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The Concorso Italiano Brings Northwest Automotive Writer to Monterey Over 2 Decades Ago

by Bill McCallum

I first met Frank Mandarano, the founder of the Concorso Italiano, at a Mercer Island Car Show in Washington State. Frank and his wife Janet invited me attend their event that year in Carmel Valley, Ca. That was over 20 years ago and the rest is history. Concorso Italiano, one of the most popular events during classic car week, continued to grow and eventually the event was moved to the Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside. Tom McDowell took over as the Concorso Italiano owner ten years ago and has carried on the tradition of fine Italian Automobiles, Fashion & Cuisine during Classic Car Week. The Concorso Italiano brought me to Classic Car Week in Monterey and their event has been on Global Auto News TOP TEN must see events for over 20 years. (see list below)

If Classic Car Week in Monterey, CA is on your "bucket list" see our top ten Must SEE events listed below. (Also see Gary Williams Classic Car Week recap on page 4 & 5)

- Gordon McCall's Motor Revival @ Monterey Jet Center (Wednesday) August 14, 2019
- Legends of Auto Gala Dinner @ Embassy Suites on Monterey Bay (Thursday) August 15, 2019
- Mecum Auctions @ Hyatt Regency Hotel & Spa (Thurs. thru Sat.) Aug. 15 thru Aug. 17, 2019
- Monterey Motorsports Reunion @ Weather Tech Raceway Laguna Seca (Thurs. thru Sun.) Aug. 15 thru Aug. 18, 2019
- The Quail, a Motorsports Gathering @ Quail Lodge and Resort, Carmel Valley (Friday)
- RM Sotheby's Auction @ Monterey Conference Center (Friday & Saturday)
- Gooding & Company Auction @ Pebble Beach Equestrian Center (Friday & Saturday)
- Concorso Italiano @ Black Horse Golf Course, Seaside (Saturday) August 17, 2019
- Exotics on Cannery Row @ Monterey Cannery Row - Monterey (Saturday)
- Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance @ 18th Fairway of the Pebble Beach Golf Links (Sunday)



Concorso Italiano (photo by Taylor Shenuski)

Cadillac Goes on the Offensive with the Introduction of the All-New 2019 XT4 AWD Crossover



2019 Cadillac XT4 (photo by Auto News)

by Bill McCallum

Steve Carlisle, Cadillac's President was quoted in the September 17th issue of Automotive News, the trade publication, "We have an arsenal of products and technology that will create even more differentiation for Cadillac and establish a very unique and attractive position for us in the global marketplace." These comments were made at the press introduction of the all-new 2019 Cadillac XT4, which I also attended. Carlisle went on to say "....we're going on the offensive."

Cadillac's plan includes introducing a new or redesigned vehicle every six months on average through 2021.

In my 30+ years of publishing Auto News I have watched Cadillac focus on two main goals. Bring new models to market and attracting a younger group of buyers.

They have had limited success on both fronts but with the introduction of the all-new 2019 XT4 Compact Crossover it's a new ball game for Cadillac and it's dealers.

The Compact Crossover segment is one of the fastest growing segments in the U.S. and while the all-new 2019 Cadillac XT4 base MSRP of \$39,295 is high for standard compact crossovers it is very competitive for a luxury model compact crossover.

The all-new 2019 Cadillac XT4 is loaded with "bells-and-whistles."

The Comfort and Convenience Package includes, massage controls for driver and front passenger seats.

The technology package includes an 8" color Driver Information Center and Wireless Charging.

Standard equipment includes a DRIVERS ASSIST PACKAGE, a COLD WEATHER PACKAGE and a DRIVERS AWARENESS PACKAGE.

The all-new 2019 XT4 AWD Premium Luxury compact crossover is powered with a 2.0L Turbo, 4-cylinder engine mated with a 9-speed automatic electronically-controlled transmission.

Maybe it's time to stop by your nearest Cadillac dealer and check out the all-new 2019 XT4.

Fiat 500L is a "fun to drive" Value based Crossover



Fiat 500L (photo by Auto News) **SEE STORY ON PAGE 16**

Auto Show Season Is Here



Bill McCallum
editor

It's the season for West Coast Auto Shows where automakers present their new models and concept cars for public viewing.

If you're considering a new vehicle I suggest you attend your nearest Auto Show where you will find most new models in one place. Front and center you will see what is new in the Truck, SUV, CUV, Sedan, Hybrid, Pure Electric, Luxury, Van, and Entry Level segments.

Below you will find a schedule of West Coast Auto Shows scheduled for the next three months. Additional information for each show is available on line.

Sacramento International Auto Show

10/19 thru 10/21

Seattle Auto Show

11/9 thru 11/12

Central California Auto Show

11/16 thru 11/18

San Francisco Auto Show

11/21 thru 11/25

Los Angeles Auto Show

11/30 thru 12/9

San Diego Inter. Auto Show

12/27 thru 12/30

2019 Kia Forte Test Drive Review



Art Gould
feature editor

As Kia continues the quest for success, one of the best sellers in the Kia line celebrates its 3rd generation with lots of improvements. Everyone knows, crossover SUVs are the hottest segment in the industry. With all the good things attributed to the recently introduced Kia Stinger, updating the Kia Forte seemed like a natural.

This popular sport sedan picks up on the strengths of the Stinger while attracting the customer that is still drawn to this reliable sedan. The Forte is the best-selling vehicle in the Kia line-up. With the cowl pushed back five inches and the rear deck shortened, the all-new Forte is longer and wider than the previous model it replaces.

This non-turbocharged compact car retains its 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine. It continues with 147 horsepower and 132 pound-feet of torque. A new 6-speed manual transmission is standard with a continuously variable transmission featured throughout the model lines. Known as the Intelligent Variable Transmission (IVT) the new chain belt driven transmission is configured with seven shift points to increase drivability that is more familiar to consumers.

Fuel mileage is 31 miles per gallon in the city, 41 on the highway with a combined 35 mpg with the IVT. A three mile per gallon upgrade over the outgoing model shows how improvements including weight savings and transmission refinements fit in. During the initial drive, the Forte achieved an overall rating of 34

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Audi Shines at 2018 Emmy Awards



Joyce Chow
entertainment editor

Issa Rae ("Insecure"), Kunal Nayyar ("The Big Bang Theory"), Jeffrey Wright ("Westworld") were some of the VIPs chauffeured in 2018 Audi vehicles to Audi's pre-Emmy party kicking off Emmys weekend at the Kimpton La Peer Hotel, West Hollywood's latest modern chic hotel which opened up earlier this year. Samira Wiley ("The Handmaid's Tale") and Madeline Brewer ("The Handmaid's Tale") arrived in matching Audi Q7s.

Audi's e-tron, the long awaited electric SUV, debuted at the Audi pre-Emmy party kicking off Emmys weekend at the end of the untraditional black carpet. Audi continued its tradition of being the official automotive partner of the 70th Emmy Awards, which celebrates the best in TV. The Audi e-tron was camouflaged by the Audi design team in white with black graphics and fluorescent orange bottom reminding one of artist Keith Haring or the female Keith Haring street artist M. The E-tron was revealed Monday evening in a live broadcast from San Francisco while the Emmys were being televised.

Highlights from the evening included:

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Honda Accord Test Drive Review



Ed Barrett
feature writer

Honda designers pulled out all the stops with the makeover of the 2018 Accord. They gave it a new styling, a more spacious cabin, revised power trains and standard safety equipment.

The all-new body features a more assertive-looking nose with a large open grille, and a chrome bar that links the LED headlights. The windshield has been pushed back four inches, which not only improves visibility, but it balances the proportions of the car. The Accord looks even more impressive from the side view, with a sleek roofline that flows smoothly into the small rear-deck lid.

Inside, a large touchscreen dominates the center dash. Buttons on either side make it easier to access "home" and other settings. Push/pull levers on the console replace the conventional shifter. It looks cool, but it is not easier to use. Seats up front have improved bolstering, and most models have power adjusters for the driver. High-end models come with wood trim on the dash and doors—a welcome luxury touch.

Honda designers enlarged the cabin of the Accord this year by extending the distance between

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Toyota Tundra TRD Limited Review



Scot McCallum
"Green Car Guy"

Toyota is making a statement with the Tundra TRD Limited Crew Cab. That statement is "... don't count us out in the Great Truck Race for U. S. market share. Without a doubt Ford's is still the leader with the all-time best selling F-150. But, both Chevrolet with their Silverado and the FCA's Ram brand are working their way up the U.S. sales chart. Both Nissan with their Titan models and Toyota with the Tundra and Tacoma models are moving up the back stretch in the Great Truck Race for U. S. market share. The one thing I have learned in 30 years of publishing Auto News is never count Toyota out when it comes to crossing the finish line in the race to produce and sell quality vehicles including trucks.

The Toyota Tundra TRD 4 X 4 Limited Crew Cab is built "Toyota Tough," from the 5.7L i-Force V8 DOHC 32V 381 hp engine to the Double Wishbone Front suspension w/ Stabilizer bar, Trap Leaf Rear Suspension with Staggered Q/B Shocks, larger fuel tank (38 gallons) and a larger tow package with a new Tow Receiver Hitch and a 4.30 Axle.

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Honda Ridgeline Test Drive Review



David Schmidt
feature writer

If I was going to buy a mid-sized pickup truck, it would be because I didn't really need a truck.

The reason for that might be that I don't need a truck often enough to justify buying a truck to do it. Or it may be that when I carry things, they aren't heavy or big enough to need a full-sized truck. Or it very well might be that I like the idea of driving a pickup, whether I need one or not.

That being the case, the 2019 Honda Ridgeline should probably be high on the list of the trucks one should look at.

There is one exception to that. If you are looking for a mid-sized pickup with serious, and I mean serious, off-road capability then buy a Tacoma and be done with it. The same is true if you want a truck so your significant or spouse prefers to take a more-comfortable vehicle, the Ridgeline isn't for you.

That's because its really a Honda Pilot with a bed instead of a roof over the back. That makes it ride perhaps a little too comfortably. That makes the interior

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Kia Sorento & Cougar Crest Estate Winery



Sally Hanson
travel editor

Sally Hanson, an Auto News feature writer for the past 30 years, is now located in Washington's wine country, and will visit wineries in the area — as a designated driver — in press vehicles to give readers a view of new automotive offerings as well as a glimpse of wine destinations you might enjoy. Sally is scholarship co-chair of the Northwest Automotive Press Association.

When the Kia Sorento arrived in my driveway for a planned trip to the Walla Walla wine region, I admit that I was a little ho-hum about the expected driving experience. It had nothing to do with the country of origin because I own a great car that was manufactured in Korea, but I pictured the Kia Sorento as a rather unexciting mid-size SUV — that was my attitude until I ventured out to enjoy the ride and the vehicle's extraordinary features.

The third generation Sorento was introduced in 2016 and has been refreshed for the 2019 model. The exterior face lift adds sleek sculpted lines to a bold, wide

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2019 Chevy Silverado Test Drive Review



Howard Elmer
truck writer

Trucks, currently, have never been more important to a manufacturer's bottom line. Not only because they are selling in ever increasing numbers but because there just doesn't appear to be price ceiling. Customers keep loading up new pickups with luxuries that only a few years ago were found only in sedans. It's this hunger for constantly increasing content that pushes prices up as these up-market extras quickly add up; and of course this is where builders earn the most money.

For 2019 that's why we not only have an all-new generation of Silverado (the fourth since 1999) but also, simply put, more of everything.

The new Silverado now offers eight trim levels, six different engine and transmission combinations — and for the first time — a new Duramax 3.0L turbo-diesel.

Though this next-gen Silverado is larger than its predecessor (1.2-inches wider, 1.5-inches taller, 1.7-inches longer, with 3.9-inches added to the wheelbase) it is lighter by some 450 lb. A mixed materials

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How Millennials Buy A Car Differently



Jordan Williams
millennial writer

Hello again, Friends and Readers,

I recently came across a 2018 Autotrader article which aimed to analyze a millennial's approach to car buying. The article was titled, Buying a Car: How Millennials Do it Differently.

Interestingly enough, some millennials wait longer than previous generations to even obtain their driver's license, however, studies show that millennials are still interested in cars and driving, are likely to consider all brands, especially those that reflect their personality, and as we have discovered over and over, over and over again, millennials do their research, which includes brand awareness brochures and other printed or e-materials, perusing websites, social media outlets, and word-of-mouth recommendations from family and friends.

At first, many millennials gravitate toward cars which they feel reflect their personalities. Some are image-conscious and prefer styles such as the Mercedes CLA, the BMW 1-series and the Audi

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M/B Metris A Handyman's Dream



Chris Chung
motorsports writer

With the approval of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, commercial vehicle tax deductions are more favorable than ever. If you're in the market for a new commercial vehicle and you work in an industry where you need to haul tools and materials through small alleyways and city streets while getting 22 mpg, look no further than the Mercedes-Benz Metris. What is The Metris?

For my review this issue, Mercedes-Benz of Lynnwood was kind enough to loan me a 2018 Metris Cargo van. After driving it for a few days, I can say I'm impressed!

Since its release in 2015, the Metris has been positioned as a mid-size commercial van. It's smaller than its Sprinter brother, but bigger than vehicles like the Nissan NV200 and Ford Transit Connect. Because of this, the Metris is able to boast an 186 cubic-foot cargo space, 5000 lb towing capacity, qualify for the 100% depreciation tax benefit with its 6,750 lb GVWR weight, and still astoundingly get 22 mpg.

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Arv Voss
feature writer

2018 Buick Regal GS AWD Test Drive Review

Remember back when Buick was generally thought of as an entry level luxu-boat that appealed to more mature drivers? Be that as it may, that's no longer the case. The 2018 Buick Regal GS AWD is a prime example that adds: two more cylinders than before in the form of a 310 horsepower V-6 (a plus of 51 horses); a nine-speed automatic transmission; and a standard intelligent AWD system with an active twin clutch that can transfer torque between the rear wheels precisely, delivering a more refined, efficient performance and enhanced vehicle control by combating under steer as well as torque steer.

Also new is a second generation example of Continuous Damping Control that's capable of 500 adjustments per second, directed by Buick's Interactive Control allowing the driver to fine tune the vehicle's driving dynamics via three modes – a standard setting, a Sport setting, or a GS mode via a selection in the center console. There are performance brakes with Brembo front calipers.

This new 5-passenger, Buick Regal GS is a premium sport sedan that displays unique sport front and rear fascias, side skirting and a rear spoiler along with a sport-tuned exhaust system and GS badging front and rear. There's a sport-flat bottomed steering wheel and metal pedals. LED headlamps and a Head Up Display are available options. The performance seating is GS-specific, AGR certified (Germany's Aktion Gesunder Rücken, or Campaign for Healthier Backs), heated, cooled, a massaging feature with adjustable seat and seat-back bolsters, along with thigh support.

This Buick Regal GS (which is for Gran Sport by the way) is definitely not your uncle's or grandfather's stodgy Buick of yore, but rather an aggressive exterior expression of a four door hatchback styling. It's an attractive sedan that is sure to draw the attention of more youthful consumers.

Connectivity is showcased by a cohesive infotainment system featuring an 8-inch touchscreen along with an 8-inch-diagonal, reconfigurable instrument cluster as well as Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility as standard fare. The Regal GS also comes with OnStar 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot (with a complimentary 3-month/3GB data trial) and access to an unlimited data plan for \$20 per month.

Safety features of the Buick Regal GS include: ten standard air bags, including frontal driver/front passenger, head-curtain

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Michelle Hale
asia correspondent

Infiniti Prototype 10 - "Bridges the Past and Future"

Bridging past and future, the INFINITI Prototype 10 recaptures the spirit of early speedsters for an era of electrified performance. Revealed for the first time at the continued on page 18



Harold Allen
feature writer

Toyota Headquarters is a State-of-the-Art Structure

One thing is for sure the new Toyota Headquarters is a state of the art structure. Toyota is celebrating 60 years in North America and the production of 30 million cars. continued on page 9



Zach McCallum
college correspondent

Gonzaga University Student Loves His 2005 Honda CR-V

Riley Baynham, student at both Gonzaga University and Lake Washington Tech, drives the 2005 Honda CR-V. This SUV has plenty of space. With 29 mpg highway continued on page 9



Gary Williams
feature editor

Monterey-Pebble Beach Classic Car Week Recap

What a show! Since 1950, the United States west coast Concours d'Elegance has set off to duplicate the amazing Concours d'Elegance first continued on page 5

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NWAPA Announces 2018 Run to the Sun Awards

The Northwest Automotive Press Association named the 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio as the Northwest's Most Fun to Drive Vehicle in their annual Run to the Sun performance car and convertible event. The Stelvio Quadrifoglio impressed the participating journalists with its powerful engine, nimble handling, and Italian-inspired personality.

This year marked the 12th annual edition of the event, which included three days of driving 18 different 2018 and 2019 model-year vehicles on some of the best roads in America – ranging from wide open high desert highways to twisty canyon roads. From our base at the Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, we traveled over Mt. Hood to Central Oregon and the Columbia River Gorge.

“We had three days of spectacular weather, amazing roads, and many of the best performance cars that you can buy,” said NWAPA President John Vincent, a Consumer Advice Writer with U.S. News & World Report.

Vehicles entered in Run to the Sun competed in four categories: Northwest Most Fun in the Sun

(Convertibles), Most Fun Coupe, Most Fun Sports Sedan, and Most Fun SUV. An overall winner – the Northwest Most Fun to Drive Vehicle – was also chosen.

Participants were asked which vehicle they would choose as their own based on what they learned over the 527-mile drive route. The course crossed Mt. Hood and traveled as far south as Sisters, Ore. before heading east to the ghost town of Shaniko, Ore., and returning to Mt. Hood. The final day took the group to the historic Mosier Curves in the Columbia River Gorge before crossing into Washington for the return drive to Portland, Ore.

The winners selected by the 18 participating automotive media professionals are:

Northwest Most Fun in the Sun – 2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata RF

Northwest Most Fun Coupe – 2019 Ford Mustang Bullitt

Northwest Most Fun Sports Sedan – 2018 BMW M5

Northwest Most Fun SUV – 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio

Northwest Most Fun to Drive Vehicle – 2018 Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio

Classic Car Week “You had to be There”

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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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California Air Resources Board Release Study

The California Air Resources Board released the 2018 issue of its Annual Evaluation of Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Deployment and Hydrogen Fuel Station Network Development (the AB8 report)

Findings include:

- California's hydrogen fueling network has continued to mature with growth in the number of stations, continued emphasis on a fully retail customer experience, and private investment in station development.
- Auto manufacturer projections for future FCEV deployments have recovered substantially from 2017 projections.
- Sufficient fueling capacity and coverage should be available by 2025 to enable FCEV deployments at a rate two to three times greater than currently-reported plans.

• California's State co-funded hydrogen fueling network is on track to meet or exceed renewable requirements per Senate Bill 1505 #HydrogenNow #DriveH2 Events Pacific Oil Conference 2018 September 4-6 | Los Angeles, CA Global Action Climate Summit September 12 | San Francisco, CA Hydrogen and Fuel Cells North America Conference and Expo September 24-27 | Anaheim, CA

Shell Joins CaFCP Executive Board

At the California Fuel Cell Partnership public meeting, Shell was invited to become a member of CaFCP's executive board. Shell is the first energy company to join the board. Shell and its affiliates within the Shell Group of Companies are taking part in various initiatives to encourage the adoption of hydrogen as a transport fuel. Shell currently operates two hydrogen refueling stations in California.

AUTO NEWS® BYTES

SALEEN AUTOMOTIVE UNVEILS 35TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION SALEEN MUSTANG

Steve Saleen, CEO of Saleen Automotive, Inc. announces the 35th Anniversary Edition Mustang, the “SA 35”. These 2019 Black Label anniversary editions celebrate Steve Saleen and Saleen Automotive's 35 years of delivering legendary Saleen vehicles. This achievement represents one of the longest continuous American name plates in automotive history.

Saleen Automotive Inc. celebrates every five years with a special limited anniversary model using the Saleen Racing Heritage colors of black, white and yellow. There are only 10 Limited Editions produced and the prototype was unveiled at our Open House on September 15th at Saleen's Headquarters in Southern California.

“We were extremely proud to introduce the SA 35 to our friends, family and enthusiasts. It celebrates and validates the continuing success and longevity of the Saleen Brand”, said Steve Saleen, CEO Saleen Automotive. The SA 35 includes the Saleen trademark custom yellow, black and white Saleen graphics, and is equipped with a Saleen supercharger, producing 780HP and 630 ft. lbs. of torque. Saleen iconic Racecraft R Code suspension, mono-block forged Saleen designed aluminum wheels, General G-Max tires, special 35th Anniversary fenders, Saleen Black Label hood, aerodynamics with retro styling, Saleen exhaust system, Saleen wing and custom SA 35 interior with special badging are among the extensive standard features.

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Chevrolet Silverado Test Drive Review

by Howard Elmer

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approach to construction is the reason for this. Strategic use of aluminum and more hi-strength steel have lowered the weight; yet the frame is actually 10% more rigid than the outgoing model.

The stretched body on the new Silverado translates to more room inside the cab—starting with added 3-inches of rear-seat legroom for a total of 43.4-inches which almost equals the 44.5-inches available to the front seat driver and passenger. Also up front, by going with a traditional gear shift lever, the entire centre console/armrest is a massive storage space organized into several transforming spaces that will accommodate pretty much anything your daily life requires—along with all the electrical inputs and outlets necessary to run them. The interior itself is better seen, then described. However, it is, without a doubt, the best interior Chevy has ever put forward.

An exciting development in fuel efficiency for this new gen is a technology called Dynamic Fuel Management. Unlike the current Active Fuel Management (which runs as either an 8-cylinder or 4-cylinder), the new DFM can fire on as few as two cylinders. Studies have shown that under normal usage a DFM-equipped engine was running on less than eight cylinders 60% of the time. This translates to a 9% improvement in fuel efficiency over the old AFM system. Gas engines include updated versions of the 5.3L and 6.2L V8's along with a all new 2.7L turbo engine that is now the base engine on the high-volume Silverado LT and RST. It offers 22% more torque and greater fuel efficiency than the 4.3L V6. However this V6 and the 5.3L V8 will still be the chief options on the entry-level and WT models.

Most truck owners know, and certainly sense, that each generation of 1500-series pickup is becoming more and more towing capable. This is regardless of brand. They tow more weight, handle larger trailers and, thankfully, the builders are adding the tech and safety features needed to handle these larger loads safely. It's actually funny that many of us still refer to this size of truck as "half-tons"—we left that territory long ago.

The new numbers for the 2019 Silverado are 12,200 lb - towing (max), up 400 lb over 2018. New maximum payload has increase 340 lb to a hefty 2,500 lb. Now to handle these new weights Chevy has added some very welcome and slick towing technologies. First, up to four cameras offer

Lyon Museum Displays Dan Gurney's Race Cars

by Art Gould

The Lyon Air Museum is the only venue in Orange County on John Wayne Airport's active runway. Featuring authentic aircraft, along with rare vehicles and related memorabilia. This 30,000 square foot hanger is home to over a half a dozen original aircraft that defines the important role the United States played in shaping world history.

Vintage vehicles include Military automobiles and Vintage vehicles mostly from the collection of the founder, Major General William Lyon, USAF (retired). The mission of Lyon Air Museum is to provide a world-class avenue of inspiration where the stories of aviation's past can touch the lives of its visitors through educational exhibits, authentic historical aircraft and related memorabilia.

The fun for auto enthusiasts are the cars that are displayed throughout the museum. These vehicles are positioned between the aircraft on a floor that could rival a surface to eat from. General Lyon has been known for his exceptional car collection. Mostly housed at his home in Coto de Caza, Southern California, the restored classic vehicles add much color and excitement to his air museum as well.

As is expected of major car collections, the exhibits are rotated regularly providing the opportunity to revisit the museum to eventually experience the majority of the Lyon car collection. The rarity and exceptional condition of the automobiles have earned the Lyon collection first place and best of show accolades at many of the

most prestigious car events.

Currently on display is a special exhibit featuring the race cars of the renowned race car driver and performance car builder, the late Dan Gurney. The Formula 1 racer, adds to the legend of one of the best known and popular racers of all time. Some of the best history in the Lyon Museum is currently the race cars of Dan Gurney. The Lyon Museum is a venue that really gives you a reason to return in order not to miss the rotating displays.

General Lyon believes that all the perfect condition aircraft and automobiles in his collection operate including the historic vintage planes. All planes, mostly WWII, are flown by people that know them well. All cars are kept in run-ready condition in order to participate in an exercise drill at moment's notice.

Not all cars are concours material. A Helms bakery truck is a highlight for Southern California residents who remember the neighborhood daily service of fresh bakery goods. For the kids, the interactive section of the museum provides a place for kids, with parental supervision, to climb up, in and out of trucks and Jeeps.

Located on the West side of John Wayne Airport at 19300 Ike Jones Road, Santa Ana, CA. Admission is \$12. with Seniors and Veterans \$9. Kids under 5 free. For more information, 714-210-4585. Web site, www.lyonairmuseum.org Private events are welcome with pre-arrangement. The Museum opened in 2009 and is worthy of repeat visits by car enthusiasts as well as airplane aficionados.



One of Dan Gurney's Race Cars (photo Art Gould)

Honda Accord Test Drive Review

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the front and rear wheels. Backseat passengers benefit the most with almost limo-like legroom. Six-footers will have no problem stretching out. Trunk space is also larger this year at 16.7 cu-ft. The 2018 Accord is even better suited now for long family vacations.

Buyers get a choice of drive trains to get them to wherever they are headed. Most will choose a turbocharged, 1.5-liter, 192 hp., four-cylinder engine that's teamed with a CVT—continuously variable (automatic) transmission. A 252 hp., 2.0 turbo, mated to a 10-speed automatic, is a higher performance alternative. My test car had this latter combo, and it responded with authority when I hit the gas.

Honda now offers the Accord in five levels of trim, LX, Sport, EX, EX-L and Touring. (A hybrid model is on the way.) The LX is pretty basic, but it does come with automatic air conditioning. Enthusiasts will, no doubt, gravitate to the Accord Sport, which provides a choice of engines and an optional six-speed manual transmission. The EX offers more features, like a moonroof and blind-spot warning. The EX-L adds leather upholstery, and the Touring includes everything offered in the Accord lineup.

As for safety equipment, all Accords come with the Honda Sensing system. It includes

forward collision warning and braking, adaptive cruise control and active lane monitoring. Blind-spot warning and rear cross-traffic alert are also included on most models.

Behind the wheel, the Accord drives more like a European sedan, rather than one from Japan. The steering is taut, quick and responsive. The Accord reacts immediately to your input. The suspension, which is adjustable on the Touring models, like my test car, enables the driver to slice through corners with confidence. Additionally, drivers can select a "sport" mode that tightens up the steering further; increases throttle response and alters the shift pattern (automatic transmission) for an even more aggressive driving. On the flip side, the ride quality on the Touring, which comes with 19-inch wheels, will bounce you around on back roads. Other models, with 17-inchers should be more compliant.

Accord pricing is in line with other midsize sedans. The base LX goes for \$24,565. The Sport is \$26,775. The EX comes in at \$28,365 and the EX-L is \$2,500 more. At the top of the line is the Touring, which will set you back \$36,690 with the two-liter engine.

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2018 Honda Accord (photo Ed Barrett)



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side-impact and thorax for front and rear outboard seating positions and knee air bags for the driver and front passenger; a standard rear-vision camera; Side Blind Zone Alert with Lane Change Alert and Rear Cross-Traffic Alert. Driver Confidence Package 2 is available with Adaptive Cruise Control, Following Distance Indicator, Forward Collision Alert, Forward Automatic Braking, Lane Keep Assist, Front Pedestrian Braking and head-up display.

The front transversely-mounted engine is a 3.6-liter, DOHC, 24-valve, VVT V-6 with Direct Injection and auto Stop/Start that delivers 310 horsepower at 6,800 rpm while also developing 282 pound feet of torque at 5,200 rpm. The AWD powertrain is essentially a transplant from the larger and heavier Buick LaCrosse.

My 2018 Buick Regal GS AWD test vehicle came with a base price of \$39,065., with the as tested price rising to \$44,110. After factoring in the Driver Confidence Package #2, Power Moonroof, Sights and Sounds Package, Appearance Package and Destination charge. The exterior wore a coat of Sport Red, while the interior was done in Ebony with Ebony accents.

SUMMARY: Piloting the 2018 Buick Regal GS AWD yielded a peaceful and stable competence in a variety of driving scenarios from inner city to bustling freeways. Acceleration is obviously far superior to the former four-banger power plant, and the nine-speed automatic intuitively chose the proper gear in virtually all levels

of spirited driving situations.

Reining in the Regal GS courtesy of the four-piston Brembo front brakes was smooth and confidence inspiring.

This latest iteration of the Regal GS is truly worthy of the Gran Sport badging. It is stylishly appealing and the performance levels are enjoyable across the board from simply commuting to a challenging romp on twisting back roads.

SPECIFICATIONS: 2018 Buick Regal GS AWD

Base Price: \$39,065.

Price as Tested: \$44,110.

Engine Type and Size: 3.6-liter,

DOHC, 24-valve, VVT with

cylinder deactivation, Direct

Injection and auto Stop/Start.

Horsepower (bhp): 310 @ 6,800

rpm

Torque (ft./ lbs.): 282 @ 5,200

rpm

Transmission: Nine-speed auto-

matic.

Drive Train: Longitudinally-

mounted front engine / All-wheel

drive with active twin clutch.

Suspension: Front - MacPherson

strut with coil springs and Contin-

uous Damping Control.

Rear - Five-link independent with

Continuous Damping Control.

Brakes: Power-assisted four-

wheel discs with ABS, Esc and

Brembo front calipers.

Tires: Continental ProContact tx

245/40 R19 94W mounted on 10

angled machine faced spokes with

painted inners.

Wheelbase: 114.4 inches

Length Overall: 192.9 inches

Width: 73.3 inches

Height: 57.3 inches

Curb Weight: 4,270 lbs.

Turning Circle: 38.45 ft.

Fuel Capacity: 16.2 gallons

EPA Mileage Estimates: 19 mpg

city / 27 mpg highway

Drag Coefficient: Not listed

0 - 60 mph: Not tested



2018 Buick Regal GS AWD (photo Arv Voss)

The 2019 Honda Ridgeline is a Most Comfortable Pickup

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a bit less truck-like than some of its competitors.

The 2019 Ridgeline's cabin looks good, with a comfortable and stylish feel to it. It has the largest and most flexible cabin in the midsize pickup truck segment. Not only that, but the Ridgeline is rated to carry 1,584-lb. of cargo-hauling and tow up to 5000-lb.

There are plenty of features and the technology base of the Ridgelines offering is certainly up-to-date. For instance, you get an eight-inch display touchscreen which has Android Auto and Apple CarPlay integration.

The standard climate control system is three-zone and automatic. The driver gets an eight-way power driver's seat with adjustable lumbar support. Folks sitting in back then are not forgotten when it comes to comfort. In addition to the third-zone climate control, the rear seats are actually comfortable for adults. The legroom is good, and the rear doors open wide enough for easy in-and-out hopping by those of any age.

So, this is a vehicle which can easily function as a family crossover ute. Let's face it, the

word sophisticated isn't one usually used in association with the words "pickup truck." But it is an acceptable description of the Ridgeline's interior.

But there's even more "social" capability behind the back seat. In that regard, the truck bed of the Ridgeline is somewhat special. While you may not carry a ton of coal in it, you will probably delight in its use in social situations. If you are going to be tailgating at sporting events, picnics or other gatherings you've got a couple of special features.

First the tailgate is dual-action, opening down or to the side. Then there is a lockable and weather-

sealed storage area Honda calls the In-Bed Trunk, as well as a 115V AC power outlet. But the big deal for this purpose is the optional and world's first Truck Bed Audio System. It literally uses the sides of the bed liner as speakers, producing pretty decent sound quality. In addition to sounding pretty good, it is just so cool a feature that it's worth the price just for the show-off value.

But there is a down side to being based on a crossover platform. While it is available in two-wheel drive version, the two wheels that are driven are the front two. While there's nothing wrong with that, it



Honda Ridgeline (photo David Schmidt)

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miles per gallon. Not bad for the varied driving conditions provided to us as we maneuvered downtown traffic, hills and back roads with various road surfaces.

The three available drive modes (Normal, Sport and Smart) demonstrated differences that were discernible. When the Smart position was chosen the programmed shift-points and steering stiffness actually improved. Not the best Eco mode as the Normal mode,

but defiantly the most fun.

The new Forte is stiffer than the second generation that it replaces. The frame is 26% more rigid thanks to the utilization of advanced high-strength steel. At 2,707 pounds, the new Forte is the lightest of all compact cars on the market.

Noise, vibration and harshness is improved noticeably when driving over uneven surfaces or experiencing potholes or other surprises encountered on the road

trip. An example of the quiet factor is 4mm-thick glass, an increase that contributes to noise reduction of 5 decibels from the outgoings Forte.

Braking is one of the highlights of this 2019 Forte. Even with spirited driving stopping was effortless. The amount of force required was easy and smooth even after an all day drive.

The FE model with manual transmission is priced at \$17,690. The FE with the IVT transmission starts at \$18,585. The EX trim edition with additional advanced driver-assistance systems like lane change assist, blind-spot collision warning and rear cross-traffic alert is \$21,990. A special EX Launch Edition model will be available later this year that will begin at \$26,095.

The 2019 Kia Forte is a stand out in the compact car arena. Kia hopes this new Forte will continue to be the choice of first time buyers

// The Forte is the best selling vehicle in the Kia line-up. //

as well a value seekers in this world where it seems everything is crossovers, SUVs and utility vehicles. A good drive all around. A definite 'add' to the new car shopping list.



2019 Kia Forte (photo Art Gould)

2019 Honda Ridgeline Test Drive Review

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is not a discussion you want to get into when somebody asks if drives all four wheels.

All 2019 Honda Ridgelines are powered by a 3.5-liter, direct-injected V-6 engine with variable valves and variable cylinder management. It sends its 280 hp. and 262 lb.-ft. of peak torque through a six-speed automatic transmission. Not being a body-on-frame truck helps with the Ridgelines efficiency. EPA mileage ratings are 19 mpg city and 26 mpg on the highway for the FWD version and 18 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway for the AWD.

All Ridgelines get a button-operated Intelligent Traction Management system that enables up to four different operating modes: Normal, Snow, Mud and Sand for the AWD models, as well as Normal and Snow for front-wheel drive versions. The all-wheel-drive versions use Honda's Intelligent Variable Torque Management to give it better all-weather performance and handling.

Ridgeline, like you would expect, still offers the Honda Sensing suite of advanced safety and driver assistive features, including Collision Mitigation

Braking System with Forward Collision Warning, lane keeping assist, Road Departure Mitigation with Lane Departure Warning, and adaptive cruise control.

This generation of the Ridgeline looks more like a conventional pickup truck than the previous version. The results are still out on this, as people who like the previous version really liked its "unique" design. But whatever you think of the looks of this vehicle it plays a rather unique role in its positioning.

The hugely popular crossover sport uses look and perform rather like trucks, but without the limitations of the mechanical aspects of being a truck. The Ridgeline does somewhat the same thing in the pickup truck world. What the El Camino tried to do decades ago – make a pickup out of a car, may have been done very successfully with the Ridgeline.

The 2019 model is on sale now and starts at \$29,990.

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

Volkswagen Goes Large with Atlas SUV

by Bill McCallum

Volkswagen entered the U.S. market after WWII with the "Bug." The VW Bug was an instant success and I bought a used 1965 VW Bug Soft Top in the 70's. I named my Red Bug "Fat Albert" and he was my daily driver for years. I loved "Fat Albert." As the VW brand grew in popularity across the U.S. Volkswagen became known for selling a value oriented product featuring a full lineup of small cars.

The Volkswagen Atlas V6 SEL w/ 4MOTION I tested represents a move by Volkswagen into one of the most competitive automotive segments, large SUV's. I first saw the VW Atlas at the LA Auto Show 2 years ago and I must say they are coming to market with all the bells-and-whistles to compete with the segment leaders.

First and foremost, the 2018 VW Atlas SUV offers industry leading design. Design sells these days and I will go on record as saying the 2018 VW Atlas offers one of the best, if not THE BEST designed large SUV's on the market today. Comfort and space. When you drive the 2018 VW Atlas you feel like your floating on a cloud, with very little road noise and lots of room for that shopping trip to Costco or Walmart. Power. The 3.6L 24 valve DOHC V6 engine w/FSI direct injection gives the power to deliver an entire little league soccer team to practice or on game day.

The 2018 VW Atlas offers 10 safety features including Intelligent Crash Response System (ICRS) and Lower Anchors & Tethers for Children (LATCH). The base MSRP as tested is \$42,690. This might seem high for a Volkswagen, but compared to the other large SUV's on the market it's a SUPER VALUE. I strongly suggest a "test drive" of the 2018 Atlas at your nearest Volkswagen dealer.

INSIDE INDIA AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

#StopTheCrash campaign launch in India during inaugural Global NCAP World Congress

For the first time in India, the #StopTheCrash Partnership will host a live demonstration of crash avoidance technologies during Global NCAP's inaugural World Congress event in Delhi.

Launched at the Buddh International Circuit, the Indian #StopTheCrash campaign event has a special focus on the life saving benefits of Electronic Stability Control (ESC), Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB) and Anti-lock Braking Systems (ABS) for motorcycles.

David Ward, Secretary General of Global NCAP and Chairman of the #StopTheCrash Partnership said: "Technologies such as ESC and AEB have the potential to avoid thousands of deaths and serious injuries every year in India. The Indian government has already taken an important lead on vehicle safety technology by mandating a requirement for ABS on motorcycles. The #StopTheCrash Partnership would now encourage the introduction of ESC and AEB as an important next step in the regulatory requirement for all new cars sold in India."

Rohit Baluja, President of the Institute of Road Traffic Education said: "The Institute of Road traffic Education is proud to partner the #StopTheCrash campaign during Global NCAP's inaugural World Congress. The Congress brings together road safety delegates from across the World, including representatives from all of the NCAPs worldwide. The message is clear, early adoption of crash avoidance systems like Electronic Stability Control (ESC) as a standard requirement in new cars will help save thousands of Indian lives."

Editors Note: Led by Global NCAP, the #STOP-THECRASH Partnership includes the ADAC, Bosch, Consumers International, Continental, Denso, ITT, Thatcham Research, Veoneer, ZF and the Towards Zero Foundation.

All are united in their shared commitment to promote advanced vehicle safety technologies in support of the UN's Global Goals and the Decade of Action for Road Safety.

INSIDE EUROPE AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

LIQUI MOLY remains the most popular oil for commercial vehicles

The readers of German trade journal "Profi Werkstatt" choose LIQUI MOLY once again

Oil and additive specialist LIQUI MOLY adds another title. The company was awarded "Best Profi Werkstatt brand" in the oil and lubricant category at the Automechanika trade fair in Germany. In so doing, the automotive chemical specialist defended its leading position by gaining its third readers' choice award from a Huss publication.

"Third selection, third victory - it doesn't get any better," says Peter Baumann, getting right to the point. He is responsible for LIQUI MOLY marketing globally and accepted the award for "Best Profi-Werkstatt brand" at Automechanika. The most important trade fair in the wear and repair sector takes place in Frankfurt every two years. Since 2014 Huss publications has asked the readers of its specialist publication Profi Werkstatt to vote and uses the event to host its award ceremony. LIQUI MOLY has been part and parcel of the prize list since then.

This year alone, the lubricant specialist has won seven readers' choice awards, including those of the largest German automotive magazines. But nothing is taken for granted: "Each year we are excited to see if we can defend our title," the Marketing Director explains. "In the end, this is an honor for the entire LIQUI MOLY team because everyone contributed to make it a success."

And the result is very important to LIQUI MOLY because the voters take cars and commercial vehicles very seriously and really identify with the issues. "The readers of a specialist title like Profi Werkstatt are, in point of fact, professionals who come into contact with the products they are voting for in their day to day work. For this reason the title means a great deal to us," explains the Marketing Director.

All the more so as the commercial vehicle market is highly competitive. Supply, rather than demand, dominates. There were more than 200 brands to choose from in 22 categories. In total over 20,000 votes were cast. This range highlights the role that brand plays in the purchase decision. Peter Baumann: "It gives orientation, adds an emotional benefit to product selection and builds trust."

Sally travels to Cougar Crest Estate Winery in a Kia Sorento

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stance and upscale appearance. The revised styling of the front and rear of the vehicle is enhanced with the newly available LED headlights, fog lights and taillights.

The lower trim levels start in the mid \$20k's. Trim levels are LX, EX, SX and the fully loaded SLX — a \$48,370 all-wheel drive that I drove for this review. Before you decide the price is high, keep in mind that this SLX Sorento was optioned to luxury specification levels and the value is fantastic.

A quiet, refined drive was welcome in the Sorento on our trip to Walla Walla. The 3.3-liter V6 is coupled with a new eight-speed automatic transmission. A few other options that made the

drive enjoyable are the Smart Cruise Control with Stop and Go to help maintain a predetermined distance from a vehicle in front of you, Driver Attention Warning, Lane Keeping Assist, Blind Spot Detection and Forward Collision Warning.

The designated driver deserved an extremely comfortable 14-way power adjustable driver's seat with perfect lumbar support. Soft nappa leather seating is throughout the vehicle. The interior fit and finish is beautiful and especially noticeable on the doors accented with double stitching and chrome. The attractive dashboard includes an excellent control layout with easy-to-operate touchscreen, tuning and volume knobs along with

clearly marked air controls. The console was designed with trays to hold many small items like keys, phones and coins with a compartment in the middle large enough to stash a small purse. Cup holders are located in all doors as well as the console.

The three-row, seven person seating is perfect for a group to tour the wineries. Since it is a squeeze for adults to fit in the third row and that seating doesn't accommodate long legs, you will want to find two short, flexible friends to sit in the third row. All passengers have available cup holders and wireless charging ports are included for occupants of the three rows of seating. A panoramic roof with a sun shade gives the Sorento's passengers plenty of light and offers skyward views.

Our destination in Walla Walla was the Cougar Crest Estate Winery which is located on Frenchtown Road off Highway 12 in the Westside wine region of the Walla Walla valley. We had fond memories of visiting the winery in their early years at the beginning of this century when they were located at the Walla Walla Airport. Ten years ago the winery moved into a beautiful new building that contains a subterranean wine cellar and is made from Rastra blocks, a recycled material consisting of recycled polystyrene mixed with concrete. The environmentally friendly building exemplifies the sustainable practices the winery practices from vineyard to production. An impressive tasting room is located in the building which is decorated with beautiful woods, fireplace, and plenty of seating for sipping wonderful wines.

Cougar Crest Estate Winery's vineyard acreage totals 110 acres and is spread out over four different vineyards in the Walla Walla

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Kia Sorento at Cougar Crest Estate Winery in Walla Walla, WA (photo by Sally Hanson)

Gonzaga University Student Loves His 2005 Honda CR-V

by Zach McCallum

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the CR-V is a great option for road trips and skiing enthusiasts. Most SUV's made in 2005 like the RAV4 boast a few mpg better, however no other mid size SUV has comparable power. If you are a

college student that wants to drive fast and not waste too much gas, all without sacrificing space, the 2005 Honda CR-V is an excellent option. Found at only a couple thousand dollars it is great for a budget without compromise.



Gonzaga University Student, Riley Baynham with his CR-V (photo Zach McCallum)

Toyota's New Plano, Texas Headquarters is a State-of-the-Art Structure

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The campus has multi-story covered parking structures to protect vehicles during the hot months and heavy weather days that Texas is noted for. On the back of the building is a large and long video wall about the size of a football field with an eye-catching display. This video wall backs up to a major freeway just next to the 4 billion dollar Legacy Center that is the new home to Liberty Mutual Insurance and other major companies that have moved to North Texas in the last year. The headquarters with a vast array of solar panels and other environmental features, shows how much effort was put into this facility. The center of the structure is surrounded by black glass and a water-wise atrium. The new headquarters includes several restaurants for employees. This address affords easy access to employees living in North Texas. This 100-acre campus has lots of room to grow in the future. With around 4,000 employees in this facility, you would never know it.

There are six main buildings housing Toyota's financial division, the Lexus brand and a technology and engineering research center. Office space is designed to be flexible in the event a change is needed. Amenities include a Starbucks, health center, a credit union and a convenience store run by Walmart. Another great feature is there are several food stations, one including sushi. A new addition to the current Plano campus will be a museum with vintage cars from the early years and vehicles throughout their success in the U.S. At some point, the general public will be able to tour the museum.

Near Toyota's Plano headquarters a state of the art Toyota dealership is being built, no doubt it will help Toyota service company and employee vehicles.

This year will also bring an \$80 million dollar engineering center in Kentucky; part of the "One Toyota" Project. The 235,000 square foot facility will house more than 600 Toyota engineers with room to grow.



Toyota's Plano, Texas Headquarters (photo Harold Allen)

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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)



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



Legends of Auto Gala Event attendees at dinner during presentations (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 you are 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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CARS, STARS AND FILMS



Audi helps deliver the Stars & Guests at the 70th Annual Emmys in Hollywood

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Jean Marc Vallee ("Big Little Lies", "Sharp Objects") owner of an a3 e-tron drive in Montreal

revealed "even with the car in the snow, it only runs \$50 per gas per year".

Trace Lysette ("Transparent")

looks for a car that's "Safe and reliable. Nice bright matte color because I like to be loud".

Nico Santos ("Crazy Rich

Asians") noted "I've always loved the design of their cars...I don't know anything about cars and I'm all about fashion over function but I'm certain their car is exquisite."

Jeffrey Wright ("Westworld") shared his favorite genre of TV - horror, aka "the news".

Los Angeles Dodgers Corey Seager and Los Angeles Lakers Josh Hart became fast friends.

Wells Adams ("Bachelor in Paradise") held his new roommate and leading lady's purse, Sarah Hyland ("Modern Family").

Guests were treated to passed hors d'oeuvres from the hotel's executive chef Brian Corman with creations of tonno calabrese, crudo, wagyu tartare crostini, sweet corn and shrimp frittelle, grilled portabello spiedini, burrata blini and lamb meatballs. Desserts of meringue, pavlova, cinnamon doughnut holes.

2018 Emmy nominees that attended included: Adina Porter ("AHS: Cult"), Amanda Brugel ("The Handmaid's Tale"), Daniel Brühl ("The Alienist"); Jimmy O Yang ("Silicon Valley"); Kenya Barris ("Black-ish"); Milo Ventimiglia ("This Is Us"); Sofia Boutella ("Hotel Artemis"); Sydney Sweeney ("The Handmaid's Tale") and Thandie Newton ("Westworld"). Attending VIPs included: Finn Jones ("Iron Fist"), Gideon Raff ("Homeland"), and Rumer Willis ("Empire").



Nina Kiri and Madeline Brewer attend Audi Celebrates the 70th Emmys on September 14, 2018 at the La Peer Hotel (Photo Credit X, Getty Images for Audi)



Wells Adams, Sarah Hyland attend Audi Celebrates the 70th Emmys on September 14, 2018 at the La Peer Hotel (Photo Credit X, Getty Image for Audi)

Curing Kids Cancer - Mecum Auction Louisville Raises More Than \$35,000

Mecum Louisville had its best fundraising year!

Curing Kids Cancer enjoyed kicking off childhood cancer awareness month with Mecum Auctions in Louisville, Ky.

This auction raised more money than ever before -- raising more than \$35,000 for childhood cancer research. We would like to give a special shout out

to Preston Lewis for helping us to raise these funds as he shared his own childhood cancer story with Mecum Auctions and NBC Sports. It is amazing to have his continued support as a CKC ambassador!

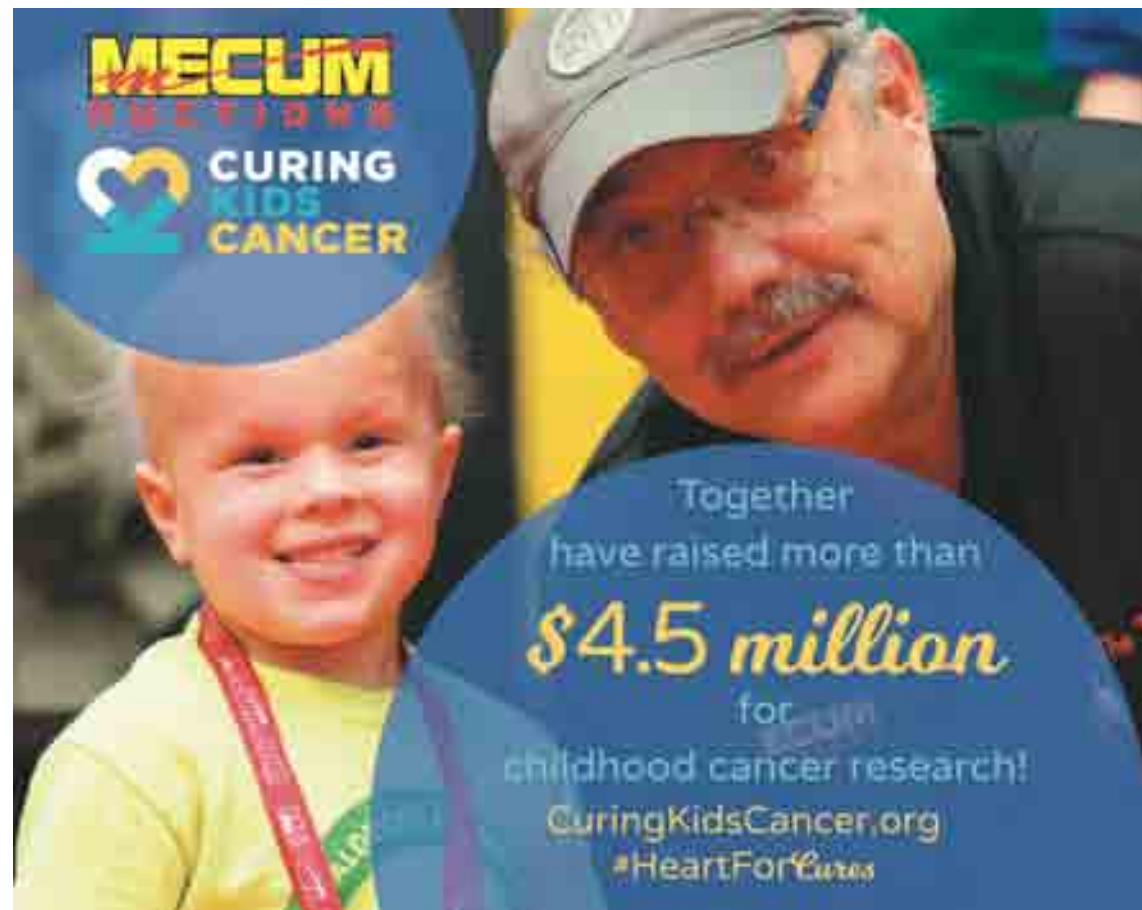
We would like to also give a big thank you to the McPhail family - another amazing group of CKC ambassadors. Jeff

McPhail, dad of CKC kid Reece, paints portraits for us to auction off at Mecum Auctions. This has been a great fundraiser! Thank you, Jeff, for your long time support of Curing Kids Cancer.

If you are ever interested in attending a Mecum Auction or would like to donate a car or memorabilia, email Mikaela at mikaela@curingkids cancer.org.



The Lewis family and CKC president Grainne Owen.



Grainne Owen displaying a Jeff McPhail painting.

It's Easy to Buy a Toyota in Marysville, Washington by Sally Hanson

by Sally Hanson

Have you ever dreaded buying or leasing a vehicle because you knew the transaction was going to be a time-consuming effort that would leave you feeling like you've been through the wringer or beat up?

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Here's how easy it was to purchase a vehicle at Marysville Toyota – I made a trip to the dealership to check out their sales technique and was so impressed that I became the owner of a new Toyota!



Marysville Toyota has 18 service bays to serve customers (photo Auto News)

2019 Avalon Hybrid Limited Test Drive Review by Harold Allen

The 2019 Avalon Hybrid Limited is a hidden gem in the Toyota lineup. No doubt most folk looking for a luxury sedan would not shop at a Toyota dealership. What a mistake on their part.

The new Avalon Hybrid Limited is an outstanding sedan and a great value. With an MPG of 43 MPG and not having to find a plug to keep going the 2019 Avalon Limited Hybrid range is over 400 miles per tank. Styling is all Toyota and 70% of buyers who purchase vehicles use this as a guide.

The Limited edition sedan has a list price of \$42,800.00 and with only two options on the invoice, those two options add only \$1,150.00. Unbelievable, when most vehicles especially in the luxury market add thousands

to the invoice for options you will find as standard equipment on this Avalon. This sedan had everything and the interior was extremely luxurious. The exterior color was called opulent amber and included a camel leather interior. The instrument panel and the 7" Multi-informational display was easy to read even in bright daylight. The 2.5L 176hp 4- cylinder DOHC 16-V D-4s and NI-MH Battery with 215 net hp combined with a VVT-1 Electronic continuous variable transmission (ECVT) is very responsive and fun to drive. There is full array of safety equipment including over 20 different items to keep you and your passengers safe. Interior features include a heads-up display for speed and

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Customer Lounge at Marysville Toyota (photo Auto News)

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See 2019 Chevrolet Silverado “Test Drive Report” on pages 3, 6 & 19



2019 Chevrolet Silverado (photo Art Gould)



2019 Chevrolet Silverado (photo Art Gould)

Sally Hanson Travels To Cougar Crest Estate Winery in a Kia Sorento

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American Viticulture Area (AVA). To receive the “Estate” designation, the winery and vineyards have to be in the same AVA, have to be controlled or owned by the winery and the wine has to be made from start to finish at the winery.

As you should assume from the name of the winery, the husband and wife team of Deborah and David Hansen graduated from Washington State University. Deborah received her degree in Pharmacy and David in Veterinary Medicine. They began their careers in the San Francisco area where the art of wine making became their passion while visiting California wineries. Starting in 1980 with fruit orchards, the Hansens have been in agriculture ever since, establishing their first vineyard in 1997.

Having won numerous gold medals in many competitions and acclaimed best of class wine by prestigious magazines, our favorite varietals offered at Cougar Crest Estate Winery include Malbec, Merlot, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Parking at Cougar Crest Winery was made easier with the Park Distance Warning, Rear Cross Traffic Collision Warning, and the Surround View Monitor that gives a 360 degree view of the vehicle’s relationship to the surrounding area.

The Sorento’s cargo space is easily accessible with the hands-free Smart Power lift gate opening when it senses your smart key — with no hands or feet required. The lift gate can also be adjusted to your height preference making closing the hatch easier and to avoid opening so high that it hits the ceiling in your garage. Another nice feature is a remote release that lets you fold down the second row seats while standing at the rear of the vehicle to expand space as you pack the vehicle. Cargo netting and tie downs are conveniently arranged for cargo when the third seat is down. The Sorento offers ample space to purchase many cases of wine at the Cougar Crest Estate Winery.

And what common thread links the Kia Sorento and Cougar Crest Estate Winery? Both are class acts that are definitely worth the drive.




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Pirelli and Prada Partner for Luna Rossa’s New America’s Cup Challenge

Pirelli has signed an agreement with Luna Rossa Challenge for the constitution of a partnership aimed at the development of a multi-year project which will lead to Luna Rossa’s participation in the next edition of the America’s Cup, set for New Zealand in 2021.

Pirelli and Prada will be co-titled sponsors of the vessel and will detail their plans at a soon to be organized event.

Now in its 36th edition, the America’s Cup is the oldest trophy in the history of sport, which sees the participation of the most technologically advanced boats in the world.

The project will entail, over the 4-year period 2018-2021, a series of regattas, events and activities with the two brands as protagonists. In 2019, the first two regattas of the America’s Cup World Series will take place in the Mediterranean; in 2020 another three World Series regattas will be held in Europe, the United States of America and Asia; from January 2021, always in Auckland, there will be the Prada Cup, Challenger selection regattas, followed by the 36th edition of the America’s Cup Presented by Prada, scheduled for March 2021.

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How Millennials Buy A Car Differently

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A3, which make luxury brands more affordable for the millennial buyer, however, some millennials are more likely to consider up and coming models from import brands such as Kia and Mazda, as well as other German and Japanese models, because of their popularity. It was also noted that as they age, Millennials seem to become more practical in their automotive tastes.

Based on their study, Autotrader found that Millennials are looking for experts to help answer their questions when they finally make it to the dealership. Some want quick, efficient purchases and come with their minds practically made up, based on their research noted above, but some want to feel, touch, drive and some time and space to make their final decision. They appreciate help and expertise in a kind, professional and non-pressure type of way.

Millennials pride themselves on smart purchases their way, their time line. Read them, be helpful and patient with them, and let them steer you to which car they want to purchase.

Coming up is my highly anticipated article with a reputable Washington State mechanic in business for over 30 years. He will discuss his advice for Millennials in both car buying and maintenance.

SHOWCASE REVIEWS

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The Elantra has been one of Hyundai’s top sellers and one of the best values in the sedan segment. Also above average MPG.

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ENGINE: 1.6L Turbo
TRANS: 7-speed dual clutch
HORSEPOWER: 201 hp
MPG: 26 city / 32 hiway

MAZDA CX-9 SIGNATURE



The CX-9 is Mazda’s large SUV and the entry level model starts at 33K. With advanced design and good MPG it deserves a look.

BASE PRICE: \$44,315
TYPE: SUV
ENGINE: 2.5L Turbo
TRANS: SKYACTIVE 6spd AT
HORSEPOWER: 227 hp
MPG: 20 city / 26 hiway

KIA RIO EX 5DR



The fourth generation KIA RIO offers more room and a new infotainment center with voice recognition. Good MPG and priced right for a sedan.

BASE PRICE: \$18,700
TYPE: Sedan
ENGINE: 1.6L 4 cyl
TRANS: 6-speed AT
HORSEPOWER: 130 hp
MPG: 28 city / 37 hiway

LEXUS NX 300h SUV



The refreshed Lexus NX gives them an excellent hybrid in then luxury SUV segment. Competes with Cadillac Escalade, Ranger Rover, etc.

BASE PRICE: \$38,335
TYPE: SUV Hybrid
ENGINE: 2.5L Hybrid
TRANS: ECVT
HORSEPOWER: 194 hp
MPG: 33 city / 30 hiway

TOYOTA HIGHLANDER



The Highlander has been a top seller for Toyota for years. A large SUV that is priced right with lots of room and standard features.

BASE PRICE: \$35,460
TYPE: SUV
ENGINE: 3.5L V6
TRANS: Direct Shift 8AT
MPG: 21 city / 27 hiway

VOLVO XC40 T5 R-DESIGN



This fun-to-drive small Crossover is a “home-run” for Volvo. Priced right with industry leading design and standard features.

BASE PRICE: \$35,200
TYPE: Compact SUV
ENGINE: 2.0L Turbo
TRANS: 8-speed AT
HORSEPOWER: 248 hp
MPG: 24 city / 26 hiway

*** all information on vehicles as tested

2018 Toyota Sequoia Test Drive Report

by Chris Chung

The 2018 Toyota Sequoia, as big and as mighty as the Sequoia trees that it's named after. The Sequoia is one of the few remaining "body-on-frame" SUVs and is the perfect SUV if you want bulletproof reliability, tons of space for the family, and loads of towing capacity. However, if you're looking for great fuel economy and tons of technology gadgets, you might want to look elsewhere.

For the 2018 model, Toyota came out with significant changes in the Sequoia. Encompassed in those are: styling updates, a new TRD Sport trim, and a slew of new safety features (forward collision warning, automatic braking, lane departure warning, parking sensors, blind-spot monitoring, and traffic-adaptive cruise control, to name a few). Our test model was the new TRD Sport, which featured more aggressive styling, sport-tuned suspension, a blacked out front grille, mirror caps, and rear badging, darkened rear tail light housing, and black 20 inch rims wrapped in a more aggressive off road tire.

Driving Dynamics:

In regards to driving dynamics, the Sequoia is able to perform both in the city, and off road. The large seats are extremely comfortable and the rear cabin can easily seat adults in the middle and rear rows. The cabin was very quiet at highway speeds, and the vehicle cruises comfortably down the road as if you're riding in a luxury car. As to be expected, parallel parking in a city setting can be cumbersome in the Sequoia, but a rear view camera and parking sensors are there to assist you. Not to mention

the turning radius is superb for a vehicle of its size and stabilizer bars in the front and rear keep body roll to a minimum.

Once off road, the Sequoia easily traveled down trails with its Bilstein shocks, offering a comfortable ride that a baby could sleep through. The 10 inches of ground clearance allows you to pass over small obstacles with ease. I didn't try any trails extreme enough, but there are multiple 4wd modes and a locking center differential on the TRD Sport for all of your off roading needs.

Interior:

The interior, as mentioned, is massive and luxurious. The large 10-way adjustable heated leather seats in the front and large knobs make the Sequoia ideal for driving to your annual ski trip. The TRD Sport features second row captain's seating and a seating capacity of 7, while other trims seat 8. The 6.1-inch touch-screen display can be a bit small at times, but Toyota's Entune infotainment system lays everything out in a intuitive design. The Sequoia also features bluetooth, HD Radio, satellite

radio, voice recognition and all of the other amenities you would expect from a 2018 vehicle.

If you need cargo space, the Sequoia has plenty of it. Behind the third-row seats there is 18.9 cubic feet of space, fold down the third row with the push of a button and the space increases to 66.6 cubic feet, fold down the second row, and you have a huge 120.1 cubic foot area to work with. We used the Sequoia to bring all of the materials we needed to our Legends of Auto venue, and we didn't even need to fold all of the seats down!

Ride & Drive: Fiat 500L and Bear Creek Golf Course (Winthrop, Wash.)

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groomed fairways. Bear Creek is managed by Laurie and Mike Hilton. Their two daughters also help around the club house when they are not in school or on the course. The snack bar offers food & beverages. There are separate tees when you tee it up for the second nine. The 18 hole yardage is 6,271 yards from the men's tees and 5,310 yards from the ladies tees. We recommend Bear Creek at Winthrop, WA as part of your Northwest hiking, cycling, camping, fishing, hunting, river rafting, or your road-trip vacation in Eastern, WA. For additional information: Call-(509) 996-2284 or visit - www.bearcreekgolfcourse.com



Fiat 500L on Bear Creek Golf Course (photo Auto News)



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



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“Chanterria McGilbra MBA” founder of Prancing Ponies

by Bill McCallum

Chanterria McGilbra, MBA defines what it means to be a Women in the Auto World. Chanterria is the founder of the Prancing Ponies Foundation, Prancing Ponies Leadership Academy, Prancing Ponies Car Show and the Prancing Ponies Rally. I first met Chanterria at the second annual Prancing Ponies All-Women Car Show this year in Carmel where they honored our Legend Lyn St. James.

With Lyn's help we invited the Prancing Ponies participants to our Legends of Auto Gala Dinner in Monterey during Classic Car Week. (see page 1 story)

A statement in the 2018 Prancing Ponies All-Women Car Show Program says it all.....“The women who are brave enough to participate in our Car Show lay the foundation for future generations of girl auto enthusiasts to do the same. It's why our mission is “Empowering Women - Inspiring Girls” to ‘Create Women Leaders One Girl at a Time.’”



Lyn St. James (left) with Chanterria McGilbra at 2018 Prancing Ponies Car Show in Carmel, California

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2019 Avalon Hybrid Limited Test Drive Review

by Harold Allen

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directional information. Power options on the Limited include wireless phone charging located on a shelf on the console, tilt and telescoping power steering wheel with memory, premium leather heated and vented front seats including heated rear seats, 8-way power driver seat and passenger seat is 4-way with lumbar support. An additional feature is the Smart Key with push button start.

The sound system was a JBL

experience and it delivers a rich, uncompromised listening experience from any music source. This system features over 14 speakers throughout the vehicle. The only thing I felt was missing was a cd player.

To sum it up this a luxury sedan with great value that won't break the bank. Don't make the mistake of not visiting your Toyota dealer for a test drive of the new 2019 Avalon Limited Hybrid.



2019 Toyota Avalon (photo Harold Allen)

Mercedes Metris Test Drive Review

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It really is an all-in-one package if you need a mid-size commercial vehicle. Imagine the impact 22 mpg could have on your bottom-line instead of the 10-14 mpg older full-size vans and trucks get!

Driving Dynamics and Review:

The Metris is powered by a 2.0 liter inline 4 turbo engine. This little power plant pumps out 208 hp and 258 ft-lbs of torque to the rear wheels. Mated with a 7 speed automatic, the Metris got up to speed plenty fast enough for a work truck. The steering in the Metris was very responsive and I feels like you're driving a C300 instead of a cargo van. I was able to make u-turns, maneuver through traffic, and cut through tight alley ways with ease. Parallel parking was also simple with the standard equipped back-up camera.

One thing I did desire was larger side mirrors. A small factor, but one that was noticeable as I had the model with no side or rear windows. Another concern that many people have brought up is the required use of premium gas. Mercedes has mitigated this issue with the 2018 model, as the Metris is now capable of taking any type of gasoline you use. Since the fuel tank is only 18.5 gallons, I was able to fill up the Metris with just \$50.

Being a work van, the interior of the Metris is nothing extraordinary. The dashboard is made of standard plastic material, and the seats, while comfortable, are simply seats. If you live in a cold climate, heated-seats are an option that is available and the steering wheel is made of high quality material that is nice to grip. The standard stereo has good acoustics, and does have bluetooth capability which is a nice touch for calls between job sites. At the

end of the day though, the main focus of the Metris design is functionality, and that is something it does well.

With regards to price, the Metris starts at just \$26,570. A price-tag that I was shocked to discover was that low. From my perspective, if you're looking at purchasing a new commercial vehicle, it doesn't make sense to not consider the Metris! Make sure to stop by Mercedes-Benz of Lynnwood to check-out the 2018 model!



Mercedes Benz Metris (photo Chris Chung)



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Infiniti Prototype 10 - The Spirit of the Speedster for an Electrified Era

by Michelle Hale

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2018 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, the concept represents a physical manifestation of INFINITI's creative and ambitious plans for electrified performance.

As a brand with technological innovation at its core, electrification is a natural next step for INFINITI. From 2021, every new INFINITI model will feature electric drivetrain technology to enhance performance. The Prototype 10 provides a window into INFINITI's desire to deliver driving pleasure, thrilling perfor-

mance, and range confidence.

Following the ground-breaking Prototype 9 concept first revealed at the 2017 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, INFINITI has 'looked back to go forward' with the Prototype 10. A future vision realized by INFINITI designers, Prototype 10 evokes the spirit of early Californian speedsters, and is informed by some of the most iconic car designs of all time.

This is the first project to come to fruition under the direction of Karim Habib, INFINITI's new Executive Design Director, and it hints at how the brand's design teams will evolve the appearance of its production cars. A project spanning the globe, the Prototype 10's creation has been overseen by INFINITI's Japan design center, designed digitally in the UK, and crafted by hand in San Diego, California.

The new concept is resolutely forward-looking in terms of its aesthetics and is a natural evolution of the form language first seen in the INFINITI Q Inspiration and Prototype 9. The monoposto (single-seat) cockpit is consistent with INFINITI's driver-focused approach, and is indicative of the new opportunities created for INFINITI by adopting electrified powertrains and flexible vehicle platforms.

"We all feel a certain degree of passion when talking about roadsters and speedsters. We are equally passionate about the potential that electrification holds for the future of our cars—a daring speedster is the perfect study for our designers to explore an electrified future and ignite such excitement." Roland Krueger, President, INFINITI

"The INFINITI Prototype 10 echoes the layout and design of early speedsters. This period saw the creation of some of the most evocative car designs of all time, where power was celebrated through high-powered single-seat competition cars. Our new concept speaks of an electrified future, something which is reflected in its form and details. It is appropriate that we found inspiration in an optimistic bygone era in which cars were characterized by the simple love of driving." Karim Habib, Executive Design Director, INFINITI.

The new concept follows two other design studies revealed by INFINITI in the last 12 months: the Prototype 9 – first revealed in 2017 – and the INFINITI Q Inspiration Concept, unveiled at the 2018 North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Where Prototype 9 – a sleek, open-wheeled, electric retro-roadster – imagined an alternative history for INFINITI, the Prototype 10 is resolutely focused on what the future holds for the brand. Utterly daring in its bold execution, the new concept is inspired by the spirit of early speedsters, its form and function evoking driving pleasure and thrilling performance.

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Using a variety of data attributes to determine the appropriate collision part list price at a specific moment in time, MyPriceLink does away with the static price tapes of the past and aims to give Ford dealers a competitive advantage.

"MyPriceLink will aid in protecting our list prices and how they are used in the marketplace, while also providing fast and effective delivery of the dynamic list pricing for the transaction," said Jennifer Boyer, Global Collision Business and Strategy Manager, Ford Motor Company. "MyPriceLink is just one tool we are using to help ensure quality repairs, value and availability of original equipment parts for our customers."

MyPriceLink will be implemented during the 4th quarter 2018.

Hellwig Announces New Pro Series Helper Springs for the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Van

Bolt-on, two-leaf Helper Springs available for 2017-2018 two and four-wheel drive models deliver up to 2,500 pounds of load capacity in addition to greatly enhanced vehicle control and driver safety.

Hellwig Products, an industry leading manufacturer of towing, hauling and performance suspension products, has released new Pro-Series Helper Springs for the 2017-2018 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 2500 and 3500 vans including both two and four-wheel drive applications. The Pro-Series Helper Springs allow Sprinter owners to better tow and haul heavy loads with improved safety, stability and comfort by maintaining a level ride height, improving overall drive control.

One of the most versatile and popular cargo vans on the road today, the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter has a multitude of engine and chassis options and has a maximum payload of between 6,521 and 7,500 pounds. While these vans may be rated for relatively heavy loads from the factory, the weight of a heavy trailer or uneven cargo loads will still cause these vehicles to sag in the rear, negatively affecting driving dynamics. With the addition of the Hellwig Pro-Series helper springs, a more

favorable balance of weight to the front tires is restored, resulting in better handling, braking and safety of the vehicle.

The Pro-Series Helper Springs for the 2017-2018 Sprinter (P/N 61614) feature a two-leaf stack rated for up to 2,500 pounds of additional level load carrying capacity. These powder-coated, bolt-on helper springs improve tow/haul performance by keeping the vehicle level even as loads approach the manufacturer's GVWR. The progressive rate of the Pro-Series Helper Spring only activates when a load is present, allowing the vehicle to drive like stock when not towing or hauling cargo. The user can also further dial-in the load support for an uneven side load using the adjustable U-bolts. These helper springs fit the 2017-2018 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter cutaway chassis, cargo van and passenger van and only apply to the multi-leaf versions of the Sprinter.

The Hellwig 2017-2018 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Pro-Series Helper Springs can be installed easily with simple hand tools, are made in the USA and come with a lifetime warranty on all steel parts. For more information on Hellwig's Sprinter Van Helper Springs visit www.HellwigProducts.com.

2019 Chev. Silverado Test Drive Review

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different views while hitching. This includes hitch guidance lines on the centre display and a choice of views. After the driver has lined up the hitch and shifted to park the parking brake sets automatically—avoiding that slight roll that wrecks the alignment. An optional feature is a trailer tire temp and pressure monitor. An industry

first, this system allows the driver to keep an eye on the trailer tires. A new trailer light check system runs the lights in sequence as you watch. This feature can be activated from inside the truck or via a MYChevrolet Trailering App on your Smartphone. The new 2019 Chevrolet Silverado will be coming to dealers this fall.



2019 Chevy Silverado (photo Howard Elmer)

Toyota Tundra TRD Limited Review

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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.

Line-X to Enable Extreme Impact and Weather Resistance for Curry Supply Commercial Vehicle Line-Up

LINE-X – a global leader in versatile protective coatings supporting over 650 partners worldwide – announced a new industrial partnership with Curry Supply, leading manufacturer of high-quality commercial service vehicles that

include several different types of on and off-road work trucks used in a variety of different construction, maintenance and service trades.

• With a legacy more than 85 years in the making, Curry Supply

is now applying LINE-X protective coatings to numerous different exterior components to provide a nearly impenetrable barrier against scratches, abrasions, harsh chemicals and the elements.

• LINE-X coatings will help

extend the life of the vehicles and enable enhanced customization options with color-matching capabilities and other style preferences. Overall, Curry Supply products will now continue to look great after years of extreme conditions and hard work in the field. In addition to using LINE-X on their new vehicles, Curry Supply has also incorporated LINE-X protective coatings into their commercial vehicle reconditioning and restoration service.

"Curry Supply manufactures some of the very best construction and service vehicles available anywhere – and we believe that the addition of extreme protection from the elements and harsh conditions – makes them an even more formidable force in the construction, maintenance and service industries," said Dennis Weese, president of LINE-X. "Add in truly unique style and customization options—including color-matching capabilities through a 'hot process'—and Curry vehicles can now even better serve clients' needs and preferences, while keeping each vehicle looking and performing like new for years to come. We're excited that LINE-X can be such a big part of taking Curry Supply products to the next level."

Some of Curry Supply's vehicles now available with LINE-X protective coatings include:

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- Mechanics trucks
- On and off-road fuel and lube trucks
- Crash attenuator trucks
- Vacuum trucks
- Winch trucks
- Dump trucks
- Lube skids

"When I was introduced to the LINE-X product, the opportunity to make our vehicles more resilient to tough conditions and elements, immediately came to mind," said Jason Ritchey, president and owner of Curry Supply. "We are thrilled with what LINE-X coatings do to make our products even more compelling – including extended vehicle life and the ability for us to customize colors and surfaces. Even more, the continued support, training and customer service that LINE-X has provided us has been second-to-none."

As a leading manufacturer of the industry's most resilient protective coatings, LINE-X offers its industrial and manufacturing customers an extremely wide variety of different polyurethanes, and polyureas to ensure the perfect coating is used for each individual industrial application. LINE-X is also a leader in providing state-of-the-art training and world-class support to all of its industrial clients.

For more information, contact LINE-X public relations at 310-374-6177 or media@linex.com.



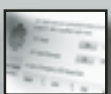
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SKIDCAR and VR Motion provide immersive driver training to US Air Force

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Trainer to work in concert with the SKIDCAR SYSTEM® at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT. The Air Force Security Forces will add the new Virtual

Trainer to their Disciplined Driver Curriculum at Malmstrom AFB. This represents the first significant sale for VR Motion and sets the stage for a 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 Security Forces and other fleet users of all types to practice, learn, and operate multiple mission-specific vehicles. Using a multi-axis motion platform and the latest VR hardware, the unique VRMC software immerses drivers into terrestrial specific locations, driving dynamic validation, distracted driving, accident avoidance, "Give Us 2 Seconds" and "Just Stop" scenarios that support the well-developed SKIDCAR™ driver training curriculum.

Keith Maher, VR Motion Co-founder & CEO said "We are very excited to be able to support the SKIDCAR program with the US Air Force. Learning the basics of vehicle control with the SKIDCAR, then practicing those techniques in the Virtual SKIDCAR Trainer, brings an exciting new way of learning to these young recruits".



VR Motion Driver's System Technology

Pirelli and Prada Partner for Luna Rossa's New America's Cup Challenge

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This will be Luna Rossa's fifth tilt at the Trophy and in this edition it will be the Challenger of Record, that is, the first challenger of the last edition's winning team, Emirates Team New Zealand.

Patrizio Bertelli, Chairman of Luna Rossa Challenge, said "Pirelli is the ideal partner for this new America's Cup challenge. With over half a century's experience at the highest levels of high technology world sports, it will be an important asset at the heart of our project. In this sense it is correct to speak of a real and true collaboration between the Team and Pirelli."

"Pirelli – said Marco Tronchetti Provera, Executive Vice President and CEO of Pirelli – chose to be a part of this project because it represents both a sporting and technological challenge, able to bring Italy and the Pirelli brand to the attention of the entire world. The America's Cup, as Formula 1 is to motorsport, is the most prestigious sailing competition, with a great history and tradition. It embodies values and is for a public of impassioned fans that perfectly match Pirelli's, enabling the company to continue enriching its brand, reinforcing its positioning in high technology with clients around the world and its relationship with consumers through traditional channels and all the new digital platforms."

Mecum Monterey Collector Car Sale reaches \$47 Million

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2003 Ferrari Enzo (Lot S48.1) at \$2,860,000

1989 Porsche 962 (Lot S126) at \$2,200,000

1969 Lamborghini Miura P400 S (Lot F114) at \$1,155,000

1929 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Sedan (Lot S116.1) at \$1,155,000

2012 Dallara DW12 Honda Indy Car (Lot S90) at \$1,127,500

1958 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster (Lot F116) at \$1,072,500

2017 Ferrari F12tdf (Lot S125) at \$1,045,000

1936 Auburn 852 SC Boattail Speedster (Lot S89) at \$1,017,500

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Multiple Story Lines Unfold in Captivating AMERICA'S TIRE 250 to Conclude Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix

Wild races decided in IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Challenge

The buildup from the incredible finish to last year's AMERICA'S TIRE 250 and the previous day's Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge 120 set a high standard for the feature event of this weekend's Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix, and teams from the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship again rose to the occasion at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca with an unpredictable race that entertained fans and viewers from start to finish.

In a wild two-hour and 40-minute penultimate round of the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, No. 22 Tequila Patrón ESM Nissan DPi co-drivers Pipo Derani and Johannes van Overbeek rebounded from early setbacks to score their second victory of the season. Nissan's momentum at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca was sustained from two weeks earlier when the racing

heritage of Nissan and Datsun was celebrated at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion.

Van Overbeek started the car from the rear of the Prototype grid as he missed Saturday's qualifying session due to illness, and he managed to avoid an opening-lap incident that removed the No. 5 Mustang Sampling Cadillac DPi-V.R driven by Joao Barbosa before the starting line and damaged several other cars. The incident affected several cars that are in championship contention in several categories.

Van Overbeek pitted to turn the car over to Derani just 22 minutes into the race. After a restart following the race's third full-course caution just 46 minutes into the race, Derani spun in Turn 2, but his Nissan DPi avoided serious damage. The Brazilian methodically worked his way forward following the spin, moving into the top five for the first time an hour and eight minutes into the race and staying there for most of the

remainder of the race.

He was running second with 35 minutes remaining when race leader Harry Tincknell spun the No. 55 Mazda DPi while attempting to pass the lapped car of Gustavo Yacamán. Derani inherited the lead as a result and never was challenged for the rest of the race en route to victory. He won by 10.9 seconds over Colin Braun in the No. 54 CORE autosport ORECA LMP2 machine.

"My team is amazing," Derani said. "If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have finished where we finished today. We had a tough race with contact and spin. They kept pushing me over the radio. Save fuel, save tires, but kept pushing me all the time."

"It was an amazing day. I had an overtake on the Corkscrew, which is nice. This team, no matter what happens they keep fighting and fighting. We've had a tough season, but here we are with two wins. We've had a lot of DNFs, but a nice race today, and an amazing finish here."

It was the first win for Derani and van Overbeek since March's Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts. For van Overbeek, it was his 15th IMSA win (six WeatherTech Championship, 8 American Le Mans Series, 1 GRAND-AM), and it was Derani's fifth IMSA win, all coming in WeatherTech Championship competition.

"Hats off to the Patron guys today," said van Overbeek, who also won at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca in 2014. "They did a fantastic job. There was a lot of attrition and an uncharacteristic number of yellows today. But we fought through and Pipo did an amazing job as usual."

"The stops were spot on, the car was great, the Continental tires were great and the Nissan motor made

good power. I couldn't be happier."

Braun and co-driver Jon Bennett made huge gains in the Prototype championship chase with their runner-up result, their fourth consecutive top-two performance. With only the 10-hour Motul Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta on Oct. 13 remaining on the schedule, Braun and Bennett now trail leaders Eric Curran and Felipe Nasr by four points, 254-250. Curran and Nasr finished fifth in Sunday's race in the No. 31 Whelen Engineering Cadillac DPi-V.R.

Juan Pablo Montoya and Dane Cameron finished third in the No. 6 Acura Team Penske ARX-05 DPi car for their fourth podium result of the season. Tincknell battled back following the spin to finish fourth in the No. 55 Mazda DPi with co-driver and Monterey resident Jonathan Bomarito.

The second race of Lamborghini Super Trofeo was completed with an overall victory by JC Perez and Loris Spinelli, who won the ProAm category and finished ahead of Pro winners Trent Hindman and Jonathan Cecotto despite the lower classification. Damon Ockey (Am) and Brett Meredith (LB Cup) also notched wins. Action in Pirelli Trophy West concluded with wins by Loren Beggs (Diamond), Sean McAlister (Platinum), Tom Tait (Platinum), Ross Jaffe (Gold), Chris Bellomo (Silver) and Steve Goldman (Bronze).

In addition to the great racing, fans enjoyed a fun and educational environment in Hagerty Marketplace where the inaugural New Holland Ag Day was held with tractors, hay bales and a bluegrass performance. Autograph sessions, a grid walk and other activities around the paddock entertained and delighted amid a gorgeous Monterey County day.

Pirelli P Zero and McLaren Senna: A Shared Journey From Track To Road

Pirelli and McLaren have started a new chapter in their long-standing technical partnership, which will be one of the most challenging in history. Namely, Pirelli has developed tires to guarantee the very highest performance levels on and off track for the new McLaren Senna, a special car with unique characteristics.

The new tires that will equip the British hypercar are extreme versions of both the Pirelli P Zero Trofeo and P Zero tires. The P Zero Trofeo tire developed for the Senna, while conceived as a track tire, can also be used for the road. In the same way, the P Zero tire – by nature more of a road tire – is additionally suitable for use on the track.

To come up with the best quality product, Pirelli's engineers relied on an extensive shared history with McLaren – especially its tire development for the P1 – and most importantly, lessons learned from motorsport.

The McLaren Senna is an explicit sports car, reminiscent of a GT3 machine for the road. This is thanks to massive power (800 horsepower), an extremely light carbon fiber chassis, a sophisticated race-derived suspension system and cutting-edge aerodynamics.

These headlining characteristics required made-to-measure tires capable of withstanding extreme acceleration and aerodynamic loads.

Pirelli paid particular attention to materials to reach the targeted objectives, choosing those most suited to state-of-the-art performance, with light weight and optimal design ensuring perfect reliability and strategic durability.

All of these elements combined guarantees perfect balance and road holding, with precise turn-in, impressive stability and maximum traction under all driving conditions, as well as reduced braking distances.

In particular, the innovative tire design with its asymmetric profiles and sidewalls delivers optimal lateral grip and maximizes the interaction between front and rear axles.



The Prototype podium featured No. 22 Tequila Patrón ESM Nissan DPi co-drivers Pipo Derani and Johannes van Overbeek standing on the top step at the end of a wild AMERICA'S TIRE 250. (photo T.M. Hill)



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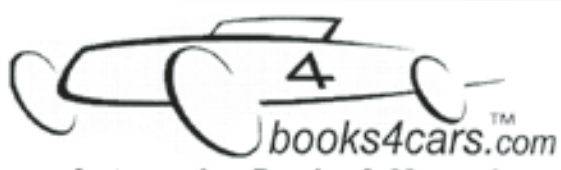


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MONTEREY TOURING VEHICLES (MTV)

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 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 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.montereytouring-vehicles.com



DRAGERS CLASSICS

Jeri Drager, owner of Drager's Classics, has been in the collector car business for over 30 years. Jeri's dad opened Drager's Harley Davidson in 1950 on Dexter Avenue, and Jeri eventually converted the store to a classic car show room. He also maintained a location on Aurora for years.

In 2001, Jeri moved his operation to 18805 Aurora Ave. North where he has converted a warehouse into a classic car and motorcycle show room and museum featuring '30s, '40s, '50s and '60s American cars, old motorcycles, pedal cars, toys, old bikes, signs, automobilea

and stuff. We suggest you call ahead (206) 533-9600 and Jeri will take you for a trip into the past.

Drager's Classics has over 100 classic cars, motorcycles, and bikes on display. Jeri calls his place "Drager's Club House" and rents it out to friends and customers for parties, meetings and special events. Drager's Classics is open by appointment only, and you can check out the inventory online at www.dragers.com. Look for the Drager's Classics ad in the Auto News Service Directory.

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A Growing List of New Car Dealerships are Partnering with National Tech Marketplace Joydrive to Revolutionize the Car Buying Experience

Harnish Auto Family among 48 National Dealerships Partnering with National Tech Marketplace Joydrive to Revolutionize Car Buying

- Consumers want alternatives to the traditional dealership model, and dealers want to evolve with consumer expectations

- Joydrive allows customers to shop and buy new and used cars online, with home delivery, five day return period and other perks -- no dealership visit necessary

- Joydrive will soon be the nation's largest digital store with nearly twice Carvana's inventory
- Journalists are invited to give Joydrive a 'test ride'

Harnish Auto Family is among 48 National dealerships partnering with tech marketplace Joydrive to offer local consumers a way to buy new and pre-owned vehicles 100% online with home delivery

and five-day return period -- no dealership visit necessary.

Harnish Auto Family joins cutting-edge dealers around the country as part of Joydrive's unique and fast-growing marketplace of more than 7,000 new and pre-owned cars. For Seattle consumers, it's a leap into the future. Many auto industry analysts have predicted the changes that Joydrive offers, including Mike Jackson, CEO of AutoNation, who has promised, "disruption and revolution are coming."

"Other dealers are selling cars today the same way they sold them 40 years ago, even though the world has transformed and many consumers clearly want an alternative," says Chris Brown, Vice President of Subaru of Puyallup, part of the Harnish Auto Family. "We are giving consumers what they want, with our same stamp of quality and care by partnering

with a company that has designed an easy, transparent and mobile-friendly solution."

Adds Joydrive founder Hunter Gorham, "The data clearly show that customers want a different purchasing model -- less than one percent prefer the current car buying process. The most canny and farsighted dealers are joining us to give consumers what they most want -- a new buying experience. We're making buying a car easy and even fun."

How Joydrive Works

Joydrive is a digital marketplace that facilitates transactions between customers and a highly select network of dealers. By providing customers access to a marketplace, Joydrive can offer a wide selection of brands, vehicles, purchasing and financing options and ensure the experience is consistent and transparent across all dealers.

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Subaru Introduces New Ad Campaign for 2019 All-New Ascent

"Subaru Launches Its Biggest Vehicle Ever With New Campaign that Highlights Family, Fun, and Adventure"

Automaker Releases a Series of New Short Form Spots to Bring to Life Everyday Family Tips

Subaru of America, Inc. debuted a new creative campaign centered around the launch of the all-new 2019 Ascent. The new

advertising spots showcase the automaker's latest three-row SUV and give viewers an intimate look into the lives of three different Ascent owners, highlighting the vehicles versatility, comfort, and safety.



All-New 2019 Subaru Ascent (photo Subaru)

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Lyn St. James Honored at Prancing Ponies Car Show & Legends of Auto Gala During Classic Car Week

"Empowering Women – Inspiring Girls" HISTORIC CAR SHOW

This is the first time since its inception that Women will have their own car show during the #MontereyCarWeek! Thanks to the City Council of #Carmelby-theSea, we are excited to be a part of hosting our second all-woman car show on August 22nd but we know we would not be here if it weren't for so many courageous women car enthusiasts that have endured before us and we want to thank you all!

This year we will honor Professional Women Race Car Drivers!

There will be a special appearance by the Professional Race Car Driver LYN ST. JAMES! Amongst her many career wins she is also been an important role model for women in the racing world, mentoring race car drivers like Danika Patrick – who is the only

woman to qualify for Indy 500 this year! We are thrilled to have Lyn be honored at this year's Car Show! She exemplifies why Prancing Ponies Foundation exists... Women supporting the 'Creation of Future Women Leaders One Girl at a Time'!

CAR SHOW WITH A CAUSE *"Empowering Women – Inspiring Girls"*


The idea for the Prancing Ponies Foundation, Rally, and Car Show stems from an experience in San Francisco where I was at a stop sign next to a bus stop watching 3 teenage girls and reminiscing about my own experience as a teenager. The girls suddenly grew silent and I noticed they were looking at me. One of the girls said 'Miss, I like your car' and I said 'I expect you to get one too'. Our eyes locked and I'll never forget her little face as she slowly nodded in agreement.



Lyn St. James at the Prancing Ponies Car Show in Carmel, California

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Mecum Monterey 2018 Daytime Auction Reaches \$47 Million in Overall Sales

10th Anniversary Auction Achieves 38-Percent Growth in Sales Over 2017

Mecum Auctions outdid itself again with a 38-percent increase in total sales at its 10th annual Daytime Auction held in Monterey, California. With quality, rarity and diversity punctuating the vast Mecum lineup, the 2018 auction hurdled past last year's totals as overall sales reached an impressive \$47 million and marked the anniversary event as the highest-grossing Monterey auction in Mecum's 10 years on the peninsula. In all, 394 exceptional autos changed hands in just three days, Aug. 23-25, and even individual sales prices reflected the strength of the auction's stellar lineup.

Including everything from prewar luxury motorcars to racing legends and modern hypercars, top sales at the Daytime Auction fittingly represent the astonishing cross-section of multimillion-dollar investment-grade autos offered throughout the three-day event. The auction's top seller was an absolutely stunning 1933 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Coupe Disappearing Top Roadster (Lot S93) that sold for \$3.85 million, while the second top slot was claimed by a 307-mile 2014 hybrid-drive Ferrari LaFerrari (Lot S111) that brought \$3.19 million. The auction's diverse lineup was further highlighted by the sales of a 2003 Ferrari Enzo (Lot S48.1) that brought \$2.86 million and a 1989 Porsche 962 (Lot S126) that sold for \$2.2 mil-

lion. Another Duesenberg to land among top sales was the 1929 Model J Convertible Sedan (Lot S116.1) of the headlining Academy of Art University Collection. The car brought a \$1.155 million sale, taking the prestigious school's entire seven-car offering to \$2.82 million overall as all vehicles in the group hammered sold.

Unique sales that drew substantial attention from the public included the \$1.127 million sale of the Indy 500-winning 2012 Dallara DW12 Honda Indy Car (Lot S90). The car was offered with an unusual engine lease agreement that will allow the new owner to take possession of the car's race-winning power plant—something that is virtually unheard of in the world of factory-sponsored racing. The 1987 Porsche 959 Komfort (Lot F109.1) offered on Friday was another vehicle that became an attraction unto itself, and its sale at \$467,500 demonstrated that its unbridled potential was unquestionably evident. The 1985 Modena GT Spyder California (Lot S189) featured in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" demanded serious attention as well, and heated bidding brought its final selling price to \$407,000.

The complete top 10 collector-car sales at the Mecum Monterey 2018 auction include:

1933 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Coupe Disappearing Top Roadster (Lot S93) at \$3,850,000

2014 Ferrari LaFerrari (Lot S111) at \$3,190,000

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1933 Duesenberg Model J Convertible Coupe (Lot S93) at \$3,850,000



2014 Ferrari LaFerrari (Lot S111) at \$3,190,000

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