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2019 GMC Canyon Denali (photo by GMC)

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 Johansson, 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 his 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.

by Bill McCallum

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 14 Turbo Diesel Engine offering 30 mpg highway is available
- Maximum trailing 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 is available
- GMC infotainment system with 8" diagonal color touchscreen and navigation

- Burnished aluminum trim
- Center console with wireless charging mat
- Hand-stitched and heated leather-wrapped steering wheel
- Bose premium seven-speaker sound system

The GMC Canyon Denali is the premium midsize truck that combines an advanced, comfortable cabin with powerfully efficient powertrains 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)



Christer R. Christensson Collection featured at Mecum Las Vegas Motorcycle Auction (photo Mecum)



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)

My 50 years In the Auto Industry



Bill McCallum
editor

PAST - I grew up in the car business over 5 decades ago. My dad was in the automotive lease business, an uncle of ours was the manager of a Tacoma, independent automotive parts store and a cousin owned a new car dealership also in Tacoma, WA. In high school my part time job was detailing new and used cars and when I got my drivers license I was picking up lease returns and delivering cars to the Seattle Auto Auction. The market was dominated by the "Big 3" Chevrolet, Chrysler, and Ford. V-8 engines ruled and everyone wanted more power. Interior functions were controlled with a knobs; windows, radio, heaters, etc. All new models were introduced at dealerships the second or third weekend in September. The auto industry was simple and easy to understand in those days.

PRESENT - So fast forward 50 years. Imports have arrived from Asia, Europe, and other global automakers. Automotive designers have delivered rolling art. Engineers have created smaller engines with less emissions and better MPG. Technology companies have increased their influence on the automaker decision process. All vehicles cars, trucks, SUV's are becoming to expensive for the average American buyer and buyers are better prepared for the buying experience because of the Internet. The preowned car and truck market is "booming" and automotive parts are arriving by UPS, Fed-EX, etc. from across the U.S. from online sellers.

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2019 Toyota RAV 4 Test Drive Review



Art Gould
feature editor

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 bestselling car is a truck, the second best seller now 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

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Joyce Chow Gives Back at Christmas



Joyce Chow
entertainment editor

Gingerbread houses, twinkling lights, add the scent of pine trees and you feel the spirit of the holidays. It was a festive day of entertainment with amazing musical performances and a surreal evening topped off with a tree lighting. The Salvation Army bell ringing by a kettle harkens to the holiday season.

"Christmas is Peace" was our 2nd at the Original Farmers Market at the Grove with The Salvation Army and our 4th Christmas show. BJ Korros (Shout Out for a Cause) hosted magical music moments in an untraditional Santa suit.

Barbara Bain (Mission Impossible) presented Ed Asner (Mary Tyler Moore, ELF) with the "Golden Kettle honoring Ed Asner, Entertainment Legend 2018). Longtime friends Barbara and Ed reunited and reminisced.

Lidya Jewett (Good Girls, Black Panther) was all smiles as she sang "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" and talked about peace. Starting the giving spirit early, she volunteered and served food to the homeless at the Los Angeles Mission for Thanksgiving.

Julie Garyne (Wicked, Les Miserables) sang from the musical

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2019 Acura RDX Test Drive Review



Ed Barrett
feature writer

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 interface on the center console. There is a learning curve here. It operates much like your computer, and if you are patient, you will find that it becomes almost second-nature to you. I only wish there was a conventional knob for tuning the radio. I hate going through several steps to change a station.

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Honda Accord Hybrid Test Drive Review



Scot McCallum
"Green Car Guy"

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."



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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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2019 Kia Sorrento Travels To The Wine Country



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.

What a delightful surprise the 2019 Kia Sorrento 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 Sorrento 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

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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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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, 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

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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 20



Harold Allen
feature writer

2019 Toyota Avalon Hybrid Limited Test Drive Review

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 continued on page 18



Lisa Delaney
special projects editor

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.



Gary Williams
feature editor

Legends Gala Scheduled for 2019 - See Page 10

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

International Conference
on Renewable Mobility "Fuels
of the Future 2019" on 21/22
January 2019 in Berlin

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, constitute challenges 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 extensive 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

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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 partnerships 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 !

Legends of Auto Gala Scheduled
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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

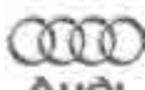
d'Elegance car week and showcases beautiful automobiles and aircraft, the annual Legends of Auto Gala, which honors those whom have made significant contributions to the auto industry and advanced the excitement and passion therein, and the Concorso Italiano, which features more than 800 vehicles of 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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A landmark 2019 season is in store at Monterey County's WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. The legendary 2.238-mile, 11-turn road course is set to host a calendar of new and returning events that will thrill motorsports fans from across the globe.

WEATHERTECH RACEWAY
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2019 SCHEDULE

Intercontinental GT Challenge
California 8 Hours
March 29-31

Trans Am Speed Festival
May 3-5

Ferrari Racing Days &
Corse Clienti F1
May 9-12

Monterey Motorcycle Festival
featuring MotoAmerica
July 12-14

Monterey Pre-Reunion Races
August 10-11

Rolex Monterey
Motorsports Reunion
August 15-18

IMSA WeatherTech
SportsCar Championship
September 13-15

INDYCAR Grand Prix of Monterey
September 20-22

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)

2019 Acura RDX Test Drive Review-New from the Ground Up

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The new RDX is a couple of inches longer now, but more importantly, the distance between the front and rear wheels is longer too. This means there is more cabin space, and a larger cargo area. Rear passengers benefit with a bit more legroom, and cargo space is at the top of its class at nearly 30 cubic feet.

Acura shelved the old V-6 engine this year, and replaced it with a 2.0-liter turbocharged four. The turbo cranks out 272 hp., and delivers a robust growl. It's teamed with a slick-shifting 10-speed automatic transmission that drives either the front wheels, or all four wheels. Acura's SH-AWD all-wheel drive returns this year as an option. Gas mileage is 24 mpg with front-wheel drive, and 23 mpg with AWD, about average for this class.

Acura offers the RDX with three different trim packages, Technology, A-Spec and Advance that enhance the standard version. However, most buyers should be happy with the standard RDX. It's well-equipped with a panoramic moonroof, nine-speaker audio, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning and braking, as well as lane-departure monitoring and intervention.

However, if you want more,

the Technology package, adds a 12-speaker sound system, navigation, blind spot monitoring and rear cross-traffic alert. The sportier A-Spec provides 20-inch wheels, 16 speakers and black exterior trim. The Advance goes even further with an adaptable suspension, head-up display and a surround-view camera.

Behind the wheel, The RDX is engaging to drive. My A-Spec test car with AWD felt responsive and sure-footed on twisty country roads. Drivers can select four different drive settings, Comfort, Sport, Sport+ and Snow. Comfort is the default mode, and the other three adjust steering feel, throttle response and the transmission shift points. I found the Sport mode sharpened the responses just the right amount on my favorite test route. However, even in the Comfort setting, the ride is a bit stiff. But, if you were to choose the Advance package, with the adaptable suspension, it might be cushier.

The RDX pricing starts at a reasonable \$38,295 for the standard model with front-wheel drive. When the Technology package is added, it's \$41,495. A-Spec jumps it up to \$43,495, and the Advance is \$46,395. All-wheel drive adds another \$2,000.



2019 Acura RDX (photo Ed Barrett)



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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 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 Buick)

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

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Honda Ridgeline (photo David Schmidt)

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2019 Toyota RAV4 Test Drive Review

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model. This sophisticated system is standard on the Adventure grade.

Models with conventional or the torque-vectoring all-wheel-drive include Hill Start Assist Control and Trailer Sway Control. Down-hill Assist Control is standard on Adventure and Limited AWD models.

The inside story for the new SUV entry has also been redesigned. More spacious environment featuring enhanced outward visibility for all occupants add to the comfort factor. Refined interior design with more premium surface materials are welcome additions to the area where people spend most of their time. Advanced media infotainment is included in all 2019 Toyota RAV4 models. Entune 3.0, includes Wi-Fi connect along with Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant and Apple Carplay. These features assure surprise and delight experiences throughout the driving experience. Upgrading to Entune 3.0 Audio Plus adds an 8-inch touchscreen and Sirius XM radio.

For 2019, the new RAV4 is available with two engine and transmission choices. The 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engines enables the customer to choose between hybrid or standard performance. The first of these engines is a Dynamic Force 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engine that is paired with a

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 of the 2019 Toyota RAV4 LE and Limited-FWD is 26/34/29, (city, highway, combined.) LE-AWD is rated at 26/33/29. 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 deal-

erships 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. XSEHV 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 that 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 Toyota RAV4 (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.

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March 10 - VW Show 253-841-2037

March 31 - All Jeep Show 206-356-1505

April 7 - Military Vehicles show 206-719-7267

April 14 - Italian Car Show 360-731-8758

April 21 - Porsche Car Show 425-644-6330

April 28 - C10 Truck Show 253-232-7244

May 5 - Electric Car Show 425-290-1351

May 12 - Springer Opener 425-766-3514

May 19 - Vintage Trailers 253-335-1500

May 26 - BMW Car Show 425-922-5326

June 2 - Convertibles Only 206-282-5603

June 9 - Fenders and Fins 206-349-3467

June 16 - Fenders on Front St 425-391-1112

June 23 - Cadillac-LaSalle Show 206-799-6585

June 30 - Hot Rod Hall of Fame Show 206-948-2063

July 7 - Rat Bastards Car Show 253-632-7515

July 14 - Camaro Club Show 206-948-2063

July 21 - Mopar Car Show 253-273-6037

July 28 - Corvette Car Show 206-478-2346

August 4 - Old Rides Show 206-214-8318

August 11 - GTO legends Show 206-243-3390

August 18 - 55-56-57 Chevy Show 206-601-1762

August 25 - Classic Swagger Show 206-949-0476

September 1 - Buick Olds Pontiac Show 253-576-1128

September 8 - Univera Feed the Children Show 253-377-2625

September 15 - Electric Car Show 310-926-9070

September 22 - VW Fall Fling 253-841-2037

October 13 - Magnums, Etc. 253-221-0719

December 1 - Jingle Bell Cruise 425-766-3514

INSIDE ASIA AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

Chinese Automaker Zotye Automobile and HAAH Automotive Holdings Announce Creation of Zotye USA to Handle Vehicle Sales, Distribution, Parts, Service in United States

- Zotye USA Will Be First Chinese Company to Sell Vehicles in the United States Under Its Own Chinese Brand Name
- New Company Will Be Based in Lake Forest, California
- Zotye Search for Dealers Is Already Underway

The formation of a new sales and distribution company in the United States for the Chinese auto brand Zotye Automobile was announced by Duke Hale, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HAAH Automotive Holdings and Wangsheng Zhu, Chairman of Zotye Automobile International Co. The new company will be known as Zotye USA and headquartered in Lake Forest, California.

Zotye Automobile International Co. designs, engineers, manufactures and sells the Zotye brand vehicles in China and globally.

The company's first U.S. product will be an SUV but the specific model has not been announced. Engineering development and homologation work on the model is underway and is proceeding smoothly. Sales to retail customers in the U.S. are expected to begin in 2020, according to Zotye USA.

"I am beyond thrilled to make this announcement, the result of more than four years of discussions and negotiations with the Zotye in China. With the agreement, we have begun setting up a franchised dealer network to handle sales and service in America. We've had discussions with several major dealers already and will have more to say about that in the months to come," said Hale.

"HAAH has rich experience in automobile sales and a series of unique and feasible innovative sales concepts, which will successfully propel Zotye Automobile in the American market. This cooperation extends the solid foundation for Zotye Automobile in the international market," said Zhu.

The Zotye USA sales team is led by industry veteran Senior Vice President of Sales Bob Pradzinski. Other members of the senior executive team will be announced in the future.

"HAAH Automotive Holdings is a disruptor and we will be adding innovative features and processes to the customer and franchise dealer system. These new ideas will dramatically improve the current system, bringing in greater simplicity to the purchase process and more transparency for customers while also offering dealers unique advantages. The result will be a system that will function better for everyone," said Pradzinski.

INSIDE EUROPE AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

THE PERFECT BALANCE: LIBRA D110 EDITION

This classic Epsom Green Defender is the perfect balance of traditional accents and modern styling. A KBX® grille, WARN® winch and Front Runner® roof rack replace OEM accessories, making it better than the original. The Vintage Thatch leather trim also echoes authentic Land Rover style, whilst the Elite Sports seats upgrade this interior for today's Defender owner.

These iconic vehicles allow their owners to create that perfect work-life balance as both a daily driver and weekend explorer. Start your Arkonik journey today.



1) Exterior: Metallic Epsom Green body | Puma bonnet | Satin Black KBX grille & chequer plate | Optimill® wing-top vents | Front Runner roof rack with LED spotlights | A-bar with LED spotlights | Front bumper DRLs | WARN Zeon 12-S winch | Black 16" Sawtooth alloy wheels | BFGoodrich® AT KO2 tyres | Ebony Fire & Ice side steps | Rear LED 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 Premium 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 furniture | Evander 15" wood-rimmed steering wheel | Ice White LED lighting package | Pioneer® Premium sound system with Apple® CarPlay | Air conditioning

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Sally Hanson Reviews the 2019 Kia Sorento and the Tagaris Winery in Richland, WA

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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 through the wine region. 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 the 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



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

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 Richland was Tagaris Winery and Taverna which is located on Tulip Lane off Columbia Park Trail near the Queensgate exit off I-182. The winery building sits on the hillside above I-182, but when you are inside the beautiful building or enjoying the fantastic patio you won't believe how close you are to the freeway. The winery includes a tasting room, restaurant, rooms for private events, and a large patio featuring ample seating, a 33-foot tall fountain and a stage for the live music offered Friday and Saturdays June through September.

Tagaris Winery was founded by Michael Taggares in 1987. The winery's name uses the Greek spelling of the family name whose members descended from the royal family and began growing wine grapes in the 15th century. Tagaris Winery is the fruition of three generations of grape growers in Washington's Columbia Valley where the climate and soil reminded Michael's grandfather of his Greek homeland. Frank Roth leads the wine making team at Tagaris. The wines are crafted to delight the palate when paired with food. When crafting Tagaris' wines, Roth uses as little oak as possible which brings out the fruit flavors.

Tagaris Winery was recognized by ZAGAT in Seattle as one of 8

wineries in the world with fabulous food. The homegrown cuisine is Mediterranean-inspired and creatively paired with their wines. Our favorite varietals of the many award-winning wines offered at Tagaris Winery include Malbec, Merlot, and Pinot Noir.

Parking at Tagaris 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 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.

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 March 14-16

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)

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

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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)



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

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



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



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



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

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

by Bill McCallum

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

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

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

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

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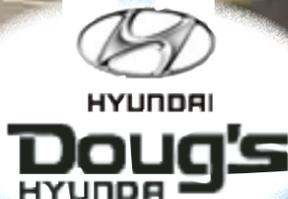
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Joyce Chow Gives Back During Holiday with her Xmas Party

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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”. Marisa is a rare jewel discovery of songwriter legend Diane Warren.

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.



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)



Panto Alumni Vonzell Solomon performing “Hero” from Sleeping Beauty production. Photo credit: Greg Doherty, Getty Images

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.

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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.

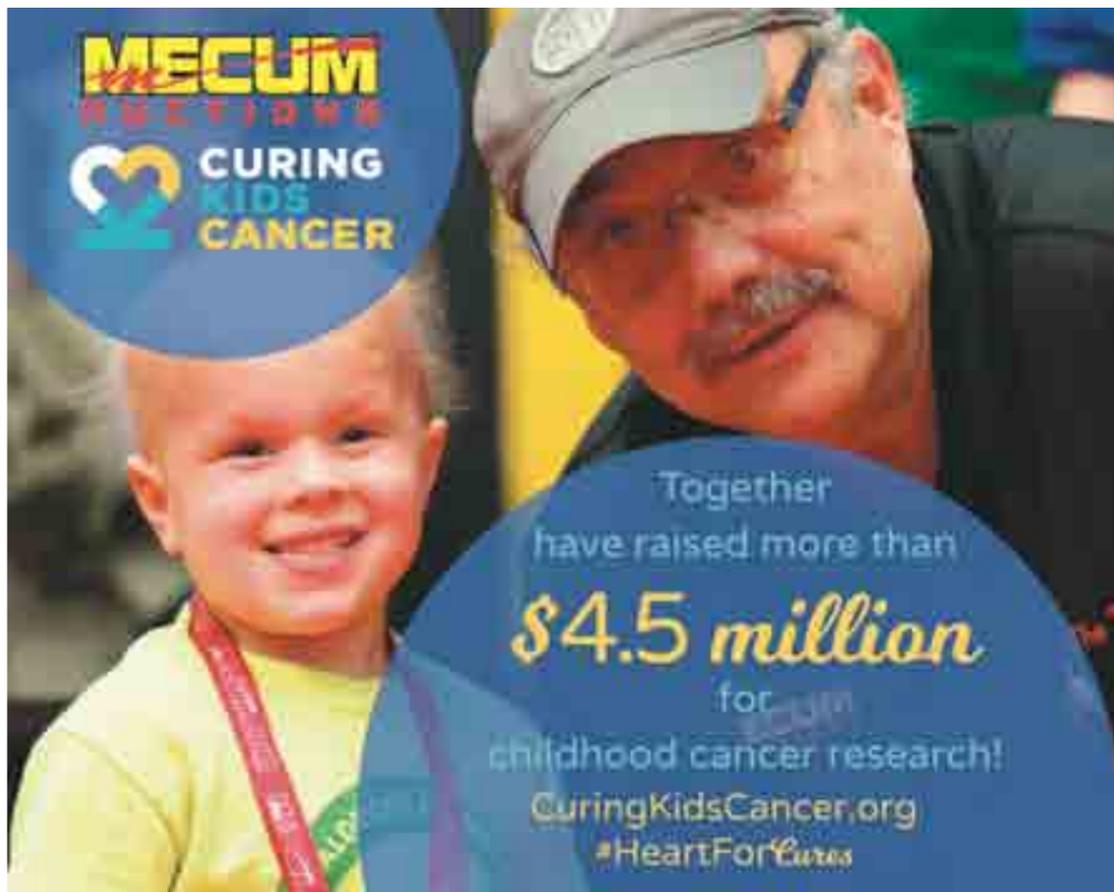
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The Lewis family and CKC president Grainne Owen.



Grainne Owen displaying a Jeff McPhail painting.





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2019 Acura MDX “Test Drive Review”

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 hiway MPG. Are you going to create history as the one millionth buyer of an Acura MDX?



2019 Acura MDX (photo Auto News)

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 Auction.

Since Palm Springs 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 be 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 Damlier 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 cameras 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. Bidding requires a \$30 registration fee and a “good faith deposit,” which is refunded if nothing is purchased, McCormick said.

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

LEXUS LX570 SUV



The LX 570 is the "Big Daddy" in the Lexus SUV lineup. Lots of room, power and fun to drive. A little light on the MPG.

BASE PRICE: \$85,380
TYPE: SUV
ENGINE: 5.7L V-8
TRANS: 8-speed
HORSEPOWER: 383 HP
MPG: 13 city / 18 hiway

MAZDA 6



While some automakers are phasing out their midsize sedans the Mazda 6 has been a solid seller in the Mazda lineup.

BASE PRICE: \$34,750
TYPE: Sedan
ENGINE: SKYACTIVE-G 2.5T
TRANS: 6 SPD Sport Mode
HORSEPOWER: 227 HP
MPG: 23 city / 31 hiway

TOYOTA CAMRY HYBRID



Toyota has had a corner on the hybrid market with the Prius lineup & the Camry Hybrid adds a sedan with styling to the lineup

BASE PRICE: \$32,250
TYPE: Hybrid
ENGINE: 2.5L 4-cyl DOHC
TRANS: ECVT
HORSEPOWER: 208 HP
MPG: 44 city / 47 hiway

TOYOTA SIENNA XLE



There hasn't been a lot of growth in the van market but Toyota Sienna sales have remained steady with new add-ons.

BASE PRICE: \$39,420
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HORSEPOWER: 248 hp
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SEMA Show Las Vegas, Thermal Club Palm Springs, Barrett Jackson Scottsdale-A Busy Time for All



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



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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 LADIESOFFROADNETWORK (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 automotion

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 without 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.



Monika Kalenski, CEO & Founder of MEK Magnet with a Jeep Wrangler featuring her Side Protection Products – See photo on page 16

Previously Featured: “WOMEN IN THE AUTO WORLD”

- Chanterria McGilbra – Prancing Ponies Foundation
- Lyn St. James – Indy Race Driver
- Felicia Fields – Ford HR VP
- Mary Barra – GM CEO
- Michelle Christensen – Acura Design
- Lisa Copeland – FCA Dealer

- Elena Cortesi – Ford Comm. Mgr.
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2019 Toyota Avalon Hybrid Limited Test Drive Review

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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 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)

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 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 highways 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 comfort-

able 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.

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Ford Customer Service Announces MyPriceLink

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

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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.

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. 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!



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 Trailing 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

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 driver’s 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:

- On and off-road water trucks
- Mechanics trucks
- On and off-road fuel and lube trucks

- Crash attenuator trucks
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- 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.

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

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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

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 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.

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TIRES

Pirelli Introduces Scorpion Winter Tire

The Pirelli Scorpion Winter Tire: A Test Winner and Car Manufacturers' Favorite Six Years After Its Debut, Pirelli's Winter Tire Continues to Claim Top Test Results

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 22 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 EQ; 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.

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Pirelli Scorpion Winter Tire

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.

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

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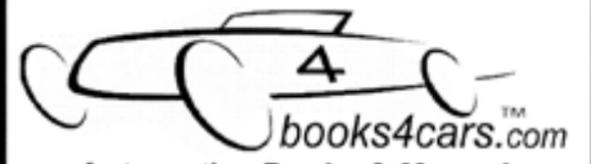


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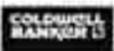
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Carlos Bermudez, sales manager at McCurley Integrity Subaru, points out that the Subaru brand endorses family and pets. "Our commitment to pets is one part of our Love Promise," Bermudez said. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) is one of the recipients of donations during Subaru's Love Event.

"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.

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 that they may be having difficulty obtaining. On November 8, 2018, they will roll out the "Vets for Vets" program, which is a custom-designed RV that has been outfitted to be a mobile veterinary clinic. The mobile clinic, staffed by a veterinarian, will be on the move providing care to many veteran pets.

"This is the first of its kind," explains Robert Misseri, co-founder of Paws of War. "It's exclusively for the pets of our disabled veterans and first responders. They need the assistance, we heard their call, and are doing all

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 meet their mission. That's when the original manufacturer, LaBoit Specialty Vehicles, stepped in and offered to completely refurbish the RV, all free of charge. Now the mobile veterinary clinic has been completely customized for the Paws of War team and its mission.

"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 La Boit 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 La Boit 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.

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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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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 #CarmelbytheSea, 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.

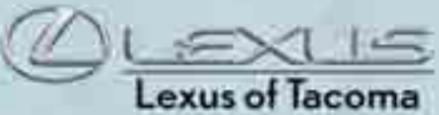
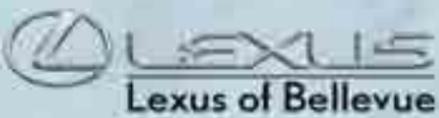


Lyn St. James at the Prancing Ponies Car Show in Carmel, California

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Mecum 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) boasting coachwork by Veth & Zoon came in as the auction's top sale at just more than \$1 million, and the 1930 Duesenberg Model J Dual Cowl Phaeton (Lot S130.1) brought \$770,000, landing it the No. 2 slot. A 1934 Packard 1104 Super 8 Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton (Lot S125.1) from the collection claimed the third spot in top sales, and a 1935 Pierce-Arrow Model 1245 Silver Arrow (Lot S93.1) came in as No. 6.

Other top sales included a 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda (Lot S145) that brought \$220,000 and Ardell Brown's 1930 Cord L-29 Cabriolet (Lot S72), which sold for \$203,500. In total, the complete Ardell Brown Estate Collection of vehicles and Road Art sold for well in excess of \$5 million.

The complete top 10 collector-

car sales at the Mecum Las Vegas 2018 auction include:

1930 Bugatti Type 46 Faux Cabriolet (Lot S98) at \$1,012,000

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 \$258,500

1959 Mercedes-Benz 300D Cabriolet (Lot S180) at \$244,750

1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda (Lot S145) 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

1959 Volkswagen Deluxe 23-Window Bus (Lot F163) at \$181,500

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.

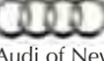


1930 Bugatti Type 46 Faux Cabriolet was top seller



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