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General Motors (GM) is Number One in U.S. Truck Sales with combined Chev. & GMC Brands

Mecum’s Motorcycle Auction Scheduled for Jan. 22-27th in Las Vegas, Nevada

The 28th annual Mecum vintage and antique motorcycle auction is scheduled for January 22nd thru 27th at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. One-Day advance tickets ($20 per person) are available from MECUM.COM or (262) 275-5050 until 11:59 PM CT on January 21, 2019.

Included in the 1,750 motorcycles featured for purchase at the auction is the Christer R. Christensson Collection from Stockholm.

For more than 50 years, Christer R. Christensson has been collecting motorcycles, resulting in a world-renowned collection that is both extensive and representative of the very best of the best when it comes to motorcycle design and technology. Working alongside his colleague, Ove Johannson, and his highly skilled team of restorers, Christensson has built the MC Collection of Stockholm into a more than 400-motorcycle presentation that establishes the motorcycle not merely as a machine, but as a contemporary work of art and mechanical sculpture. The collection pays homage to the design engineers and motorcycles that have shaped the industry for more than 100 years, starting with the very first motorcycle produced, the Hildebrand & Wolfmüller of 1894. Christensson re-housed this unique personal collection in 1999 in a showroom near Stockholm built to both serve his collection’s needs and to share a selection of about 140 of his motorcycles with the general public, providing an opportunity for enthusiasts to closely study the motorcycles and how they have evolved since 1894. When Mecum returns to Las Vegas in January 2019, motorcycle enthusiasts will have a rare opportunity to take home a piece of this unique and renowned collection as 250 motorcycles from the MC Collection of Stockholm cross the auction block at Mecum’s 28th Annual Las Vegas Vintage and Antique Motorcycle Auction.

Mecum’s Motorcycle Auction
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When you combine the total Chevrolet and GMC brand truck sales, General Motors (GM) is by far the number #1 truck seller in the U.S. General Motors (GM) has also been the automaker that has re-energized the mid-sized truck segment with the introduction of the Chevrolet Colorado and the GMC Canyon.

The GMC Canyon Denali I tested has ten features you should consider when purchasing a new truck.

- DURAMAX 2.8L I4 Turbo Diesel Engine offering 30 mpg highway is available
- Maximum towing of up to 7,700 lbs. with DURAMAX diesel engine is available
- 20" ultra-bright machined aluminum wheels are available
- Forward Collision Alert and Lane Departure warning are available
- Spray-On bedliner available
- GMC infotainment system with 8" diagonal color touch-screen and navigation
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- Bose premium seven-speaker sound system
- Burnished aluminum trim
- Center console with wireless charging mat
- Hand-stitched and heated leather-wrapped steering wheel

The GMC Canyon Denali is the premium midsize truck that combines an advanced, comfortable cabin with powerfully efficient power trains offering the best fuel economy in its class. If there is a new truck in your future I suggest a GMC Canyon Denali test drive.

McCormick’s Spring Palm Springs Collector Car Auction Scheduled for Feb. 22, 23 & 24, 2019 (See page 14 Ad)

2019 GMC Canyon Denali (photo by GMC)

McCormick’s Palm Springs Collector Car Auction, held at the Convention Center near downtown Palm Springs twice each year, featuring nearly 600 cars. (photo McCormick)
When the Toyota RAV4 was introduced in 1994 it created the small SUV segment. Who would have guessed that twenty-five years later the RAV4 would lead the now crowded small SUV segment, passing up the best selling sedan in the market, the Camry.

We have known for many years the bestselling vehicle in America is a full size truck and not a passenger car. Just when the buying public got used to hearing the best selling car is a truck, the second best-selling vehicle is a crossover or small SUV. The RAV4 claims that title as the nation’s top-selling non-pickup truck. Sales have doubled in the last five years. Oh, how times have changed.

From a design standpoint, the new RAV4 has an all new exterior look. The new easy to identify shape shares the Toyota TNGA platform with Avalon, Camry and the new 2020 Corolla. RAV4 is 1.2-inches longer providing improved legroom for rear seat occupants. The width has increased depending on the wheel choice and the model level designation.

The 2019 Toyota RAV4 gasoline models will be available in five levels; the LE, XLE, XLE Premium, Adventure and Limited. The addition of the Hybrid version will follow next spring. Front-wheel-drive is standard and depending on the model and trim selection, the new RAV4 offers three types of all-wheel-drive systems. A segment first all-wheel-drive with torque-vectoring can be included with the Limited

New from the Ground Up

Acura has pulled out all the stops with its redesigned 2019 RDX. This third-generation crossover SUV gets a new body structure, exciting styling, and a new power train, yet it still has the lowest starting price in its class.

The RDX rides on a new, stronger platform, and features a body design that is truly contemporary. The 2019 RDX sports a large pentagon-shaped grille, strong character lines on the bodywork and a “floating” roofline. The interior also sparkles. Stylish seats, clad with leather trimmed Ultrasuede catch the eye when you enter. An elaborate center control panel features a large (10.2-inch) display and an electronic gear selector.

The infotainment system is controlled by Acura’s True Touchpad display and an electronic gear selector. Honda has a complete lineup of electric vehicles including two hybrids (Accord & Insight) a pure electric Clarity, a plugin Hybrid Clarity and the Clarity fuel cell. My test drive report is for this issue is the “fun-to-drive” Honda Accord Hybrid, the flagship in Honda’s electric car lineup. Key available features include:

- 252 hp 2.0 liter turbo charged and intercooled VTEC engine
- Head-up Display with a wireless phone charger
- Heated and ventilated front seats
- Standard Honda Sensing suite of safety and drive-assistive features

The midsize sedan has a base MSRP of $24,500 and up to $36,000 depending on options. You will like the fuel economy rating of 28/42 MPH and the 5 Star NHTSA safety rating. With a 3 year/36,000 mile warranty, lower basic MSRP and above average MPG the Honda Accord Hybrid carries a “best value rating.” The Honda Accord Hybrid is considered my most to be one of the best designed hybrids, with lots of room and it is “fun-to-drive.”
Honda Ridgeline Test Drive Review

David Schmidt
feature writer

Sally Hansen, an Auto News feature writer for the past 30 years, is now located in Washington's wine country, and will visit vineyards 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.

What a delightful surprise the 2019 Kia Sorento provided for me. I was expecting a rather unexciting mid-size SUV — 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 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 tail lights.

The lower trim levels start in the mid $20k’s. Trim levels are 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 price up as these up-market extras quickly add up; and of course this is where builders earn the most money.

For 2019 why that 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. Mixed materials and a roof over the back. That makes the interior comfortably. That makes the interior

2019 Kia Sorento Travels To The Wine Country

Sally Hansen, travel editor

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2019 Chevy Silverado Test Drive Review

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Millennial Buying Habits

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, 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 BMW1-series and the Audi

M/B Metris A Handyman's Dream

Chris Chung
motorports 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!

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2018 Buick Regal GS AWD Test Drive Review

Remember back when Buick was generally thought of as an entry level luxo-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 seatback 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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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 20

Lisa Delaney Joins Team Auto News

Lisa Delaney brings an extensive automotive background with her as she joins “Team Auto News” including PR and Marketing roles at Yamaha, Toyota, and PR News Wire. In 2018 she formed Credible Ink, her own PR and Marketing firm.

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What a show!

Since 1950, the United States west coast Concours d’Elegance has set off to duplicate the amazing Concours d’Elegance first

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International Conference “Fuels the Future” Scheduled for January 21/22 in Berlin, Germany

Negotiations on the global climate agreement in Katowice in December 2018 (COP24) mark a further milestone on the path towards the ambitious goals of limiting global warming and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. How can the transport sector, drawing on the full range of affordable technological developments, contribute to attaining climate change mitigation objectives? The increasing diversification of drive technologies, along with production and use of renewable fuels, continue to challenge for sustainable renewable mobility, yet also provide the key to achieving the targets. There is an increased emphasis in the conference programme on drive technologies, as well as on differentiating between various fuel options.

The extended programme offers a variety of topics with relevance for increasing climate protection in individual and heavy goods traffic, as well as in the fields of aviation and shipping.

On the opening day, the focus will be on mobility, set between the conflicting priorities of climate protection, economic efficiency and user acceptance. In the plenary session, representatives from the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure, the European Parliament, the petroleum and automotive industries and the scientific community will discuss future prospects for the transport sector.

The panel discussion will pick up on statements made by industry, politics, European agriculture and the environmental organisation WWF. Sonja van Renssen, Energy Post editor, will chair a discussion between Pekka Pesonen (COPA-COGECA), Dr. Klaus Bonhoff (National Organisation for Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology), Dr. Ruprecht Brandis (BP Europe SE), Jenny Walther-Thoss (WWF Germany) and Stefan Schreiber (Cargill Holding Germany) on the future of renewable mobility in the light of various drive and fuel options. The afternoon forum will analyse future prospects for synthetic fuels.

On the second day of the conference, 11 forums will examine a broad spectrum of topics from all areas of renewable energy in the mobility sector: German and international experts will present news on technical developments, research, certification, market analysis and trade flows, as well as entering into discussions with conference participants. These forums, like the exhibitor forum with exhibition stands, will also offer scope for professional exchanges and networking. Again more than 500 delegates from more than 25 countries are expected.

My 50 years in the Auto Industry. Past, Present, Future with Suggestions continued from page 2

FUTURE - In a November Issue of Automotive News (The Trade Publication) there were a number of feature stories on... future disruptions in the Auto Industry.

SUGGESTIONS TO AUTO-MAKERS.
1 - Stop chasing the pure electric market that is based on false narratives not on consumer demand.
2 - Reject technology partners and carefully analyze their products based on consumer demand.
3 - The market for autonomous vehicles is for delivery services in major markets and will never be mainstream because of the cost of highway infrastructure improvements for cities, counties, & states.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

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**Legends of Auto Gala Scheduled for Aug. 15, 2019 – See Page 10**

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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 Best in 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 1937 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Touring Berlinetta, owned by David and Ginny Sydorick of Beverly Hills, California.

The Pebble Beach events include the highlight culmination the end cap to a week of special and exotic automotive events, the exotics of the Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance car week and showcases beautiful automobiles and aircraft, the annual Legends of Auto Gala, which honors those who have made significant contributions to the auto industry and advanced the Concorso Italiano, which 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, since 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 any or part of this special week, and you are a classic or exotic car lover or buff, mark 2019 your year and join us next August. You won’t be disappointed.
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 level and WT models 10% more rigid than the outgoing model.

The stretched body on the new Silverado 1500 Fleet-series pickup is 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 console/area is more compact and comes with the option of a floor that could rival a surface to test. General Lyon has been known for his exceptional car collection. Most truck owners know, and rightly so, the perfect condition aircraft and automobiles in his collection operated by the Lyon Air Museum. The museum is currently the home of over 150 aircraft and more than 850 vehicles mostly from the collection of the founder, Major General Will L. 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.

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2018 Buick Regal GS AWD Test Drive & Drive Report by Arv Voss

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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 with Direct Injection and auto Stop/Start that delivers 310 horsepower at 5,200 rpm while also delivering 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 was 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 (hp): 310 @ 6,800 rpm
Torque (lb-ft): 282 @ 5,200 rpm

The 2019 Honda Ridgeline is a Most Comfortable Pickup continued from page 3

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 payload and tow up to 5,000 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 three-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 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 tail-gating 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 continued on page 8

Honda Ridgeline (photo David Schmidt)
2019 Toyota RAV4 Test Drive Review

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8-speed Direct-Shift Automatic Transmission. The second available engine is another 2.5-liter 4-cylinder that features Toyota’s Hybrid System II and is connected to the Electronically-Controlled Continuously-Variable Transmission that delivers four hybrid modes for consumers to encounter. The EPA estimates that the fuel efficiency for the 2019 Toyota RAV4 LE and Limited-FWD is 26/34, (city, highway, combined.) LE-AWD is rated at 26/33/32. XLE and XLE Premium-FWD are rated at 26/32/27. All grades of the RAV4 hybrid are rated at 41/37/39.

When the 2019 Toyota RAV4 gas models start arriving at dealerships next month, the LE-FWD will have a list price of $25,500. LE-AWD starts at $26,900 and LE HV starts at $27,700. XLE-FWD starts at $27,300. XLE-AWD starts at $28,700. And XLE HV starts at $30,900. Adventure grade starts at $32,900. XSE/Hybrid starts at $33,700. The 2019 Toyota RAV4 Limited-FWD starts at $33,500. Limited-AWD starts at $34,900 and the Limited HV starts at $35,700.

The new RAV4 drives and handles as well as it looks. This is an example of a vehicle the performs as well as it looks. Give a look when it hits the dealers showrooms. Destined to be the leader of the pack, remember you heard it here first.

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 system to keep it better all-weather performance and handling. Ridgelike, 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 Automatic Cruise Control.

Honda’s 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 utes look and perform rather like trucks, but without the limitations of the mechanical aspects of being a truck.

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Zotye USA

1) Exterior: Metallic Epsom Green body | Puma bonnet | Satin Black KBX grille & chequer plate | Optimum® wing-top vents | Front Runner roof rack with LED spotlights | A-bar with LED spotlights | Front bumper DRLs | LED light package | Pioneer® Premium sound system | LED rear work lamp | Raptor Black steering & front differential guard | NAS rear step

2) Interior: Vintage Thatch Ruskin Inside® leather trim | Elite Sports heated front seats with central lock box | 3 Precious high-back centre row seats | Bench seats in load area | Matching leather door cards | Black suede headlining & side panels | Black anodized alloy gear knobs & door handles | Ice White LED lighting package | Pioneer® Premium sound system with Apple® CarPlay | Air conditioning

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March 10 - VW Show 253-841-2037
March 31 - All Jeep Show 206-356-1505
April 7 - Military Vehicles show 206-726-1976
April 14 - Italian Car Show 360-731-8758
April 21 - Porsche Car Show 425-648-6230
April 28 - C10 Truck Show 253-232-7244
May 5 - Electric Car Show 425-296-4151
May 12 - Sprinter Open 253-766-3514
May 19 - Vintage Trailers 253-335-1500
May 26 - BMW Car Show 425-922-5445
June 2 - Convertibles Only 206-282-5603
June 9 - Fenders and Fins 206-349-3220
June 16 - Fenders on Front St 425-391-1112
June 23 - Cadillac-LaSalle Show 206-799-6355
June 30 - Hot Rod Hall of Fame Show 206-948-2063
July 7 - Rat Bastards Car Show 253-632-7155
July 14 - Camaro Club Show 425-984-2063
July 21 - Mopar Car Show 253-273-2737
July 28 - Corvette Car Show 425-476-2946
August 4 - Old Rides show 206-214-8318
August 11 - GTO legends Show 206-242-3705
August 18 - 55-56-57 Chevy Show 206-601-1762
September 1 - Buick Olds Pontiac Show 253-576-1128
September 7 - Universal Feed the Children Show 253-377-2625
September 15 - Electric Car Show 310-926-8070
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Sally Hanson Reviews the 2019 Kia Sorento and the Tagaris Winery in Richland, WA

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LX is equipped with a 3.3-liter V6 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 determined 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 the extremely comfortable 14-way power adjustable driver’s seat with perfect lumbar support. Softtop leather seating is throughout the vehicle. The interior fit and finish is beautiful and especially noticeable is the beautiful and especially noticeable is the vehicle’s top shelf in the garage. Another benefit is the ceiling view of the vehicle’s relationships 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 for your height preference making closing the hatch easier and to avoid opening so high that it hits the ceiling in your garage. Another remote allows you to 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 has ample space to carry many cases of wine purchased at Tagaris Winery.

The 2019 Kia Sorento offers a great drive and Tagaris Winery and Taverna offer a wonderful setting for celebrations, wine tasting and Mediterranean-inspired cuisine.

2019 Kia Sorento at Tagaris Winery (photo by Sally Hanson)

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 social media, press releases and all the new digital platforms.”

Mecum Auctions Announces Collector-Car Auction in Phoenix, AZ. (March 14, 15, 16)

Three-Day, 1,000-Car Auction to Take Place at State Farm Stadium

Mecum Auctions, the world’s largest collector-car auction company, recently announced that a collector-car auction in Phoenix has been added to the 2019 schedule. Due to an overwhelming response to that announcement, a third day has already been added to what was initially planned as a two-day event. The now three-day auction will take place March 14-16 at the State Farm Stadium located in Glendale, just northwest of the city, and it is expected that approximately 1,000 vehicles will cross the auction block.

“Mecum has long known that the Phoenix area is a hotbed for car culture in the Southwest region of the United States, and for years we have been looking for opportunities to work this market into our annual schedule,” President and Founder of Mecum Auctions Dana Mecum said. “When an opportunity presented itself to host an auction at State Farm Stadium in Glendale with dates that matched our scheduling criteria, we signed on immediately. We are thrilled to be bringing the Mecum Experience to Phoenix.”

Persons interested in consigning a vehicle to be auctioned at Mecum Phoenix 2019 should visit Mecum.com or call (262) 275-5050 for complete details about the consignment process and pricing. Mecum’s website is updated daily with the latest consignments including detailed descriptions and photographs of the vehicles. To view upcoming offerings, to consign a vehicle or to register as a bidder for this and all Mecum auctions, visit Mecum.com, or call (262) 275-5050 for more information.

State Farm Stadium Site for Mecum’s Phoenix Auction (photo Mecum)
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’re an auto enthusiast Classic Car Week and our Legends Event should be on your “bucket list”. Make your reservations today. (see Gary Williams story on page 4 and 9)


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

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

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Joyce Chow Gives Back During Holiday with her Xmas Party

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“Frozen”. She is currently in “Come From Away” at the Ahmanson Theatre. Her passion project is saving the blackbox theatre for Beyond The Overpass Theatre Company in Gander, Canada.

Tyler Hilton (One Tree Hill Reunion) treated us to his newest holiday song which was featured in Lifetime’s “A Christmas Contract”. Kiki Epsen joined in a surprise performance with Urban Voices Project, a skid row choir which brings the healing power of music.

Tony Winner Obba Babatundé (S.W.A.T.) tap danced and was joined onstage by his daughter Reign Edwards from “The Bold and the Beautiful.”

Marisa Corvo (American Idol) sang an original song by Dianne Warren “You Knew Me When.”

Melodye Perry (American Idol) sang “Oh Holy Night”. She is known for “I Remember Nicole” which is slated to be featured at the Brentwood & Pacific Palisades International Film Festival.

Patrick Kilpatrick (Minority Report) and model mom Eugenia Kuzmina (Nobodies Funny Tour) joined Gloria Kisel, Clinton H. Wallace, myself and others from our Academy Awards® submitted short film “Fifteen Seconds Fame”.

Christmas came early for powerhouse Anthony Evans. He was offered a role for upcoming Lythgoe Family Panto show by Becky Lythgoe after her performances with Panto alumni Vonzell Solomon (American Idol).

Here’s to holiday magic, joy, peace, love and wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 the continued support of 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@curingkidsncancer.org.

The Lewis family and CKC president Grainne Owen.

Grainne Owen displaying a Jeff McPhail painting.

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)

Grainne Owen displaying a Jeff McPhail painting.
By Bill McCallum
With the introduction of the 2019 Acura MDX AWD ASPEC Acura is closing in on one million MDX sales, making it the best selling 3-row SUV of all time. From driving dynamics refined on the track to effortless control and comfort around town, the aggressively styled, three-row MDX is like no other SUV on the road.
The ASPEC trim means more sports styling and is bringing a younger buyer to Acura dealers across the U.S. Other new features included on the 2019 MDX AWD ASPEC include:
- 9-speed automatic transmission
- AcuraWatch Advanced Safety
- Next-Generation Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) Body structure
- Jewel Eye LED Headlights
- Available Sport Seats with Perforated Milano Premium Leather-Trimmed Interior
- Available Natural Olive Ash Burl Wood Trim
- Available Acura ELS Studio Premium Audio System with 12 speakers
- Apple CarPlay Android Auto Integration

The 3.5-Liter MDX engine delivers 290 horsepower and 19 city/ 25 highway MPG. Are you going to create history as the one millionth buyer of an Acura MDX?

McCormick Celebrates 33 Years in Palm Springs with 66th Collector Car Auction

After 33 years in the car auction business “You never know who or what is going to walk in the door next,” said Keith McCormick, owner of McCormick’s Palm Springs Collector Car Auction. McCormick’s Palm Springs Collector Car Auction has been the home of many actors and TV personalities over the years, their cars often show up in the auctions held twice each year. The next auction in February 22-24, 2019, will number 66, said Jason McCormick, who joined his father in business full time 20 years ago.
The business, which has been family owned and operated since 1985 in Palm Springs, features up to 580 vehicles at each weekend auction. The location has grown to six acres at the Palm Springs Convention Center. Under typical balmy sunshine, cars and trucks pass through the huge auction tent with seating for buyers, sellers and spectators from around the country and around the world.
McCormick’s clients have ranged from King Edward VIII of England and his 1923 Rolls Royce to Bob Hope and his golf cart. Howard Hughes presented is 1969 Damiler limousine featuring a flush toilet built into the back seat. G. Gordon Liddy of Watergate fame had the license plate “H20 Gate” on his 1937 Rolls Royce Phantom.

Other celebrities have included Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra and Telly Savalas, who once told McCormick: “I think a classy car auction would work in Palm Springs.” He was right. “It is rare when a celebrity shows up at the auction, but some do,” Jason McCormick said, “a couple of years ago we had Danny Koker and his crew from Counting Cars come to film part of their show at the event.”

While there have been many high-end cars and trucks at the auction, and “the trend has been moving in that direction for many years,” Jason McCormick said, “we still have something for everyone, with some cars selling in the $1,500 to $2,000 range. Some new and beginning car collectors get started at our auctions.

Each auction streams live via the Internet for three days and people who register in advance may bid for cars by phone. People tune in from across the United States, Europe and New Zealand to bid on cars. Four camera streams show different views of each car as it passes through the auction tent. People bidding by telephone must register in advance and follow the same procedures as people attending the auction. Bidders will have a $30 registration fee and a “good faith deposit,” which is refunded if nothing is purchased, McCormick said.

For more information about buying or selling a vehicle, go to www.classic-cauction.com or call (760) 320-3290.

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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 World Series will take place in the Americas 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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A Northwest Auto Enthusiast builds a home at the Thermal Club Racing Facility near Palm Springs, CA – See Story Next Issue

Monika Kalenski (center) CEO & Founder of MEK Magnet with her Team at SEMA Show – See Story on Page 17

An Award Winning Custom Truck at the SEMA Show (photo Auto News)

Sarah Auto News (left) with Weezy the Artist at Barrett-Jacksons Scottsdale Collector Car Auction last year (photo Auto News)

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Monika Kalenski, CEO and Founder of MEK Magnet is a Woman “On-A-Mission”

Monika Kalenski, CEO and founder of MEK MAGNET, an accessory supplier for Jeep Wranglers and other Jeep products is our featured woman in this issue. Ms. Kalenski is a member of the LADIES OFFROAD NETWORK (www.ladiesoffroadnetwork.com) and was featured as a new vendor at this year’s S.E.M.A. Show in Las Vegas. (see photo on page 16) Prior to founding MEK MAGNET, Monika was a project and operation manager for a Fortune 500 company for 15 years. She managed millions in assets with national visibility. Ms. Kalenski is an engineering technology graduate from NAIT with Project Management Professional Certification and has managed some of the most complex automation control installations around the world.

Monika Kalenski said when referring to her MEK MAGNET business model “... we have initiated a social media marketing campaign to promote brand awareness and actively pursue new distribution partnerships in order to increase the quantity of Jeep Armor ordered and produced. While establishing our brand, we plan to create a new after-market accessory category for side body protection using our slogan ‘you wouldn’t carry your cell phone with out a case,’ so why hit the trails without Jeep Armor”

If you want to protect your Jeep with Jeep Armor contact Monica (Monika@MekMagnet.com), a lady on a mission.

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2019 Toyota Avalon Hybrid Limited Test Drive Review continued from page 4

The 2019 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 luxurious.

The exterior color was called opulent amber and included camel leather interior. The heads-up display for speed and directional information. Power options on the Limited include wireless phone charging located on a shelf on the console, tilt and 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.

2018 Toyota Sequoia Test Drive Report

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 badges, darkened rear tail light housing, and black 20 inch rims wrapped in 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 highways speeds, and the road 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 road 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.

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Ford Customer Service Announces MyPriceLink

Ford Customer Service Division Announces Implementation of MyPriceLink, the OEConnection Patented Pricing Technology

To modernize delivery of original equipment manufacturer (OEM) pricing, Ford will begin using MyPriceLink, an OEConnection LLC (OEC) patented technology, delivering real-time dynamic collision parts list pricing based on timing and local market conditions.

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 of 2018.

Mercedes-Benz Metris Test Drive Review – A Handymans Dream

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It really is an all-in one package if you need a mid-size commercial vehicle. The fuel tank is only 18.5 gallons, I was able to fill up the Metris with just $50. This 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 $26,900. 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

Safety features include: Rear backup 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 Monitors.

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

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.

Toyota Tundra TRD Limited Review

2019 Chevy Silverado Test Drive Review

continued from page 6 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 both lights in sequence as you watch. This feature can be activated from inside the truck or via the MYChevrolet Trailering App on your Smartphone.

The new 2019 Chevrolet Silverado will be coming to dealers this fall.

2019 Chevy Silverado (photo Howard Elmer)

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 products 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 make 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 decades 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:

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

This line is now available with LINE-X product, the opportunity to make our vehicles more resistant 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 support to all of its industrial clients.

For more information, contact LINE-X public relations at 310-374-6177 or media@linex.com.
SKIDCAR and VR Motion provide immersive driver training to US Air Force

SKIDCAR SYSTEM INC., Las Vegas, NV, in collaboration with VR Motion Corp., Hillsboro, OR, is proud to announce an agreement to supply a Virtual SKIDCAR 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 programs 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”.

Infiniti Introduces Prototype 10

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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 performance, 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 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.
Pirelli Introduces Scorpion Winter Tire

**The Pirelli Scorpion Winter Tire: A Test Winner and Car Manufacturers’ Favorite Six Years After Its Debut.**

Pirelli’s Scorpion Winter tire has won the latest comparative test held by German off-road magazine Auto Bild Allrad, where it was acclaimed as the ‘best performer’ in the wet handling, dry braking and rolling resistance categories. It was also ‘highly commended’ for its dry braking, snow handling and wet handling performance. Auto Zeitung, another German magazine, also highlighted this tire’s capabilities ‘on snow as well as on dry roads’. The Pirelli Scorpion Winter tire received a unanimous stamp of approval by the German magazines that assessed it – in the 235/60 R18 size on an Audi Q5 and Volvo XC60.

**Test Certification**

The Pirelli Scorpion Winter tire launched in 2012 and immediately achieved a top score from Germany’s renowned TÜV SÜD when they first tested it, where it was named as best in class when it came to every aspect of performance on the snow: braking, traction and handling. Today, six winters on from its launch, the Scorpion Winter is still the winter tire category leader. It was designed to deliver maximum performance and safety for modern SUVs and crossovers, especially within the premium segment, paying particular attention to downhill braking on low-grip surfaces and cornering. This allows maximum control over the car’s performance. These types of vehicles often put out plenty of power and torque, and thus require the highest amounts of traction and grip possible. Scorpion Winter is also available with all of Pirelli’s main specialities: PNCS, which decreases in-car rolling noise, Run Flat – which allows drivers to carry on to the nearest tire dealer even after a puncture – and Seal Inside; technology that self-repairs a tire.

**Chosen By The World’s Top Car Manufacturers**

The qualities of the Pirelli Scorpion Winter have been underlined by the world’s top car manufacturers, who have chosen it as original equipment, including Alfa Romeo, Audi, Bentley, BMW, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Land Rover, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Volkswagen, and Volvo. In total, Scorpion Winter has received 131 homologations, including 110 marked homologations (with a symbol denoting the manufacturer it is made for on the tire sidewall) for 46 different car models. The range of tires available, from 16 to 23 inches, covers 85% of the market and 90% of the sizes above 18 inches, where Pirelli has its main focus. Pirelli’s winter tires have also obtained homologations on the newest electric cars, such as the Jaguar I-Pace and Mercedes ECQ; thereby showcasing this product’s relevance for the latest technology. The same tire family is also fitted to the most sporting SUVs on the market, such as Alfa Romeo’s Stelvio Quadrifoglio and Lamborghini’s Urus. These numbers confirm Scorpion Winter as the winter tire leader in this segment.

**Born For SUVs And For Electronics**

Scorpion Winter is part of the Scorpion family, specifically created for the most popular area of the market: SUVs and crossovers. The Winter version was designed from the very beginning to be integrated with advanced driver aids such as traction control and ABS. For further information please contact: Pirelli Communications and Media Relations – NAFTA Region: Maria Stella Narciso • 1 762 235 9179 • maria.stella.narciso@pirelli.com

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Carmel Valley residents, Rob and Heather Gardner have turned a classic car collecting hobby into business. The business, Monterey Touring Vehicles (MTV) uses the Gardner’s 30 classic cars as a rental fleet for tourists and local residents to tour Carmel, Monterey, Big Sur and the world famous Pebble Beach 18 mile drive. The Gardner’s said “...we thought these cars need to be driven and why not let our clients have fun driving them.”


Brooks-Biddle Automotive has been located in Bothell since 1966 (48 years). The full-service facility is located on 3.9 acres on Bothell Way. With 25 employees and GM and Suzuki training techs with 120 years of combined experience, quality service is always provided. Brooks-Biddle works on all makes and models, specializing in Chevrolets, GM and Suzuki models. They offer A/C Delco service, with the service department open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. M-F.

Brooks-Biddle Automotive is a charter member of the Washington State Auto Dealers Association (WSADA). Serving the entire Northwest, Brooks-Biddle offers a large inventory of pre-owned cars and trucks. John Biddle said, “We care and serve the needs of our customers.” See the Brooks-Biddle Automotive ad in the Auto News Service Directory.
DAISYWAGEN SERVICE, LLC

Daisywagen Service has served the Seattle area since 1980. Daisywagen is a family run business and Larry Dreon’s daughter Candace Hopkins recently took over the company. Daisywagen is the premier independent Volvo service specialist in the Northwest. With six employees and seven service bays, Daisywagen can work on 20 to 25 cars a day.

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DOUG’S AUTO

Doug’s Auto, a collision specialist, is “reinventing itself,” according to Doug Casady, owner of Doug’s Auto, a long-time Eastside collision specialist located in Factoria.

It is a family-owned business with Doug’s wife and two sons, Jeff and Steve, involved in the business. With seven employees, they can work on up to 20 vehicles at a time and have recently added a mobile automotive refinishing division headed up by Jeff Casady. The mobile business specializes in rock chip repair, minor collision work, bumper repair, and scratch removal. Doug’s is also “going Green” with the addition of a Toyota Highlander and Camry Hybrid and two Prius loaners to be used in the business. Doug’s Auto offers rental cars, and towing is available. Doug said, “We have been in business 36 years, and now the second generation is taking over and helping us be the best body shop in Bellevue.” (Pictured from Doug’s car collection are, left to right, a ’72 Mustang, ‘56 Ford T-Bird, ’66 Blue Mustang, ’74 MG, 57 Chev, ‘74 Corvette, and a ’67 Olds Convertible.)
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McCurley Integrity Subaru Is Pasco’s Pet Friendly Dealership

The Barkley family of Subaru-driving golden retrievers and labs who appear in Subaru’s television ads would be real proud to be a part of McCurley Integrity Subaru’s dealership in Pasco. The dealership is so pet friendly that they invite customers and community dog owners to bring their pets to enjoy the dog park located next to their showroom. The park is open during the dealership’s open hours. Carlos Bermudez, sales manager at McCurley Integrity Subaru, points out that the Subaru brand endorses family and pets. “Our customers tend to be outdoorsy, trail-setters, eco-friendly, explorers, and dog owners,” Bermudez explained, “and we encourage them to bring their dogs to play at the park while they are having their car serviced or just stop by to let their dogs play.” McCurley Integrity Subaru’s growing franchise moved to its present location on Sandifur Parkway off Broadmoor in Pasco two and a half years ago. Besides the dog park, customers can take their dogs for a walk on the trail behind the dealership that continues toward Road 68. Subaru retailers have partnered with local animal welfare organizations through the Subaru Loves Pets initiative to impact over 109,000 animals in need across the country. McCurley Integrity Subaru recently partnered with the Benton-Franklin County Humane Society’s pet adoption event. Our customers tend to be outdoorsy, trail-setters, eco-friendly, and dog owners,” Bermudez explained, “and we encourage them to bring their dogs to play at the park while they are having their car serviced or just stop by to let their dogs play.” McCurley Integrity Subaru’s growing franchise moved to its present location on Sandifur Parkway off Broadmoor in Pasco two and a half years ago. Besides the dog park, customers can take their dogs for a walk on the trail behind the dealership that continues toward Road 68. Subaru retailers have partnered with local animal welfare organizations through the Subaru Loves Pets initiative to impact over 109,000 animals in need across the country. McCurley Integrity Subaru recently partnered with the Benton-Franklin County Humane Society’s pet adoption event.

Paws of War Launches Nations First Mobile Veterinary Clinic Exclusively for Veterans and First Responders

Paws of War set to provide free veterinary care to disabled veterans and first responders in need

Paws of War’s latest mission is to help veterans and first responders get the veterinary care they need for their pets. They need the assistance, we can to answer it.” According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are 4 million veterans who have a service-connected disability. A service-connected disability is one that was a result of a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service. Additionally, there are many disabled first responders also in need of assistance. Through the “Vets for Vets” mobile veterinary clinic, both disabled veterans and first responders will have the ability to obtain care for their pets. Some of the people may have difficulty getting out of their homes, while others may find veterinary care to be a financial burden. Paws of War obtained the used 2006 26-foot RV and found that it was in some serious need of repair and renovation in order to get the veterinary care they need for their pets. Some of the people may have difficulty getting out of their homes, while others may find veterinary care to be a financial burden. Paws of War obtained the used 2006 26-foot RV and found that it was in some serious need of repair and renovation in order to get the veterinary care they need for their pets.

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When we first heard about Paws of War, we did a thorough research of the organization and were very impressed with what they do, stated Gil Blais, president of LaBoit Specialty Vehicles. “Being a veteran myself, I knew I wanted to help any way I could and renovating their vehicle was right up our alley. The entire LaBoit staff felt the urge to help and did so by volunteering their time. We also had vendors donate equipment so it truly was a group effort.

Sally Hanson, Team Auto News with her dog at the All-New McCurley Integrity Dog Park, in Pasco, WA (photo Sally Hanson)

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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 Carmel-by-the-Sea, 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 LYNN 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 Honored at Prancing Ponies Car Show & Legends of Auto Gala During Classic Car Week

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Lyn St. James at the Prancing Ponies Car Show in Carmel, California
Mecum Las Vegas Auction Tops $25 Million for an Overall Increase of 7%

75 Percent of All Vehicles Hammered Sold at Three-Day, 885-Car Auction

Mecum Auctions’ second annual collector-car auction in Las Vegas was deemed a success with $25.2 million in overall sales achieved as 667 vehicles hammered sold for a 75 percent sell-through rate. The results represent a 7 percent increase over last year’s totals.

The auction-headlining Academy of Art University collection saw 31 vehicles hammer sold for an overall total of $4 million, and four cars from the collection landed among the auction’s top sellers. The University’s 1930 Bugatti Type 46 Faux Cabriolet (Lot S98) brought $770,000, landing it the 1930 Duesenberg Model J Dual Cowl Phaeton (Lot S130.1) at $770,000

1934 Packard 1104 Super 8 Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton (Lot S125.1) at $220,000

1935 Pierce-Arrow Model 1245 Silver Arrow (Lot S93.1) at $214,500

1930 Cord L-29 Cabriolet (Lot S72) at $203,500

2012 Terradyne Gurkha RPV Armored Vehicle (Lot F196) at $198,000

1999 Lamborghini Diablo VT Roadster (Lot S183.1) at $187,000

In total, the complete top 10 collector-car sales at the Mecum Las Vegas 2018 auction include:

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For access to complete auction results, sign up for the free InfoNet service offered at Mecum. com. Mecum’s next auction will be in Kansas City, Missouri, this Dec. 6-8 featuring 700 vehicles, followed by the World’s Largest Collector Car Auction in Kissimmee, Florida, Jan. 3-13 featuring 3,500 classic and collector cars. For more details on upcoming auctions, to consign a vehicle or to register as a bidder, visit Mecum. com, or call (262) 275-5050 for more information.

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