support and a blog and news section. United Pacific has created a mobile-ready version of the site as well. The website is also extremely protected, giving

customers the security necessary to confidently purchase products from the website.

"We are thrilled to launch the UPI e-commerce website for U.S. customers. This significant milestone adds another layer to the buying experience. Our U.S. customers will now have 24 hour access to the best of UPI's car parts and accessories via their computers, smartphones and tablets from anywhere in the U.S.," said Jai Baek, marketing and creative director for United Pacific Industries.

The new website is currently live, and customers can visit the site to make purchases of all of the products they need to rebuild or customize their classic vehicle.

**About United Pacific Industries**  
United Pacific Industries is a leading manufacturer of heavy duty truck and classic vehicle parts. With parts engineered with superior reliability to meet the demands of customers and automotive enthusiasts, United Pacific sets the standard for quality, design and innovation. More than 20,000 parts are available from United Pacific for big rigs and classic cars. For more information, call 866.327.5288 or visit UPcarparts.com. Follow United Pacific: facebook.com/UPcarparts or Instagram: @unitedpaciflongbeach.

## All-New Jeep Gladiator Test Drive

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This automatic was what I drove and it works flawlessly whether on the freeway or handling 5,000 rpm in low-range off-road. This V6 makes 285 hp and 260-lb-ft of torque – it also comes standard with an engine stop/start fuel saving feature.

You know, the last time Jeep offered a pickup was 28 years ago. With an absence from the truck

market that long my expectations were high – and Jeep's need to deliver was even higher. They did it.

As the day wore on, I couldn't find a fault with this new mid-size truck on-road or off. Though I didn't have a chance to tow with it (I will get to that this summer) the overall performance and interior livability of this Jeep is simply put – very good.



All-New Jeep Gladiator (photo Howard Elmer)

## Toyota Tundra TRD Limited Review

While the base MSRP of the Toyota Tundra is \$ 31,500 the MSRP of our Tundra 4 X 4 Limited Crew Cab as driven was \$ 44,195 with the TRD package optional equipment extra. The Toyota Tundra offers an industry leading value for the segment.

I was impressed with the drivers visibility, comfortable seating, and spacious crew cab.

Safety features include; Rear back-up Camera, Manual Headlamp Level Control, Trailer Brake & Trailer Sway Control, Star Safety System incl. ABS and VSC., 3-point Seat belts for all positions, 8 total Airbags and tire Pressure Monitoring.

If you are considering a new truck I suggest a Toyota Tundra Test Drive.

# 53% of Americans Prefer Driving Over Flying for their Vacations

The summertime means vacation time for Americans, and while many may feel worried about how they might get there, Quaker State motor oil wants travelers to know that when they start their engines, their vacation won't become a staycation.

Together with OnePoll, Quaker State conducted a survey of 2,000 American car owners about their summer travel plans and found that more than one in three people prefer to drive instead of fly! The

main reason, according to 53% of participants, is that driving is a lot cheaper than flying. Another big reason Americans prefer driving over flying means families get to spend quality time together and experience more time with each other. Forty-five percent of families ensure everyone is included – even their pets – when going on a trip!

Drivers are cautious before they embark, 54% of participants say they make sure to change their oil before hitting the road. Along with

changing their oil prior to leaving, the number one thing Americans do before heading out for a long drive or family road trip is to check their car's tires.

"With many American's choosing to travel by car for their summer vacations, it's important to ensure your vehicle is ready for the trip ahead," said Jaclyn Chastain, Quaker State Marketing Manager. "Quaker State encourages drivers to check their vehicle maintenance requirements preventively before

embarking on their trip. A fresh oil change with a high-quality motor oil like Quaker State Ultimate Durability, filling up your gas tank, checking your tire pressure and having a roadside emergency kit are all important, so drivers can have a safe journey to and from their destination."

Once they hit the road, one of the first things families do is put on music to accompany them. When listening to music, the number one genre played in the car on a road trip is rock, at 51%! Not far behind rock is pop at 44% and country at 41%. Artists span from Ariana Grande and Beyoncé to Whitney Houston and Jay-Z. Some Americans are ready for their hearts to go on with Céline Dion while others are stopping at the "Hotel California" by The Eagles. Some drivers are celebrating their time off with Will Smith and his "Summertime" jam but won't forget to go down John Denver's country roads.

### On Average Road Trip Facts

Hours spent on the road	23
Car games played	16
Snacks eaten	13
Bathroom breaks	11
<b>Top Music Genres Played On A Road Trip</b>	
Rock	51%
Pop	44%
Country	41%
Hip-Hop/Rap	37%
<b>Top 3 Reasons To Stop On A Road Trip</b>	
Fill their gas tank	70%
Bathroom break	67%

### Getting snacks 66% Top 3 Reasons To Drive Instead Of Fly

Driving is cheaper than flying 53%  
Seeing and experiencing more together 43%

### Spending quality family time with one another 41% Top 5 Car Games

License plate game	43%
I spy	37%
21 questions	32%
Phone/tablet games	31%
Bingo	27%

### Top 5 Stressful Parts Of A Family Road Trip

Traffic	68%
Bad weather	62%
Making sure the car is properly working	39%
Keeping the kids entertained	38%
Bringing enough food/snacks for the road	30%

### Top 5 Pre-Road Trip Essentials

Checking the car's tires	68%
Making sure enough gas is in the car	68%
Checking the oil in the car	62%
Getting an oil change	54%
Making sure enough snacks/food are packed	54%

### Top 5 Most Common Road Trip Experiences

Getting lost/taking a wrong turn	53%
Getting a flat tire	43%
Someone in the car getting car sick	35%
Losing cell reception at a crucial moment	31%
Having a child who won't stop crying	30%



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TECHNOLOGY

## Bondurant School of High Performance Driving Announces New Drag Racing Program

*New course is the chance of a lifetime to learn the art of drag racing behind the wheel of fastest street cars including 840-horsepower Challenger SRT Demon, SRT Hellcat, Hellcat Widebody and SRT 392*

Bondurant School of High Performance Driving announced the addition of a new drag racing program, breaking new ground as the first of its kind to offer professional drag racing instruction to the public behind the wheel of the most powerful street legal cars in the world on July 27 and August 17, 2019, with additional courses being announced in the coming weeks. Courses are limited to only 16 students per class and cost is \$1,999 per driver.

"We're thrilled to offer this new drag racing program with our partners at Dodge/SRT," said Bruce Belser, CEO of Bondurant School of High Performance Driving. "Drag racing is an adrenaline-filled motorsport that requires a certain set of skills. Our new course will

help drivers of every skill level improve their technique and drop their one-eighth mile time behind the wheel of powerful Dodge/SRT vehicles." Belser notes the course is the first new addition this year from the school and he expects classes to fill, given there was a limited number of Demons produced and many auto enthusiasts may never have the chance again to drive the car. Demon owners have the opportunity to experience Bondurant training; the new course is the first time it will be open to all drivers.

Classroom instruction for the full-day school will last approximately two hours and will address the fundamental rules of drag racing, including proper launch, staging technique, reaction time, signals and safety pre- and post-checks. On-track instruction will be under the direction and supervision of a professional Bondurant instructor. Each student will get in-classroom and on-track instruction followed by eight 1/8 mile full passes.

## Outdoorsy Announces Vehicle Purchase Program With New Online Distribution Model

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mobile, the largest Class B upfitter in the nation, will prioritize Outdoorsy vehicle purchasers — a significant advantage as the average wait time for a custom-built Sprinter van ranges anywhere from six months to a year and a half.

**• Innovative financing.**  
Through Daimler Financial Services, Outdoorsy offers industry-first commercial financing for aspiring small businesses, Pro owners, and dealers purchasing from one to multiple vehicles at a time.

"By making the most popular units more accessible to consumers wanting to experience RV travel and ownership, Outdoorsy is solving a huge problem in the supply-constrained RV and campervan marketplace with their new one-stop shop model," says Paul Meyer, President of Sportsmobile.

Outdoorsy's new program will complement existing businesses, such as dealers and upfitters, by bringing the traditional offline experience into the digital age — providing expanded reach to

younger audiences. Through the one-stop shopping experience, preferred dealers will receive credit for Outdoorsy sales and serve as a pickup destination for completed and upfitted vans, allowing them to offer valuable service agreements and warranties to the purchaser.

"We are excited to be partnered with Outdoorsy on the Vehicle Purchase Program," says James Godkin, general sales manager at Mercedes-Benz of Boerne. "As one of Mercedes-Benz's largest and most experienced van dealerships in the nation, we also see the enormous demand for supply from consumers. Now with Outdoorsy, we have an online-enabled platform that will offer greater appeal to today's new buyer."

For more information on Outdoorsy's Vehicle Purchase Program, visit [outdoorsypurchaseprogram.com](http://outdoorsypurchaseprogram.com).

**About Outdoorsy**

Outdoorsy is the largest and most trusted RV rental and outdoor experiences marketplace on the planet. Founded in 2015, we have offices worldwide in the US, Canada, Australia, and the UK.

Our mission is to mobilize the 20+ million idle RVs around the world to ensure everyone has the access, choice, and opportunity to safely enjoy outdoor experiences and empower RV owners to realize life-changing financial benefits. With hundreds of thousands of rental days booked and a rapidly expanding global fleet of unique outdoor vehicles and experiences, we're here so you can get the most out of your time outside. Connect with us at [www.outdoorsy.com](http://www.outdoorsy.com) or come along for the ride on our Never Idle Travel Journal.

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**About Sportsmobile**

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### XXX 2019 CAR SHOW SCHEDULE

MONTH	DATE	TIME	SHOW
Feb	10th	9 am	Swedish Car Show
Mar	10th	9 am	VW Family Cruise Car Meet
Mar	31st	9 am	All Jeep Show
Apr	7th	9 am	Military Vintage Vehicles Show
Apr	14th	9 am	All Italian Car & Italian Bike Show
Apr	21st	10 am	All Porsche Car Show
Apr	28th	9 am	Northwest C10s Classic & All Truck Show
May	5th	9 am	Issaquah Spring Electric Vehicles
May	12th	8 am	Sunset Hwy Cruisers Spring Opener
May	19th	9 am	Pre-1970 Vintage Travel Trailers
May	26th	10 am	BMW's & Burgers Car Show
Jun	2nd	8 am	Convertibles Only Car Show
Jun	9th	9 am	Fenders & Fins Car Show
Jun	16th	8 am	Fenders On Front Street
Jun	23rd	9 am	Cadillac-LaSalle & Lincoln Show
Jun	30th	9 am	NW Hotrod Hall of Fame Show
July	7th	8 am	Rat Bastards Car Show
July	14th	8 am	Camaro Club Show
July	18th	6 pm	All Ford Meeting
July	21st	9 am	All Mopar Meet & Greet
July	28th	8 am	Corvette Marque Club Car Show
Aug	4th	8 am	Old Rides Roger Jackson Show
Aug	6th	6 pm	Miata Club Meeting
Aug	11th	8 am	33rd Annual NW Muscle Car Meet
Aug	18th	8 am	Tri-5-6-7 Chevy Show
Aug	25th	8 am	Classic Swagger Show
Aug	26th	6 pm	VCC Meeting
Sept	1st	8 am	Buick Olds Pontiac Show
Sept	8th	8 am	Univera Feed the Children Car Show
Sept	15th	9 am	National Drive Electric Week Show
Sept	22nd	10 am	VW Fall Fling
Oct	13th	10 am	All MOPAR Show
Oct	26th	10 am	PT Cruisers Pumpkin Bash
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# TIRES

## Nexen Tire America and Purple Heart Foundation Team Up to Give Away 2020 Jeep Gladiator

**Nexen Tire America, Purple Heart Foundation Team Up for Second Time To Honor Combat-Wounded Veteran with 2020 Jeep Gladiator Giveaway**

• Following Nexen Tire's successful "American Muscle for American Heroes" program in 2018, the "Nexen Hero" program provides a deserving Purple Heart Medal recipient a custom 2020 Jeep Gladiator Sport S equipped with 35-inch Nexen Roadian MTX Extreme Off-Road Mud Terrain Tires

• Program designed to honor combat-wounded service members' sacrifice to nation and bring awareness to Purple Heart Medal recipients

• The Nexen Hero program runs May 15 to July 24 and winning recipient to be named August 7, National Purple Heart Day

In the wake of last year's highly-successful 'American Muscle for American Heroes' program, Nexen Tire America, Inc. has partnered with The Purple Heart Foundation for a second time to honor a combat-wounded veteran and Purple Heart recipient by giving away a custom 2020 Jeep Gladiator Sport S. The "Nexen

Hero" Campaign is designed to honor a well-deserving veteran who was wounded in combat and awarded the Purple Heart Medal by giving away a new Jeep Gladiator equipped with 35-inch Nexen Roadian MTX Extreme Off-Road Mud Terrain tires and several Mopar aftermarket parts. The campaign begins on May 15 and the winning recipient, who will be selected by the Purple Heart Foundation, will be announced on National Purple Heart Day, Aug. 7.

Last year, Nexen Tire showed its gratitude for the safety and security provided by U.S. service members through the "American Muscle for American Heroes" program by providing a deserving Purple Heart recipient with a custom 2018 Dodge Challenger R/T 392 Scat Pack equipped with Nexen Roadian HP Street Sport All-Season radial tires. Purple Heart recipient and retired Marine Cpl. Steven Diaz was selected to receive the custom Nexen Tire Purple Heart Dodge Challenger. He was selected by representatives from The Purple Heart Foundation from thousands of nominations across the country.

Diaz was severely wounded by

an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) explosion while conducting combat operations in Iraq in 2005. The incident left him with the permanent effects of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and a seizure disorder. Since medically retiring from the military, Diaz has dedicated himself to helping other veterans suffering from similar injuries by co-founding Hidden Wounds, an organization that helps "Heroes battle the invisible war at home" where he currently serves as its chief operating officer and program manager.

This year's campaign continues Nexen Tire's commitment to show its appreciation to America's combat-wounded heroes for their incredible sacrifices while defending the nation's safety, while also maintaining a commitment to keep drivers safe on the road by manufacturing some of the industry's most reliable and highest-quality tires. The program is also designed to help bring awareness to the Purple Heart Medal and its recipients to ensure their devotion to the nation does not go unnoticed.

The Jeep Gladiator, which is being customized by legendary

car builder Kenny Pfizer of Zero to 60 Designs in Corona, CA, will feature several Mopar aftermarket parts and other customizations, in addition to one-of-a-kind Nexen Tire and Purple Heart graphics. Pfizer and his team at Zero to 60 Designs were the customizers behind the 2018 Dodge Challenger R/T 392 Scat Pack for the "American Muscle for American Heroes" program.

"Last year, Nexen Tire dedicated itself to bringing awareness to America's combat wounded veterans, and after the amazing success of the 'American Muscle for American Heroes' campaign, we are thrilled to continue our relationship with the Purple Heart Foundation and kick off an all new program to give a Jeep Gladiator to a very deserving combat-wounded veteran," said John Hagan, executive vice president of sales for Nexen Tire America Inc. "Our heroes' dedication to providing safety and security to the nation naturally aligns with Nexen Tire's commitment to creating the safest and most reliable tires on the road, so was very important for us to continue this program and work to bring even more awareness to the sacrifice of these combat-wounded American heroes."

"It is an absolute pleasure to be once again teamed up with Nexen Tire USA to select a very deserving combat-wounded veteran. Our organization is dedicated to serving these brave individuals who sacrificed so much for our nation's safety, and it's refreshing to be tied to an organization that shares that same vision," said Stephen Ruckman, chief executive officer for The Purple Heart Foundation. "Our motto has always been to

honor their sacrifice with our service, and we will continue to support the Nexen Tire's Nexen Hero campaign in any way we can."

The nomination period runs May 15 to July 24 and the recipient will be announced August 7, National Purple Heart Day. Nominees must be a member of Military Order of The Purple Heart and the Jeep Gladiator recipient will be selected by members of the Purple Heart Foundation based on a variety of factors including heroism, sacrifice and an ongoing commitment to their community.

For more information on the Purple Heart Foundation, visit <https://purpleheartfoundation.org>.

Please visit <http://www.nexentireusa.com/nexenhero> to nominate a Purple Heart recipient and for official giveaway rules.

For all media inquiries, please contact [nexen@godriven360.com](mailto:nexen@godriven360.com).

**About Purple Heart Foundation:**

The Purple Heart Foundation is a 501(c)3 Veteran Service Organization that fundraises for programs, services and resources that benefit veterans and their families. Over the past 60 years, the Purple Heart Foundation has funded academic scholarships, the MOPH National Service Officer program, research efforts and resources regarding veteran issues such as Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury, grants for service dogs, and much more. The Purple Heart Foundation's Mission is to holistically enhance the quality of life of all veterans and their families, providing them with direct service and fostering an environment of camaraderie and goodwill among combat wounded veterans.

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The Monterey Touring Vehicle (MTV) fleet includes; a 1965 Ford Shelby Cobra, 1988 Chevy Camaro, 1955 Ford Thun-

derbird, 1970 Chevy Corvette, 1985 Nissan 300 ZX, 1988 Mercedes 560SL, 2008 Tesla Roadster, 1965 Ford Mustang GT, 1961 Volkswagen 22-window van, 1970 Pontiac Firebird, 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder, 1957 Chevy Bel Air, 1971 Cadillac Eldorado, 1978 Volkswagen Bug Convertible, 1949 Willy's Overland, 1978 Citroen 2CV, and a 1981 Delorean to name a few. You can rent a classic car for 1/2 day (4 hrs.) or a full day (8 to 24 hrs.) Prices range from \$200 (1/2 day) to \$800 (full day). For more information or reservations, visit [www.montereytouringvehicles.com](http://www.montereytouringvehicles.com)



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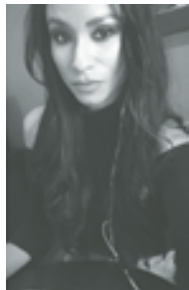
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Subaru loves pets and they want you to know it.

As I stroll through the Los Angeles Auto Show past the expansive displays of the latest vehicles, the newest technology and all the ways the automotive industry is constantly changing, something more alive calls out the

me... "Ruff!". No, it's not another vehicle debut or keynote speaker talking about autonomous driving or the electrification of cars, but a cuddly, utterly adorable pup at the Subaru display. "Ruff". I instantly put down my journalist notebook and show schedule to start playing with the pups.

As I sat down with Subaru Man-

ager of Product Communications, Jessica Tullman, she enlightens me to all of the things Subaru does to spread the love of pets, and I must admit that its quite impressive.

Evidence of Subaru's dedication to pets is everywhere including their support of the ASPCA for the past 11 years. Subaru is spearheading a number of ongoing national

and local pet initiatives and partnerships across the United States. Subaru also collaborates with the National Ski Patrol with avalanche rescue dog demonstrations. If consumers visit the Subaru display at auto shows across the country, they are likely to be greeted with loving, yet sloppy kisses at the "kissing booth" from prospective canine adoptees at the live adoption events. The booth features a live-feed 'puppy cam', so prospective adoptive parents can watch the hilarity unfold in action. In addition to being able to take these canine friends' home from the auto show, attendees will be given the chance to make rope toys as a donation to the shelter, as well as be able to create custom pet tags using the Subaru Loves Pets engraver.

Even their advertising for the all-new Subaru Ascent is pet-centric. "Meet the Barkley's" commercial series is both creative, funny and geared to tie consumers' emotions to their vehicle purchase decision making process and fall in love with Subaru as a company. I highly recommend watching them online- the videos will put a smile on your face.

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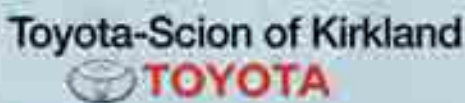
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Jerry Seinfeld on his way to get coffee with fellow comedian Eddie Murphy on Jerry's show *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee* (photo Netflix)

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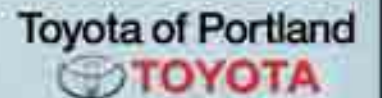
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# Dana Mecum's Original Spring Classic Indy Auction Tops \$70 Million in Sales

Dana Mecum's 32nd Original Spring Classic auction was another pronounced success with overall sales totals reaching an all-time Indy-auction high at more than \$70.4 million. With a consignment list steeped in headline-worthy cars, the auction saw a total of 1,189 vehicles hammer sold at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Sales were topped by two Shelby Cobra Roadsters from the Steven Juliano Estate Collection that sold for \$2.86 million and \$2.42 million, respectively, with the top-six-selling vehicles at the auction all exceeding the million-dollar mark and five of the top 10 cars boasting ties to the Juliano legacy.

The celebrated collection of the late Steven Juliano undeniably dominated the Indianapolis auction with both his car and his Road Art collections highlighting the six-day event. His 1967 Shelby 427 S/C Cobra Roadster (Lot F128) took top sales honors followed closely by his 1966 Shelby 427 Cobra Roadster (Lot F136), and the 1964 Shelby 289 Cobra Roadster (Lot F132), 1971 Plymouth Cuda Convertible (Lot F142) and 1970 Dodge Hemi Challenger R/T Sunroof (Lot F143) in the top 10 were all previously owned by Juliano as well. The selection of Rapid Transit Caravan vehicles in the Juliano collection proved extremely desirable with the 1971 Plymouth Road Runner (Lot F130) bringing \$236,500, the 1970 Plymouth Duster (Lot F141) selling for \$264,000 and the '70 Hemi Road Runner (Lot F134) demanding a total of \$341,000. A unique 1969 Plymouth Barracuda "Mod Top" (Lot F133) was another from the Juliano estate that sold well,

bringing a whopping \$440,000. Even Juliano's display engines sold for hearty sums with prices for the two Hemi engines and the 440 6 BBL engine ranging from \$159,300 to \$218,500. In total, the more than 1,000 vehicles that sold in Indianapolis reached \$66.7 million overall.

Similar to his cars, Juliano's more than 2,500 lots of Road Art seemed to take over the Indy event in scope while inducing an almost tangible wave of excitement among collectors. Featuring mainly '60s- and '70s-era Mopar promotional materials as well as Shelby and Ford collectibles, the massive assemblage was offered both live at the Indianapolis auction and online via Mecum's all-new timed web-based auction platform, Mecum On Time. A 1950s Ford Dealer Crest (Lot K99) that hung at the historic Floyd Rice Ford Dealership located in downtown Detroit before joining Juliano's private collection sold for an impressive \$55,460, and a full-size outdoor billboard (Lot K77) featuring the 1970 Dodge Challenger brought an amazing \$44,840. Between live-auction Road Art offerings and Mecum On Time sales, Indianapolis Road Art totals reached \$3.73 million overall.

The complete top 10 collector-car sales at the Mecum Indy 2019 auction include:

- 1967 Shelby 427 S/C Cobra Roadster (Lot F128) at \$2,860,000
- 1966 Shelby 427 Cobra Roadster (Lot F136) at \$2,420,000
- 2015 Porsche 918 Spyder Weissach (Lot S155) at \$1,980,000
- 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda Convertible (Lot F120) at \$1,980,000
- 1964 Shelby 289 Cobra Roadster (Lot F132) at \$1,760,000

- 1971 Plymouth Cuda Convertible (Lot F142) at \$1,155,000
- 1970 Dodge Hemi Challenger R/T Sunroof (Lot F143) at \$660,000
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1967 Shelby 427 S/C Cobra Roadster (Lot F128). Sells at \$2,860,000



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