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## Auto News Non-Profit Foundation Sponsors NW Legends of Auto Event at Scale Racing Center in Tacoma, WA in March 2025

by Bill McCallum

What started 15 years ago at the LAAuto Show as an event honoring those who have made a significant contribution to the auto industry the likes of: George Barris, Bert Boeckmann, Tom DuPont, Bill Ford, Ken Gross, Lee Iacocca, Parnelli Jones, Jay Leno, Barry Meguiar, Roger Penske, Steve Saleen and Carroll Shelby has grown to TWO events including a Northwest Legends of Auto event.

We moved the LA event to Monterey during August of "Car Week" 7 years ago. The next Monterey Legends Event will be held on Thursday (8/14/25) and the next NW Legends event will be held

in April 2026.

Our second annual NW Legends of Auto event was held the last week in March 2025 which included NW past and present Legends, including Steve Saleen, scholarship winners, auto enthusiasts, and Auto News Foundation staff. Honorees included Sally Hanson, Auto News Editor, Doug Ikegami of Doug's Auto Group, plus four scholarships winners: Cade Farrington, Fabian Jimenez, Peyton Maldonado and Sylvee Madsen. A complete recap and photos of the event will be published in the next issue of Global Auto News and online at www.autonewsonline.com



Chris Chung (left) with Alan Smith at March 2025 NW Legends of Auto Event (photo Auto News)

## 2025 Subaru Solterra, the EV That Can Go "OFF-ROAD"



2025 Subaru Solterra EV at Michael's Subaru (photo Auto News)

by Chris Chung

Subaru's Solterra marks the brand's ambitious entry into the electric vehicle market, blending eco-friendly technology with the ruggedness we've come to expect from Subaru. This all-electric SUV boasts a dual-motor setup delivering 215 horsepower and 249 lb-ft of torque, ensuring confident all-wheel-drive performance across various terrains.

Inside, the Solterra doesn't skimp on modern conveniences. It features a customizable 7-inch

instrument cluster paired with an 12.3-inch touchscreen infotainment system, offering wireless Apple CarPlay® and Android Auto™ integration. Additionally, the cabin is equipped with multiple USB ports, including both USB-A and USB-C connections, catering to all passengers' charging needs.

For those considering making the switch to electric, Michael's Subaru of Bellevue stands out as a premier destination. Renowned

for their exceptional customer service and extensive inventory, they have established themselves as the #1 retailer of the Solterra in the nation. Their knowledgeable staff can guide you through the features of the Solterra and help determine if it's the right fit for your lifestyle.

Embracing the future of driving with the Subaru Solterra means enjoying the reliability and adventure-ready spirit Subaru is known for, now with zero emissions.

## The All-New Hyundai Ionic 6 Voted "Best New EV" in U.S.



Chris Chung with 2025 Hyundai Ionic 6 EV (photo Auto News) Story on page 2

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Future of EV’S - Better Buy A Compass....!



Bill McCallum  
publisher

As a long time hiker I used to carry a compass before cell phones and GPS.

WHY ? As most hikers know, getting lost in the mountains is not a good thing.

It seems to me we are lost in the mountains when it comes to the future of EV’s in the U.S.

1- EV market share in the U.S. is divided. Northwest 20% - Nationally 8% - Mid-West 5% this creates a problem in the OEM marketing departments.

2- EV cost differential between brands.

3- Used EV’s don’t seem to be holding their value.

4- EV suppliers are cutting jobs. In the March 5th edition of Automotive News (the trade publication) LEAR announced 15,000 job cuts in 2024 because of “..... electric vehicle sales uncertainty.” EV’s won’t go away but you had better BUY A COMPASS when it comes to the direction the industry will follow. Stay tuned.

Tesla Drivers Have Highest Accident Rate, 2nd Year in a Row [LendingTree Report]

Tesla drivers are involved in more accidents than drivers of any other brand for the 2nd year in a row.

Top 5 Worst Drivers by Car Brand (Driving incidents per 1,000 drivers)

1. Tesla (37)

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2025 Chevrolet Equinox EV: A New Era of EVs



Chris Chung  
Digital editor

This fall, I embarked on a road trip through Washington’s majestic North Cascades in the 2025 Chevrolet Equinox EV—a journey that perfectly showcased the capabilities of this ground breaking electric SUV. Designed to make EV ownership more accessible than ever, the Equinox EV combines affordability, impressive range, and cutting-edge technology, redefining what an electric vehicle can be.

With a starting price of \$34,995—or \$27,495 after federal tax credits—the Equinox EV is America’s most affordable EV offering over 300 miles of range. On this trip, the 2RS trim’s 319-mile range was nothing short of remarkable, eliminating any anxiety about finding charging stations as I ventured deep into the mountains. The Ultium battery platform’s efficiency meant I could explore winding roads and rugged landscapes without interruption.

One of the highlights of my trip was experiencing Chevrolet’s Super Cruise technology. On long stretches of highway leading into the Cascades, the hands-free driving system provided seamless navigation, handling curves and changes in elevation with ease. This feature wasn’t just convenient—it transformed the journey, allowing me to fully enjoy the fiery reds and oranges of fall foliage that surrounded me.

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An Electrifying Drive In Hyundai’s Ioniq 6



Sally Hanson  
editor

After introduction of many electric vehicles, the EV market continues to be a concept many consumers seem reluctant to embrace. When the Hyundai Ioniq 6 Limited came my way, I found my concerns were erased about this alternative fuel fulfilling all my driving needs.

The mid-size sedan is offered in three trims all of which can be single motor rear wheel drive or dual-motor all wheel drive. Front seating is comfortable, but rear seating headroom and foot space is tight. The driving range in the Ioniq 6 Limited is 270 miles.

After getting acquainted with the EV, I encountered an Ioniq 6 owner who had purchased the vehicle a year ago. Asking what he likes about the sedan began a rave review. Here are his favorites:

- The aerodynamic styling with active grille shutters funneling cool air to help keep the battery at an optimal temperature and side vents lowering resistance with a stream of fast-moving air around the front tires. A rear spoiler adds to the styling and creates downforce to add stabilizing grip.

- Dual color ambient lighting adds a soft glow throughout the cockpit.

- In as little as 18 minutes, using a 350kW DC Fast Charger, it can charge from 10 to 80%. New Ioniq 6 owners receive two years

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Audi Q6 e-tron "Test Drive"



Dave Kunz  
LA feature writer

Audi was a bit ahead of the curve when it brought out its first EV in 2018, the model simply known as e-tron. A compact SUV with okay range but lots of Audi style. Since then, it seems every traditional auto maker is rolling out some sort of electric sport utility, or has one in the works.

And since then, Audi has developed an entire line under the sub-brand e-tron. The newest for 2025 is a mid-size SUV called the Q6 e-tron, slotting between the Q4 (they renamed that first one), and the Q8 in the e-tron line. This latest effort offers impressive range of about 300 miles, and Audi’s latest technology.

It’s actually the brand’s first EV to adopt a new structure called Premium Platform Electric that will underpin other Audi models in the coming years. This new architecture offers not only more efficient motors, and a smarter controller, but also a new battery design that allows for much faster charging. An upcoming available feature will utilize “bank charging” - the battery module can be split into two halves for parallel charging, shortening recharge times at a 400kw charging station. Of course, this will rely on those types of public chargers to become more available. Stay tuned, as the saying goes.

Range and charging times are key selling features of electric

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Kia Carnival Hybrid wins high praise from grandsons



Keith Turner  
SF feature writer

Sometimes, the best review is the reaction that you get from others in your family. In my case, it was my grandsons (ages 11 and 8) who said it best: “This is our favorite car!”

The car they were referring to is the 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige, the latest iteration of Kia’s not-so-mini stylish and versatile multi-purpose vehicle. The three-row Carnival has always been a family favorite, but with hybrid technology now in the mix, the Carnival is more fuel efficient than ever, sure to provide significant savings at the gas pump.

Defying the humdrum minivan image, the Carnival Hybrid features a bold, SUV-like design that draws attention everywhere it goes. From its sharp LED lighting to the bold fish-scale-like grille, the Carnival exudes a premium look that feels at home in upscale driveways. The SX Prestige trim elevates the exterior with stylish 19-inch alloy wheels and gloss-black accents, adding a touch of sophistication. My grandsons quickly dubbed it “the cool car” upon seeing it parked in the driveway.

But it was the luxury interior that thrilled the boys the most. The cabin is a beautiful blend of comfort and technology, featuring plush leather upholstery, heated and ventilated seats (in the second row too!), and two sunroof panels

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## Innovative Wind & Solar Tower Debuts at Auto Show



Jim Trainor  
feature writer

### Emission-Free Electricity from Both Wind and Sun Can Charge EVs and Hybrids at Almost Any Location and Time

The world’s only hybrid power station “fueled” solely by a combination of wind and sun, the internationally-patented Wind & Solar Tower (WST), will be on display for the first time during this year’s North American International Auto Show in Detroit. The automated 1:18 scale model will demonstrate how clean, off-grid power can charge electric vehicles in a way that is cleaner and more efficient than anything presently available. A full-sized Tower operated seamlessly and flawlessly for five years, even surviving two hurricanes.

The Tower will be a featured attraction at the Plug and Play Startup Arena at Automobili-D in conjunction with this year’s show from Sept. 13 – 15.

“The Detroit Auto Show is one of the most influential annual automotive events in the world

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## Northwest Legends of Auto March Event



Vicky Tran  
writer

I recently had the opportunity to attend the PNW Legends of Auto Event. This event is an annual event to honor legends in the automotive world and provide scholarships to help aspiring technicians reach their goals from the generous hearts of established leaders in the auto industry. To accomplish this, our Publisher Bill McCallum partnered up with Griot’s Garage and the Scale Racing Center to host a wonderful evening for the legends, scholarship winners, friends, and family.

To start things off, Nick Griot gave us a tour of their car display showroom, this month’s theme is Ferraris from 1964 to the recent 2020. Griot’s Garage hosts Caffeine & Gasoline every first Saturday for the community to come together and share their passion and love for cars if you’d like to experience it for yourself.

Next up they showed us where they make all their content under bright lights, the YouTube tutorial started during Covid times and continued on. They have a team that travels year round to represent Griot’s Garage on the road. Next, Nick showed us some of his dad’s Richard’s collection, the private

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## 2025 RAM ProMaster EV



Howard Elmer  
truck writer

Ram is the latest brand to bring electrification to its utility van offerings with a new ProMaster – all electric – for 2025. I recently had a chance to drive one of these at a demonstration in Michigan. It was everything I expected. Quiet, quick, and simple. In fact, electric service and delivery vehicles are an improvement for in this segment that, in my opinion, can’t come fast enough. Because delivery vans run set routes – or work in stop/go short range urban service areas; the drawbacks of electric power are very few. These trucks will work all day and recharge over night. Their usage cases have way fewer charging variables than electric passenger vehicles. Also, from a business perspective, over time they will cost less to run, cost less to service and last longer.

Arriving late this year are two EV models. The ProMaster EV delivery model and the Cargo model. The Cargo model is available as a 12-foot box – or as an extended 13-foot box. Both versions come with a 110-kilwatt-hour (kWh) battery pack that has a targeted range of 261

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## Kelly Blue Book Best Buy List



Jordan Williams  
millennial writer

Kelley Blue Book and company recently published their 11th annual Kelley Blue Book Best Buy Awards, featuring their favorite cars, trucks, and SUVs.

Executive Editor, Brian Moody, states the awards span a range of vehicle sizes, prices and other financial considerations, such as reliability and the resale market.

### Take a look at what made their 2025 Best Buy Awards list:

#### Best New Model

- 2025 Toyota Camry

#### Best in Class

##### Subcompact SUV

- 2025 Hyundai

##### Best Compact SUV

- 2025 Honda CR-

##### Best Midsize SUV

2025

##### Best 3-Row EV

- 2025 Kia EV9

##### Best Electric Vehicle

- 2025 Hyundai Ioniq 5

##### Best Compact Car

2025

##### Best Midsize Car

- 2025 Toyota Camry

##### Best Minivan

- 2025 Toyota Sienna

##### Best Compact Truck

## Slot Car racing in Europe compared to the USA



Allen Smith  
motorsports writer

In 1957 the Slot Car Racing Industry ignited when Fred Francis, owner of a miniature Model Car Company, electrified his tin plate model cars. His company was called Scalex, as while good models they were not to a specific scale.

This new line was then renamed Scalextric the “tric” because they were now motorized, with a small electric motor, and could be driven on a model race car track.

Sales took off as almost every little boy wanted to be a race car driver, and Model Car racing was born.

The by produce of that was a love and passion for Cars that was instilled in generations of children. They became enamored with racing and cars in general, and the real car Industry supported that with themed race sets for their brands.

Across the pond in the USA the first experiences most had with Scale Model Car Racing, or Slot Car Racing as it is known here, was Scalextric. But the cost of an imported toy from Europe and the construction methods was not well received.

Scalextric cars were still tin

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We Are Floating On The Stuff



Larry Weitzman  
EV specialist

About a week ago I received a thoughtful email from a reader, Richard, who was worried about the world running out of energy, mainly petroleum. Richard remarked of traveling all over the U.S. by car and airplane and with all the tens of thousands of airline (and military) flights daily using tanker trucks loads of fuel, how long can we sustain this usage. And Richard is correct as even a late model Boeing 737 carries about 7,000 gallons, more than a single tanker truck.

All major airports have a fuel farm containing millions of gallons of fuel in mostly above ground tanks that is distributed throughout the airport via an underground system and trucks. Jet fuel use amounts to about 66 million gallons a day or about 8 percent of our daily consumption of petroleum products.

Automobiles consume nearly 43 percent of our petroleum production, or about 370 million gallons a day.

Diesel Trucks (along with some

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Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio AWD



Arv Voss  
feature writer

***“A Race machine in compact wagon or SUV Guise”***  
OVERVIEW:

The Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio AWD first appeared as a 2019 compact wagon, or was it a compact SUV, or was it a race car in disguise? It’s styling is unmistakably Italian with curvaceous, sexy lines. It’s power is surprising as is its overall handling and performance.

In any case, it is a front wheel drive, four door set of hot wheels that seats five in comfort – at least in the front seats.

FERRARIESQUE MOTIVE FORCE:

The engine is a 2.9 -liter Twin Turbo/intercooled DOHC 24-valve with Port Direct Injection V6 with Stop/Start. it is not a Ferrari power plant, but was designed by former Ferrari engineers.

Horsepower is 505 @ 6,500 rpm with 443 pound feet of torque @2,500 rpm. The engine mates to an 8-speed automatic transferring energy to all four wheels. It’s capable of catapulting this Alfa from 0-60 mph in 3.3 seconds .The EPA rating is 17 mpg city, 23 mpg highway and 19 combined mpg.

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Second Generation RIVIAN R1S and R1T



Harold Allen  
Texas feature writer

Rivian has a lot to offer, including three battery packs to fit the customer’s needs. On my quick test drive, it featured high-tech features and great performance. The handling was excellent, and the ride was very comfortable. Pricing for the RS1 starts at \$75,900 and jumps to \$99,900 for the dual tri-Motor Max Pack battery. The dual-motor has 533hp 610lb-ft. With a 0 to 60 mph at 4.5 seconds. The Quad Motor has 1,025 hp 1,198 lb-ft and 0 to 60 mph in less than 2.5 seconds.

There are many combinations to select from so visiting a showroom is recommended. The exterior is subject to one’s taste and is different than most large SUVs on the market today. The next-gen R3 has much better styling for my taste. Some model configurations can be purchased in as little as 6 days. However special orders can take as long as six to twelve weeks EST.

The Interior is well laid out and crisp-looking. Craftsmanship is outstanding and the dash is well laid out. The Infotainment system is well-positioned and easy to use but the steering wheel knobs as small and hard to get used to.

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Cam Clark Features A Culture of Community Service



Lynn Rehn  
writer

***The Kindness of Canadians: How Cam Clark Dealerships Foster a Culture of Community Service***  
Introduction

The kindness of Canadians is renowned worldwide, a trait deeply embedded in the nation’s culture and reflected in the actions of its citizens. Nowhere is this more evident than in the community service initiatives led by the team members at Cam Clark-owned dealerships. From its humble beginnings in Canada to its expansion into the United States, the Cam Clark Auto Group has built a reputation not just for exceptional customer service, but for fostering a deep commitment to community involvement and philanthropy.

To keep things personal I took guided tours and self guided snoops of 11 of these dealerships, it was a remarkable experience based on my own past , when I had carved a niche in our families dealership through volunteering in our community - directions came from ownership to write my own job description with a small stipend

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2025 Honda Ridgeline AWD Trail Sport



Scot McCallum  
feature writer

Honda has made a cannonball splash with its 2025 Ridgeline AWD TrailSport mid-sized truck. My test drive was a Diffused Sky Pearl vehicle which is one of the most beautiful and exotic car colors available on the market! The trim lines and overall unibody design are appealing. The 280hp 3.5-liter VTEC V8 engine delivers power and 20mpg. The Ridgeline handles like a car but has all the “truck” you could want with its i-VTM4 AWD System, locking trunk space below the bed, and independent suspension.

The interior is spacious, comfortable and quiet. External visibility is exceptional, and inside the navigation, display, and 7-speaker audio system are intuitive. The Ridgeline is rich with Safety, Sensing, and overall Technical features. Best of all, you know the quality you will receive from Honda when you invest in this fantastic truck at an affordable price point. Holiday season is approaching, so treat yourself and test drive the Ridgeline at your nearest Honda dealer.



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# Climate Change and Global Warming are Global Problems and Require Global Solutions

by Bill McCallum

Is the climate changing around  
the world ? Yes !!

Of course it Is !! Is this global  
event some thing new ? No !!

History tells us deserts around  
the world used to be green and  
loaded with vegetation and other  
areas around the world are turning  
into deserts because of lack of water  
caused by climate change. And yes  
the polar ice caps have been moving  
up and down for centuries because  
of climate change.

The question of the day ... is the  
overall temperature around the  
world warming? The answer is  
yes. The question is why .... and  
what can we do about it !! The idea  
that we can solve the problem by  
“electrifying the U.S.” is a “pipe-  
dream” created by idiots and it’s  
time we come to our senses.

The fact is ... India, China and  
other Asian countries contribute  
over 35% to 40% of the global

pollution and they have not indi-  
cated any willingness to change.  
While we are helping to fund  
climate programs in other third  
world countries the United States  
percentage of global warming  
cause and affect is closer to 30%.  
While EV’s and other forms of  
transportation will always be part  
of the answer they will NEVER be  
all of the answer.

It’s time we reach out to the unin-  
formed climate change promoters  
with some facts and new ideas  
like 1- Eliminate U.S. dependency  
on plastics 2- Explore new fuel  
sources such as hydrogen. 3- Stop  
buying products from Global Pol-  
luters such as China 4- Stop giving  
our tax dollars to third world coun-  
tries when in fact they are not part  
of the real problem. 5- Reopen and  
build more nuclear power plants.  
6- connect U.S. grids ASAP.

Have a nice day !! ..... and thank  
you for reading Global Auto News.

## A New International Hydrogen Partnership

As industry and mobility decar-  
bonize, the demand for hydrogen  
is growing. In order to counteract  
the two main challenges involved  
in the widespread provision of  
the energy source, Purem by  
Eberspaecher is entering into  
a strategic partnership with  
AMBARtec AG. Their common  
goal is the efficient transport and  
safe storage of hydrogen.

Market analyses show that  
hydrogen demand will increase in  
the coming decades in mobility,  
industry, and the energy sector. The  
start-up AMBARtec concerns itself  
with the challenge of widespread  
availability. The Saxony-based  
company is bringing a process for  
transporting and storing hydrogen  
onto the market, known as HyCS®  
technology (Hydrogen Compact  
Storage Technology). A strate-  
gic partnership signed between  
AMBARtec AG and Purem by

Eberspaecher is intended to drive  
forward the scaling of the process  
developed by the start-up. The  
exhaust technology and acoustics  
specialist will take over the produc-  
tion of the storage containers in  
which the hydrogen is stored. “In  
our collaboration with AMBARtec,  
we see great potential for an emerg-  
ing technology: thanks to our exper-  
tise in the area of materials science  
in relation to hydrogen and our  
competence in the area of industri-  
alization, we provide considerable  
added value for the development of  
new storage and transport options  
for the energy source,” explains  
Benjamin Brenkel, Executive Vice  
President Business Unit Europe.  
Uwe Pahl, Technical Director at  
AMBARtec, stresses that: “To  
implement our HyCS® technology,  
we need a partner with extensive  
practical expertise, particularly in  
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## Breaking News: Auto News Reader Reach (RR) Scales to 1 Million

Breaking News: Auto News  
scales readership reach (RR) to  
1,000,000 per month. Reader  
reach (RR), a new terminology  
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## Emission-Free Electricity from Both Wind and Sun Can Charge EVs and Hybrids at Almost Any Location and Time

by Jim Trainor, Auto News Feature Writer

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and a showcase for emerging  
technologies like The Wind &  
Solar Tower,” said the inventor  
of The Tower, Jim Bardia. “With  
its vertical axis wind turbine,  
“frictionless” levitation hub, and  
self-cleaning/self cooling solar  
panel, The Tower generates pro-  
digious electrical output on a  
small footprint, making it a com-  
pelling addition to EV-charging  
choices.

**Can operate independent of grid**

“The Wind & Solar Tower is  
more than merely an EV-charg-  
ing device simply linked to  
today’s electric charging grid; it  
goes beyond because unlike all

other charging systems, it can  
function independent of the grid  
or be supplemented by the grid.

“The U.S. electric grid needs  
strengthening because it is  
being asked to deliver far more  
energy than ever before,” Bardia  
explains, “but we can’t be spend-  
ing billions of dollars to build  
additional power plants that will  
increase pollution by burning  
more fossil fuels.”

**Renewables are key to survival**

“Using more wind, solar and  
hydroelectric power is the key  
to survival of our grid and the  
continuation of the comfortable  
lives we’ve come to enjoy.”



## AUTO NEWS® BYTES

### “Words Matter” Build vs. Assemble

Why are these two words so  
important in the auto industry.

Because most people don’t  
understand that OEM automakers  
“ASSEMBLE” vehicles using  
hundreds of parts from around  
the world. This is even more  
important TODAY as our current  
administration discusses tariff’s.

BUILD (vb) to form or have  
formed by ordering and uniting  
materials (a house)

2nd (n) form or mode of structure  
(house or business)

ASSEMBLE (vb) to gather in one  
place (congregate) to fit together in  
parts of 3 or more as in vehicles.

### WORDS MATTER AND THEY ARE THE KEY TO INTELLIGENCE

by BILL McCALLUM, Publisher

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# 2025 RAM ProMaster EV "Test Drive Report"

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kilometers in city driving. Most owners will be using a Level 2 wall charger (which delivers up to 11 kw), however the ProMaster will also accept a Level 3 DC fast charger that delivers up to 50 kw. The charge port illuminates while the vehicle is charging and has an audible sound alert to confirm the connection.

This ProMaster architecture, has been designed specifically for electrification, featuring a unibody design that incorporates the battery pack. The battery is

positioned under the floor in the centre of the vehicle, maintaining a flat floor while cargo volume is unchanged from the gas-powered vehicles. The battery pack drives a 200-kilowatt (kW) electric drive module (EDM) which delivers 268 hp and 302 lb.-ft. of torque using the standard front-wheel-drive capability.

All versions have a 159-in. wheelbase, and an extended super-high-roof. Other new driver features include an available heated steering wheel and heated windshield. New avail-

able safety and security features include Park Sense with stop, white noise backup alarm and "normal" backup alarm.

Another new feature on this ProMaster is a rear roll-up door. Built of anodized aluminum its light weight yet durable. A passenger-side sliding pocket door is also now standard on the Ram ProMaster EV delivery vehicle. This will ease ingress and egress while making deliveries.

The handling of cargo is the number one consideration for continued on page 7



2025 ProMaster EV delivery van. Photos are all factory.

# Kia Carnival Hybrid Wins High Praise from Grandsons by Keith Turner



Kia Carnival Hybrid (photo Keith Turner)

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that floods the space with natural light. The twin 12.3-inch displays for the driver and infotainment system are seamlessly integrated, providing easy access to navigation, entertainment and hybrid system monitoring.

## The Kia Carnival "Cargo Space is Generous"

The second-row VIP lounge seats with leg rests are a game-

changer, offering a level of comfort typically reserved for luxury sedans. My grandsons wasted no time declaring them "the best seats ever!" thoroughly enjoying the reclining function and bun warmers during our weekly trip to school and back. The rear entertainment system, with individual screens and wireless connectivity, kept them entertained, ensuring peace and quiet up front for grandpa.

The Carnival Hybrid pairs a 1.6-liter 4-cylinder turbocharged engine with an electric motor, delivering a combined 242 horsepower. The hybrid system offers smooth acceleration, responsive

handling, and an impressively quiet ride, even at highway speeds. What stands out most is its fuel efficiency - boasting an EPA-estimated 33 mpg combined, the Carnival Hybrid drastically reduces trips to the pump compared to its gas-only counterpart.

On the road, the Carnival feels nimble for its size, easily maneuvering through tight city streets and cruising effortlessly on the highway. The Heads Up Display is very informative and the high-definition digital rearview mirror is a stunning way to keep an easy eye on the traffic behind you. There's even a crystal-clear passenger camera monitor that allows me to keep an eye on the boys as they reclined in their comfy captains' chairs.

Cargo space is generous, with 40.2 cubic feet behind the third row and up to 145.1 cubic feet with the second-row seats removed, and continued on page 15



# Slot Car Racing in Europe vs. the United States

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plate, and their track made of rubber so expensive to ship to America.

Several toy companies here in the USA sent sample to Hong Kong to be analyzed. They produced a cheaper version with plastic track and cars and Slot Car Racing started to boom in the USA.

So much so that car Manufacturers commissioned Slot Car Sets to be given out to new buyers of cars so their children could play at car racing. This endorsed branding too where children as they grew became owners of real cars from the brands they played with in their childhood.

Americas fascination with Slot Car Racing saw an explosion in sales and from that a new Industry grew, and that was Commercial Slot Car Tracks. Across America somewhere between 3000 to 10,000 raceways appeared and the Slot Car crazed took off.

With this and the need for speed the industry of hopped-up cars grew rapidly with new motors, gear, tires and bodies arriving every Month or so. The speeds at these Commercial Raceways were more than a plastic car could withstand, so the bodies changed continued on page 10



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# The Balancing Act in the Transition to EV's ". . . . . We Are Floating On The Stuff (Oil)!"

by Larry Weitzman

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allocation for heating oil and power plants) burn up about 20 percent of our petroleum production or about 166 million gallons every day.

Next on the list is hydrocarbon gas liquids (propane, butane, etc.) which account for another 18 percent of our consumption. The rest (about 19 percent) is spread out for industrial and other small uses, including aviation gas used in light planes (0.012 percent) which amounts to less than a million gallons a day, a literal drop in the bucket of petroleum use. The United States uses about 20 percent of the world's oil daily at about 20 million barrels a day. China for example consumes 15 percent of the World's daily oil consumption which totals about 98 million barrels a day, worldwide. At 42 gallons a barrel, you can convert all these numbers to gallons. The U.S. uses 840,000,000 gallons a day. Seems like a considerable number, but total world consumption is about 4,000,000,000 gallons a day. And we have been doing this for decades, over a trillion gallon a year. Where does it all come from and when does it all run out? The short answer is not for several hundred of years.

First let us talk about proven reserves which are listed at about 1.7 trillion barrels or almost a 50-year supply at current rates of consumption which have remained at near current levels for the last 15 years. Experts, geologists, and oil engineers believe it could be more than 5 times that amount. We are floating on the stuff, and we are not running out for centuries.

First, there is now credible evidence that oil is not just from dinosaurs and rotten plants. Both the late Cornell professor Thomas Gold, an astrophysicist and the Russians have a different theory of oil as Cornell described it in his book "The Deep, Hot Biosphere,

the Myth of Fossil Fuels. Oil comes essentially from bacteria and gases from within the Earth.

Second, we should understand how little oil we have used since about 1950, a total of about 1.5 trillion barrels. Before 1950, the world was consuming about 10 percent of what we use today. In the scheme of things, very little.

Let me draw you a picture of how little oil we have used. Most, if not all, of my readers have seen Lake Tahoe. Lake Tahoe is a mere speck in relation to the Earth covering almost exactly just one/one millionth of the surface of the Earth (196 million square miles). Its average depth is almost exactly 1,000 feet. If Lake Tahoe were filled to the rim with oil (not Brim) it would hold one trillion barrels of oil. That is an amount that's about 2/3 of the entire proven oil reserves, just in the speck known as Lake Tahoe.

Alaska has oil producing areas amounting to tens of thousands square miles going as much as 20,000 feet deep. The Bakken oil producing area around North Dakota encompasses over 200,000 square miles. The Permian Basin located around Texas and New Mexico has about 100,000 square miles, and I haven't even mentioned Pennsylvania, Saudi Arabia and the middle east, Lake Maracaibo, and Russia.

We are not running out of energy, not even scratching the surface. But with the advent of the pebble bed modular nuclear reactor which I discussed in this column 15 or so years ago, nearly all stationary power should be nuclear, and petroleum should be used only for transportation because of its amazing energy density. That would even further extend the life of petroleum stocks out another century or two. The only risk to the scarcity of petroleum is government regulation by do-gooders and climate wackos.

# The Purolator Oil Filter 20K Increases Time Between Oil Changes . . . . . !

by Keith Turner

Everyone who drives a car knows that the recommended mileage between oil changes is 5,000-10,000 miles in today's vehicles (up from every 3,000 miles in older cars). But the folks at Purolator just blew those numbers out of the oil tank by introducing the new Purolator 20K Premium oil filter.

Yes, you read that right: You can now change the oil in your vehicle every 20,000 miles thanks to the folks at Purolator, which claims to be the inventor of the oil filter and a leader in oil filter technology for over 100 years. Engineered with high-density, synthetic blend components, the Purolator 20K captures more than 99 percent of dirt and contaminants to ensure

clean oil flow even in the harshest, most demanding driving such as frequent towing, off-roading and stop-and-go traffic.

The folks at Purolator, which is owned by filtration conglomerate MANN+HUMMEL, recently invited the media to visit its production facility in Fayetteville to see the process of how the 20K oil filter is built. That's where they manufacture the filter's innovative technology that sets it apart from other oil filters. Designed for best performance with synthetic oil, the 20K filter includes a silicone anti-drainback valve to prevent dry starts, a PuroSEAL gasket for superior leak protection and a PuroSTEEL casing that can withstand extreme pressure.

And here's the slick kicker:

The deep gold Purolator 20K oil filter will be sold exclusively by Walmart at its stores nationwide and online at Walmart.com. The price range for the 20K filter will be from \$10-\$20 based on the size of the oil filter.

"We are thrilled to introduce the Purolator 20K premium oil filter exclusively at Walmart," said Daryl Benton, vice president of sales and marketing for Mann+Hummel. "The Purolator 20K represents the next level of filtration technology, delivering long-lasting performance and durability for today's most demanding drivers."

The Purolator 20K filter is designed for use with synthetic oils to provide the best performance **continued on page 27**

# 2025 RAM ProMaster EV "Test Drive Report" by Howard Elmer

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van buyers. The ProMaster EV includes best-in-class features, such as 524 cubic feet of cargo space, standard best-in-class interior cargo height of 86 inches, a low load-floor height and max width between wheel wells. The cargo van features up to 3,020 lb of payload while the delivery configuration offers up to 2,030 lb of payload.

Ram Commercial is well known for providing upfitter-friendly offerings. The new Ram ProMaster EV continues this tradition. It has standard upfitter electrical connector and an integrated cab configuration for easy upfitter/conversion solutions. Adding to the new ProMaster design for adaptability, virtually all primary vehicle systems are packaged forward of the cargo area. This body can be upfitted for virtually every conceivable commercial need because of its unique front-drive system and body-integral construction. It has the most vertically oriented sidewalls in the cargo van category (nearly 90 degrees in relation to the cargo floor) combined with a best-in-class cargo width of 75.6 inches.

Two key considerations for prospective van buyers are visibility (this means, glass, mirrors and cameras) and safety systems (both for the driver and for pedestrians). Both of these important features have been addressed in the ProMaster EV. For instance, ProMaster features a standard high-resolution backup camera with dynamic grid lines. The available digital rearview mirror displays video in real time in all driving modes from a rear-facing camera and can be turned off to revert to a traditional reflective mirror. The digital rearview mirror is available on all ProMaster models and provides an unobstructed rear view. Also available on the Ram ProMaster is 360-degree Surround View camera. The system offers 360-degree, bird's-eye views of the vehicle and its surroundings, enhanced by dynamic grid lines displayed on a 10.1-inch digital touchscreen.

For 2025 the safety and security list continue to grow and offers the following features:

- Full-Speed Forward Collision Warning,
- Crosswind Assist
- Rear backup camera with dynamic grid lines,
- Post-collision braking,
- Drowsiness Detection

- Traffic sign information
- Auto high-beams
- Cornering function fog lamps,
- Push-button starter,
- Keyless entry (all doors)
- Electric parking brake.
- Optional safety and security features include:
- Intelligent Speed Assist,
- Lane Keep Assist,
- Adaptive Cruise Control with Stop & Go

Front parking sensors

Rain-sensing windshield wipers.

Ram ProMaster will also feature Secure Park, a feature that prevents the vehicle from being shifted out of "Park" unless a key is present.

Also of note is a continuing progression towards autonomous driving. ProMaster has an Active Driving Assist feature that provides Level 2 (L2) automated driving capability. This consists of hands-on-wheel and eyes-on-road automated driving using lane centring with adaptive cruise control. The system uses multiple sensors, including radars and cameras to dictate appropriate roads for the technology.

The 2025 Ram ProMaster EV is available for order now and should be on dealer lot's late this year.

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# Tesla Drivers Have HIGHEST Accident Rate

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2. Ram (34)
3. Subaru (33)
4. Audi (32)
5. Mazda (32)

*LendingTree's auto insurance expert and licensed insurance agent, Rob Bhatt, had this to say: "It often costs more to insure a car with high crash rates. Regardless of your car's reputation, you will pay more for insurance if you have moving violations or accidents on your driving record. It's important to stay alert and responsible behind the wheel, regardless of the vehicle you drive. No car makes you invincible. Not even a Tesla can protect you from getting into an accident or getting a ticket. Nor can a Subaru or Ram truck."*

Tesla, Ram and Subaru have the worst drivers in the nation, according to a LendingTree analysis of 30 car brands. For the second year in a row, we found that **Tesla drivers are involved in more accidents than drivers of any other brand.**

Researchers calculated the number of driving incidents per 1,000 drivers for every brand to determine the best and worst drivers by car brand. The rankings include; accidents, DUIs, speeding-related incidents, and citations. Here is what we found:

- **Tesla, Ram and Subaru have the worst drivers.** Nationally, Tesla drivers had 37 incidents per 1,000 drivers — up significantly from 31 in last year's analysis. Ram and Subaru driver are involved in 34

and 33 incidents, respectively. Tesla drivers are the worst in nine states.

- **Mercury, Pontiac and Cadillac have the best drivers.** Mercury drivers had 19 incidents per 1,000 drivers nationally — about half the rate among Tesla drivers — making it the best brand two years in a row.

- **Pontiac overtakes BMW as the brand with the highest DUI rate.** Pontiac drivers had a DUI rate of 3 per 1,000 drivers — a massive jump from 1 in last year's analysis.

- **Ram has the worst drivers in 16 states.** That means Ram drivers had the highest incident rates among the 30 brands analyzed in nearly a third of states.

LendingTree's auto insurance expert and licensed insurance agent, Rob Bhatt, had this to say:

"The data shows that those who drive practical vehicles like Subarus and RAMs are involved in incidents nearly as frequently as those in zippiest models like Teslas. This is a good reminder of how important it is to drive responsibly, regardless of the vehicle you drive."

**Tesla has worst drivers**

Going fully electric may not mean as much if you're a menace on the streets.

In fact, from Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2024, Tesla had the worst drivers, at 36.94 incidents (accidents, DUIs, speeding and citations) per 1,000 drivers. When we conducted this study in late 2023, Tesla ranked second-worst with 31.13 incidents from Nov. 14, 2022, through Nov. 14, 2023.

The car brands with the most driving incidents per 1,000 drivers are Tesla, Ram and Subaru.

Speed can play a role here. The cheapest Tesla — a standard Model 3 with rear-wheel drive — can accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 5.8 seconds. Other packages of the Model 3 can accelerate from zero to 60 in 4.2 and 3.1 seconds.

Ram — which became a stand-alone brand in 2009 — follows at 33.92. That's an improvement from our last version's worst ranking, though it had a similar incident rate of 32.90. Subaru (32.85) remains third-worst, though it saw an uptick from an incident rate of 30.09.

**What does that mean for drivers of these cars? According to LendingTree auto insurance expert and licensed insurance agent Rob Bhatt, it could affect insurance rates in a few different ways.**

*"The immediate impact is on the individual," he says. "Most of these incidents are going to make your rates go up. The insurance rates for specific models are more impacted by accidents than some of these other incidents. If Tesla drivers get into accidents at a higher rate than other drivers, insurance companies will probably spend more to insure them than other vehicles. This, in turn, may prompt insurance companies to charge higher rates to insure a Tesla."*

# "Proud To Wear The Shirt" for the Cam Clark Brand!

by Lynn Rehn

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for my efforts included. No negotiations - just saying. One of my favorite quotes from the interviewing process was with a Parts and Service Manager as he described the community they served and service this man had said "I am PROUD TO WEAR THE SHIRT" with its Cam Clark logo on it and he meant it! Another General Manager has dedicated a shopping experience in what for most stores is a fail of retail opportunity. This GM has created a Nordstrom Environment upstairs next to Finance with music chosen specifically for its beneficial motivational effects on shoppers who while waiting for delivery "shop" this Stores Logo laden Hudson Bay Company worthy displays of quality goods anyone would use in their daily lives right down to the pen, thus putting this stores Logo ALL OVER TOWN in the most casual and natural of ways Subliminally in your faces ingenuity! One man who grew up in the Cam Clark stores spoke so eloquently i left my husband in the office to have a small weep as i had heard enough heartwarming details to write a script for the Hallmark Channel and not a small community service piece.

**The Heart of Cam Clark Dealerships: A Culture of Service**

At the core of Cam Clark's business philosophy is the belief that success is not only measured by sales and profits but by the positive

impact a company can have on its community. This ethos is evident in every dealership owned by the Cam Clark Auto Group, where team members are encouraged to actively participate in community service and charitable initiatives.

This culture of service is not just an added bonus; it is an integral part of the company's identity. Whether it's volunteering at local food banks, sponsoring youth sports teams, or organizing fundraising events for local charities, Cam Clark dealerships are committed to making a difference in the lives of those around them.

**A Ripple Effect: Expanding Kindness Across Borders**

The impact of this community service culture has not been confined to Canada. As the Cam Clark Auto Group expanded into the United States, the same values and principles were carried across the border. American team members, inspired by their Canadian counterparts, have embraced the culture of kindness and community involvement with enthusiasm and dedication.

This cross-border spread of kindness is a testament to the universal appeal of compassion and the positive impact it can have on communities, regardless of geography. The culture of service that started in Canadian dealerships has taken root in the U.S., leading to a growing number of community initiatives and charitable activities organized by Cam Clark team members in their local areas.

**Community Service in Action: Real Stories from Cam Clark Dealerships**

The stories of community service from Cam Clark dealerships are as varied as they are inspiring. In Canada, one dealership organized a toy drive during the holiday season, collecting thousands of toys for underprivileged children in the community. Another dealership in the United States hosted a charity car wash, with all proceeds going to support a local children's hospital.

In addition to these one-time events, Cam Clark dealerships are also involved in ongoing community service efforts. Many team members volunteer their time on a regular basis, serving at local shelters, mentoring youth, or participating in environmental clean-up efforts. These activities not only benefit the community but also foster a sense of camaraderie and purpose among team members, strengthening the bonds within the dealership teams.

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## INSIDE MALAYSIA AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

**Automechanika Kuala Lumpur 2025 advocates for green and innovative developments in automotive mobility for Malaysian and ASEAN markets**

**Automechanika Kuala Lumpur Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia, 15 – 17 May 2025**

Malaysian government policies and a shifting market landscape towards AI, digitalisation, electrification, energy efficiency, and sustainability have resulted in the country becoming an attractive investment destination, driven by demand for sustainable products and solutions in the automotive industry. This year, Automechanika Kuala Lumpur 2025, taking place on 15 to 17 May, features an expanded showcase across six halls at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The exhibition will showcase the evolution of the Malaysian market through new zones, the return of specialised areas that spotlight new mobility solutions, the vibrant automotive culture at autoFEST@KL, and green development throughout Southeast Asia, all around the fairground.

Under its Green Investment Strategy (GIS), Malaysia is targeting seven key areas of investment potential: bioenergy, carbon capture, circular economy, energy efficiency, green hydrogen, green mobility, and renewable energy. Nearly all of these areas intersect with the automotive sector, and green mobility, in particular, is gaining prominence in Malaysia. The drive for sustainable development has prompted leading automotive brands to enter the Malaysian market, further enhancing its appeal for auto investors and stakeholders.

Of late, Malaysia has attracted substantial investment and co-operation from global industry leaders. For instance, the Hyundai Motor Company (HMC) plans to invest USD 479 million in Malaysia over the next five years. As part of this initiative, around 30 percent of the company's vehicles that are manufactured in Malaysia will be exported to other countries in Southeast Asia[1], adding to the development of the industry and Malaysia's status as an automotive manufacturing hub for the region.

Building on this momentum, domestic leader Proton has also made significant strides by launching its first electric vehicle. With much of its stake held by Chinese manufacturer, Zhejiang Geely Holding Group, Malaysian firms such as Proton are presented with opportunities for growth and innovation as expertise is transferred through this collaboration.

Ms Fiona Chiew, General Manager of Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd, commented: "Malaysia is gaining significant traction from foreign investments and government policies aimed at sustainable technologies. Together with Malaysia's ASEAN chairmanship for 2025, this positions the country to strengthen its leadership in the Southeast Asian automotive industry. However, the development spurred by these changes is rapidly reshaping the market, and local players must prioritise workforce training, skill development, and modern technologies to adapt effectively. The innovations at the 2025 edition of Automechanika Kuala Lumpur are vital for Malaysia and the global automotive industry in meeting the rising demand for charging technologies, electric parts and solutions, and automotive talent, fuelled by the energy transition."

**Answering the needs of the industry throughout the fairground**

To address the new ideas, technologies, and innovations in the market, the Automotive Mobility Solutions Zone makes a return in 2025. The area will explore innovative solutions based on the latest advancements in green mobility as a response to the heightened focus on new energy efficiency, new materials, advanced technologies, and more. Exhibitors will cover topics such as AI and autonomous driving, automotive manufacturing and automation, connectivity, electrification and digitalisation, energy, logistics, and warehousing and supply chain.

## INSIDE CHINA AUTO NEWS BYTES

by Bill McCallum

**Attention turns to AMR as the 2025 edition attracts global leaders offering solutions to stimulate innovative advancements in the aftermarket**

**Auto Maintenance and Repair Expo Capital International Exhibition Center of China, Beijing, 31 March – 2 April 2025**

As the world embraces green development, the automotive aftermarket is undergoing a dynamic transformation driven by new energy, AI and digital expansion. In this regard, traditional service providers are not just adapting; they are actively seeking to optimise services, enhance efficiency, and achieve sustainability. To meet these evolving market needs, the 73rd edition of the Auto Maintenance and Repair Expo (AMR) is set to host over 1,200 exhibitors showcasing these achievements across maintenance and repair, parts and components, accessories and customising, aftersales services, and smart transportation. The fair will be held at the Capital International Exhibition Center of China (CIECC) in Beijing from 31 March to 2 April 2025, covering 80,000 sqm across four halls.

With decades of experience serving the aftermarket, AMR has established itself as a leading exhibition, consistently drawing globally-recognised players at the forefront of industry development. In 2025, the show will build upon this strong foundation in traditional maintenance and parts to unite top-tier brands across various sectors, showcasing technological evolution in new energy and digital technologies. By highlighting these cutting-edge advancements, AMR plays a pivotal role in driving industrial innovations and technological transformation, all while promoting sustainable development within the aftermarket.

**Industry leaders and returning exhibitors feature technological innovations**

Reflecting the trend of digitalisation, this year's AMR reveals recent technological innovations in maintenance and repair, with industry leaders prioritising the intelligence, efficiency and precision of their products, services and equipment. The breakthroughs on display will aim to improve operational effectiveness and reduce maintenance costs, while offering users more convenient and safer services.

These new showcases progress performance, accuracy, and reliability across various product categories. For instance, in the diagnostics and repair area, **Anche** will showcase cutting-edge technologies in comprehensive testing for new energy vehicles, including charging and safety inspections, battery swapping, safety testing, and high-voltage ripple testing. Regarding tyres and wheels, Corgi, a brand under **Nexion**, will introduce the new wheel aligner EXACT Precision Quattro, which uses high-resolution digital cameras for rapid calibration with radar sensors. Furthermore, **SATA**, in the field of body and paint, will present its latest jet X paint spray gun, that features a labyrinth airflow system delivering a homogeneous spray pattern.

Elsewhere, the likes of Beijing Zhongyu, Coseng, Fly-Eagle, Gaochang, Guoquan, Jean, Kingfirm, Lawrence, MeanChina, Sandwox, TRC, Vulcan, and Xuyang will return to the show with their latest solutions. Notably, **PASEF** will launch its four-wheel aligner for chassis testing, capable of completing chassis data tests without the need for lifting. On the other hand, prominent first-time exhibitors including Cixi, Haobang, and Jiale will inject vitality into the show through the introduction of innovative achievements and application potential in the car wash and customising markets.







## International Auto News



# Hydrogen Partnership between Purem by Eberspaecher and AMBARtec announced in March 2025 . . . . . !

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automated welding and generally in industrial series production. We have found such a partner in Purem by Eberspaecher.”

### Efficient and safe

To store and transport the hydrogen, AMBARtec uses standard, commercially available 20-foot containers. In them, nuggets of iron oxide in vessels serve as a storage medium. During the loading phase, the nuggets are chemically reduced to iron through the addition of hydrogen. The resulting water vapor can be discharged from the vessels and channeled back in a self-contained, sustainable water cycle. During the discharge phase,

water vapor is fed into the pressure vessels. An oxidation process of the iron nuggets takes place, thus releasing hydrogen, which can be used for the purposes of energy supply or mobility. The functional principle used is both simple and efficient: initial demonstration systems confirm the high efficiency of the HyCS® technology of over 80 percent electricity to hydrogen. At the same time, the process is significantly safer, less complex and more cost-effective than transporting and storing hydrogen in liquid or gaseous form.

### Expertise in flow routing and materials science

As the automotive industry

transforms, Purem by Eberspaecher concerns itself with emerging technologies, including outside the familiar automotive environment. The utilization and production of hydrogen is one of the most promising business areas. Alongside initial approaches to the development and production of high-temperature electrolyzers, the partnership with AMBARtec AG is a further step towards diversification. For the production of the storage vessels and the subsequent integration into the containers, Purem by Eberspaecher contributes its expertise in materials science as well as industrial series production and the process knowledge required for this.

# Seattle Resident, Michael Shapiro Publishes Book On Cuban Car Culture.

For those of you that have been to Cuba or have followed the stories on why there are so many American cars of the 50’s and 60’s on the streets of Cuba today. This book will answer those questions. Seattle author Michael Shapiro made many trips to Cuba detailing these stories.

Shapiro gained his bachelor’s degree from University of California Berkeley and Master’s degree’s in Latin American studies from the University of New Mexico. He is a lifetime member of REFORMA,

the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking Community. Shapiro traveled regularly to Cuba between 1998 and 2002 to gather content for this book.

He and his wife Tanya and family currently live in Seattle, Washington.

The book is currently available from Books 4 Cars, Seattle, Washington (books@books4cars.com)

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# Proud To Wear The Shirt for the Cam Clark Brand . . . . . !

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### The Impact on the Cam Clark Brand

The culture of community service at Cam Clark-owned dealerships has had a profound impact on the brand’s reputation. Customers recognize and appreciate the company’s commitment to giving back, which has helped to build strong relationships with local communities. This, in turn, has translated into customer loyalty and trust, essential elements for long-term business success. One of these is the “Conference Room”, at any Cam Clark facility at any given time, you may walk into this room and find a group of knitters working on items for donation to a Senior Center that some of the employees grandparents reside in, or a Kiwanis or Rotary meeting going on, I haven’t even touched on the sponsoring of all things sports!

Moreover, the emphasis on kindness and community service has attracted employees who share these values, creating a positive and supportive work environment. Team members are not only proud of the work they do but also of the company they represent, leading to high levels of job satisfaction and employee retention.

### Conclusion

The kindness of Canadians, as reflected in the community service culture at Cam Clark-owned dealerships, is more than just a national trait; it is a guiding principle that has shaped the company’s identity and its approach to business. As this culture of service spreads from Canada to the United States, it continues to inspire team members to make a positive impact in their communities.

Through their actions, Cam Clark dealerships are demonstrating that kindness knows no borders and that the values of compassion, generosity, and community involvement are universal. In a world where businesses are increasingly judged Cam Clark Auto Group is leading by example, proving that success and kindness can go hand in hand.



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Around the Track – Racing News



# Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio "Test Drive" Review by Arv Voss

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## INTERIOR AMBIENCE AND CARGO SPACE:

The Stelvio Quadrifoglio is well appointed with intuitive switchgear thoughtfully placed and the front seating provides an ideal driving position for performance maneuvers. The comfortable rear seat is limited in space and headroom is short with the sloping roofline. CONNECTIVITY AND INFOTAINMENT:

Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, a wireless phone charger, built-in navigation and a Wi-Fi Hotspot are available. A 12-speaker, 900-watt Harmon/Kardon sound system will satisfy discerning audiophiles.

## DRIVER-ASSISTANCE AND SAFETY FEATURES:

The Stelvio Quadrifoglio comes equipped with a host of standard driver-assistance fare - automated emergency braking, blind-spot monitoring, Adaptive Cruise Control with stop and go, Lane Departure Warning, Lane-keeping Assist and automatic high-beam headlights.

## AS TESTED:

The base price of my tester was \$87,370.00 while options such as the Verde Montreal tri-coat exterior paint, Quadrifoglio AWD,

dual pane sunroof, 5-hole aluminum alloy wheels and destination charge elevated the final sticker to \$95,360.

## WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE COVERAGE:

Complimentary maintenance is covered for one year or 10,000 miles. A limited Warranty and Powertrain warranty covers four years or 50,000 miles.

## PERFORMANCE:

The Red Start/Stop button on the steering wheel and the drive mode selector knob with Dynamic, Natural, Advance Efficiency and Race settings allows the driver to choose the level of performance for the engine, transmission, steering, suspension and brakes as well as accelerator response.

## OUR FINAL ANALYSIS:

The Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio is not for everyone's taste as a daily driver. It is exceptionally well balanced, but may be too firm for some. The nimble steering and aggressive braking are admirable. The Race exhaust note alone is worth the price of admission.

## SPECIFICATIONS:

**Alfa Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio AWD**

Vehicle Type: Front engine AWD

5-passenger Four Door wagon or SUV

Base Price: \$87,370.00

As Tested Price: \$95,360.00

Motor Size and Type: 2.9-liter Twin Turbo/ intercooled DOHC 24- valve with Port Direct Injection V6 with Stop/Start.

Horsepower(bhp): 505@6500rpm Torque (lb.-ft.) 443@ 2500 rpm Transmission: 8 speed automatic

Drive Train: Front mounted engine – AWD

Brakes: Power-assisted Brembo high-performance four wheel cross drilled vented ceramic discs with ABS.

Suspension: Front double wishbone and Rear multilink control arms with front and rear anti-roll bars.

Tires: Pirelli P Zero PZ4 – Front – 255/45 R20 101Y AR Rear 285/40 R20 104Y AR mounted on Graphite finish 5-Linked loop alloy wheels.

Wheelbase: 110.9 inches

Overall Length: 185.1 inches

Width: 77.0 inches

Height: 66.3 inches

Curb Weight: 4,309 lbs

Fuel Capacity: 16.9 gallons

EPA Mileage Rating: 17 mpg city / 23 mpg hwy combined 19 mpg

0-60 mph: 3.3 seconds



Alpha Romeo Stelvio Quadrifoglio is (photo Arv Voss)

## Slot Car Racing in Europe Compared to the United States

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to less detail butyrate bodies and finally Lexan.

The cars got faster, and lower and less scale appearing, the branding was gone, no longer were they Fords and Ferrari cars, these were Asp, Manta Ray etc. and the scale cars were gone. Personally, I believe this was part of the end in America of the boom of Model Car (Slot) Car Racing.

It took a while but eventually the love of cars, and the excitement of racing a Ferrari, or Ford etc. at least for now was gone.

Back in Europe, speeds stayed more scale appearing, the cars stayed models of real cars, and the hobby continued and still is going on to this day.

Model Car racing inspires children of all ages, the thrill of racing, the excitement with almost no chance of injury, except maybe to your ego.

There are tournaments where 100's will attend, races are staged some even as long as 24 hours. Where racers young and old can pit their skills against each other and the clock.

The Hobby of Model Car racing has grown again in North America, first from Scalextric, and then other brands being reintroduced here.

This hobby has created many famous real race drivers and Team owners, but that is another story.

Hopefully we will see you at the Races!!

## Second Generation RIVIAN R1S & R1T "Test Drive" by Harold Allen

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The R1T truck starts at \$75,900 and tops out at around 105,900. I felt the truck had lots of features like the storage bin that would hold a golf bag was genius. The color pallet for the Rivian is bland but there is a color option called canyon red, and it looks great on both vehicles that costs an extra \$2,500. Standard AWD makes it great for areas with

weather issues. They offer a battery charging option and it's well worth it.

There are so many combinations to choose from, it's almost mind-boggling and too many to list. Down the road, there will be an R3, a smaller version, and more palatable pricing for most customers with availability in 2026.

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Rivian R1T (photo Harold Allen)



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From Around the U.S.



NWAPA Announces Drive Revolution 2024 Awards

The 2025 Hyundai IONIQ 5 N AWD was the big winner of the recent Drive Revolution competition staged by the Northwest Automotive Press Association (NWAPA). The compact all-electric hot rod won the overall Best Performance and Best Electrified vehicle classes, along with also winning the EV class. It beat out heavy-hitting competitors, many much higher-priced, to win these honors.

“Many journalists were surprised with the 2025 Hyundai IONIQ 5 N AWD and its ability to provide an exceptional blend of performance and innovation, combining powerful acceleration with precision handling — rare traits in an all-electric vehicle,” said NWAPA President Nik Miles of Fox Morning News/Nextstar.tv. The 2025 IONIQ 5 N AWD is the performance version of Hyundai’s acclaimed compact EV. The N AWD version offers an impressive 601 horsepower, sits lower with a wider and longer stance, and offers unique simulated shifting and gas-

engine sounds. Runner up in the Best Performance Vehicle class was the 2025 McLaren Artura Spider, the hybrid version of the manufacturer’s retractable-top supercar. Second place in the Best Electrified Vehicle class was the 2024 Lucid Air Pure, the single-motor rear-wheel-drive version of the luxury sedan. **Best Performance Winners** Best Electrified Vehicle: 2025 Hyundai IONIQ 5 N AWD Runner Up: 2025 McLaren Artura Spider **continued on page 14**



Chris Chung, Auto News Digital Editor pictured at Monterey Car Week 2024 at Pebble Beach (photo Auto News)

Rick Case Donates to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Broward Health (Story on page 13)



Left to right: Marisol Vera, Executive Director, American Heart Association Greater Miami/Fort Lauderdale; Rita Case, President and CEO of Rick Case Automotive Group; and Caitlin Stella, CEO of Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital and Pediatric Services (photo: Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital)

2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness: The Quintessential PNW Adventure Car by Chris Chung

The 2024 Subaru Crosstrek Wilderness perfectly embodies the Pacific Northwest lifestyle, blending urban practicality with off-road prowess. Whether navigating tight city streets or escaping to the mountains, it’s a vehicle designed for all facets of adventure. With 9.3 inches of ground clearance, rugged Yokohama GEO-LANDAR® all-terrain tires, and Subaru’s proven Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive, the Crosstrek Wilderness makes light work of gravel roads and rocky trails. Its dual-function X-MODE and Active Torque Vectoring add con-

fidence on snow-covered passes or muddy inclines. Powered by a 2.5L BOXER engine with 182 horsepower, it’s not the fastest, but it’s steady, reliable, and ready for anything. Inside, Subaru combines functionality with comfort. StarTex® water-repellent upholstery and all-weather floor mats are ideal for the PNW’s wet, muddy conditions, while up to 54.9 cubic feet of cargo space ensures room for all your gear. Tech features like the 11.6-inch STARLINK multimedia system with wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto keep you connected on every adventure. Starting at \$31,995, the Crosstrek Wilderness offers accessibility for those without EV charging access while delivering unmatched off-road capability. For PNW adventurers, it’s the perfect companion for both city life and rugged weekend getaways.



2024 Subaru Crosstrek (photo Chris Chung)

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## From Around the U.S.



### Rick Case Donates to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital & Broward Health

(Photo on page 12)

*In recognition of Heart Month in February, the American Heart Association (AHA) with support from Rick Case Automotive Group gifted 250 CPR Anytime Training Kits to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and Broward Health.*

“Our goal is to make sure that every family can go home with one of these CPR kits so they can save their child’s life if they needed to because they’ll have the equipment, tools and training right at home,” said Rita Case, President and CEO of Rick Case Automotive Group. “What inspired me are the facts that 90% of people—infants, adults, children—all ages that have a cardiac arrest outside the hospital die. If they’re administered CPR within the first few minutes, it doubles and triples the chance of survival. Up to 80% survive, so when you go from 90% passing away to 80% survival with a 30-minute training kit, I said, ‘I have to be involved in this.’”

The self-facilitated CPR Anytime Training Kits allow for learning basic lifesaving skills in about a half hour in the comfort of one’s home. Kits were recently distributed at Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital to the families of hospitalized children to take home with them, so they can confidently and successfully learn to administer CPR to their children, other family members, friends or strangers anywhere, anytime.

“Learning CPR can be very intimidating, but there’s not one of us who doesn’t have someone in our families or in our lives that’s impacted by heart disease. By having a kit at home, you can practice and learn not to be intimidated,” said Caitlin Stella, CEO of Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital and Pediatric Services. “You never know when you’re going to save somebody’s life. It could be any one of us, anytime, anywhere. I want to thank Rita for being so forward thinking and open to being able to give this gift to our community.”

In support of Nation of Lifesavers, AHA’s campaign is designed to turn bystanders into lifesavers by encouraging more people to learn CPR and act in emergencies. In total, over the next three years, 750 kits, including infant, child and adult kits, will be distributed throughout Broward County hospitals and NICUs. Each year in the U.S., more than 23,000 children experience cardiac arrest outside of the hospital and 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital.

“Thanks to the generosity of supporters like Rita Case and Rick Case Automotive Group, we are one step closer to achieving our goal of equipping communities with the tools and knowledge needed to save lives during times of emergency,” said Marisol Vera, Executive Director, American Heart Association Greater Miami/Fort Lauderdale.

Broward County’s average infant mortality rate of children

under the age of one remains at five per 1,000 births and this number is higher among under-resourced populations, so it’s crucial to empower people to act quickly and effectively in critical situations. Over the years, the American Heart Association has distributed more than 2,300 CPR Anytime Kits to individuals and local organizations throughout Broward County.

Since launching the Nation of Lifesavers initiative two years ago, the American Heart Association has seen a 6% increase in bystander confidence to perform any type of CPR—from 33% to 39%. This progress is largely due to their emphasis on Hands-Only CPR.



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# 2025 Hyundai Ioniq 6 Test Drive Review by Sally Hanson

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of complimentary 30-minute charging sessions on Electrify America’s DC fast-charging network. On a recent round-trip to California from Washington State, he spent \$11 on fuel using this free charging perk.

- And the Ioniq 6 is fun to drive. Four driving modes satisfy your driving style or the road conditions.

If all these points did not give you a jolt to give an Ioniq 6 a chance to change your attitude about electric vehicles, maybe you need to check your pulse!

# NWAPA Announces Drive Revolution 2024 Awards

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**Best Electrified Vehicle Winners**  
Best Electrified Vehicle: 2025 Hyundai IONIQ 5 N AWD  
Runner Up: 2024 Lucid Air Pure

In the three individual classes in this year’s competitive event, winners included the: 2024 Audi RS 6 Avant Performance, the 2025 Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat Last Call AWD, and the 2024 Lexus TX550h+ Luxury AWD.

**Best ICE Performance Vehicle**  
Winner Best ICE: 2024 Audi RS 6 Avant Performance  
Runner Up: 2025 Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat Last Call AWD

**Best Battery Electric Vehicle**  
Winner Best BEV: 2025 Hyundai IONIQ 5 N AWD  
Runner Up: 2024 Lucid Air Pure

**Best Plug-in Hybrid Vehicle**  
Winner Best PHEV: 2024 Lexus TX550h+ Luxury AWD  
Runner Up: 2025 McLaren Artura Spider

Drive Revolution is an annual competition hosted by NWAPA that compares vehicles with the most advanced technologies and performance potential. During the event, 20 automotive media professionals drove and evaluated 23 vehicles over a variety of routes around the Ilani Casino and Resort near Ridgefield, Washington, over three days in early September. The routes included suburban, rural, and freeway stretches, allowing for a wide range of testing.

Automakers entered 10 battery-electric vehicles, six plug-in hybrid vehicles, and seven internal-combustion engine performance vehicles into NWAPA Drive Revolution 2024. Prices ranged from \$36,820 for the gas-powered 2024 Hyundai Elantra N to \$558,700 for the over-the-top all-electric 2024 Rolls-Royce Spectre.

## SHOWCASE REVIEWS

### Genesis GV80 Coupe MHEV



Genesis continues to grow the brand across the U.S. and the GV 80 MHEV 4 door SUV has helped fueled that growth while competing with other luxury SUV’s

**BASE PRICE:** \$85,750 \*  
**TYPE:** 4 door SUV  
**ENGINE:** 3.5 L Turbo V6  
**HORSEPOWER:** 375 hp  
**TRANS:** 8 speed AT  
**MPG:** 22 highway

### Hyundai Ioniq 6 Limited



The Hyundai Ioniq 6 EV has received a number of national awards for the “BEST EV” in the market place.

**BASE PRICE:** \$54,500 \*  
**TYPE:** Sedan  
**ENGINE:** Electric  
**HORSEPOWER:** 320 hp  
**TRANS:** 1-speed direct  
**RANGE:** 265 miles

### Lexus LX 700 h



The Lexus LX 700h is considered to be the “the best” luxury SUV in the market with more room, comfort & technology.

**BASE PRICE:** \$121,105 \*  
**TYPE:** 4 door SUV  
**ENGINE:** 3.4L V6 Hybrid  
**HORSEPOWER:** 409 hp  
**TRANS:** 10 speed AT  
**MPG:** 22 highway

### Lexus RX 350h AWD



The Lexus RX 350h AWD 4 door SUV is both comfortable, easy to drive with many safety features and a “best value”

**BASE PRICE:** \$55,705 \*  
**TYPE:** 4 door SUV  
**ENGINE:** 2.5L 4 cylinder Hybrid  
**HORSEPOWER:** 246 hp  
**TRANS:** CVT  
**MPG:** 36 combined

### Toyota Crown Signia LTD



The Toyota Crown Signia has been a popular seller since it’s introduction, offering style, performance, economy in a 4 door SUV

**BASE PRICE:** \$47,990 \*  
**TYPE:** 4 door SUV  
**ENGINE:** 2.5 liter 4 cyl Hybrid  
**HORSEPOWER:** 240 hp combined  
**TRANS:** Electronic On Demand AWD  
**MPG:** 39 city

### Toyota Land Cruiser



The Land Cruiser is the “big-daddy” in the Toyota SUV line-up. The new model is smaller, less expensive, with better MPG.

**BASE PRICE:** \$55,950 \*  
**TYPE:** 4 door SUV  
**ENGINE:** 2.4 liter 4 Hybrid  
**HORSEPOWER:** 325 hp  
**TRANS:** 8 sp AT  
**MPG:** 23 mpg combined

\* All information listed “AS TESTED”



# SHOWCASE REVIEWS

## Honda Accord Hybrid TRG



Honda's all-time best selling Accord sedan, hybrid model continues gain market share as customers look for economy

**BASE PRICE:** \$39,300 \*  
**TYPE:** Sedan  
**ENGINE:** 2.0 Liter Direct Injection  
**HORSEPOWER:** 204 hp  
**TRANS:** 4-Mode Drive System  
**MPG:** 46 city

## Honda Civic Hatch Hybrid TRG



The Honda buyers looking looking for a car with a "sporty flare", economy and value, pick the Civic "hatch/back"

**BASE PRICE:** \$32,950 \*  
**TYPE:** Hatchback  
**ENGINE:** 2.0 Liter Direct Injection  
**HORSEPOWER:** 204 hp  
**TRANS:** 4 Mode Drive System  
**MPG:** 50 city

## Mazda CX 50 Hybrid



The sporty Mazda CX-50 hybrid is one of the best values for a 4-door SUV, packed with safety features and technology updates.

**BASE PRICE:** \$40,050 \*  
**TYPE:** 4 door SUV  
**ENGINE:** 2.5L Hybrid  
**HORSEPOWER:** 219 hp  
**TRANS:** CVT  
**MPG:** 38 combined

## Mazda CX 90 PHEV



The mid-size Mazda 4-door SUV gives Mazda one of the best choices of economy based SUV's in the market place.

**BASE PRICE:** \$57,950 \*  
**TYPE:** 4 door SYV  
**ENGINE:** E SKY ACTIVE PHEV  
**HORSEPOWER:** 323 hp  
**TRANS:** 8 SPEED AT  
**MPG:** 56 MPG e

## Toyota Prius XLE



Toyota still leads the industry in the hybrid segment with the Prius. With an all-new design the Prius is still the leader.

**BASE PRICE:** \$35,592 \*  
**TYPE:** 4-door hatchback hybrid  
**ENGINE:** 2.0L DOHC 4 cyl.  
**HORSEPOWER:** 196 net HP  
**TRANS:** Electronic All-Wheel Drive  
**MPG:** 50 highway

## Toyota Tundra SRS Crewmax



Toyota has been increasing their truck market share year after year. The Tundra Crewmax has contributed to the sales growth across the U.S.

**BASE PRICE:** \$51,010 \*  
**TYPE:** Crew Cab P/U  
**ENGINE:** I-Force Twin-Turbo V6  
**HORSEPOWER:** 389 hp  
**TRANS:** 10 sp. Automatic  
**MPG:** 22 highway

# Kia Carnival Hybrid Wins High Praise from Grandsons

by Keith Turner

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the third-row rear seats folded flat into the floor. However, the third-row legroom is a bit tighter than expected. While young children may not notice, taller teens or adults will find it uncomfortable for long trips. This minor short-coming slightly diminishes its appeal as a full three-row family hauler.

The Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige passed the true test by winning the approval of my grandsons. They loved the spacious second row, the entertainment options, and the futuristic tech. Their only complaint? They didn't want the ride home from school to end.

The 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige is available in four trim levels: LXS, EX, SX and our tester, the SX Prestige. Base price for that model is \$52,600. When the options and destination fees were added, it totaled out to \$57,255.

For families like mine, it's a winner.

Keith Turner is an automotive journalist based in Northern California. Check out his video review channel: Carguy Drives on YouTube.

## 2025 Chevrolet Equinox EV: A New Era of EVs

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Beyond its advanced tech, the Equinox EV delivered comfort and functionality. Inside, the spacious cabin offered plenty of room for both passengers and gear, while the class-leading infotainment system, featuring expansive screens and Google Voice Assistant, ensured I stayed connected and entertained. Whether I needed navigation or music, it was intuitive and easy to use on the go.

Chevrolet's Equinox EV isn't just a milestone for affordability—it's a vehicle designed to inspire adventure. For those who thought EVs couldn't handle real life—or real road trips—the Equinox EV proves otherwise. Whether you're navigating your daily commute or exploring the great outdoors, this SUV is ready for it all.

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# Rick Case Honda Celebrates #1 Ranking and Grand Opening of New Facilities

Rick Case Honda in Davie brings a number one ranking to South Florida as the dealership recently celebrated that number one ranking as the top Honda dealership in the United States. The most awarded and largest volume Honda dealer in the country, Rick Case Honda led all dealerships nationally in 2024. No other dealer in South Florida has ever accomplished this epic milestone.

"This is a truly a special day for us and for our team here at Honda, without whom we would not be celebrating these incredible milestones," said Rick Case Automotive Group President and CEO Rita Case. "We are number one, and we are ready to break records in the U.S. again in 2025. We just completed a brand new, beautiful, state-of-the-art facility just for our customers, and we are excited to share it with them."

In a league of its own, Rick Case Honda also received the President's Elite Award for the 17th consecutive year, a feat no other volume Honda dealer in the U.S. has ever achieved. The award is based on overall dealership performance including volume, operational excellence, customer satisfaction and facility. President's Award status is reserved for approximately 15% of Honda dealerships annually. To this day, Rick Case Honda remains the world record holder for the greatest number of new Hondas sold in one month with 1,222 sold.

Kazuhiro Takizawa, President, CEO and Director of American Honda Motor Co., Inc. and an executive officer of Honda Motor Co., Ltd., addressed the Rick Case Honda team. "I am impressed by the history of Rick Case Automotive," Mr. Takizawa said. "You

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(L to R) Lance Woelfer, Ryan Case, Kazuhiro Takizawa, Rita Case, Raquel Travaline, Takashi Imai (photo Rick Case Auto Group)

# 2025 Audi Q6 e-tron "Test Drive" by Dave Kunz

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vehicles these days, but so is a nice vehicle overall. The new Audi Q6 e-tron arrives with a

fresh new interior that's very up to date, but still very Audi-esque. Thanks to advanced computing power, a more connected

digital environment greets the driver. There's a high-definition OLED screen directly ahead, and a second OLED screen in the center, both linked in a wrap-around design.

And for those who like to complain that "all cars look alike these

days," Audi's designers have done a commendable job making this mid-size electric SUV look very much like an Audi.

Pricing-wise, the rear-wheel drive Q6 e-tron starts at \$63,800 and is the EPA range leader at 321 miles. Next up is the Q6 e-tron

quattro (all-wheel drive) starting at \$65,800 and rated at 307 miles of range. The king of this EV hill is the SQ6 e-tron starting at \$72,900, though range for that 509 horsepower bad boy drops a bit to 275 miles. All prices are before the \$1,295 shipping charge.



Audi Q6 e-tron quattro (photo Dave Kunz)

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# A "Test Drive" In A 2025 Subaru WRX tS

## By An Auto News Writer Creates

### "A Trip Down Memory Lane" by Chris Chung



Almost two decades ago, I stumbled across Ken Block's first Gymkhana video. Behind the wheel of a rally-prepped blob-eye WRX STi, Block turned tight city corners into his personal playground. It was loud, raw, and exhilarating. Watching it, I felt an immediate connection to that car. A street-legal rally machine with thinner windows and no stock radio for weight reduction? It was everything my 19-year-old self could dream of.

That dream became a reality when I poured my life savings into a 2004 WRX STi I found on eBay. It was a great deal—and for a while, I was living my rally-inspired fantasy. The

2.5L Boxer engine roared with confidence, and every drive felt like a mini adventure. But, like so many young WRX owners before me, I pushed the car too hard, and it didn't take long for me to blow everything under the hood. Turbo? Gone. Rod bearings? Toast. My beloved WRX turned into a 3,200-pound paperweight sitting sadly in my driveway until I finally parted ways with her.

Since then, I've longed for another chance to get behind the wheel of a WRX. Luckily, that moment finally came when I spent a week with the 2025 Subaru WRX tS. From the moment I pressed the igni-

tion button, I was thrown back in time. The 2.4L turbocharged Boxer engine growled to life, its muted rumble striking a nostalgic chord. While I wish it was as louder and as aggressive as my old STi, it still delivered a reminder of that rally DNA Subaru is so famous for.

*"...the spirit  
of the WRX  
is alive and well"*

Sliding into the Recaro seats, I was hit with a wave of familiarity. They offered the same snug

fit that made me feel locked into my 2004 STi, but with a more polished touch. On the road, the WRX tS retained the confidence and sharp handling I remembered, yet the driving experience was undeniably more refined. Subaru has taken what made the WRX a legend—its rally-bred soul—and infused it with a sense of maturity. It's faster, smoother, and more composed, but it hasn't lost its edge.

Driving the WRX tS was like reconnecting with an old friend who had grown up in all the best ways. It may not have the rawness of my 2004 STi, but the spirit of the WRX is alive and well, and I'm happy to report that

Subaru hasn't forgotten where it came from.

It's no wonder that despite not being the fastest in its segment the WRX still outsells others in its class. With 271 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque paired with Subaru's renown symmetrical AWD, this hot rod can literally take you anywhere. Whether you're going to the mountains or picking up your kid from day care the WRX delivers and at a price point of \$45,705 it's definitely a contender for aging yuppies who have responsibilities but still want to have fun on their daily commute.

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# “... JAY LENO Gave Me The Inspiration To Grow Auto News”

## Global Auto News Expands:

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by Bill McCallum  
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## The Drager Automotive Museum in Mt. Vernon, WA is One of the BEST in the WEST (See Museum Photos on Page 17)

(Left to Right) Andrew Drager, Jeri Drager, Jay Leno and Bill McCallum (photo Auto News)

Bill McCallum, Auto News Publisher (far left) Art Gould next to Bill and with Jay Leno after Jay’s Last Tonight Show (photo Tonight Show Staff)

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Chris Chung  
digital editor

After years of anticipation, I finally experienced the excitement of Mudfest, an event

dedicated to testing the latest trucks, SUVs, and crossovers in a uniquely challenging environment. Hosted by the Northwest Automotive Press Association in Shelton, Washington, Mudfest 2024 brought together automotive enthusiasts and professionals to evaluate a variety of

vehicles across both on-road and off-road courses.

#### Dynamic Testing and Diverse Winners

The event, which took place over two days at The Ridge Motorsports Park, featured a series of comprehensive tests designed to assess everything

from acceleration and handling to off-road capability. The 2024 Lexus GX 550 Overtrail emerged as the Northwest Outdoor Activity Vehicle of the Year, praised for its luxurious features and impressive off-road ability. On the rugged end of the spectrum, the 2024 Jeep Wrangler 2-Door

Rubicon X was crowned the Extreme Capability SUV of the Year, continuing Jeep's legacy of off-road excellence.

#### Personal Highlights from Mudfest 2024

As an avid automotive enthusiast, here are some of my personal takeaways from the event:

**Subaru Solterra:** This electric vehicle was a revelation, proving that EVs can indeed tackle tough terrain. Despite my initial reservations about taking an EV through water, the Solterra handled it with aplomb, demonstrating both nimbleness and capability off-road.

**Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 Bison:** Chevy's 2024 redesign of the Colorado ZR2 Bison did not disappoint. Its robust features and strong performance made it stand out among the contenders, justifying its win in the Pickup Truck category.

**Ram Rebel:** The Ram Rebel was pure fun to drive off-road. Its power and handling made navigating the challenging courses feel effortless and thrilling.

**Toyota Tacoma:** The 2024 model impressed with its crawl mode, allowing me to ascend steep inclines with the same ease as if I were ordering at a drive-through—truly a testament to its design and technology.

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## Vicky Tran Reports on March 2025 Northwest Legends of Auto Event

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room which included the beautiful McLaren M23.

Then guests crossed the street over to Scale Racing, the largest slot car racing facility in America, where they participated in a fun racing event after the scholarships and awards were handed out. The Owner of Scale Racing, Alan is passionate about slot car racing and made it fun and exciting for all. Racing slot cars gave the excitement of being on the track, but without the danger of possibly getting injured, the cars however, took some spins, jumps, and wipeouts. It was a great way to end the Gala. Everyone got a chance to participate, scholars, kids, and even the legends got in on the fun!

If you didn't get to attend this year's PNW Legends of Auto Gala, I'd highly recommend attending next year!





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## A Thrilling Test of the Latest Off-Road Vehicles by Chris Chung

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**Jeep Wrangler Rubicon:** The 2024 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon provided a surprisingly comfortable ride compared to its predecessors, both on and off the road, enhancing its appeal as a versatile off-roader.

**Kia EV9:** The battery life on the Kia EV9 was exceptional. After a full day of testing, it still had 91% charge, showcasing its efficiency and resilience in demanding conditions.

**Lexus GX 550 Overtrail:** The winner of the event, this vehicle provided luxury comfort on rugged terrains at a price point that makes it a standout choice for those seeking both opulence and functionality in an off-road capable vehicle.

**INEOS Grenadier:** Perhaps one of the most talked-about highlights was the INEOS Grenadier, which captured everyone's attention with its starkly utilitarian look. This vehicle, born

from Jim Ratcliffe's vision of a rugged, traditional off-roader akin to the original Land Rover Defender, stood out for its cool styling and robust build, directly appealing to purists who favor practical design over modern sleekness.

### Looking Forward

Mudfest 2024 was more than just a test of vehicle performance; it was a celebration of automotive innovation and adventure. The event provided invaluable insights into the latest advancements in vehicle technology and design, especially in terms of electrification and off-road capability. As the automotive industry continues to evolve, Mudfest remains a pivotal event for experiencing firsthand the cutting-edge developments in the world of SUVs, trucks, and crossovers. I look forward to seeing how these vehicles progress in the years to come and am already excited for what Mudfest 2025 might bring.

## More Than One Lap Record Per Year For Pirelli At The Nürburgring Nordschleife

*The Most Recent Records Set This Year With The Audi RS 3 And Audi RS Q8 Performance*

From 2019 up to now, Pirelli has set more than one lap record per year on average at the legendary Nürburgring Nordschleife in Germany. These records have been established with all sorts of

vehicles, ranging from electric supercars to SUVs to compact hatchbacks, yet Pirelli has been a constant when it comes to lowering the Nordschleife lap times across every category of car.

All the tires in the P Zero range but the novelties introduced recently can boast a lap record around the Ring in the last five years: P Zero Trofeo R on the Audi RS 3 and P Zero on the Audi RS Q8 performance in 2024; P Zero Trofeo RS on the Porsche Taycan Turbo GT in 2023; P Zero Corsa on the Porsche Taycan Turbo S in 2022; P Zero Corsa on the Porsche Cayenne Turbo GT and P Zero Trofeo R on the Audi RS 3 in 2021; and finally P Zero on the Audi RS Q8 in 2019.

The most recent records have come this year with the Audi RS 3, set on the P Zero Trofeo R – a semi-slick tire specialised in circuit use – and Audi RS Q8 performance equipped with the P Zero: the Ultra High Performance tire most frequently chosen by manufacturers to equip their top models. The Audi RS 3 record of 7m33.123s lowered the benchmark for compact cars by more than five seconds, while the RS Q8 performance became the fastest production SUV ever to lap the Ring, in a time of 7m36.698s that broke the existing record by more than two seconds. The same models had previously established the class records in 2021 and 2019 respectively, again on P Zero Trofeo R and P Zero tires.

The Nürburgring Nordschleife, one of the most challenging circuits in the world, serves as a key testing ground for Pirelli, where the company rigorously evaluates its tires and latest developments on high-performance vehicles, particularly in partnership with German carmakers. A standout example is the P Zero Trofeo RS for the Porsche Taycan Turbo GT: the most sporting tire in the P Zero range, designed for track use but fully approved for the road.



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### Rick Case Honda Celebrates #1 Ranking and Grand Opening of New Facilities

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take care of our customers. Since we’ve been here you all are here selling cars, servicing cars and taking care of customers for us. Thank you very much for all of your decades-long efforts. I really appreciate it.”

American Honda Motor Co. Vice President of Automobile Sales Lance Woelfer congratulated Rita and her team on an amazing year. “We couldn’t be prouder of our association and relationship with Rick and Rita and all that has been accomplished,” Woelfer said. “Leadership drives a great experience, but it’s also about the interaction they have each and every day with the Honda team here and their customers. You can’t win the President’s Award 17 years in a row without really taking care of the customer.”

In addition to Mr. Takizawa and Mr. Woelfer, Case was joined in the celebration by 427 associates and 15 executives from American Honda Motor Company. In addition, Rick Case Honda officially introduced the brand-new “Blue Stage” Honda facility, designed to enhance and elevate the customer experience, and the grand opening of the Honda Power of Dreams Store. Serving as a one-stop for everything Honda including recreational vehicles as well as side by sides, ATVs, motorcycles, dirt bikes and generators, the new store combines Honda vehicles and power sports in one facility.

Also joining the celebration was Lateefah Dooling. When Rick Case Honda opened its doors in

Davie in 2002, Dooling, then 11 years old and a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward, sang the National Anthem. Twenty-three years later, she returned for an encore performance.

“It feels wonderful just coming back in, seeing the growth from when I was given this opportunity 23 years ago,” said Dooling, who is a special education teacher with Broward County Public Schools and who grew up as a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs. “Although the years have gone by, I feel truly amazed and very honored to come back and be part of this celebration.”

Rita and Rick Case have supported Boys & Girls Clubs for decades. Together, they created, developed and led fundraising initiatives that raised more than \$120 million for organizations in South Florida, a legacy that continues today. For the Boys & Girls Clubs, Rita and Rick were instrumental in building 15 clubs, serving 12,000 members. Since 1982, Rick Case Bikes for Kids has distributed more than 120,000 gently used bicycles donated by the community to children in need, including members of the Boys & Girls Clubs, during the holidays.

Case also has a storied history with Honda that dates back to her childhood in Santa Rosa, California, where her parents owned a small foreign car repair shop. Her family later added Honda motorcycles in 1959, the first year Honda was introduced in the U.S. In 1968, Honda approached her parents about selling their Honda

car in the U.S. when it was to be introduced, and they became the first Honda auto dealer in America. In 1970, when the first cars came in, customers were skeptical because they were so small. Case sold Honda cars after school each day and managed to convince customers that Hondas got better gas mileage and were easier to maneuver than other cars on the market. After she married Rick Case, she moved to Ohio where he also owned Honda motorcycle and car dealerships, before relocating to South Florida.

#### About The Rick Case Automotive Group

Founded in 1962, the Rick Case Automotive Group has been honored by Automotive News as the National All-Star Dealer and President and CEO Rita Case was named the 2024 TIME Dealer of the Year. Rick Case Automotive Group is the nation’s largest female owned and operated automotive dealer group in America, offering Honda, Hyundai, Genesis, Ioniq, Volkswagen, Kia, Acura, Audi, Mazda, Maserati, Fiat, Alfa Romeo, Honda Motorcycles and E-Z-Go golf carts. Celebrating more than 60 years in business, the Rick Case Automotive Group has 12 dealerships in South Florida and Georgia. The South Florida dealerships are known for holding national sales records, consistently ranking among the top performers in markets they serve. Rick Case Automotive Group is headquartered at 14500 W. Sunrise Blvd. in Sunrise, Florida. For more information, visit [www.RickCase.com](http://www.RickCase.com).



### RBB Law Group Partners with Amazon to Transform Car Buying and Ensure Fair Rebates Nationwide

RBB Law Group partners with Amazon to ensure fair car buying, transparent rebates, and a nationwide network of service centers for consumers.

RBB Law Group, a leading consumer protection law firm, announced a groundbreaking partnership with Amazon to ensure transparency and fairness in the car buying process. This collaboration comes as Amazon prepares to launch its innovative new car buying service, designed to empower consumers with a seamless and trustworthy online purchasing experience.

RBB Law Group will play a crucial role in ensuring that all manufacturer rebates and incentives are applied legally and transparently throughout the United States. This partnership addresses a growing concern among consumers who often face challenges in obtaining the full rebates and incentives they are entitled to when purchasing a vehicle through traditional dealerships.

“We are thrilled to partner with Amazon on this game-changing initiative,” says Serena D. Aisenman, attorney at RBB Law Group. “This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to consumer protection and transparency. By working together, we can ensure that car buyers receive all the benefits they deserve and enjoy a hassle-free purchasing experience.”

Amazon’s new car buying service will enable customers to purchase new vehicles from participating manufacturers directly

through the Amazon platform. The service will also include a comprehensive suite of offerings, including financing options, extended warranties, and service plans, all managed under Amazon’s trusted umbrella.

In addition to the online purchasing platform, Amazon plans to establish a nationwide network of service centers to support its car buying service. These centers will provide maintenance and repairs for both new and pre-owned vehicles and will also offer services for Amazon’s extended warranty programs. The first test facility has already opened in San Diego, California, with plans to expand across the United States.

This innovative approach promises to revolutionize the car buying industry by providing:

**Transparency:** All rebates and incentives will be clearly disclosed and applied, eliminating the hidden fees and deceptive practices that often plague traditional dealerships.

**Convenience:** Customers can purchase a vehicle from the comfort of their homes, avoiding the pressure and hassle of negotiating at a dealership.

**Trust:** Amazon’s reputation for customer service and reliability provides peace of mind throughout the purchasing process.

**Flexibility:** The service will reportedly include a generous return policy, allowing customers to return a vehicle within 48 hours of purchase, although the exact terms are still being finalized.

“This partnership marks a significant step towards a fairer and more transparent car buying experience for consumers nationwide,” adds Aisenman. “We are proud to be a part of this transformative initiative.”

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Frank Corrente accepts Legends of Auto Award in Monterey during August "Car Week" (photo Auto News)

Kevin Iden of Joins The Auto News Foundation Board of Directors



Kevin Iden (right) accepts Legend Award from Irena, Auto News (Story on page 25) (photo Auto News)

History of the Automotive Technology Program at Columbia Basin College (CBC) Helps Sally Hanson in Building a Foundation

by Sally Hanson

When the Auto News Foundation was beginning to take shape, I was told by dear friends about the amazing accomplishments that their friend had achieved in his life after completing the Automotive Technology program at Columbia Basin College (CBC) located in the Tri-Cities in Washington State. His success story resonated with me over the past few years as we formed the foundation to invest in education and innovation at automotive technology schools and to encourage passion for automobiles and technological advancement in that field.

Now it is my pleasure to introduce you to John Strege. He graduated in 1970 from Columbia High School in Richland, Washington — a dozen years before the school was renamed Richland High School. His grades in high school were poor, he had no clear direction or plans for the future and doubted any college would accept him based on his high school transcriptions. What he did have going for him was the encouragement of his girlfriend, Terry, who inspired him to apply and enroll at CBC in the Automotive Technology classes. (John and Terry have now been married 53 years.)

After acceptance into the two-year associate degree program at CBC, Strege attended general studies classes the first half of the day and classes in the automotive shop in the afternoon. The general studies classes serve to complement the automotive technology career by including reading improvement, psychology, and mechanical drawing. Upon completion, he received an Associate degree in Applied Science with a 3.96 GPA. Strege then began a long career using the knowledge, mentorship and hands-on experience that CBC offers in the automotive technology program.

The final quarter of his last year in the program, he was sent to work at Al's Repair Shop in Pasco, where he continued to work for two and a half years after graduation servicing automobiles, trucks and a wide variety of farm machinery. Then he put in a stint at a lube shop before becoming a mechanic at a service station in Richland.

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# Doug Ikegami of Doug's Auto Group was Honored at recent NW Legends of Auto Event



Doug Ikegami (right) with Young Lee at Doug's Hyundai in Lynnwood, WA (photo Auto News)

## Building A Foundation by Sally Hanson

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In 1976, he was offered a job at the Hanford Site as an industrial mechanic using skills he had learned at CBC working on fans, bearings and pumps. Four years later he moved up the ranks to become a planner/scheduler with a contractor at Hanford. Later he became a manager of an insulator crew and then manager of various maintenance crews. Strege has been retired for ten years.

John Strege could be a poster person for CBC because he has plenty of rave reviews about what the Automotive Technology program and related courses provided to create his successful career. "I became excited about learning at CBC," Strege states, "Everything I learned there, I can apply to everyday life in order to excel. My entire life is a direct result of my education at CBC." And this includes the person who encouraged him to attend — John and Terry have been married 53 years!

The Auto News Foundation is exciting as we grow and continue to offer scholarship opportunities and educational resources designed for students, apprentices and young professionals who plan to enter automotive technical training. It is our mission to nurture passion in the industry and encourage students like John Strege.

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2. Delta College

3. Ferris State University

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Rita Case with Legends of Auto Award at Rick Case Auto Group Headquarters

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# Purolator 20K Increases Time Between Oil Changes!

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and is built to exceed the standards of most automotive manufacturers. During the Fayetteville plant tour, visitors saw how the filter is built by skilled American workers and put through rigorous testing protocols to meet high standards.

As a testament to its quality, the Purolator 20K and the company’s air filtration products will be used on 1,000 horsepower Formula Drift competition cars driven by Odi Bakchis, Dan Burkett, Rome Charpentier and Ryan Tuerck for

the 2025 season.

Purolator invented the first oil filter in 1923 and is now owned by Mann+Hummel, a global company that specializes in all kinds of filtration technology. The company currently supplies more than a quarter of all oil filters in the world.

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NEW Purolator 20K Oil Filter (photo Keith Turner)

# Why The Ford F-150 is America's Best Selling Truck? ..... by Chris Chang

The 2025 Ford F-150 SuperCrew XLT Hybrid continues to prove why it’s the go-to truck for those who want brains, brawn, and balance. Powered by Ford’s 3.5L PowerBoost Full Hybrid V6, this beast delivers power when you need it and efficiency when you want it—with an estimated 23 MPG combined and up to 7.2kW of Pro Power Onboard, turning the truck into a jobsite or campsite generator.

Step inside, and the SuperCrew cabin impresses with a 12-inch touchscreen, wireless charging, and the Mobile Office Package, transforming this rig into a productivity hub on wheels. Long hauls feel shorter thanks to BlueCruise hands-free driving, while the B&O sound system and dual-panel moonroof add an upscale touch.

Off-road? Covered. The FX4 Off-Road Package includes skid

plates and all-terrain tires. Towing? It’s ready with a trailer brake controller, smart hitch tech, and a class IV hitch.

At a sticker price just under \$75K, with significant package discounts, the 2025 F-150 Hybrid SuperCrew isn’t just a work truck—it’s your power tool, conference room, and escape vehicle all in one. Whether you’re building a house or hauling the crew to the trailhead, this truck is ready.



Ford F-150 SuperCrew XLT Hybrid (photo Auto News)





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