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Toyota’s “Voodoo Blue Wave” continues with A 2019 Toyota Tundra TRD PRO CREWMAX

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)

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 14 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 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

McCall Motorworks Revival at the Monterey Jet Center features planes, cars and more (photo McCall)
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.pebblebeachconcours.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, Lamborghini, Alfa Romeos, Masarratis, Fiats, a fashion show, vendors, awards, Italian cuisine and much more. Visit: 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

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.

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2020 Kia Telluride Test Drive

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 to replacement parts with and supporting Saleen in better communicating where they are at. This will aid Saleen better understand who and ownership history of every Saleen models manufactured from 1984-current in one unified registry. The general purpose of the registry is to help maintain the authenticity and ownership history of every Saleen for posterity. Moreover, the Saleen registry will help Saleen better understand who owns our vehicles today and where they are at. This will aid us in better communicating with and supporting Saleen owners in everything from events to replacement parts and technical assistance.

Mitsubishi Outlander Plug-In SUV

2019 Volkswagen Jetta Test Drive

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 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...
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 comfortable during that process.

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 every owner will be looking for.

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About last year at the time, author Jessica Tyler of Business Insider.com introduced us to a 2 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 diamond.

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About Motorsport Auction Group (MAG Auctions):

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

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The 2019 Mercedes-Benz A220 4MATIC sedan in AMG trim moves in to take the entry-level place of the 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 shines. 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. 7-inch screens – one for the driver’s instrumentation and one continued on page 7
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 models. You are spoiled for choice with Mini, BMW, Skoda, Volvo, Porsche, Mercedes and others joining in. The fundamentals say that all plug in against them. Those offering the most desirable pure electric cars – those with the longest range and three times the number of electric-only – 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, benefiting the “plug-in” aspect, not at all. Consequently, although plug-in hybrid sales have been rising, they mark the May-to-May difference since 2013 (IDTechEx and BNEF).

Dr. Peter Harrop led the IDTechEx team creating 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 rebates from Tesla powertrain from six years ago but not all. Hyundai, Kia, for example, has one-year waiting lists for its new 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. Hybrid car makers, however, hope the city and country runners will not apply to hybrids, but they face growing 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.”

The Concours d’Elegance is the highlight culmination of 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 therefor, 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 attracts the best in show and select their annual winner. Attendees this year saw special car groups and classes, Cadillac, Mercedes, Pierce Arrows, Rolls Royce, etc. along with other events and formations in show week, were awarded to an Alfa Romeo: a 1937 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Touring Barchetta, built by Zagato and Ginny Sydorick of Beverly Hills, California.

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

What a show! Since 1956, the United States west coast Concorso d’Elegance has set off to duplicate the amazing Concorso 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 renovation, entertaining and stylishly select their annual winner.

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

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Parked at the trailer hitch are 6,000 lb and the tow rating is a class-leading 7,650 lb. These numbers should apply to any recreational hauler as well as the Jeep enthusiast. This is a real truck, with all the right capabilities.

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

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 the Trac-Lok 4x4 system with a “4LO” ratio of 4:1; Dana 44 axles; Tru-Lock electric front and rear-axle lockers, Tru-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 runs on the off-road deepened till driving was more like running on train tracks. Once in the runs 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-slopes while out the windshield all I could see was hoo’d 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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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. I made this Jetta feel like Jetta 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.
Kia Cadenza Test Drive Report by David Schmidt
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The 2019 Kia Cadenza is available in two trim levels: the Cadenza Luxury and the Cadenza Premium. Both trims are equipped with a 3.3-liter V6 engine that produces 280 horsepower and 241 lb-ft of torque. The transmission is a six-speed automatic. The Cadenza also features an all-wheel-drive system and an 18-inch wheelbase. The vehicle is available with front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive.

The Cadenza's interior is quite spacious and comfortable. The seats are well-padded and provide good support. The rear seat is particularly spacious, with ample legroom and headroom. The vehicle also features a 10.25-inch touchscreen infotainment system that is quite easy to use.

The Cadenza's infotainment system includes Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and Bluetooth. The system also includes a 12-speaker Harman Kardon audio system, which provides excellent sound quality.

The Cadenza's exterior design is quite sleek and aerodynamic. The vehicle features a low roofline and a long hood, which give it a sporty look. The Cadenza also features LED headlights and taillights, which improve visibility and safety.

The Cadenza's fuel economy is quite good, with an EPA estimated 22 mpg in the city and 33 mpg on the highway. The vehicle also features a regenerative braking system, which helps to improve fuel efficiency.

Overall, the 2019 Kia Cadenza is a well-rounded luxury sedan. It offers a comfortable and spacious interior, a powerful and efficient engine, and a high-quality infotainment system. With its stylish exterior design, the Cadenza is sure to turn heads on the road.
The new Telluride includes an advanced safety feature added to the mix. Smart hands free power liftgate, power folding heated outside mirrors with turn signal indicators go along with a 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 found anywhere, 10 years, 100,000 mile powertrain warranty. I always ask the competitors, why don't you have this?

Kia Telluride SUV (photo Art Gould)
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 how the wreck occurred,” says Edara. “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 first-hand 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 19-25 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.

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.

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, Midsize and Midsize Luxury 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.
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)


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**Please Join Us for the 10th Annual Legends of Auto Gala - August 15, 2019**

**Legends of Auto Gala Dinner**

Please join us on August 15th at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Monterey Bay (Seaside) for the 10th Annual Event.

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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)


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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.

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-

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)

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.

If you are interested in learning more about Curing Kids Cancer, visit curingkidscancer.org or email Mikaela Hopkins, Partnership Manager, at mikaela@curingkidscancer.org.
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 powertilt/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 wind- 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 comfort- able seating of the 8-way power adjustable seats. As driver, I was treated to power lumbar support. The leather trimmed seats are also treated to power lumbar support. As driver, I was able seating of the 8-way power adjustable seats. As driver, I was able to appreciate the power of the Camry when a small rear ended. LED taillights helped avoid being rear ended. As did other motorists to avoid a roadkill situation. The brakes were excellent — no skidding, nor 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 the 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.
“Infiniti’s Logo is meant to represent a horizon”... of exciting New Products

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SU.V and moving its global head-quarters 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 QX30, 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 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 years ago and has seen sales skyrocket.

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

The move out of Europe is not surprising, as the brand never really took hold among the German car fans. 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
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 rollout 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.
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Showcase Reviews

**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
**Transmission:** 9-speed AT
**Horsepower:** 310 hp
**MPG:** 17 city / 25 highway

**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
**Transmission:** 8A
**Horsepower:** 310 hp
**MPG:** 19 city / 22 highway

**Lexus IS 350 AWD F-Sport**

The Lexus IS “Hot Pocket Rocket” has been a consistent best seller for Lexus. The F SPORT package ($2,365) is popular for those that have the “need for speed”

**Base Price:** $39,500
**Type:** Sedan
**Engine:** 3.5-Liter V-6
**Transmission:** 8-speed AT
**Horsepower:** 311 hp
**MPG:** 19 city / 26 highway

**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-road.

**Base Price:** $36,000
**Type:** SUV
**Engine:** 4.0L V-6
**Transmission:** 5-speed AT
**Horsepower:** 270 hp
**MPG:** 17 city / 20 highway

**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
**Transmission:** 8-speed AT
**Horsepower:** 203 hp
**MPG:** 25 city / 33 highway

**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
**Transmission:** 8A
**Horsepower:** 316 hp
**MPG:** 26 city / 36 highway

*** 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.

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


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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 longtime 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 8-10, 2019 - Collector Car Auction at Hot August Nights | Reno, NV
TBA November, 2019 - Fall Auction | Phoenix, AZ
TBA January, 2020 - Winter Auction | Phoenix, AZ
TBA April, 2020 - Spring Auction | Phoenix, AZ
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 designed, assembled and tested in the U.S.
- Arnott, the industry leader in aftermarket air suspension products, has introduced a new aftermarket replacement air springs for the 2013-2018 Range Rover and 2014-2018 Range Rover Sport.


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.

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.

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, 1946-89 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 UP-e-commerce website for U.S. customers. This is another layer to the buying experience. Our U.S. customers now have 24 hour access to the best of UP’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

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53% of Americans Prefer Driving Over Flying for their Vacations

The summertime means vacation time for Americans, and while many may feel undecided 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 nightmare.

Once they hit the road, one of the most important things 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. That’s why 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.”

Top 5 Most Common Road Trip Experiences

- Traffic 53%
- Getting snacks 53%
- Crying 53%
- Traffic 53%
- Getting an oil change 53%

Top 5 Stressful Parts Of A Family Road Trip

- Traffic 68%
- Getting snacks 68%
- Bad weather 62%
- Bad weather 62%
- Getting the car is properly packed 54%

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

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

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.

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 and optional equipment extra. The Toyota Tundra offers an industry leading value for the segment.

Embarking on their trip, 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 America’s choosing to travel by car for their summer vacations, it’s important to ensure your vehicle is ready for the trip.

Top 5 Most Common Road Trip Experiences

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

Driving is cheaper than flying 53%
- Seeing and experiencing more together 43%
- Getting 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%
- Getting the car is properly packed 54%
- 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%
- Getting a Snack 54%
- Getting the oil in the car 54%
- Getting an oil change 54%
- Getting the car 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%
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 454-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 experience into the digital age bringing the traditional offline 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 full passes.

“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 complement existing businesses, serving as a pickup destination 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 buyer.”

For more information on Outdoorsy’s Vehicle Purchase Program, visit outdoorsypurchaseprogram.com.

Outdoorsy’s new program is the chance of a lifetime to learn the art of drag racing behind the wheel of fastest street cars including 454-horsepower Challenger SRT Demon, SRT Hellcat, Hellcat Widebody and SRT 392.

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About Sportsmobile
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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,” 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 Pitzer of Zero 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. Pitzer and his team at Zero 60 Designs were the customizers behind the 2018 Dodge Challenger R/T 392 Scat Pack for the “American Muscle for American Heroes” program.

“Nexen Tire’s commitment to creating the safest tires and most reliable tires on the road, our 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 Purple Heart final selection will be made by members of the Purple Heart Foundation based on nominations, and with the cooperation of Purple Heart recipients, bike club and motorcycling, and all branches of the Purple Heart Foundation, visit https://purpleheartfoundation.org.

For all media inquiries, please contact nextrusa.com/nexenhero to nominate a Purple Heart recipient and for official giveaway rules, please visit http://www.nexentireusa.com/nexenhero for official giveaway rules.

About Purple Heart Foundation:
The Purple Heart Foundation is a 501(c)3 Veteran Service Organization that fundraises for programs, scholarships, 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 an environment of camaraderie and goodwill among combat wounded veterans.

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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.”


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

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Books4cars.com was started by Alex Voss, a 30-year automotive veteran who developed an interest in the auto industry growing up in the Northwest. Alex eventually moved to the Motor City (Detroit) where he completed his education at the General Motors Institute. At the time, Alex was working as an engineer with General Motors. He worked on the Buick Park Avenue power train, C5 Corvette and all wheel drive power trains. Alex was collecting repair manuals while working with GM, and when he returned to Seattle, he started books4cars.com.

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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 Manager 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 it’s 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.

For details on how Subaru supports pets please visit Subaru.com/pets

As Pet Industry Expands – Services Expand (photo Auto News)
A New Season of Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee Comes to Netflix on July 19, 2019

This Season’s Guests:
Eddie Murphy, Seth Rogen, Ricky Gervais, Matthew Broderick, Jamie Foxx, Sebastian Maniscalco, Martin Short, Mario Joyner, Melissa Villaseñor, Bridget Everett, and Barry Marder.

About Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee:
Jerry Seinfeld’s roving talk show combines coffee, laughs, and vintage cars into quirky, caffeine-filled adventures with the sharpest minds in comedy. This season’s guests include: Eddie Murphy, Seth Rogen, Ricky Gervais, Matthew Broderick, Jamie Foxx, Sebastian Maniscalco, Martin Short, Mario Joyner, Melissa Villaseñor, Bridget Everett, and Barry Marder.

Previous seasons of the series are currently streaming on Netflix.

Jerry Seinfeld on his way to get coffee with fellow comedian Eddie Murphy on Jerry’s show Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee (photo Netflix)
Dana Mecum’s 32nd Original Spring Classic Indy Auction Tops $70 Million in Sales

Dana Mecum’s 32nd Original Spring Classic Indy 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 honors followed closely by his 1966 Shelby 427 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 Auto seemed to take over the Indy event in scope while inducing an almost tangible wave of excitement among collectors.

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 F128) at $2,860,000
- 1964 Shelby 289 Cobra Roadster (Lot F132) at $1,760,000
- 1940 Crocker ‘Big Tank’ Big Twin (Lot S252) at $467,500
- 2016 Norwood 330 P4 Replica (Lot S124.1) at $550,000
- 1971 Plymouth Cuda Convertible (Lot F142) at $1,155,000
- 1970 Dodge Hemi Challenger R/T Sunroof (Lot F143) at $660,000
- 1969 Dodge Hemi Daytona (Lot F177) at $577,500
- 1940 Crocker ‘Big Tank’ Big Twin (Lot S124) at $550,000

For access to complete auction results, sign up for the free InfoNet service offered at Mecum. Mecum’s next auction will be Portland 2019 this June 21-22 with an estimated 600 classic and collector cars slated to cross the auction block at the Portland Expo Center in Oregon. For more details on upcoming auctions, to consign a vehicle or to register as a bidder, visit Mecum.com, or call (262) 275-5050 for more information.
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