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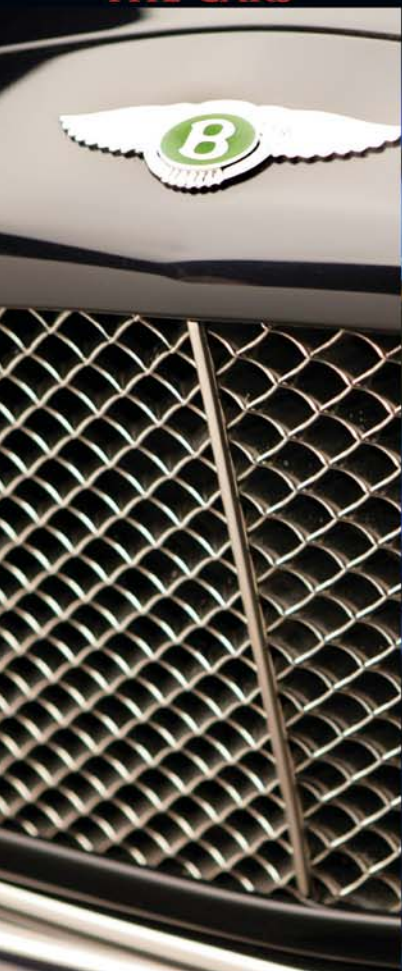
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With gas prices approaching five bucks over the past few months and financial markets performing alarmingly, where do we begin? We begin by heading to Monterey, where tens of millions of dollars' worth of cars are displayed at the Concorso Italiano, tens more raced at the Monterey Historic Races (including one by veteran Arizona driver Tim Sharp), hundreds are displayed at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Élegance, and yet tens more change hands at a variety of high-profile collector auctions on the Peninsula, including Arizona's own Russo and Steele. When it's 115° in the Valley, the whole Monterey experience is a great way to dream. The auctions also give us a chance to start thinking about the flood of events coming to Phoenix and Scottsdale in January, and to see if those prices seem to be holding up, a topic also touched on here in a brief update on the Barrett-Jackson collector car financial mini-index. And the buzz of the Concorso Italiano in Marina, California, should whet anyone's appetite for the Concorso Arizona, held at The Boulders, as well as the Goodguys Southwest Nationals and the Arizona International Auto Show, all happening in November. Check schedules in this issue.

Now that temps are cooling, you may find Las Vegas an attractive destination, and in this issue we look at several of the many new nightclubs recently opened there. We also bring you information on a variety of new and updated attractions in Tucson.

While we're high-flying, we bring you a look at a new award-winning film co-produced by Arizonan Dan Urness, as well as a venerable Ford Tri-Motor taking its last flight before hitting the auction block during the upcoming Barrett-Jackson event.



On a more mainstream note, we find fuel economy and performance, both, in the diminutive Volvo C30, and the Audi A5 wins another significant award.

Enjoy the ride.

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Collector cars earn higher return than stocks and gold

It turns out the guy driving that 1967 Shelby GT500 as an enthusiast has the side benefit of being a smart investor. The Barrett-Jackson Auction Company reports that many of the top cars at auctions have performed better in value than the stock market and gold over the last 10 years.

"Though most people buy a collector car to enjoy, they have also proven to be one of the soundest investment vehicles in the global marketplace over the past 10 years," said Craig Jackson, Chairman and CEO of Barrett-Jackson. "It's rare that a hobby and someone's passion has the potential of being a great investment."

The *Barrett-Jackson mini-index* was created in 2003 and comprises seven cars that reflect the diversity of the collector car market, with European and US sports cars and US muscle cars spanning 1957 to 1970: the 1957 Thunderbird, 1967 Jaguar XKE, 1967 Shelby GT500, 1970 Camaro Z28, 1970 AAR 'Cuda, 1965 Austin Healy MK III and a 1967 Corvette 427/435.

According to data released in mid-October, the value of the cars in the *Barrett-Jackson mini-index* grew by a compounded annual growth rate of 16 percent from Q1 1998 to Q1 2008, a period that included economic and political upheaval stemming from major events ranging from the Invasion of Iraq, the DotCom bubble crash, and 9/11. During that same period, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) grew a compounded 5 percent annually while the S&P 500 Index grew 4 percent. The price of gold grew a compounded 11 percent in the same period.

"A financial analyst will tell you that every market has year-to-year fluctuations, but that the true measure is performance over time," said Steve Davis, President of Barrett-Jackson. "Collector cars are not only our consumers' passion but offer the potential of providing long-term value." ■

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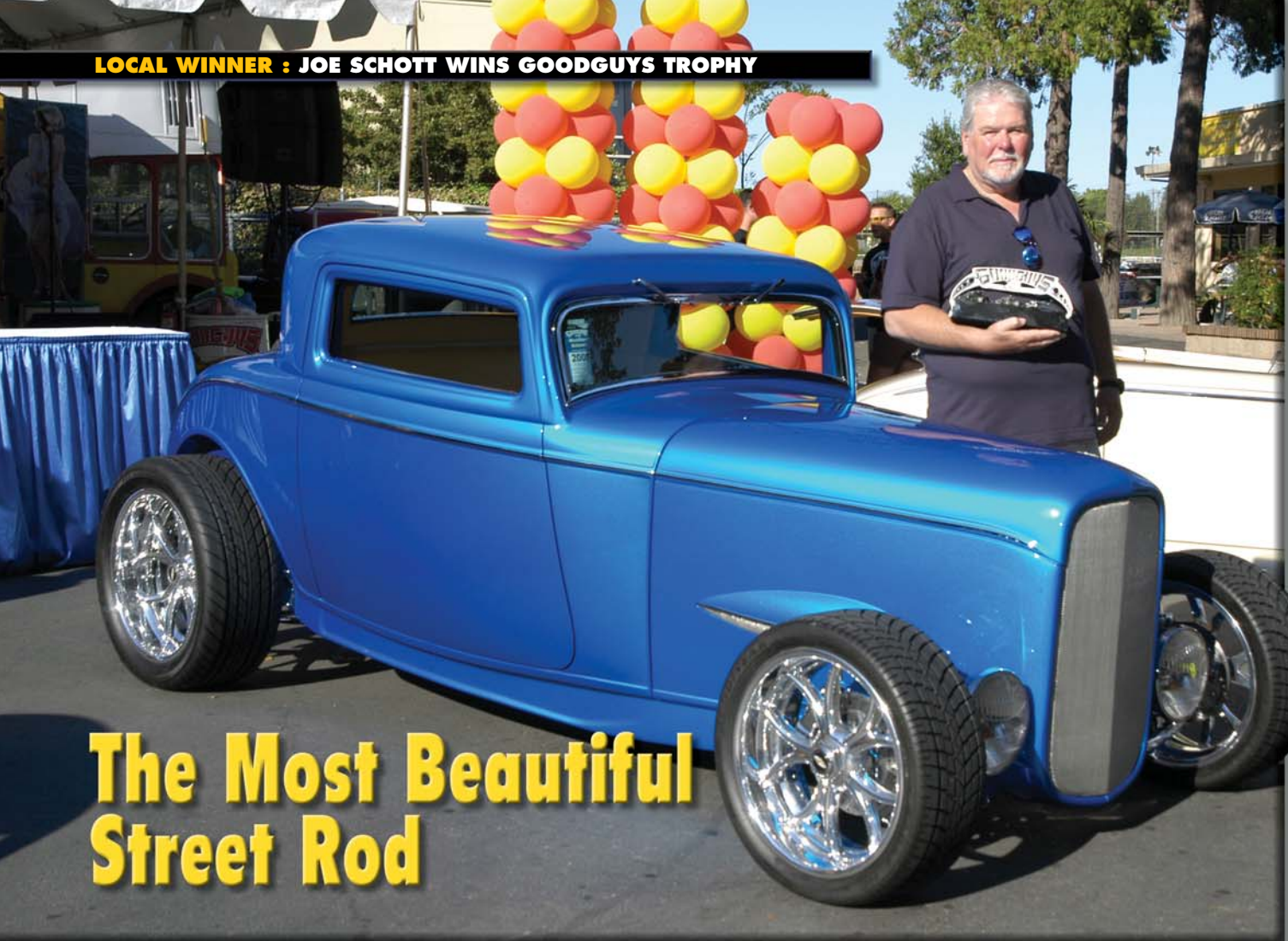
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LOCAL WINNER : JOE SCHOTT WINS GOODGUYS TROPHY



The Most Beautiful Street Rod

Arizonan Joe Schott's 1932 Ford 3-Window Coupe lands Goodguys 2008 America's Most Beautiful Street Rod crown presented by Hushpower

Phoenix-based hot rodder Joe Schott, along with brothers Mike and Randy Way of All Ways Hot Rod shop, rolled into the Goodguys 22nd West Coast Nationals in Pleasanton, California, with their eye on one prize: the Goodguys 2008 America's Most Beautiful Street Rod presented by Hushpower. Thanks to their stunning blue three-window coupe, they got their wish, taking home the AMBSR honors at a special award ceremony Saturday night, August 23rd.

Four years ago, Schott, a hot rodder since age 18, commissioned the Way brothers to build his dream car, a '32 Ford three-window coupe. The project started with a rendering from Jimmy Smith (also of Phoenix) and a rare Dearborn Deuce coupe (one of only five ever made). A chassis from the late Boyd Coddington was then massaged and upgraded with inboard coil over suspension. Under the hood, the Ways installed a painted and polished LS-1 mated to a 4L60 transmission with cruise

control. All engine and chassis components were then meticulously polished and chromed taking the coupe to the "next level."

The body and paint duties were performed in-house by the All Ways team. The body was massaged and prepped along with subtly fabricated modifications and additions such as custom hood side "blisters" wrapped with stainless accents and stainless wire mesh. The entire grille insert was fitted with matching stainless wire mesh. The paint chosen for the coupe is an electrifying House of Kolor mix called "Oriental Blue."

The coupe's Camel leather interior was stitched by Phoenix-based Lux Interiors. Three on board cameras feed into an LED video screen in lieu of rearview and side view mirrors. A DVD player and surround sound stereo system are also featured. The polished billet wheels, 18s in front and 20s in back are one-off designs also from Coddington.

The coupe, which Schott calls "My Girl," has

only been shown twice since being finished. It was a top five finalist at the Goodguys 2008 Street Rod d'Élegance last spring in Del Mar, California, before taking home all the marbles in Pleasanton. It will be featured along with all other "Terrific 12" award winners at the season-ending Goodguys Southwest Nationals at Westworld of Scottsdale November 14-16.

The top five finalists were Al Oppio of Sparks NV ('41 Willys roadster), Steve Nowotny of Vacaville CA ('37 Ford), winner Joe Schott of Phoenix ('32 Ford 3 Window Coupe), Mitch Henderson of McKinney TX ('37 Ford roadster), and Don Smith of Mansfield TX ('32 Ford 3 Window Coupe).

The America's Most Beautiful Street Rod award Presented by Hushpower is presented annually at the Goodguys West Coast Nationals in Pleasanton, CA. Street Rods through 1948 are eligible. The award criteria calls for a superbly crafted street rod that exudes beauty and style. ■



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LINCOLN 3-ROW LUXURY CROSSOVER

Ford officials announced at this summer's Pebble Beach Concours d'Élegance plans to build an all-new three-row luxury crossover called the MKT. According to Mark Fields, Ford's President of the America's, the MKT will offer the comfort of a luxury sedan, spaciousness and flexibility of a crossover and performance of a sport sedan. The engine choices include a fuel-efficient 3.7-liter V-6 with an optional EcoBoost V-6 with an estimated 340 horsepower. The EcoBoost V-6 engines are a turbocharged direct injection design that delivers up to 20 percent better fuel economy and 15 percent better emission levels than larger-displacement engines while producing the performance of a V-8 engine. The MKT will be offered with the next-generation navigation system technology and new safety features including the new Blind Spot Monitoring and Cross Traffic Alert System. The later system warns the driver of impending traffic while backing out of a parking spot. MKT is designed to compete with vehicles like the Acura MDX, the Audi Q7 and Mercedes R class when it arrives at dealerships in 2009 as a 2010 model. ▼



Lincoln MKT concept



2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon

As luxury marques grew to SUV size and now pare down, a new crossover niche is born, which originally may have simply been a station wagon.

A CAR SMALLER THAN THE SMART?

British car designer Gordon Murray, formerly of McLaren F1, is developing a new small car that measures 7.9 feet long and 4.3 feet wide. As a comparison, the Smart is 8.8 feet long and 5.1 feet wide. Murray said his team is about half way through the development process on the tiny city car. Code named the T25, it is based on a super strong frame capable of passing European and Asian crash standards. The body panels are recycled plastic, but the actual materials and manufacturing process are secret. Even at this size, one version has seating for four. Murray said he hopes to sell the design to a manufacturer who would build the cars and sell them in Europe and Japan for about \$11,000. A US version, with a bit larger dimensions and possibly three rows of seats, is on the drawing board. This might be a quick way for GM, Ford or Chrysler to add a new small car quickly.

TOYOTA AND LEXUS MAY DROP MODELS

Weak sales will likely mean that the Lexus SC 430 may be discontinued when it ends the current production cycle. The SC was the first of the luxury convertibles to feature a hardtop convertible. Although

not a direct replacement for the SC 430, Lexus plans to offer a much more impressive LF-A supercar at some undisclosed future date. Edmunds Inside Line says the Toyota Avalon is also expected to be dropped at the end of the current model's production run. A new extended length Camry will probably replace it.

CADILLAC TO BUILD SPORT WAGON

▲ Cadillac confirmed plans to build a sport wagon version of the CTS in 2010 during the recent Concours d'Élegance at Pebble Beach, California. The dramatic styling expands the CTS line with a striking wagon profile. It is built on the same platform and 113.4-inch wheelbase as the CTS sport sedan, but adds 25 cubic feet of cargo area behind the second row seat. Hoping to capture the luxury market that has been exiting the SUV segment, the Sport Wagon includes a power lift gate, panoramic sunroof, cargo management system with adjustable in-floor ties and large vertical taillights that hint of Cadillac's finned designs of the 60's. Powertrains include the standard 263-hp 3.5-liter V-6 or optional 304-hp direct injection 3.5-liter V-6. Both engines drive the rear wheels through a 6-speed auto-

matic transmission, with all-wheel drive as an option. The wagon will arrive at dealerships in the spring of 2009.

FERRARI CALIFORNIA

The next new Ferrari California debuted in October at the Paris auto show, but photos and details have leaked out for awhile. It is a "classic" sports car with Ferrari's first direct-injection 4.3-liter V-8 in the front and a two-plus-two convertible GT body with a retractable hard top. Other pre-introduction details include a 454-horsepower engine with a 7-speed double clutch transmission, aluminum body and chassis and Brembo carbon-ceramic disc brakes. The price is expected to be somewhere over \$200,000.

NISSAN MOVES FAST INTO BATTERIES

Nissan is planning to challenge Toyota's lead in clean alternative powertrains in the next few years. They have joined with NEC Corporation and formed a new Automotive Energy Supply Corporation (AESC) to develop and mass-produce batteries for hybrids, electric and fuel cell vehicles. AESC is making a large invest-

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"Big Ten" at 2007 Goodguys Southwest Nationals



TERRIFIC 12 AT SEASON-ENDING SOUTHWEST NATIONALS

For the first time in the history of both Goodguys and the Southwest Nationals, all "Terrific 12" award winners from around the nation will appear together at the season-ending 11th Southwest Nationals, November 14-16 at Westworld in Scottsdale. The cars will be parked together throughout the weekend in the "Champions Arena" on the upper paddock of Westworld. Check out this impressive lineup:

- Street Rod of the Year – George Poteet, Memphis TN – 1932 Ford Tudor
- Street Machine of the Year – Ery Woller, North Lake WI – 1969 Camaro
- Hot Rod of the Year – Cale, Bridgett and Carlee Kern, Bedford IN – 1932 Ford Sedan
- America's Most Beautiful Street Rod – Joe Schott, Phoenix AZ - 1932 Ford Coupe
- Street Rod d'Elegance – Doug & Flo Hoppe, Sioux Center IA – 1935 Ford Coupe
- West Coast Custom of the Year – JF Launier, Osoyoos BC – 1955 Chrysler Phantom Wagon
- Custom Rod of the Year* Truck of the Year (early)*
- Truck of the Year (late)* Kustom of the Year*
- Muscle Car of the Year* Muscle Machine of the Year*

* Winners announced Thursday, October 30th on www.good-guys.com ▼



2009 VW Jetta TDI

Volkswagen is one of the best-positioned to try again to get the US into diesel cars. This time around, they have economy and cleaner fuel on their side.

ment in Nissan's Zama facility in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan to produce lithium-ion batteries for Nissan forklifts. Next plans call for the first Nissan hybrid using Nissan technology in 2010 (Nissan has licensed Toyota hybrid technology for the current Altima hybrid), followed by an electric vehicle for the US and Japan.

VOLKSWAGEN 50-STATE DIESEL JETTA

▲ If the popularity of used Volkswagen diesels is any indication, you had better rush down to your local Volkswagen dealer with a deposit on one of the new Jetta TDIs arriving now. Available in sedan or SportWagen configurations, Volkswagen is the first manufacturer to offer a clean diesel in all 50 states. The EPA estimates fuel economy at 29 mpg city and 40 mpg highway, but Volkswagen had a leading third party certifier, AMCI, perform real-world tests that showed fuel economy of 38 mpg city and 44 mpg highway. In addition to the high mileage ratings, the TDI models qualify for a \$1,300 Federal Income Tax Credit. The TDI sedan is priced at \$21,990 and the SportWagen is \$23,590. The cars have a carefree maintenance program with no charges for scheduled maintenance described in the vehi-

cle's maintenance booklet for three years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

NISSAN NAV SYSTEM SAVES FUEL

The Carwings navigation system in Japanese Nissans has a feature called eco-drive. Introduced in 2007, the Carwings onboard computer navigation system helps drivers find the most fuel-efficient route and then tracks the driver's performance. Drivers connecting their mobile phones to the Carwings system, can compare their results with other drivers using the system. From the results drivers are then offered tips on improving efficiency. The system is hooked up to a nationwide database of real-time traffic conditions operated by the Japanese Transportation Ministry and police. During city driving the system can cut fuel use by up to 18 percent. Nissan has not said when the system will be expanded to the US market.

BMW 3 SERIES FACELIFT AND DIESEL

The new BMW 3 Series debuted at the Paris Motor Show in October and was set to debut at US BMW dealers days later. Changes to the front and rear give it a new visual boldness, while inside there are

new entertainment and communications technologies including an easier to use iDrive with four new selection buttons. Like most new cars, the 3 Series gets some new environmental goodies along with a diesel engine option for the sedan. The diesel arrives in November with a 335d nomenclature and a 3.0-liter, 265-hp twin turbo diesel engine, cleaned up with a urea-injection system to meet US 50-state emission standards. The 230-hp 328i and 300-hp twin turbo 335i gas engines will remain unchanged. Transmission options include a standard 6-speed manual or optional 6-speed automatic. The diesel will only be available with the automatic transmission.

BMW'S NEW AND IMPROVED 7 SERIES

The 2009 BMW 7 Series has evolutionary styling and a new pedestrian-friendly front end, but the major news is under the hood. A 4.4-liter twin-turbocharged V-8, from the new X6 will produce 402 hp (42 hp and 82-lb.ft. more than the previous 4.8-liter V-8). Features include standard Dynamic Driving Control with various levels of stability control intervention

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PONTIAC TO ADD SMALL G3

Pontiac has received approval for the sale of the Pontiac G3 sedan and G3 5-door hatchback in the US starting with the 2009 model year. The G3 shares its platform with the Chevrolet Aveo that is sold in Canada and Mexico. A 1.6-liter engine with 4-speed automatic transmission powers both models. An EPA rating of 25 mpg city and 34 mpg highway will help General Motors and Pontiac raise its average fuel economy ratings. G3 prices have not been announced, but they are expected to be a little higher than the Chevrolet Aveo which starts at \$10,895 for the 5-door. ▼



Pontiac G3



2009 Dodge Ram

Though the new Dodge Ram has a familiar look, it is a top-to-bottom reengineering tour de force. See our May/June writeup at www.azdrivermag.com.

and an optional rear-wheel steering that aids in both low- and high-speed maneuvering. The best news, however, is the totally revamped iDrive system now with a massive 10.2-inch screen. The control system keeps the jog wheel, but changes everything else with menus now flowing intuitively from one to the other, allowing much easier access to audio and navigation controls, along with many redundant buttons around the controller wheel.

BEST DODGE RAM AT WORST TIME

▲ Dodge is about to roll out the best Ram pickup ever and it might even be the best pickup period. Unfortunately, now is a tough time to be introducing a big full-size pickup even if it gets four percent better fuel economy. The new Ram has a great refined look, higher quality materials and some innovative new features. An all-new 5.7-liter Hemi® V-8 tops the powertrain list now with an expanded operating range fuel-saving Multiple Displacement System (MDS), Variable Valve Timing and sophisticated new active intake manifold. The engine is rated at a best-in-class 390 hp. There is also a flex-fuel 310-hp 4.7-liter V-8 and 210-hp, 3.7-liter V-6. The Ram HD is available with a 6.7-liter

Cummins diesel that already meets 50-state 2010 emissions standards. Coming next year will be a Hemi Hybrid version and a light duty diesel engine.

MERCEDES CLS TO GET EVEN BETTER

In 2004, Mercedes-Benz introduced a new car segment that turned the styling world on its side with the elegant and beautiful CLS sedan. Mercedes called it the four-door coupe because of its coupe-like roofline. The car sold well and the styling concept has spread to the Jaguar XF and the Volkswagen CC, a recently introduced version of the Passat. BMW and Audi both have similar styled vehicle in the pipeline. Now Mercedes is moving into a second generation CLS with a more complex and striking design. The front end is cleaner and upright with simple new headlights. The sides are more dimensional with more character lines and bulging rear fenders. Engines are being reworked for the 2010 models to a 3.5-liter direct-injection V-6, 5.5-liter V-8, a 5.5-liter twin-turbo AMG V-8 and 3.0-liter turbo diesel. Engines will get further horsepower boosts the following two years. Hybrid assist in the form of small electric motors will be integrated into the

transmissions and all models but the AMG will have optional all-wheel drive.

A VOLKSWAGEN SPORTS CAR

Volkswagen will announce production of a lightweight, back-to-basics mid-engine sports car in both roadster and coupe configurations that could go on sale as early as 2011. VW chairman Martin Winterkorn is expected to unveil the two-seater concept at the LA auto show in November. Audi is playing a large part in the development of the lightweight aluminum chassis, which fuels speculation they may use it for a performance version for themselves, plus Porsche may use it for a new version of the 914, now that Porsche is a majority shareholder in VW.

INFINITI CHANGES FOR 2009

The most significant changes coming to Nissan's premium brand for 2007 starts with a convertible version of the G37 coupe. The convertible has a three-section hard top and it will arrive in showrooms during the first quarter of 2009.

Other key new technologies available on some Infiniti models include a brake

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system that warns drivers of a potential collision and slows or stops the vehicle and a more fuel-efficient 7-speed automatic transmission. Other new features are cameras around the vehicle that will help guide parking by creating a simulated overhead view of the vehicle and a lane departure prevention system that gently tugs the car back on course if it should stray from its traffic lane. The full size QX56 is being dropped late in 2009 and will be replaced by a yet to be announced vehicle.

MERCEDES-BENZ GULLWING IS BACK

Prototypes of a Mercedes-Benz gullwing sports car have been seen testing. Expected to be launched as the SLC, replacing the McLaren-built SLR as the Mercedes supercar, the SLC is rumored to be built on a new aluminum spaceframe with a carbon fiber and aluminum body. Running gear is expected to be similar to that used on the SL63 AMG with modifications raising engine horsepower to about 600. When launched early in 2010, the gullwing will be cost about \$300,000. The car is expected to accelerate from 0 to 62 mph in 3.8 seconds and have a top speed of 196 mph. A roadster version is also in the works.

FANS WANT MINI DIESEL IN US

MINI Cooper has a diesel-powered model in Europe that gets an equivalent EPA rating (when converted from European metric numbers) of roughly 50 mpg city and 67 mpg highway. Driven conservatively, the trip computer on a test version registered 74 mpg. The diesel MINI is powered by a 1.6-liter turbocharged diesel that propels the 2,600-pound hatchback to 60 mph in 9.7 seconds. The car still has go cart like handling and it is quiet. Unfortunately, diesel technology is more expensive. If BMW can find a way to sell this car in the US at a reasonable price, it could give new car buyers another reason to buy a MINI.

WIN A 2010 MUSTANG

Ford wants to hear your 'Mustang story', and the best one will win a 2010 Mustang and an all-expenses paid trip to the Los Angeles International Auto Show for the unveiling of the next generation Mustang. Go to www.the2010mustang.com to enter or for details. The deadline for the 250

word stories is October 15 and the public will vote on the entries October 18-30. The web site is a virtual online community with the stories, photos, heritage and peeks at the all-new Mustang.

HYUNDAI SMALLER CAR FOR US?

Hyundai (or Kia or both) is expected to bring a new small car called the i10 to the US. Built in India, the five-door hatchback is about 21 inches shorter than a Honda Fit. The i10, which went on sale in October 2007, is now sold in about 70 countries. The current top model is powered by a 4-cylinder, 1.2-liter, 80-hp engine that delivers 47 mpg with the standard 5-speed manual transmission (a 4-speed automatic is optional). A 66-hp 1.1-liter model gets about 56 mpg. The i10 weighs just over 1,800 pounds but it will require about 400 pounds of changes to bring it up to US safety standards along with engine modifications to fit American driving styles. Standard features on the top model include keyless entry, antilock brakes, fog lamps and dual airbags. Current Indian pricing ranges from about \$7,800 to \$11,200. We're not sure, yet, how that would translate to the US market.

NISSAN ENTERS COMMERCIAL VAN BIZ

The Ford E series, Chevrolet Express and Dodge Sprinter vans will have company from a new Nissan product starting in 2010. Larry Dominique, vice president of product planning at Nissan, says Nissan will produce three to five light commercial vehicles that could include full-size vans, small vans, different pickup truck variations, cutaways, ambulances and possibly even busses. Chrysler is developing and building the next generation full-size Titan pickup for Nissan, allowing space for the commercial vehicle production at the Nissan Canton, Miss., plant, which currently builds the Titan pickup.

VIPER THE BRAND: FOR SALE?

In these tough times, automakers are leaving no stones unturned in an effort to turn their company's around. In a strategic review, Chrysler is now looking at selling its number one halo car—the Dodge Viper. The \$90,000 super-high-performance sports car has never been

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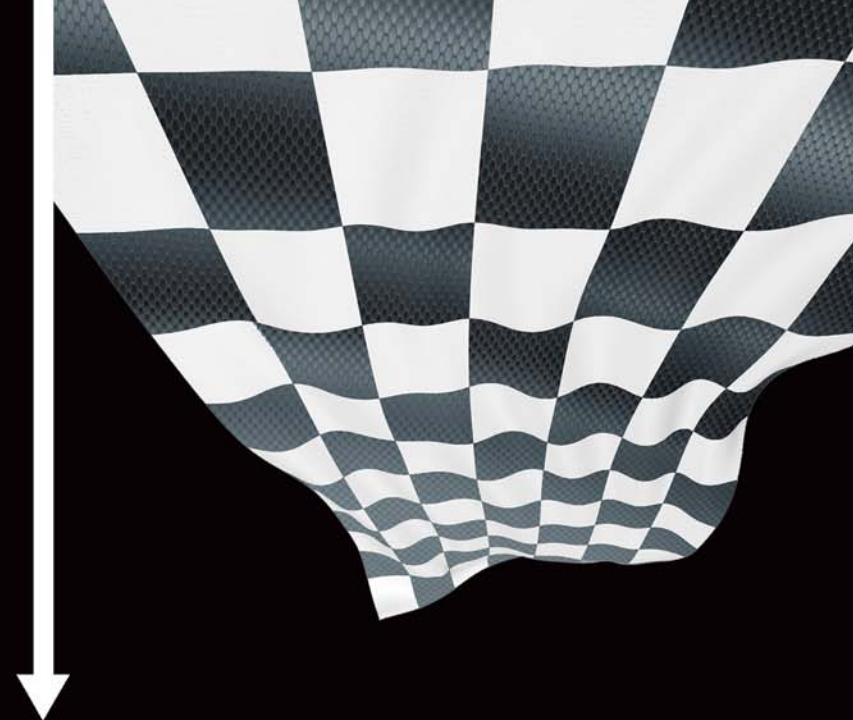
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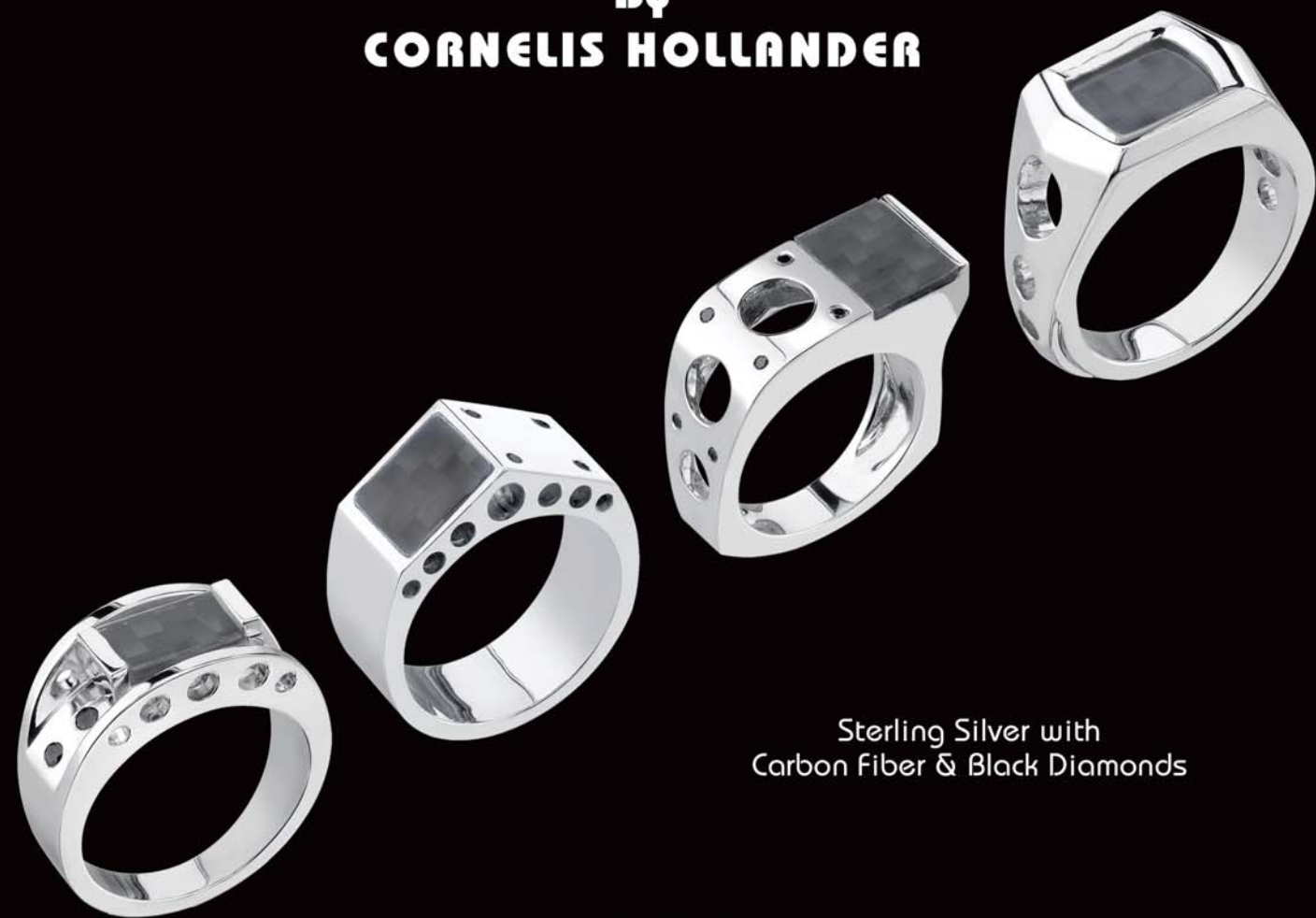
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2009 Audi A6

If there's a one-size-fits-all Audi, it's either the four-door A4 or A6. The new A6 picks up styling cues and engineering features from the A5 and S5.

a big seller, topping out at only 2,103 sales in its best year, 2003. Chrysler managers say getting rid of Viper would free up resources for more important functions. Potential customers include a long list of companies from China, the Middle East and India who would profit from adding the high profile marquee to their brand portfolio.

UPDATED AUDI A6

▲ Audi has unveiled the changes to the midsize A6 luxury sedan for 2009. Styling changes include a new bumper and grille design. Front and rear lighting includes LED technology for the daytime running lights and taillights. The interior is upgraded with a third generation Multi Media Interface (MMI) control unit for audio, entertainment, navigation, communications and vehicle settings. Under the hood, all engines are now direct injection. The sedan gets a standard 255-hp 3.2-liter V-6 with front drive and Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT). A supercharged 300-hp, 3.0-liter V-6 with quattro all-wheel drive is the next step up, followed by a 350-hp 4.2-liter V-8 model with quattro. The S6 gets a 435-hp V-10 engine, and the wagon is offered

only with the supercharged V-6 engine. The car debuted at Moscow in August and goes on sale in the US in January with prices similar to the current model.

HYUNDAI AND KIA SPEND BIG ON R&D

Hyundai is expanding research and development budgets significantly in an effort to make even more fuel-efficient vehicles. Even though the Korean automaker recently introduced its first V-8 engine in the new Borrego SUV and Genesis luxury sedan, the company will be concentrating future efforts on the smaller cars and engines that put them on the map in the US market. Expect to see 4-cylinder turbocharged engines, in the near future, along with a hybrid version of the Sonata sedan in 2010. Kim Dong-jin, vice chairman of Hyundai Motors, said, "The Prius is outdated. We have a better system than Toyota. Our goal is to have a plug-in by 2011." Fuel cell technology is also on the menu for Hyundai. The company plans to have a running prototype of a fuel cell vehicle by 2010 and begin leasing about 10,000 vehicles annually to consumers by 2012. Microsoft has signed a long-term agreement with Kia to develop the next generation of in-car infotainment system

using voice-controlled connectivity between mobile devices with the first applications appearing in 2010.

HONDA TO FOCUS ON SMALL HYBRIDS

Honda is betting that the hybrid future is greenest with compacts and subcompacts where the green technology achieves its greatest efficiencies. Honda is taking a different approach than many rivals, who have been installing the hybrid drivetrains on luxury sedans, SUVs and trucks. The next hybrid in the works for Honda is smaller than the Civic and an even smaller hybrid, the CR-Z is planned for next year. In 2012, the Fit will get a hybrid version, too. Honda's previous effort at a larger hybrid, the Accord, did not sell well and was dropped at the end of the 2007 model year. According to Masaaki Kato, president of Honda R&D, the small hybrids are most often used for city driving, where regenerative braking constantly recharges the batteries. He said, "Cars that drive stop-and-go are most suitable for hybrid technology." ■

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WHAT'S NEW IN TUCSON

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What makes a legend most? For Tucson's El Charro Café, being a legend means using your family's 86-year-old recipe for sun-dried beef when preparing your signature Carne Seca Plate. For this and other recipes that have stood the test of time, El Charro Café has been named a legend by *Gourmet Magazine*. In its October issue, the magazine lists El Charro as one of 20 "American Restaurant Legends" that have been going strong since before *Gourmet* debuted in 1941. El Charro, established in 1922, describes itself the oldest restaurant in Arizona under continuous family ownership. Its five Tucson locations include the original café downtown, which was profiled in *Gourmet*. See www.elcharrocafe.com.

MODERN UPGRADES FOR HISTORICAL RESORTS

Two historical hotels in Tucson have completed improvement projects. The Westward Look Resort and Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch Resort—located about five miles apart in Tucson's northern foothills—began as private homesteads that made the most of their Santa Catalina Mountain and Tucson valley views. Today, after extensive upgrades, the Westward Look's acclaimed meeting rooms offer the most innovative technology, implemented as part of a \$10 million resort renovation. Hacienda del Sol's award-winning restaurant, The Grill, added an Exhibition Kitchen lounge area with a new seating arrangement that provide diners with views of the kitchen staff at work. For more news about Westward Look, call 520-882-6262. For details about Hacienda del Sol, call 520-325-0940.

FRIGHTFULLY FUN WALKING TOUR

Explore downtown Tucson after dark on a new walking tour, led by costumed guides, sure to send shivers down your spine. The Tucson Ghost Tour includes stops at well-known downtown landmarks said to be haunted. You'll hear of the ghost of a man who still enjoys watching plays onstage at the Fox Tucson Theatre; of glowing apparitions in the Scottish Rite Building; and many ghosts that have been seen and heard at Hotel Congress, the Pioneer Hotel, and the Historic Train Depot. The hour-a-half tour meets at 7pm, Thursdays-Mondays, at the Tucson Visitor Center in La Placita Village. Reservations are required. For information on the Tucson Ghost Tour, the Old Bisbee Ghost Tours and Tombstone Ghost Tours, call 520-432-3308 or visit www.TucsonGhostTour.com.

FREE BIKE VALET AT STREET FAIR

A free Bike Valet will be available to cyclists pedaling to the Fourth Avenue Winter Street Fair, December 12-14. For the third year, the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association (FAMA) will provide a secure, gated area for bicycles near the Food Court at Seventh Street and Fourth Avenue. Ordinary Bikes, BICAS (Bicycle Inter Community Action and Salvage), and the City of Tucson Bike to Work program will monitor the area and offer information about bicycling as transportation. The Winter Street Fair usually attracts 300,000 to 350,000 people. While there is plenty of street and lot parking, including several bus routes and a free shuttle from the Pennington Street Garage in downtown Tucson to the fair, FAMA says the Bike Valet demonstrates Fourth Avenue's support of "green" transportation. More information is available from FAMA at www.fourthavenue.org/fairs.

BIOSPHERE 2 HOSTS FALL LECTURE SERIES

Visitors to the University of Arizona's Biosphere 2 this fall will be able to get a science lecture with their tour of the giant controlled-environment research facility north of Tucson. The B2 Institute has begun its fall 2008 "Let's Talk Science" public lecture series. The general audience lectures, presented by noted UA faculty members, cover a number of topical issues in areas where the UA excels in research. The lectures on eight consecutive Saturdays, which began October 4 and continue through November 22, all start at 11am in the Biosphere 2 Theater. For more information, visit www.B2science.org, or call 520-838-6200.

GIANT BRONZE SCULPTURES DOWNTOWN

Sculptor Curt Brill says great public art brings a sense of intimacy into public settings. The artist has an opportunity to test this theory at his latest exhibition, at Jacome Plaza in downtown Tucson, now through December 31. The exhibition features a series of monumental – some more than twice life-sized – figurative, bronze sculptures that Brill created using a complicated lost-wax process. This public art display is a joint exhibition of The Gallery at 6th & 6th and the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation department. For more information, contact Lauren Rabb at The Gallery at 6th & 6th, at 520-903-0650. See pictures of the sculptures at the Downtown Tucson Partnership Web site, www.downtowntucson.org.

CHIC NEW DINING & SHOPPING

JaxKitchen is a new, chic bistro-style restaurant at the corner of Oracle and Ina Roads in northwest Tucson, featuring "French-inspired comfort foods" such as in-house cured meats and handmade sausages, plus more than 45 kinds of wine. Owners Brian and Sandy Metzger and Chef Addam Buzzalini bring many years' experience to their new venture. More details are at www.jaxkitchen.com. At La Encantada shopping center, find a mélange of designer items at The Pamela Laurence Collection. Pamela, a well-known Feng Shui expert, describes her shop as "Tucson's premier gallery of fine art, decorative glass, crystal, porcelain, jewelry, evening bags and antiques." Visit www.pamelalaurencecollection.com.

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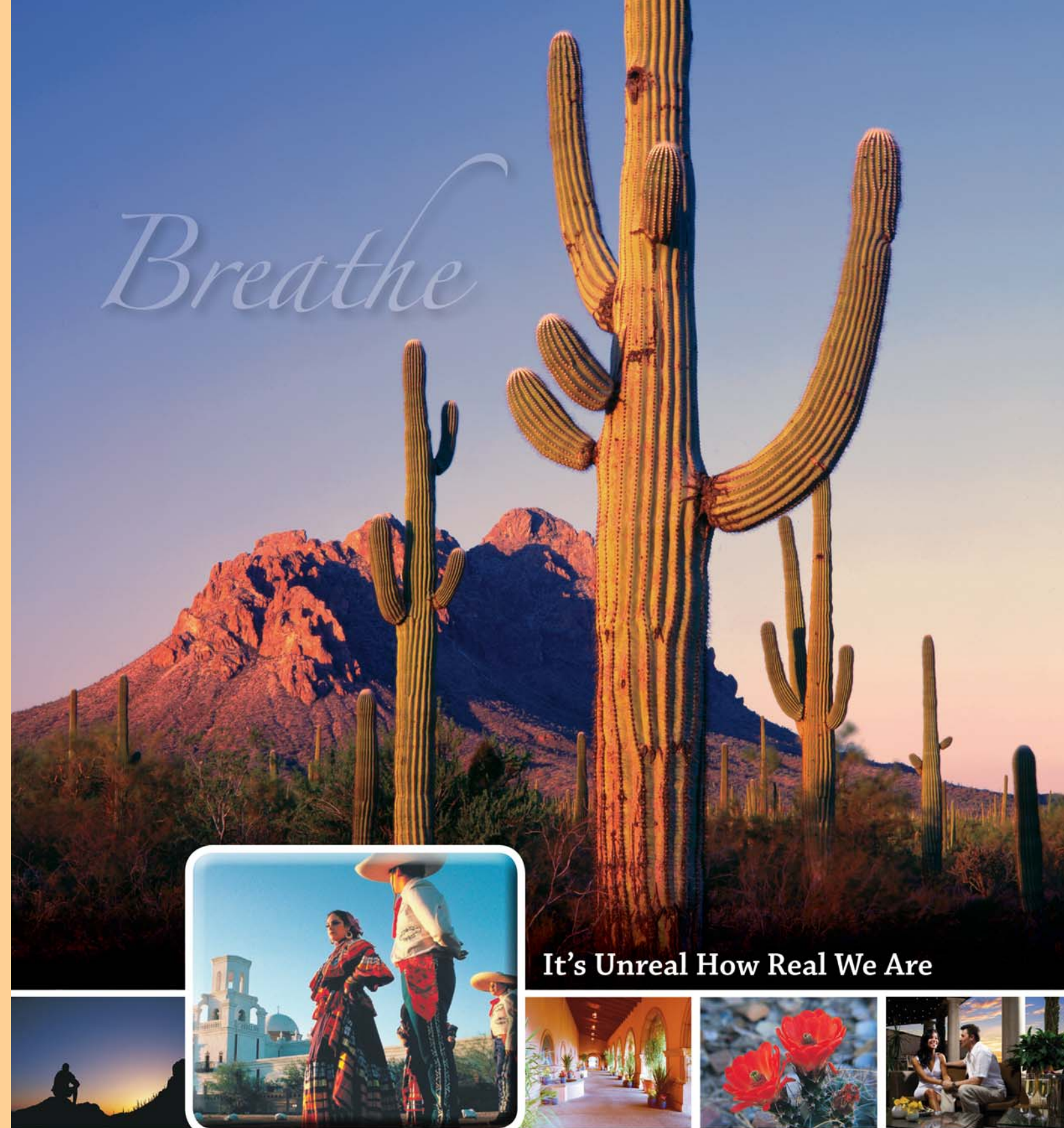
Autumn is perfect for a day trip to Willcox, 80 miles east of Tucson. Along with cooler weather comes an abundance of produce. At Apple Annie's Produce and Pumpkins, this is the season for sweet corn, melons, green beans, squash, field tomatoes, chiles, peppers, and more. Produce is available already picked, or you can pick your own right from the vine. Apple Annie's bakery, fudge kitchen, and gift shop are also open daily. Autumn's mild days also are luring Tucson shoppers to outdoor farmers' markets. One of the newest markets serves the campus crowd at University of Arizona's Main Gate Square, now through April. For area farmers' markets, see www.VisitTucson.org/visitor/culinary/farmers-markets. For Willcox-area u-pick-it farms, visit www.willcoxchamber.com/upick.asp.

ADOBE CHAPEL SERVES NEW COMMUNITY

Tucson's Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood is celebrating the revitalization of the San Pedro Chapel after an intensive, four-year restoration effort. The 1,370-square-foot adobe chapel, built in 1932, originally served the Mexican community in the area of "El Fuerte," or the Fort Lowell military post. The chapel served as the parish church and community center until 1948. It became the first City of Tucson Landmark in 1982; in 1993 it was placed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Today, the charming landmark may be rented for weddings, parties, and other gatherings. Call the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, 520-318-0219.

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Does anyone remember the Mazda GLC? Anyone? Anyone? Bueller? (Same vintage, give or take a year.) In this era of so many vehicles being named with alphanumeric, it's hard to remember that one actually stood for something: Great Little Car. Whether totally justified in the case of that old Mazda, it's a phrase that keeps echoing in our minds on this small Volvo.

You might not be someone who has thought about Volvos regularly, and you might not usually think about small cars (though at today's gas prices, almost everybody is at least thinking about them by now). Then again, even if you're not a Volvo person, you might find yourself highly interested in the Volvo C30. And even if you don't think about a small car for yourself, you may find this one particularly compelling.

- We test drove the Volvo C70 hardtop convertible last spring, and we were pleasantly surprised to realize this was one of those test cars that, if it didn't have to leave after a week, could become a welcome permanent addition to anybody's fleet. From its clean controls, to its smooth-performing in-line 5-cylinder turbo, putting out 227hp (and remembering that this engine is an exact match in specs to the top-performance Audi S-car setup of the mid-'90s), the C70 was very easy to make friends with. (If only it weren't front-wheel-drive.) The C30 has that same powertrain in a noticeably smaller and much lighter package, and boy does it respond.

- Needless to say, such a

small car is going to have to hold its own in the mean streets of metro Phoenix. With this much power and control on tap, we found no worries in this department. Every time we test a small car, we find the same thing at red lights: our more aggressive neighboring vehicles, which for some years would be almost all of them, instinctively jockey for the other lane (or hover aggressively on the rear bumper), waiting for the green. With some small cars, we can understand why. With some others, such as the Honda Fit, we've found there was enough power (per weight) on tap to hold our own, reasonably, when the light turns green.

At 227hp, 3201 pounds and 167.4 inches in length (320 pounds less and 8.5 inches shorter than the S40 sport sedan), the Volvo C30 does more than hold its own. This little rocket is ready to rock. Corvette

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in the rear-view mirror? Not a problem. With a stated 0-to-60 time of 6.2 seconds (6.6 seconds with an automatic), the Volvo is gone. We're not promoting street racing; we're simply saying you won't get mowed down for being small. In fact, you won't even be thinking about it. (Giant SUV in the rear-view mirror? You'll have the power, but the higher level of aggression is inherent with the size.)

We knew we liked this car, so we checked with the manufacturer to see whether anyone else had noticed. Yes, they have. Here are some of the awards the Volvo C30 has received to date:

Volvo C30 awards to date, United States:

- Ward's Interior Design Award 2008
- "Ideal" Category Win - AutoPacific 2008
- 2008 Best New Small Car - *Autobytel*
- 2008 All-Star - *Automobile Magazine*
- Most Spirited 2007 - *American Woman Road & Travel*
- Best EU Import - SEMA 2006

Volvo C30 international awards:

- Best Purchase 2008 - *Quatro Rodas* - Brazil
- Best in category "Besten Autos 2007" - Germany
- 3rd place Award in category - Switzerland
- International "red dot design award" - Germany
- Golden Steering wheel - 2006 - Germany
- Best compact - *Auto Zeitung* - Germany
- Best design - *Auto Bild Magazine* - Germany
- World's most beautiful car 2006 - Italy

The Volvo C30 for 2009 has a base price of \$23,800, plus \$825 destination charge. The upgraded/upstyled R-Design starts at \$25,950 plus destination. A Preferred Package for \$1595 adds premium sound system, power driver's seat, keyless drive, trip computer and front fog lights. A Climate Package for \$675 brings heated front seats, headlight washers and rainsensor wipers. Another list of stand-alone options, including a 5-speed Auto-stick transmission, power glass sunroof, Sirius satellite radio, off-black interior, Bluetooth™ and such can push the price over \$30,000, if you go for enough of them, but this is still a very competitive price for what it delivers. Beyond that, Volvo offers a system of Custom Build Options, in the dozens, from alloy wheels to alarms to advanced climate control, spoilers, special colors and much more; there is a \$300 Custom Build charge for any buyer who orders from this list, whether they order just one item or dozens. Go online at www.volvocars.com/us and build your own—you'll get the idea.

You very well may also get the fever. Volvo has pleasantly surprised us several times lately. In particular, the C70 hardtop convertible (with this same engine) and the C30 are two we could easily put in our own garages for a long time to come. ■



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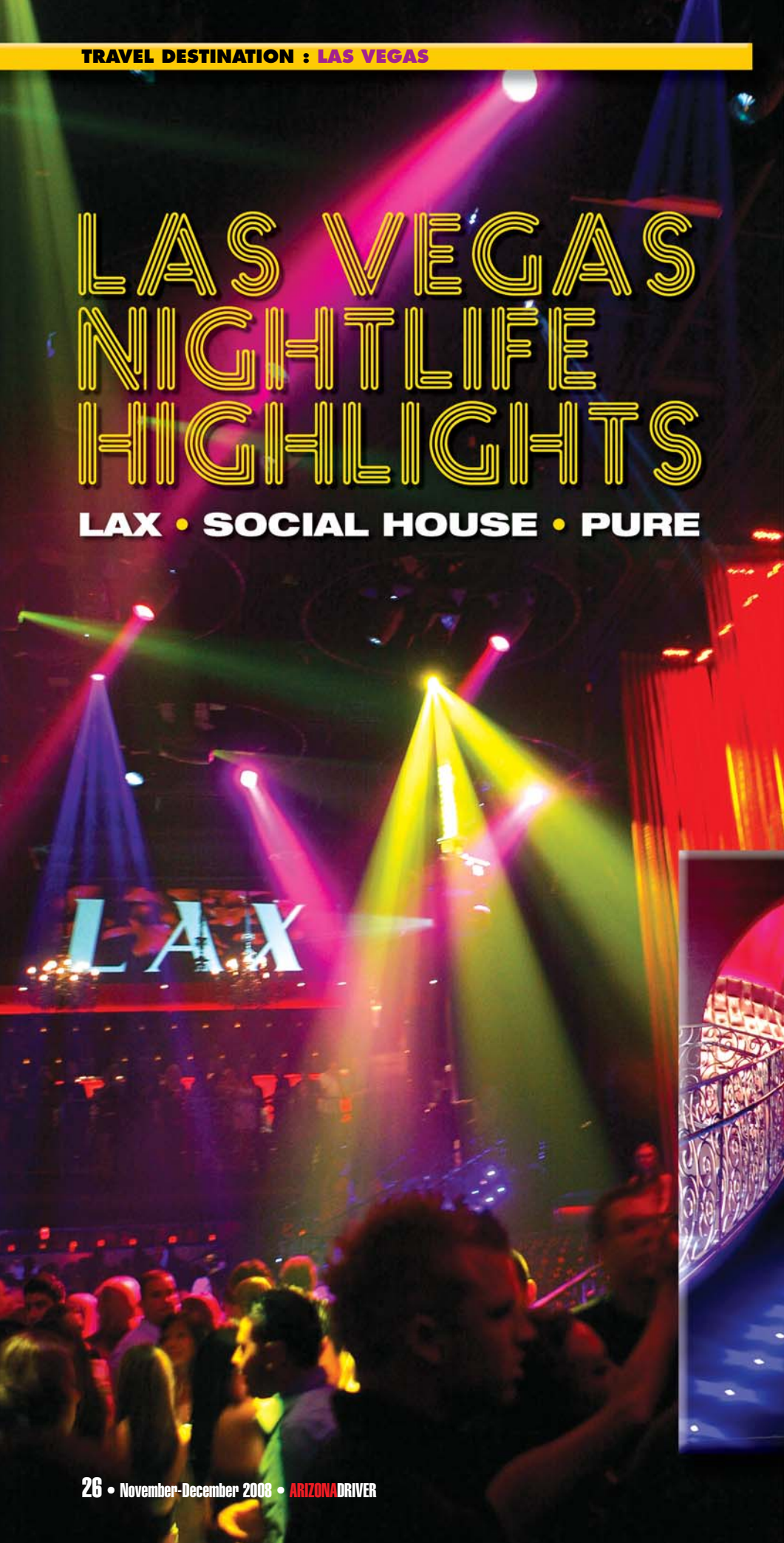
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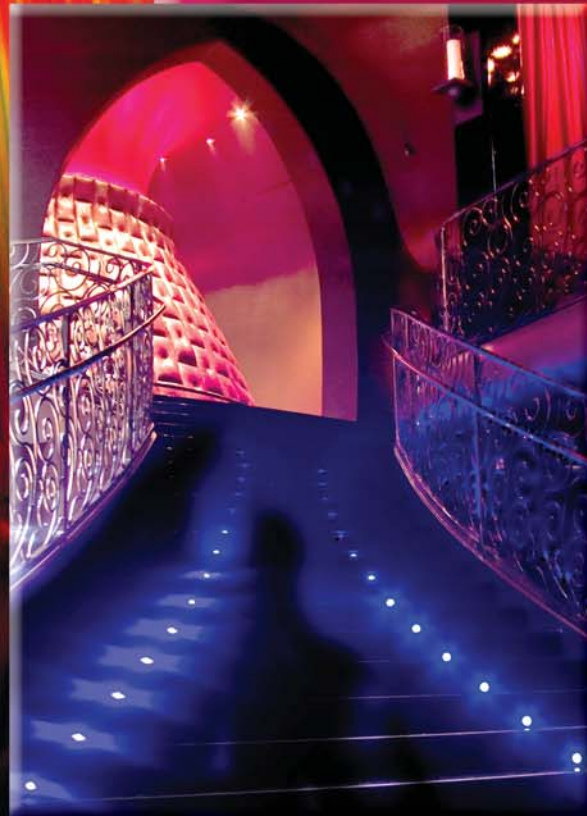
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VEHICLE AWARD : AUDI A5

Audi A5



Audi S5



Audi A5 S-Line



Audi A5 : 2009 Active Lifestyle Vehicle of the Year

- **The A5 coupe, introduced last spring, won the award for luxury "on road" vehicles**
- **Judging was done by a panel of auto journalists and a panel of 17 San Diego athletes**
- **The awards are presented by the Active Network (which operates active.com), Gen A Media and Marketing, and AAA.**

The Audi A5 earned the Active Lifestyle Vehicle of the Year Award in the luxury on-road category, outperforming 10 competitors. The awards, now in their fifth year, recognize cars and trucks that are best suited to meet the demands of an active and athletic lifestyle.

When the A5 debuted last spring it marked the first time in 16 years that Audi had offered a coupe to US luxury car buyers. Audi loaded the A5 with sporty features, such as a powerful 265-horsepower 3.2-liter FSI V-6 engine, direct steering and Audi dynamic suspension. The A5 takes just 5.8 seconds from 0-to-60 mph with manual transmission (5.9 seconds with automatic).

"The A5 is the embodiment of Audi's commitment to developing cars that are sporty, technologically advanced and a pleasure to drive," said Johan de Nysschen, Audi of America's executive vice president. "Audi stands for progressive prestige across its product lineup, so it's gratifying to learn one of our newest models meets the rigorous demands of active consumers."

The A5 is joined in the Audi lineup by the high-performance S5, with

a 354-horsepower 4.2-liter FSI V-8 that achieves 0-to-60 in just 4.9 seconds. The S5's enhanced performance pays a price at the pump, with EPA fuel economy ratings of 14mpg city and 21mpg highway, plus a gas guzzler tax. The A5, whose performance outstrips an S-series Audi of just a few years ago, rates a significantly higher 18mpg city and 27mpg highway. The S5 has a more advanced transmission and brakes, as well as more aggressive body and finish details throughout and larger wheels, but both have similar steering and suspension specifications. We have a 2008 Audi A5 in our long-term test fleet, which brings much recognition not only from the driving public, but also from media colleagues who have driven it. Interestingly, many who have experienced both the A5 and S5 indicate that the A5 might be an easier fit for many, embodying most of what the S5 offers; but at the same time, the S5 clearly carries the gotta-have-it factor.

The 2009 Active Lifestyle Vehicle of the Year Award is presented by the Active Network (active.com), Gen A Media and Marketing, and AAA. The selection of the Active Lifestyle Vehicles of the year emerged through two stages of judging. The first round involved an automotive jury, which narrowed the field of 60 entries competing in seven categories. After four finalists were chosen in each category, the award's sponsors asked elite athletes from the San Diego region to test drive each of the vehicles and offer their opinions, which count for half of the award tallies. Altogether, 17 athletes participated, including professional beach volleyball players, triathlon competitors and a former NFL kicker. The automotive experts then registered their finalist votes for the other half of the tallies.

"Involving the athletes offers a great opportunity get fresh perspectives on the various vehicles so it becomes an impromptu focus group of an elite and active target market" said Nina Russin, jury coordinator for the Active Lifestyle Vehicle of the Year Awards. "What was interesting with the A5 was how the athletes really reacted to the car's athletic performance." ■

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QUIZ : CAR SMARTS



10. Where is VW planning a new US plant?
a. Chattanooga TN b. Little Rock AR
c. Huntsville AL d. Tuscaloosa AL
11. Which compact SUV is the least expensive to own on a cost-per-mile basis?
a. Jeep Patriot b. Mazda Tribute
c. Jeep Compass d. Honda CR-V
12. What's it cost to replace an old mechanical gas pump with an electronic one?
a. \$6,000-\$8,000 b. \$8,000-\$10,000
c. \$10,000-\$12,000 d. \$12,000-\$14,000
13. What CAFE fuel economy did the Tesla electric-powered sports car achieve?
a. 55 mpg b. 112 mpg
c. 186 mpg d. 244 mpg
14. What is the average markup on a gallon of regular gas?
a. 5.2 ¢/gal b. 10.9 ¢/gal
c. 16.4 ¢/gal d. 23.1 ¢/gal
15. How long does it take to create one Bentley steering wheel?
a. 5 hours b. 10 hours
c. 15 hours d. 20 hours
16. Which is the least expensive to insure?
a. Chevrolet Impala sedan
b. Chrysler Town & Country minivan
c. Ford Escape SUV
d. GMC Sierra pickup
17. Which engine was chosen the International Engine of the Year for 2008?
a. VW 1.4-liter TSI Twincharger 4-cyl.
b. BMW 4.0-liter V-8
c. VW/Audi 2.0-liter Turbo FSI 4-cyl.
d. BMW 3.0-liter twin turbo in-line 6-cyl.
18. Which of the following states does not have at least four different automakers with manufacturing facilities?
a. Ohio b. Indiana
c. Michigan d. Alabama
19. How many countries have right-hand-drive vehicles?
a. 23 countries b. 47 countries
c. 68 countries d. 91 countries
20. When were anti-lock brakes invented?
a. 1978 b. 1984
c. 1990 d. 1996
21. How many 2008 model vehicles have the name of some sort of animal?
a. 5 vehicles have animal names
b. 7 vehicles have animal names
c. 9 vehicles have animal names
d. 11 vehicles have animal names
22. How many current GM vehicles have an EPA rating of 30 mpg or more?
a. 17 vehicles b. 22 vehicles
c. 28 vehicles d. 33 vehicles
23. In which country are the most Buicks sold annually?
a. Canada b. United States
c. China d. Brazil
24. What environmentally sound car does actress Jamie Lee Curtis drive?
a. Chevrolet Equinox Fuel Cell
b. Hydrogen-fueled BMW 7 Series
c. Honda FCX Clarity
d. Tesla electric roadster
25. How many fewer miles were driven by US drivers in May 2008 compared to 2007?
a. 850 million miles b. 2.1 billion miles
c. 5.8 billion miles d. 9.6 billion miles
26. Who is testing a new diesel truck engine, built in-house, code-named Scorpion?
a. Ford b. Dodge
c. Chevrolet d. Toyota
27. When was the Chrysler Mopar division name trademarked?
a. 1927 b. 1937
c. 1947 d. 1957
28. How many possible build combinations are available for the 2008 Ford F-150 pickup?
a. 10 million b. 200 million
c. 500 million d. billions
29. What is the base price of Lincoln's new MKS flagship sedan?
a. \$33,355 b. \$38,465
c. \$42,845 d. \$47,125
30. What percentage of people in China own their own vehicle?
a. 2 percent b. 4 percent
c. 8 percent d. 16 percent
31. Which car has a model called Speed?
a. Jaguar XF
b. Bentley Continental
c. Chevrolet Corvette
d. MINI Cooper
32. How much extra is Ford planning to charge for vehicles powered by the new EcoBoost turbocharged direct-injection engines?
a. \$400 b. \$700
c. \$1,200 d. \$1,600

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1. Answer: c. According to the Power Information Network, 4-cylinder vehicles made up 51 percent of total vehicles sold in June 2008 – the highest level ever.
2. Answer: c. Federal regulators are looking at ways to have nearly silent vehicles, like hybrids, emit some sort of noise or warning to blind people who rely on their hearing to warn them of passing vehicles.
3. Answer: c. According to R.L. Polk & Co. there were 12,707,216 vehicles scrapped in the US in 2007.
4. Answer: b. The world's largest rooftop power station is being built on the roof of a GM car factory in Zaragoza, eastern Spain. The roof has 85,000 solar panels producing an expected annual output of 15.1m kilowatt-hours (KWh), enough to meet the needs of 4,600 households or power a third of the GM factory. It is being built jointly by Veolia Environnement, Clairvoyant, the Aragon Government, and GM and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2008.

5. Answer: d. According to *Newsweek*, a diesel locomotive at its most efficient operating level can move a ton of weight 436 miles on one gallon of fuel. That makes it about 10 times thrifter than a new hybrid vehicle.
6. Answer: c. A poll from Junior Achievement and The Allstate Foundation shows that 68.6 percent of teen drivers buy gas with a credit card and that gas is now their top expense, surpassing clothing.
7. Answer: a. According to the *LA Times*, Venezuela has the world's cheapest gas prices. When we last checked, regular gas was 12 cents a gallon in Caracas.
8. Answer: d. According to the Federal Reserve System, the average new vehicle loan in 2007 was \$28,287.
9. Answer: c. The new Mercedes-Benz C63 AMG has a 6.3-liter V-8 engine rated at 451 horsepower.
10. Answer: a. Volkswagen announced they are building a manufacturing facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The plant, which will cost nearly a billion dollars, is expected to employ about 2000 when it opens in 2011.
11. Answer: a. Edmunds "True Cost to Own" SM calculator calculates five-year ownership driving 15,000 miles per year and ownership costs, including depreciation, financing, taxes, fees, insurance, fuel costs, maintenance and repairs. Jeep Patriot is the cheapest SUV to own at a cost-per-mile of \$0.486. Mazda Tribute \$0.494. Jeep Compass \$0.505. Honda CR-V \$0.514. <http://www.edmunds.com/apps/cto/CTOIntroController>.
12. Answer: c. According to *Fortune* magazine, it costs \$10,000 to \$12,000 to replace one old mechanical style gas pump with a new electronic pump. The mechanical pumps were not designed for prices beyond \$3.99 per gallon or a total purchase of more than \$99.99.
13. Answer: d. The electric-powered Tesla sports car is listed as having an average CAFE fuel economy rating of 244 mpg. The company will be able to sell its CAFE credits to companies that fall below the 27.5 mpg level.

14. Answer: b. According to the Lundberg Survey, as reported by *Fortune* magazine, the average margin (or markup) on a gallon of gas in 2008 is 10.9 cents.
15. Answer: c. According to *Automobile* magazine, it takes 15 hours to create one Bentley steering wheel.
16. Answer: b. According to www.insure, the least expensive to insure in 2008 is the Chrysler Town and Country, at an average \$940/year. Rates were based on a single male, age 40, who owns his home, has a bachelor's degree and no accidents or driving convictions, etc.
17. Answer: d. For the second consecutive year, the BMW 3.0-liter twin turbo in-line 6-cylinder won the International Engine of the Year award with a total 280 points this year. VW 1.4-liter Twincharger 287. VW/Audi 2.0-liter Turbo FSI 270. BMW 4.0-liter V-8 241.
18. Answer: d. Indiana, Ohio and Michigan each have four automakers' plants. Alabama is one of four states with three auto manufacturing plants (the others with three plants are Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri).
19. Answer: c. There are 68 countries in the world that have right-hand-drive vehicles.
20. Answer: a. Bosch first introduced anti-lock brakes, (also called ABS) in 1978.
21. Answer: c. There are nine 2008 model vehicles with animal names: VW Beetle and Rabbit, Dodge Ram, Viper and Charger (a horse), Chevrolet Impala, Jaguar, Ford Mustang and Mercury Sable.
22. Answer: a. General Motors says they now have 17 cars that are rated at 30 mpg or more.
23. Answer: c. In 2007, there were more Buicks sold in China than the United States (331,780 vs. 240,760).
24. Answer: c. Actress and children's book author Jamie Lee Curtis and her husband, filmmaker Christopher Guest, have leased one of 200 FCX Clarity sedans that are being tested by Honda.
25. Answer: d. According to Federal Highway Administration estimates, US drivers drove 9.6-billion fewer miles in May 2008 than they did in May 2007.
26. Answer: a. Ford is testing a new engine to replace the current Power Stroke diesel. Code-named Scorpion, the 6.7-liter diesel is said to have 390 horsepower and 720 lb.-ft. torque. Ford's current Power Stroke diesel is rated at 350 hp and 650 lb.-ft. The new engine, due in 2011, should get about 3 mpg better fuel economy.
27. Answer: a. Originally used in the 1920s, Mopar (a simple contraction of the words MOTO and PARTS) was trademarked for a line of antifreeze products in 1937.
28. Answer: d. The 2008 Ford F-150 pickup has billions of possible combinations of trim series, colors, engines, body styles and options. To simplify ordering and building processes, Ford has eliminated about 90 percent of the choices (down to a mere 10 million combinations) by making more equipment standard, adding more option packages and eliminating less popular options.
29. Answer: b. The base price including \$800 destination charge for the front-wheel drive Lincoln MKS is \$38,465. With all-wheel drive, the price starts at \$40,355.
30. Answer: b. Fewer than 4 percent of China's population of 1.3 billion owns a vehicle. That is the same percentage of Americans who owned a vehicle in 1915.
31. Answer: b. Bentley has two "Speed" models, the Continental GT Speed and the Continental Flying Spur Speed, both with the new 600-hp, 6.0-liter W-12 engine.
32. Answer: b. Ford says it will charge \$700 extra for vehicles with the new EcoBoost engines. The direct injection, turbocharged engines can provide the same power as a larger engine. The first will go into 2009 Ford Flex and Lincoln MKS, followed by the F-150 pickup in 2010. The V-6 engines will produce more power than V-8s and increase fuel economy up to 20 percent.

The Car Smarts quiz includes news and trivia from industry sources, trade journals and consumer magazines compiled for *Arizona Driver Magazine* by **BILL & BARBARA SCHAFFER** of *Auto Digest*.



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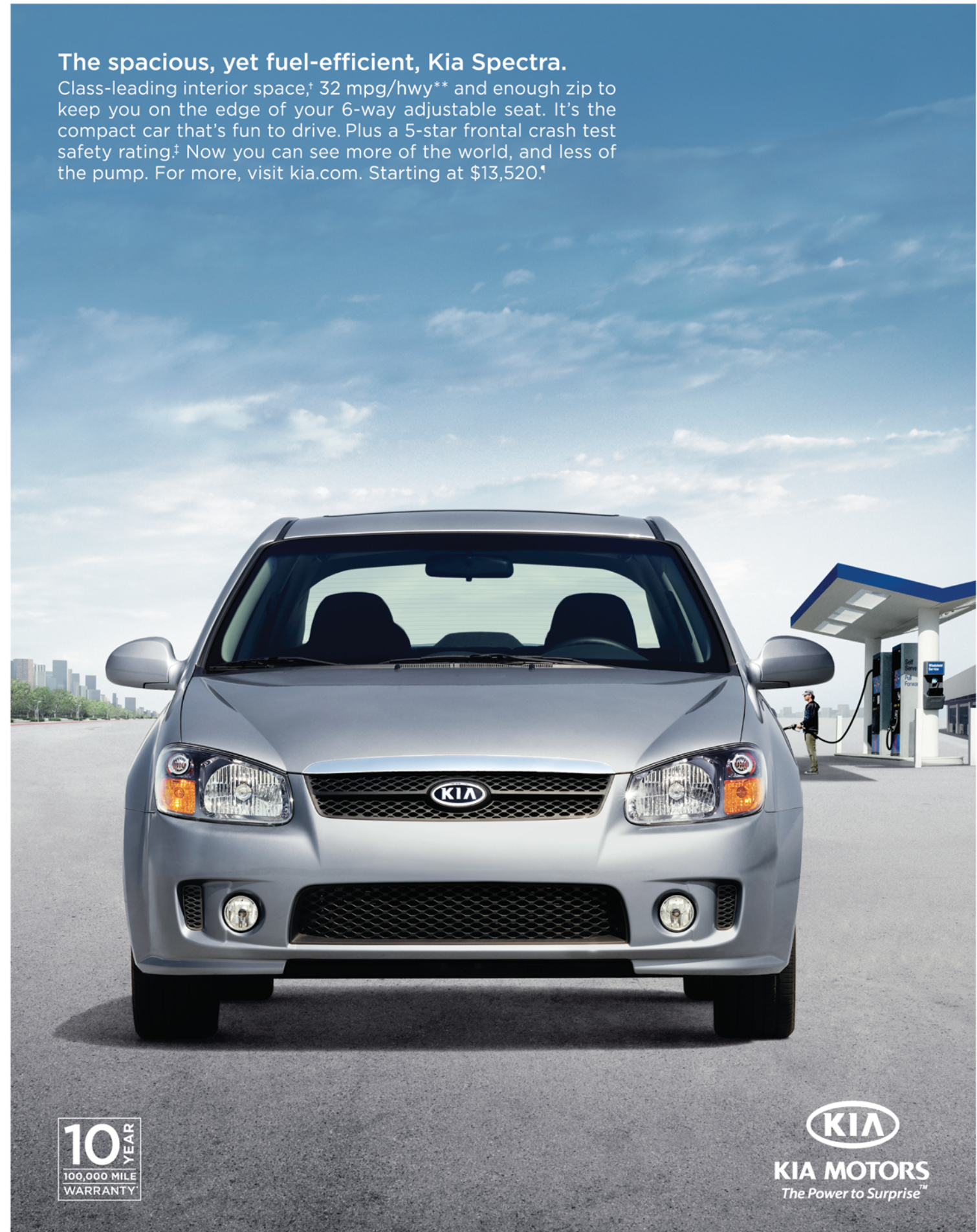
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MONTEREY HISTORIC RACES



ARIZONA'S
TIM SHARP:
A REAL
VINTAGE
DRIVER
IN A REAL
VINTAGE RACE

By HR Driver
Lead photos by Kristin Sharp
Sidebar photos by Joe Sage

Tim Sharp (#91 1938 Austin 7 Special, right) gains on Mike McNally's #171 1931 Riley 4 Portford at Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway. The Riley boasts 3000cc, the Austin 7 just 850cc.

Tim Sharp can best be described as a real vintage race driver. This is not to say that he actually has much experience racing vintage cars. Before Monterey, Sharp had raced a vintage car just once. However, he did win that race, some two decades ago. What is meant by a real vintage race driver is that Sharp has been racing cars for over forty years. By definition he is a real race driver because of his extensive track experience and a vintage race driver by virtue of his 60-year-old age.

I was intrigued why Sharp made the switch from SCCA and NASA road racing to vintage cars. At the Monterey Historic Races, the most prestigious vintage auto race in America, we interviewed this Gold Canyon resident to find out why he decided to go vintage racing. Then we followed him and the other Arizona drivers during their competition at Monterey.

INTERVIEW WITH ARIZONA'S TIM SHARP

HR Driver: "Several years ago you raced a Factory 5 Cobra in a NASA Western States Championship race at Buttonwillow and finished second. That would seem to make you still competitive in serious road racing. Why switch to vintage racing?"

Tim Sharp: "I haven't closed the door on running some SCCA or NASA endurance races. However, being competitive is not the same as being the best. Young Arizona drivers like Ross Thompson and Spencer (Tim's son who won the Factory 5 West Series) are quicker than I. They race more and are in better physical condition."

HRD: "So, what is the level of competition like in vintage racing? Is it easier?"

TS: "Perhaps not easier, but certainly different. With former pro drivers like Bobby Rahal, John Morton, Jim Busby, John Fitzpatrick and Vic Elford running vintage cars, there is no lack of talent in vintage racing. Of course, vintage racing is really less about the drivers and more about the cars. Actually they are rolling works of art."

HRD: "How is vintage racing different from SCCA and NASA sports car racing?"

TS: "Well first, you are racing on the track with irreplaceable automobiles, many of which cost over a million dollars. You must be respectful of their historic and artistic value."

"In addition, their brakes, tires and the suspension systems are archaic by today's standards. Consequently, you cannot drive them as hard as you would a modern sports car like a Porsche Carrera GT3 or Corvette Z06."

"Finally, the rules are geared toward what we used to call 'Gentlemen Racing' in the early days of road racing. You can pass, but not make aggressive passes like you would in SCCA or NASA road racing. The HMSA is strictly non-contact racing. However, the most skilled drivers will drive their cars quite close to their limits."

HRD: "Why did you pick the Austin 7 Special to race at the Monterey Historic Races? Certainly, there are much bigger and faster cars in your Pre-War Class."

TS: "Bigger and faster, yes. However, as an editor with *Classic Motorsports Magazine*, covering the Monterey Historic Races for many years, I have been impressed by how the inexpensive little Austin 7 Specials do against the larger, more expensive cars in their class. An Austin 7 Special finished second several years ago here."

HRD: "Tell us about the strategy of running a little race car like the Austin 7 Special against larger cars like the Chryslers and Alfa-Romeos."

TS: "The Austin 7 Special has only 850 cc's, so it has about one fifth the displacement of a Chrysler 8 and less than half the cubic inches of an Alfa-Romeo. It can be out-powered on long race tracks and up hills; however, the Austin 7s weigh less, so they handle and brake better on tighter tracks like Laguna Seca. Also, my particular Austin 7 has a supercharger, so it generates a lot of power for a little 850 c.c. machine. Probably comparable to a 1,200 c.c. normally aspirated engine."

HRD: "You raced formula cars in the 1970s to the 1980s. It would seem to me you would have bought one of those cars to race. Why did you decide on a 1938 race car?"

TS: "I probably would be more comfortable racing the Caldwell or Ralt Super Vees which I ran in the 1970s and 1980s; however it would just not seem as if were actually racing a vintage car. I wanted to race a car which was older than I was."

HRD: "Are there any other vintage racers from Arizona here at the Monterey Historics?"

TS: "Arizona has bunches of vintage racers. Probably because Arizona is the classic collector car capital of the world! Craig Jackson of Barrett-Jackson Auctions is a name most Arizonans will know. However, Tommy Thompson, Harley Cluxton, Mike Silverman, Bob Lytle, Steven Hilton, Barbara Blackie, Bob Hardison and Terry Larson, a world renowned Jaguar racer and restorer,



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Tim Sharp (#91 850cc 1938 Austin 7 Special, right) aims for the lead against (left to right, rear) #4 Ed Archer's 3500cc 1915 Ford; #21 Fred Bohlander's 3000cc 1919 Miller "TNT" Special; #60 Dick Cupp's 750cc 1936 Austin 7 Special; and #171 Mike McNally's 3000cc 1931 Riley 4 Portford, in Class 1A, Pre-1940 Sports & Touring Cars.

#12 Terry Larson's 3500cc 1954 Jaguar D-Type, racing in Group 4A, 1956-1961 Sport Racing Cars over 2500cc. The author points out that this car is worth about \$3,500,000, versus Sharp's Austin 7 at more like \$35,000.

are all racing here."

HRD: "How do you expect to do in your first vintage race with the Austin 7 Special?"

TS: "Actually, I haven't a clue. Ideally, I would like to qualify decently and finish the race. We are here to see what we need to do to make the car reliable and competitive."

HRD: "Did you prepare the car for the race yourself?"

TS: (Sharp laughs) "No, I am a driver, not a mechanic. I can do some things on the race car, but Ken Schutze of Cowboy Restorations in Gilbert prepared the car. Ken also works on Terry Larson's Jags, so that pretty much says it all. Ken's a professional."

HRD: "Well, Tim, good luck in qualifying and the race."

TS: "Thanks. We can use all the luck we can get."

TRACKING THE AUSTIN 7 SPECIAL IN QUALIFYING

Sharp is no stranger to the Laguna Seca circuit. He has been winning races at the Laguna Seca track for decades. However, how would he do in a pre-war car which is even older than he is? Would Sharp be able to adapt to a machine which was racing thirty years before he put on his first driving suit? We were about to find out.

Qualifying and practice at the Monterey Historic Races were combined into a single session, less than a half hour long. Thus, it would be very difficult for Sharp to adjust to his new car and find the fastest line around the track in one session. Fortunately, Tim already knew the racing line, so adapting his driving style to his new car was the challenge.

On the first lap, Sharp tucked onto the bumper of John Fitzpatrick's 1900cc BMW 328 to get a draft down the straightaway. However, by the second lap, Tim had pulled the Austin out of the draft. By the third lap, Sharp idled into the pits. Not much time to learn about the handling of the Austin 7 Special, so Sharp must have had mechanical problems.

As it turned out, the steep hill before the infamous "Corkscrew Turn" was causing his car to overheat. Not to worry, however, as the car's cooling system would be purged and the engine was still intact. Furthermore, the Austin had qualified seventh out of twenty seven cars despite having only two timed laps during qualifying.

RACE 1A: PRE-1940 SPORTS & TOURING CARS

Since finding a large radiator for the Austin overnight was not possible, Ken Schutze did everything else possible to reduce the overheating: purging, burping and using Red-Line Water Wetter. On Saturday morning, the Austin left the starting grid sounding crisp; however Sharp knew he could not run the race car hard or the engine would self-destruct.

When the green flag fell, the field bunched up at the Andretti Hairpin. By lap two, Sharp had moved up to sixth. However, the overheating problem arose once again, and that was as far as the Austin 7 Special would advance. Sharp coasted into the pits, parked the car and spared the engine.

As the race unfolded, it was Jan Voboril's three-liter Barber-Warnock Ford holding off Conrad Stevenson's 1939 Alfa-Romeo 2.5-liter and David Swig's 5-liter Chrysler CD-8 for the win. Dick Cupp, driving the only other Austin 7 Special in the race, advanced from his qualifying eleventh position to finish seventh.

Alex Curtis of Scottsdale took fifteenth with his beautiful 1660cc 1935 Frazer Nash. Sedona's Al Moss brought his slick little 1500cc MG-TC home in eighteenth. Both drivers put on excellent drives in their small-bore race cars.

ARIZONANS MAKE A STRONG SHOWING AT MONTEREY

Terry Larson finished second in his 1952 Jaguar C-Type, never giving the race winner John Buddenbaum a chance to breathe. Tommy Thompson's 1964 Corvette finished third behind the winner John Morton (ex-Nissan factory driver) who was driving the rare 1963 Corvette Grand Sport.

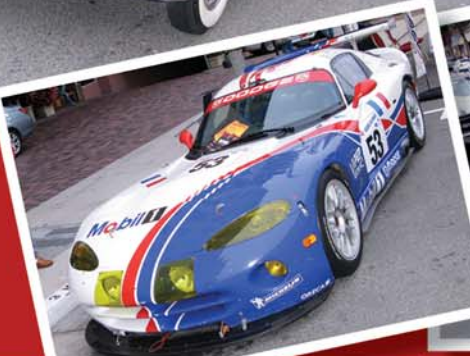
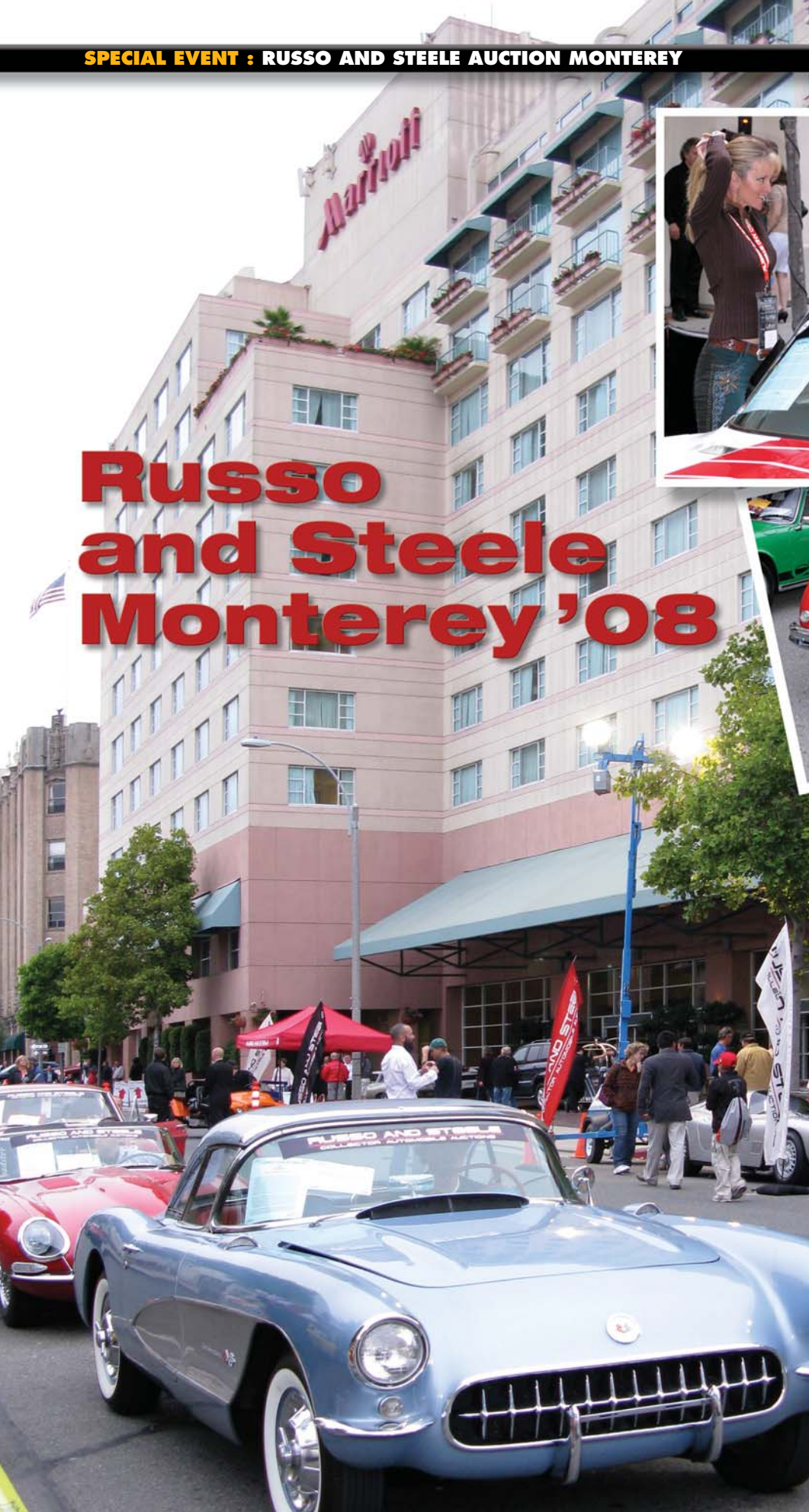
Other excellent performances by Arizonans were turned in by Craig Jackson (10th, AMC Javelin), Jere Clark (16th, AMC Javelin), Steven Hilton (12th, Lister-Jaguar and 13th, Lola T-70), Bob Lytle (15th, Allard J2X), Chris Hines (14th, Echidna Spl) and Michael Silverman (15th, Lister Jaguar).

Arizonans Owen Gibson, Harley Cluxton, Scott Dames and John Breslow had mechanical problems which forced them to park their cars in the pits and wait until next year. As with Tim Sharp and his first race in the Austin 7 Special, they will return with their vintage machines repaired and ready to race.

Hope springs eternal in the hearts of vintage racers and there is always next year! ■



Russo and Steele Monterey '08



Over nine million dollars in two evenings New world record: 1973 Porsche Carrera RS Coupe

Russo and Steele Collector Automobile Auctions 8th annual Sports and Muscle in Monterey auction event held August 14-16, 2008, at the downtown Marriott was an exciting auction that resulted in a successful two-evening sale; approximately 150 cars ran over the auction block for a preliminary combined total of \$9.1 million in sales and a 50%+ sales rate. Post sales are currently working, with full results posted by the end of next week. Although reaffirming the current conservative trend, these results prove the market is still strong when selling impeccable collector automobiles with provenance.

The quality of collector automobiles in this year's Monterey auction event far surpassed previous year's selections; this is a direct result in the ALL RESERVE format Russo and Steele converted to last year. The major beneficiaries of the All Reserve platform was overwhelmingly the bidders; the promise of high quality automobiles at market relevant prices is just one of the major benefits Russo and Steele bidders saw as a result of the platform change. Russo and Steele Monterey clearly demonstrated that demand from selective discriminating buyers remains strong for well documented, numbers matching, high caliber collector automobiles.

A rare example of a 1973 Porsche Carrera RS Coupe sold Saturday, August 16, for a world record breaking \$302,500. It was fully documented, numbers matching, and one of seventy-one RS's produced; it sold with the Porsche Certificate of Authenticity, shipping documentation from Germany, its original German license plate and a impressive collection of historical documentation and records pertaining to this automobile.

Drew Alcazar, owner of Russo and Steele, said, "The marketplace in Monterey performed as we anticipated. The highly selective, discriminating and conservative trend was clearly evident and our savvy and astute bidders responded accordingly. Without a doubt, the market continues to show strength for extremely desirable and well-documented examples. The Porsche RS Carrera Coupe, the Maserati Ghibli Spyder, the Bizzarrini Strada, and the Shadow Rods XL-27 among many others are clear evidence of this."

"The quality and caliber of consignments this year far surpassed any to date. I believe that this selection of automobiles proves our ALL RESERVE format is working. This platform benefits everyone. The consignors get a measure of control over the sale of their automobile, the auction house has the opportunity to increase the quality of its selection offered at the sale, and bidders have the opportunity to buy some of these stellar automobiles that might not otherwise be available. Russo and Steele is merely the first auction to realize this, but I am sure we won't be the last" Alcazar continued.

The combination of higher caliber automobiles and the intense excitement found on Russo and Steele's auction block in Monterey made this auction event an unforgettable experience; no other auction event on the peninsula had a more electric and exciting atmosphere. With a conservative and discriminating market environment now prevalent, Russo and Steele's clients walked away pleased and eagerly anticipating Scottsdale 2009. ■

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RM Auction Sports & Classics of Monterey

\$4.5 million Ferrari 250 GT leads the pack of seven-figure cars

RM Auction continued their highly successful sales run, with twelve cars breaking the magic million dollar mark at the legendary Sports & Classics of Monterey auction, August 15 and 16. Held at the Portola Hotel & Spa in downtown Monterey, it was standing room only as over 170 investment-quality collector cars crossed the block before an international audience. As the gavel fell for the final time, total sales passed \$44 million.

"The strength of our European sales had a positive affect on the weekend's auction, with many of our international clients in attendance. The sales were in line with our expectations with several new records, and with seven of the twelve 'million dollar sales' being vintage Ferraris, results indicate the continuing strength of the market for the world's most famous sports and racing marque," said Ian Kelleher, Managing Director of RM Auctions.

The top seller of the sale was a show quality 1961 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta which brought a final bid of \$4,510,000. Another highlight was the 1961 Ferrari 400 Superamerica Coupe for an impressive \$1,650,000. Also attracting significant interest on the block were the prestigious luxury cars – a 1933 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Special Town Car, which brought \$2,310,000, and a 1930 Duesenberg Model J Dual Cowl Phaeton for \$1,760,000.

A one-of-a-kind custom-bodied 1954 Cramer Comet roadster was a rafter-shaking crowd-pleaser. Built by Omaha-based mechanic Tom Cramer, it was crafted as a two-place high-performance passenger car. Powered by a 1,350-hp 12-cylinder Allison aircraft engine—the type that powered the P-51 Mustang—the car combines elements of automotive and aircraft engineering and features an innovative cooling system that is channeled through the frame. The car is capable of estimated speeds of 160 miles an hour. The Comet was purchased by its current owner in 1991 directly from Mr. Cramer. The Comet sold for \$150,000 against



an estimate of \$250,000-300,000.

Additional highlights included: an ultra rare 1948 Tucker Sedan which achieved a new world record price of \$1,017,500; a 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 Berlinetta for \$1,925,000; and a 1973 Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona Spyder which was won with a bid of \$1,485,000. ■



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Gooding & Company Pebble Beach Auction

Record-breaking results of \$64.2 million 1937 Bugatti Type 57SC Atalante Coupe sets new \$7.92 million record

Gooding & Company, the official auction house of the 58th annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Élegance, captured total sales of \$64.2 million including several of the world's rarest and most spectacular automobiles during its two-night auction on Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17. An international crowd of collectors and spectators were captivated as 140 lots crossed the auction block including top private collections, vintage racing cars and individual automotive objets d'art such as the 1937 Bugatti Type 57SC Atalante Coupe, which sold for a stunning \$7.92 million—setting a record for the highest price ever paid for an automobile at a North American auction.

20 cars sold for more than \$1 million—5 of which sold over the \$2 million mark. In addition to the \$7.92 million Bugatti, these included the legendary 1959 Ferrari 250 GT LWB "California" Spider which sold at \$3.63 million, the famed 1938 Alfa Romeo 6C 2300B Mille Miglia "Sleeping Beauty" at \$2.585 million, and a 1950 Ferrari 166 MM Berlinetta Le Mans that fetched \$2.2 million.

Gooding & Company also auctioned chassis 001 of the 2009 Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport benefiting the Pebble Beach Company Foundation, at \$3.19 million.

The world's finest collection of Bugattis ever to come to auction, the Dr. Peter and Susan Williamson Collection, comprising twelve significant collectibles, sold for more than \$15.5 million, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and the Dartmouth Medical School. A 1932 Bugatti Type 55 Roadster sold for \$1.76 million and a 1927 Bugatti Type 35B Grand Prix sold for \$1.46 million.

Other noteworthy cars that beat the one million mark over the weekend included: 1931 Bentley 4-1/2 Litre "Blower" (\$1.76 million); 1962 Chevrolet "Gulf Oil" Corvette (\$1.485 million); 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4



(\$1.43 million); 1965 Ferrari 275 GTB Alloy Long Nose (\$1.375 million); 1931 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 GS Spider (\$1.32 million); 1969 Ferrari 365 GTS (\$1.265 million); 1936 Mercedes-Benz 500k Cabriolet B (\$1.045 million); and 1907 Thomas Flyer Model-36 60 HP Touring "Blondie" (\$1.028 million). The 1914 Stutz Series E Bearcat, one of six known to exist, scored a record at \$1.375 million.

The Carl J. Schmitt Collection of eleven Brass Era automobiles sold for nearly \$2.2 million including the 1901 Packard Model C Dos-à-Dos Runabout, which set a record for its type at \$214,500. Another highlight of the evening was the sale of Oprah Winfrey's Charity Car Collection, which sold for \$716,000 including her 1954 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Gullwing with proceeds to benefit the annual Arts and Culture Workshop at The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls—South Africa. ■



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With a special display of GM Motorama cars rescued by Joe Bortz and presented by Ed Welburn

First conducted in 1950, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Élegance has grown to become the world's premier celebration of the automobile. Only the rarest and most beautiful cars are invited to appear on the famed 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links, and connoisseurs of art and style flock to see these masterpieces. Charitable donations raised by the event now total over \$10 million. Related events include the Pebble Beach Tour d'Élegance presented by Rolex, Pebble Beach RetroAuto, and the Pebble Beach Auction presented by Gooding & Company. In addition, the event has grown as a showcase for new products and worldwide concept reveals.

This year's Pebble Beach Concours brought together GM's Motorama collection, including several which had been cut up and junked decades ago. Collector extraordinaire Joe Bortz located what parts were left and oversaw their challenging reconstruction. This was also the first time all three Firebird turbine-powered concept vehicles have been together at one time. GM VP of Global Design Ed Welburn was on hand to show them off.

There are 23 judging classes in the Concours. A 1938 Alfa Romeo owned by Jon and Mary Shirley of Medina WA was named "Best of Show" (above). Scott McPherson of Tempe brought home the bronze in Class O-1 Postwar Sports with his beautiful 1967 Ghia 450SS Cabriolet.

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Concorso Italiano

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Each August, the Monterey Peninsula attracts 40,000 automotive enthusiasts to celebrate their passion for vintage, classic and exotic automobiles. At the start of the weekend is Concorso Italiano—a true Celebration of Italian Style. Founded in 1985, Concorso Italiano is a gathering of all things Italian, especially cars.

Concorso Italiano features music, cuisine, fashion, and travel. The event is centered around some 1,000 collectible Italian automobiles, motorcycles, and boats. Non-Italian exotic and classic automobiles also represent a significant contingency. The Concorso emphasizes display and appreciation over competition, and although the cars are truly magnificent, the event is not just about cars: it's about people, too. Indeed, we found the event to be full of people-watching opportunities. Even Arizona's own Bob Bondurant was there, to sign autographs, tell tales and take it all in, himself.

Concorso Italiano relocated this year, after construction at its longstanding site, Bayonet Black Horse, would have restricted space and forced guests to park off-site. They have moved to the Marina Airport, 10 miles north of Monterey. Our inland drive from Monterey to Marina was an adventure. Terrain to the south of the event comprises the site of decommissioned Fort Ord, now making way for subdivisions, colleges and some serious real estate speculation. Much of the old Fort remains, with windows knocked out, grass growing in the concrete, and the general look and feel of Chernobyl. But since it's not Chernobyl, it's actually a pretty cool tour.

The new venue is a large, high-level, wind-swept airfield that appears to have fallen into disuse after the military left (leaving behind a café and bar reminiscent of *The Right Stuff*). It's also becoming home to tech companies and such, happy to have enormous hangars for company facilities. The site allowed for vintage aircraft displays and flybys. More of this is anticipated in future years. This year included professionally-catered food and beverage for the first time. In coming years, they will be adding shaded seating areas to just relax and view the beautiful cars and the mountain backdrop of the Coastal Range.

If you're headed to Monterey next summer, be sure to include the Concorso. For information, visit www.concorso.com. ■



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The Flyboys

Arizona producer unleashes an award-winning film combining youthful adventure and the mob with an Arizona location, local roads and scenery



Co-producer, stunt coordinator, stunt performer and actor Dan Urness of Mesa gives on-set instructions to the film's stars.

Heroes Jason (Jesse James) and Kyle (Reiley McClendon) discover the Twin Beechcraft 18.

Director of Photography Jim Orr sizes up the shot.

J. Todd Adams as the noticeably unfriendly Lenny.

Producer-Director Rocco DeVilliers with the stars.

Set in the fictional town of Cooper, Arizona (and filmed in Arizona, southern Nevada and Utah), *The Flyboys* had won over 50 film festival awards nationwide by September, 2008, including three Arizona film festivals, in Tucson, Sedona and Lake Havasu. The film opened in theaters in Twin Falls, Idaho, and Park City, Utah, in mid-October and was scheduled to open in Arizona later in the month.

The Flyboys is the story of two boys from a small Arizona town who find their courage and ingenuity tested after they accidentally stow away aboard an airplane owned by the mob.

Though Cooper, Arizona, is fictional, other ties to the state are very real.

Dan Urness is a Mesa resident and graduate of the University of Arizona in Tucson (where both of his parents graduated, as well). He is co-producer of *The Flyboys* (along with Rocco DeVilliers, who also co-wrote the screenplay). In addition, Urness was the film's stunt coordinator, a challenging task in a film full of stars of all sizes and ages, with wild adventure in the sky, on the roads, sometimes combining the two, plus bicycle and foot chases. Urness in fact performs some of the stunts, and he also has a small role as one of the police officers.

Dan Urness served on the "Save the Cine Capri" Committee with Harkins Theatres owner Dan Harkins. Harkins Theatres is well known as the largest chain in Arizona and is also the sixth-largest in the US. The original Cine Capri was a 1960s Cinerama dome, which was leased by Harkins. The committee did not succeed in saving the original theater, but the enthusiasm generated by their efforts led to Harkins' new Cine Capri theater-within-a-theater at Scottsdale 101. This concept has been so popular, Harkins has now introduced it in several of its newest complexes.

Stephen Baldwin, who performs the prominent role of Silvio Esposito, also lived in Arizona for several years, during the run of the TV hit series *The Young Riders*.

In the film, Jason (Jesse James) and Kyle (Reiley McClendon) are recent friends from different sides of the track, who become embroiled in the adventure of their lives when they discover a mysterious airplane at the local small-town airport. The boys sneak aboard the plane for a look, but are forced to hide in the luggage compartment when two strange men show up. Jason and Kyle soon find themselves unexpectedly airborne over the open Arizona desert. After hours in the air, the boys unwittingly uncover a bomb in the luggage compartment. When they burst into the cabin to report their discovery, they find that everyone on board has bailed out. The boys must take the controls and



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A challenging highway landing scene was shot on Arizona's public highways.

Thugs Manny (Vince Cecere) and Sal (Frank D'Amico) contemplate the heroes.

Stephen Baldwin as Silvio Esposito.

Kyle and Jason put their soles to their pedals while the mob puts the pedal to the metal in a classic '69 Chevelle SS.

The heroes back in the open air.



land the plane themselves. But their troubles are only beginning, as Jason and Kyle realize that they've foiled a heist to steal millions of dollars from the mob in this high-action, coming-of-age film.

Director Rocco DeVilliers drew his inspiration for *The Flyboys* from his grandfather, Don Novas. A crop duster from Blackfoot, Idaho, Novas owned many airplanes, including a P-51 Mustang, a T-33, and of course, a Twin Beechcraft 18, which plays a central role in this film. DeVilliers has fond memories of summers with his grandparents, hanging around the local airport. "I remember as a kid climbing into my grandpa's Twin Beech and playing in there with my cousins. We would make up all kinds of stories, and the Beech was our set. Having an airport full of my grandfather's planes as a playground was pure magic."

Don Novas passed away in 1997, and most of his aircraft were sold off. DeVilliers hoped to use his grandpa's Twin Beech in the film. However, the new owner didn't like the thought of another pilot flying the plane. Based on the demands of the script and the technical nature of the stunts, Dan Urness, co-producer and stunt coordinator for *The Flyboys*, enlisted the services of Skip Evans and his Twin Beech 18. One of the scenes Evans was hand-picked to perform depicts two twelve-year-old boys alone in the cockpit of a Twin Beech trying to land the airplane on a busy rural Arizona highway.

The Flyboys won these Arizona awards:

- Sedona International Film Festival**
 - Winner: Audience Choice "Best Feature Film"
- Arizona International Film Festival**
 - Winner: Jury Prize "Best Feature Film"
- Lake Havasu International Film Festival**
 - Winner: Jury Prize "Best Feature Film"
 - Winner: Jury Prize "Best Film of 2008"

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Pearl Harbor survivor, one of only 199 built, to be sold in Scottsdale



Looking for something a little different at this January auctions? This three-engined (and three-wheeled) aviation rarity has been consigned to Barrett-Jackson, for no reserve sale during the 38th annual event in Scottsdale, January 11-18, 2009.

Recently restored to original specifications, this historic 1929 Ford 4-AT-E Tri-Motor airplane made its final pre-auction flight on October 1, from Petersburg VA to Goldsboro NC. The flight took about an hour and a half. Dolph Overton III, owner of the Tri-Motor and flying ace for the US Air Force during the Korean War, was awaiting the plane's arrival with his family in Goldsboro. His son, Dolph Overton IV, co-piloted the aircraft alongside legendary air show pilot Jimmy Leeward. The plane will remain in North Carolina through the January auction; it will be sold at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale event on Saturday, January 17, during SPEED's primetime coverage.

Henry Ford recognized the potential for mass air transportation after World War I and created the Tri-Motor "Tin Goose" to promote air travel. To overcome concerns of engine reliability, Ford specified three engines and added features for passenger comfort, such as an enclosed cabin. Ford Motor Company built 199 Tri-Motors from 1926 through 1933.

The Tri-Motor that will be sold at Barrett-Jackson began its historic journey in 1929 in Spokane, Washington, where it served as a passenger plane for Mamer Flying Service. It was later sold to K-T Flying Service of Honolulu and was at

Pearl Harbor during the surprise military strike by the Japanese navy against the United States on December 7, 1941. The Tri-Motor suffered exterior bullet holes during the attack, but was quickly repaired and returned to service.

Upon returning to the mainland, it was leased by Trans World Airlines in 1949 for its 20th anniversary celebration, modified into a sprayer and fire fighting tanker and used by Johnson Flying Service in Montana to drop smoke jumpers and supplies to fire fighters. Since 1969, the plane has been privately owned and was part of the Wings and Wheels museum collection previously located in Orlando, Florida.

Bob Woods supervised the majority of the Tri-Motor's no-compromise restoration at Woods Aviation in Goldsboro. The airframe was reworked and the exterior completely re-skinned. The wings were reworked and re-skinned by expert craftsman Maurice Hovious of Hov-Aire in Vicksburg, Michigan. The landing gear, including the unique Johnson bar braking system, is complete and original. Original straight-laced wire wheels has tires that were resculpted to replicate the correct profile and tread pattern of the period. Interior wood paneling was also re-created. To match the condition of the plane when it was delivered by Ford in 1929, there were no modern avionics or communications gear added.

"Vintage planes, similar to the historic automobiles that cross our block, represent an incredible snapshot into our past and evoke passion and appreciation from collectors," said Steve Davis, president of Barrett-Jackson. ■

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2010 Audi S4

■ **Ford** may use the upcoming EcoBoost turbocharged V-6 engine in an SVT version of the Ford Fusion called the GT. With the turbocharged 3.5-liter V-6, it should easily produce 340 horsepower and has the capability of 415 hp. Equipped with the Haldex part-time all-wheel drive system, the GT would be like

an inexpensive Audi S4.

■ A supercharged 3.0-liter V-6 engine will power **Audi's** next S4, to follow the new A4 arriving at dealerships this fall. The engine produces 333 hp, nearly as much as the 340 hp V-8 engine used in the previous generation. It will also be one of the first Audi models to get the new optional 7-speed double clutch transmission. A V-8 (about 450-hp) engine will still be used in the next generation RS4 high performance model.

■ Spy photographer Brenda Priddy has captured photos of **BMW's** new Progressive Activity Sedan (PAS). She told the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) *eNews* that the PAS will have a coupe-like roofline and frameless side windows along with four full adjustable seats. It will likely be offered with a variety of 6-cylinder engines and optional all-wheel drive. It should debut at the 2009 Frankfurt Motor Show.



Cadillac CTS Coupe concept

■ The next generation **Toyota** Prius, due in the first half of 2009, will be lighter and more efficient than the current version. There is also a rumor out of Japan that the hybrid may also have solar panels on the roof that will supply a portion of the power needed to for the air conditioning. According to *BusinessWeek*, Kyoto's Kyocera is producing the panels. It is not known if the solar roof will be standard equipment or an option.

■ Good news: a Brenda Priddy & Company spy photo of the new 2010 **Cadillac** CTS coupe revealed to us recently shows it is nearly identical to the concept car shown earlier this year at the Detroit auto show. The new coupe goes on sale in the second half of 2009 as a 2010 model.

■ Watch for lots of rebadging in the truck market soon. In addition to **Nissan** replacing the Titan with a version of the new Dodge Ram, Dodge will likely replace its smaller Dakota with a version of the Nissan Frontier. All this is in addition to the upcoming Suzuki Equator, also built from the Nissan Frontier. There is speculation that the Nissan Pathfinder may end up with a Chrysler, Dodge or even Jeep badge.

■ In June **Toyota** increased their stake in Fuji Heavy Industries, owner of Subaru, from 9.5 percent to 16.16 percent when they spent another \$291.1 million for 61 million shares. Toyota previously used its



2009 Toyota Prius

stake in Subaru to expand production of the Toyota Camry using Subaru's Lafayette, Indiana plant. More recently, the pair are jointly developing a low cost sports car.

■ **Ford** plans to introduce a line of new 6- or 7-speed double clutch transmissions in the near future. Inside sources indicate the fuel saving and quick-shifting transmissions may be used "across the board, including a transmission designed for the forthcoming global rear-drive platform." The 2013 Mustang is expected to be on rear-drive platform powered by an EcoBoost twin-turbo V-6 rated at 415 hp.

■ Vehicles that could be put on the **Chrysler** chopping block in the near future might include Jeep Commander, Jeep Compass and the Dodge Viper. The ax could fall on the weaker version from the Durango/Aspen, Nitro/Liberty and Avenger/Sebring twins.



Kia Soul

■ **Kia** planned to show a boxy-shaped small car that looks similar to Scion's xB at the Paris Motor Show in October. It's called the Kia Soul and measures about six inches shorter than the new xB. The front wheels are powered by either a 1.6- or 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine. Kia plans to offer a line of customization parts for owners to personalize their Soul. It is scheduled to arrive at US dealerships as early as April 2009.

■ **Lexus** may be adding a two-door version of the Lexus IS by the spring of 2009. The company recently trademarked the names IS 250C, IS 300C and IS 350C, which would normally indicate either a coupe or convertible.

■ Politics may have a big effect on the price of **Chevrolet's** plug-in hybrid Volt. As development costs rise, the \$30,000 estimated price appears to be giving way to \$40,000. To make the new number more palatable, GM is proposing that the US government institute a sliding scale tax credit that could go as high as \$7,000 for electric vehicles like the Chevy Volt.



2011 Chevrolet Volt

■ **MINI** dealers have run out of cars. As of the end of July, the 82 dealerships around the country were down to a one-day supply of cars. Through the end of the year, all they will be getting are the cars that have already been ordered by customers, and the factory will only be able to boost production for

the US by 2,000 to 3,000 cars for the rest of the year, with the plant already running three shifts, seven days a week.

■ **Saab** could add several new models to its lineup. A new generation 9-5 goes into production next year, based on the GM's next generation global mid-size car architecture. The Swedish brand also gets a crossover similar to the 9-4X concept shown at the 2008 Detroit auto show sharing hardware with the next-generation Cadillac SRX. There is also a smaller 9-1 model in the works.

■ **Cadillac** plans to offer a smaller 4-cylinder sedan in late 2010 as a 2011 model. Under discussion are whether to offer a 6-cylinder option or just a 4-cylinder and what the name will be. Cadillac currently sells a 4-cylinder BLS sedan in Europe that is smaller than the current

CTS, but sales have been weak, so there is no extra brand equity in the BLS name. The European BLS and the upcoming US model will share the same platform as the Saab 9-3. European models now use both gas and diesel turbo-charged engines.

■ According to an Experian's AutoCheck study of 1.3 **vehicles severely damaged** by collisions, bad weather or fire during the first half of 2008, 15 percent of the vehicles received "washed titles." That means any indication of the damage was erased from the title when the vehicles were reregistered in another state. With the recent storm damage in the US, buyers should be extra vigilant in checking the history of vehicles they are considering for purchase.

■ Rumors are the **Pontiac** Solstice and Saturn Sky may not get a second generation. The sophisticated and expensive-to-build platform used on the roadsters has GM losing \$10,000 per car. Don't look for anything to happen until at least the 2013-model year, by which time a less



Saab 9-4X concept

expensive alternative may be developed.

■ **General Motors** added a fully transferable 12-month/12,000-mile "bumper-to-bumper" warranty with no deductible on all GM Certified Used Vehicles and all Saturn Certified Pre-Owned Vehicles sold in the US, and extended age and mileage eligibility to include models six years old or newer, with up to 75,000 miles.

■ Chairman Dieter Zetsche says **Mercedes-Benz** will likely start selling the next generation A-Class and B-Class cars in the US. Due in 2011, the front-wheel drive B-Class subcompacts will include a small crossover and a coupe to compete with cars like the BMW 1 Series and a future BMW X1 crossover. ■

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