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After 1M Engines, Production Begins On New Global Ecotec

sometimes be the same thing.

No sooner had employees at Flint Engine Operations reached one milestone – 1 million 1.4-liter engines produced - than transition began to production of a new global engine for the nextgeneration Chevrolet Cruze and

Flint Engine, which opened in 2002, is in the midst of a \$200-million upgrade that will see 1.4-liter engine production end this week and the new Ecotec small gas engine production start by year's

"Attaining one million engines produced is always an important milestone," said Terri Burden, Flint Engine plant manager. "But this is particularly special because it comes as we prepare to launch an engine that will be a key part of GM's global engine program for many years to

When production of the 1.4liter engine began in Flint in early 2011 for the current Volt, Cruze and Chevrolet Sonic, the engine was already part of a venerable engine line that had global roots, said GM spokesman Tom Wick-

engine, Wickham said, is a true

Endings and beginnings can international effort and will be built in eight engine plants in six countries, including Flint, producing 2.5 million engines a year by 2017. To date, only the Volt (1.5 liter) and Cruze (1.4 liter turbo) have been announced as recipients of the Flint-built engine.

'One million engines! Our Local 599 members are proud of this accomplishment, as we built a superior quality 1.4-liter engine that has been a success for our customers, as was our tremendous 3800 engine," said Dave Aiken, UAW Local 599 chairman. "As we launch the Ecotec small gas engine our team is ready and able to build an engine that will also prove to be a leader in quality and performance for many years to come.'

The launch of the Ecotec started shortly after the April 2013 investment announcement in the Flint plant, Wickham said. Following a similar path as their assembly plant colleagues, Flint Engine employees - both hourly and salaried - formed a launch team that would spend months working with GM engineers and employees in Michigan, Mexico and Japan.

"Flint is GM's first engine plant The all-new Ecotec small gas to embed its own hourly workers in the powertrain pre-production



GM worker Rand Werner at work at Flint Engine Operations.

process," said Jim Stack, operations launch manager at Flint Engine. "Having Flint employees working side by side with the engineers and pre-production teams allows us to streamline production processes and improve product quality before production begins in the plant."

At the same time, the launch team was working on the new engine, construction crews were installing new equipment and prepping the plant for the transition that will take place this fall.

When production of the 1.4liter engine ended last week, the facility will begin undergoing the complete installation and testing of equipment with the first production engines heading to GM's Lordstown, Ohio, assembly plant for the Chevrolet Cruze before the end of the year. Volt production will begin later in 2016, Wickham said.

Throughout the transition, Flint Engine will continue to produce the 3.6-liter engine for the Chevrolet Colorado and Traverse, GMC Canyon and Acadia and Buick Enclave. Employees who build that engine, which surpassed one million units in 2013, are represented by UAW Local

Flint Engine Operations currently employs a total of 856 people. In 2009 GM spent \$250 to build 1.4L engines. In 2010, the company spent an additional \$138.3 million to expand production, and an another \$84 was invested in 2011.

Made-in-Detroit **Impala Ready for Export to Korea**

Made in Detroit, sold in Korea. Chevrolet began taking pre-orders in Korea in August for the Impala, the first time the brand is introducing a full-size sedan in the Korean market.

The Chevrolet Impala for Korea is assembled at General Motors' Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly plant, said GM spokesman Chad Lyons.

"It is truly a Detroit-made car that is being exported to Asia," said Lyons. "This is soley for the South Korean market. I think this important moment for Chevrolet. For the first time, we're exporting an iconic 'American' car. Everyone, at one point in their lives has known someone with an Impala. Now it's being exported for the first time to Korea. The large-sized sedan is a very important segment in the Korean market."

GM makes cars all around the world. Lyons said. But in the past, models often did not cross borders. So it might be possible someone in Germany to know about a vehicle like Opel Adam, and that model to be unknown in North America.

Over the past few years, automakers across the world, in-

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Kevin Stuban shows off Sapa's rocker panel side sill in a Tesla car.

Sapa Opens Detroit Office, Research Site

by Jim Stickford

Detroit's need to improve mileage and reduce CO2 emissions presents a golden opportunity for the companies that can help OEMs lightweight their vehicles. Which is why Sapa, a company known in this country for making building supplies, has opened up a tech center office in

Tom Landry, senior marketing and public relations manager at Sapa, said the company's world headquarters is in Sweden and its first facility in the U.S. was built in Portland, Ore. The company specializes in extruded aluminum and got its start here manufacturing building supplies.

But, Landry said, Sapa is branching out in what it manufactures and the need for OEMs to lightweight their vehicles has presented the company with the opportunity to greatly expand the amount of business it does with automakers. So the company officially opened its first Detroit office this month.

It just made sense, Landry said. Sapa was heavily involved in the development of aluminum

parts for the Ford F-150. And they are working with other OEM and Tier I suppliers to develop aluminum part for automobiles.

"I can tell you," Landry said at the Sapa office opening in Birmingham, "that this is the time to be in aluminum. We can provide our customers with custom metallurgy. The company that is able to come up with the right aluminum alloy that our customers need to be able to meet federal regulatory standards will prosper."

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General Motors to Renovate, Restore Historic Factory Site

an archive and research center as part of a renovation project connecting the site's rich manufacturing history with ongoing developments in the automotive industry, said GM spokesman Tom Wickham.

According to the Web site Michmarkers.com the factory was built in 1888 and "exemplifies the dramatic growth of the Flint Road Cart Company, which became the Durant-Dort Carriage Company. During the 1890s, Durant-Dort expanded its Blue Ribbon line to include Webster Vehicle farm wagons, the Victoria Vehicle Company's mail-order business and the Diamond Buggy Company. By 1900, Durant-Dort was the largest volume producer of horse-drawn vehicles in the United States. In 1906, its peak year, it employed 1,000 people and produced 56,000 vehicles.'

General Motors, which owns

tive collection currently located tory One.

GM is investing in its future by the former carriage factory near at nearby Kettering University, downtown Flint, will invest sever- Wickham said. The archive and The historic Durant-Dort Fac- al million dollars to create a mod- research center will occupy the flexible meeting area for GM, tory One will be converted into ern archive to house the automofirst floor of the east wing of Fac-

GM plans to develop the second floor of the east wing into a

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This rendering shows what the Durant-Dort Factory One site will look like after renovations are completed.

Ford is Looking at Bringing Ranger to Wayne Assembly

(AP) DETROIT - Ford is making plans for a return to the small pickup truck market in the U.S. with a new version of the Ranger.

The company is negotiating with the United Auto Workers about making the truck at a factory in the Detroit suburb of Wayne, Michigan, a person briefed on the matter said Aug.

A new small SUV that may be called the Bronco also is under discussion, said the person, who asked not to be identified because the talks are part of national contract negotiations and no agreement has been reached.

The Wayne factory, which Ford calls the Michigan Assembly Plant, employs more than 4,400 workers.

The 5-million-square-foot facility now makes the Focus com-

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Freudenberg Nok Names its Best Suppliers for '14

Freudenberg-NOK Sealing Technologies of Plymouth has named the recipients of its 2014 Supplier Excellence Achievement Level (SEAL) Awards.

The SEAL Awards, now in their eighth year, are divided into Gold, Silver and Bronze levels for chemical and metal suppliers.

To determine winners of each level, a supplier performance scorecard is used to rank each supplier in the areas of quality, delivery, cost management, technology and overall service to Freudenberg-NOK and its manufacturing sites, said company spokeswoman Cheryl Eberwein.

Winners of the 2014 SEAL Awards include Chemical Raw Material Suppliers:

- Gold: Solvay Specialty Polymers (Alpharetta, Ga.);
- Silver: Cabot Corporation (Franklin, La.);
- Bronze: Zeon Chemicals LP (Louisville, Ky.).

Metal & Metal Fabrication Suppliers:

- Gold: Elgiloy Specialty Metals Hampshire Mill, (Hampshire, Ill.);
- shire, Ill.);Silver: New England Industries (Lebanon, N.H.);
- Bronze: Prospect Machine Products (Prospect, Conn.).

Carhartt Opens Store in Detroit's Midtown Area

DETROIT (AP) – Carhartt, the company known for sturdy work coats and other clothing, is opening a store in Detroit.

Company officials and city dignitaries are gathering Aug. 27 in Detroit's Midtown area. The Carhartt store will be on Cass Avenue on the first floor of a building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It will be the 20th companyowned retail store for Carhartt, which is based in Dearborn. It has been making clothes in the U.S. for 125 years.

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Silicon Valley, Detroit Team Up on Autonomous Vehicles

by DEE-ANN DURBIN AP Auto Writer

PALO ALTO, California (AP) – The office has all the trappings of a high-tech startup. There's a giant beanbag in the foyer and erasable, white board walls for brainstorming. Someone's pet dog lounges happily on the sunny balcony.

Welcome to the Palo Alto home of the Ford Motor Co., six miles from the headquarters of Google.

Meanwhile, in a squat, industrial building in suburban Detroit, a short drive from Ford's head-quarters, workers are busy building a small fleet of driverless cars.

The company behind them? Google.

The convergence of cars and computers is blurring the traditional geographical boundaries of both industries. Silicon Valley is dotted with research labs opened by automakers and suppliers, who are racing to develop high-tech infotainment systems and autonomous cars. Tech companies — looking to grow and sensing an industry that's ripe for disruption _ are heading to Detroit to better understand the auto industry and get their software embedded into cars.

The result is both heated competition and unprecedented cooperation between two industries that rarely spoke to each other five years ago.

"It's a cross-pollination. We're educating both sides," says Niall Berkerey, who runs the Detroit office of Telenav, a Sunnyvale, Calif.-based firm that makes navigation software.

There's also plenty of employee poaching. Apple recently hired Fiat Chrysler's former quality chief. Ride-sharing service Uber snagged 40 researchers and scientists from Carnegie Mellon's Pittsburgh robotics lab. Tesla's head of vehicle development used to work at Apple.

For years the fast-paced tech industry showed little respect for the plodding car industry. Google and Palo Alto-based Tesla, with its high-tech electric sedans, convinced many to give the industry another look. The average car now processes more than 4,200 signals - from the engine and transmission to the backup camera to the radio - using 40 electronic control units, according to Boston Consulting Group. Those units can contain up to 100 million lines of computer code, more than in a fighter jet. The average number of control units has climbed from 30 in 2007; some luxury cars have as many as 100.

"People think it's shiny Silicon Valley versus grungy Detroit, but that's garbage," says Chris Urmson, who leads Google's self-driving car program. "If you look at the complexity of a vehicle, it's an engineering marvel."

Dragos Maciuca, a former Apple engineer who's now the technical director of Ford's Palo Alto research lab, says he's seeing a new excitement about the auto industry in Silicon Valley. For one thing, cars provide a palpable sense of accomplishment for software engineers.

"If you work at Google or Yahoo, it's hard to point out, 'Well, I wrote that piece of code.' It's really hard to be excited about it or show your kids," Maciuca he says. "In the auto industry, you can go, 'See that button? The stuff that's behind it, I worked on that."

But cocky tech companies have had to adapt to the tough standards of the auto industry, which requires technology to work perfectly, for years, in all kinds of conditions. Maciuca spends much of his time educating software and app developers about the industry's needs.

"Silicon Valley goes toward this model of a minimum viable product. It's easy to throw things out there and try them and see if they work," Maciuca says. "We can't do that."

Santa Clara, California-based Nvidia was best known for making chips for computer games before it got into the car business. Now, it makes the computer processors that power Tesla's 17inch touchscreen dashboard and Audi's experimental self-driving cars, among other products. It had to develop new manufacturing techniques and higher levels of certification for the auto business, such as tests to make sure its computer chips would still work in subzero temperatures, says Danny Shapiro, Nvidia's senior director of automotive.

For their part, the automakers are learning that rolling out cars that remain static for years until the next model comes out is no longer practical. At the insistence of tech companies such as Telenav and Nvidia, they're learning to make cars with navigation, infotainment and other features that can be constantly updated. Mercedes-Benz, Tesla, Toyota, BMW, and others can now update vehicle software wirelessly to fix problems or add more capability

Shapiro says the cost-conscious auto industry has had to learn to spend a little more – maybe \$10 to \$20 per car – on computer hardware. Automakers would often go with the cheapest option but then spend even more fixing bugs, or be forced to replace processors that didn't have enough power to add updates.

Nvidia now has eight permanent engineers at various automakers in Michigan.

"We've helped them adopt more of a computer industry mindset, which is not to reinvent what they're doing every five to seven years," Shapiro says.

Even with that new spirit of collaboration, automakers and tech companies also use their local labs to do a little spying.

Frankie James, a former NASA researcher who now runs General Motors' Palo Alto office, says spotting trends and potential threats is one of the most important parts of her job. Her team alerted GM to the car-sharing trend, for example, and the automaker invested \$3 million in Relay Rides in 2011.

Now, she's watching companies that could potentially disrupt the auto business, such as Google and Apple. Google has promised a self-driving car within five years, and Apple has hired people from Tesla, Ford and other car companies for its own top-secret project.

"We need to say, 'OK, if we think Apple is going to build something like this because they've got this vision of the future,' if we take that same vision of the future, what can we do? How can we continue to play?" James says.

The tech industry is also watching its back. Telenav is making a new navigation system for the 2016 Tacoma pickup and other Toyota vehicles, but Apple and Google are also vying for the car's dashboard with their CarPlay and Android Auto systems, which give drivers access to certain smartphone apps.

Telenav's Berkery says automotive accounts for 70 percent of its business, up from just 10 percent when it opened its 10-person Detroit office four years ago. Its success in Detroit led to new offices in Berlin, Shanghai and Tokyo.

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Made-in-Detroit Impala to Be Exported to South Korea

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cluding GM, have been concentrating on building global cars that transcend borders.

So being a global means offering 'American' vehicles like the Impala to markets outside North

"We are thrilled to have the iconic flagship sedan complete Chevrolet's passenger car portfolio in Korea," said Sergio Rocha, president and CEO of GM Korea. 'We are confident that its bold styling, comfort, safety, powerful performance and technology will make it a leader in the highly upper-medium competitive sedan segment."

To meet an array of customer needs, the Impala will be offered in Korea with two engine choices: a 2.5L SIDI L4 engine and a 3.6L SIDI V6 engine, Rocha said. Korea-only

convenience features include power folding side mirrors, an electronic toll collecting system, fuelfill cap locking, rain-sensing wipers, a unique cluster, standard navigation, a unique antenna, a 220V power outlet, rear audio controls and rear heated seats.

In order to meet customer demand and maximize the flexibility of GM's manufacturing operations, this next-generation Chevrolet Impala will be built for the Korean market the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant, Lyons said.

The Impala is based on GM's Epsilon II platform, which had its debut in 2002, and was originally based on architecture first developed by Opel. According to the Web site "GM Authority" the second-generation Epsilon platform, Epsilon II, made its debut in 2008 with the 2008 Opel Insignia



2016 Chevrolet Impala

range. Like Epsilon I, Epsilon II was developed in GM's Opel division in Rüsselsheim, Germany and was available in regular and extended wheelbase configurations. Other vehicles that currently use this platform are the Cadillac XTS and the Buick LaCrosse.

The 2016 Impala will include Apple CarPlay capability, which takes the iPhone features and

puts them on the vehicle's display in a smart, simple manner. This allows drivers to make calls, send and receive messages and listen to music right from the touchscreen or by voice via Siri. Apple CarPlay supported apps include Phone, Messages, Maps, Music and compatible third-party apps. A full list of those apps can be found ple.com/ios/carplay.

Reading Program Looking for Adult Volunteers

Macomb Literacy Partners (MLP) is looking for some volunteers to help adults learn to read and write better, or to learn English as a second language.

The organization, which was founded in 1984, has helped more than 5,400 adults in Macomb County.

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Macomb Literacy Partners provides all the training, support and materials needed to be a successful tutor. MLP is looking especially looking for tutor who can operate in Warren and Sterling Heights.

To learn more about volunteering as a reading tutor, call 586-286-2750.

General Motors to Renovate, Restore Historic Factory Site

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community and educational groups to conduct STEM-related classes, seminars and, potentially, research. The high-bay area in the west wing of the facility will be renovated to house classic vehicles and other artifacts from Flint's carriage-building era.

"Factory One truly is the epicenter of the automotive industry and, as such, it makes sense to create a world-class archive where anybody can learn how builders in Flint launched the global auto industry," said Mark Reuss, GM executive vice president of Global Product Development, Purchasing and Supply Chain.

GM purchased Factory One in 2013 and has invested approximately \$3 million to repair the exterior of the building and install new windows and doors.

The investment also covered the construction of a fence around the GM-owned parking lot across Water Street, Wickham

The next phase of the project, which is still being finalized, is expected to cost several million dollars and will include the installation of a new roof. Smith-GroupJJR in Ann Arbor is the architect on the project and has experience in historic renovation projects as well as creating modern archives.

Once plans are finalized and a general contractor is selected, work on the archive and other interior projects could begin in early 2016 with the project completed in 2017.

"The beautiful restoration of Factory One as a centerpiece of Carriage Town and downtown Flint provides us with an amazing opportunity to partner with GM and to provide these iconic historical treasures with the vibrant, innovative display they so richly deserve," said Kettering University President Dr. Robert K. McMahan.

"Housing these collections at Factory One provides greater accessibility to the public, history enthusiasts and educational institutions, making the amazing shared history of GM, Kettering and the automotive industry in Flint available to new generations.'

The investment in Factory One is the latest in a series of investments that GM is making in Flint,

Wickham said. On Aug. 4 General Motors announced plans to invest \$877 million to build a new body shop at Flint Assembly, raising total investments to \$2.5 billion in Flint during the last six

Earlier this year, GM an-

nounced a donation of \$2 million to Kettering to create a powertrain laboratory and the GM Foundation committed \$2 million by 2019 for the creation of an automotive proving ground for Kettering students.

In addition to renovating Fac-

tory One, GM is financially supporting the Durant-Dort Carriage Company office building across the street.

"This project is more than preserving our past," Reuss said. "It is about telling the story of pioneers in manufacturing, visionaries, risk takers and innovators and how they helped build a global industry and continue to inspire people today.'



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Club GM to Offer Discounted Tickets For the Renaissance Festival

century. Club GM is offering discount prices to this year's Renaissance Festival.

The annual celebration of all things knightly is being held at 12600 Dixie Highway in Holly every weekend between now and Oct. 4. General admission tickets are normally \$10.50 for children and \$18.95 for adults. But those purchasing their tickets through Club GM will pay \$15

Good news for fans of the 15th for adults and \$8 for children.

Tickets will be available at Club GM's stores at the VEC building at the Tech Center an at GM Powertrain's Global HQ.

Those who work at the Milford Proving Ground should reach Beth Cichon, beth.chicho@gm.com. Renaissance Center employees may contact either Brandi Goodson, bradni.goodson@gm.com; or Marva Leverett, marva.leverett@gm.com.

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J.D. Power Study Discovers Generational Differences in Approach to Car Technology

and their relationships with automotive technology showed some ically technologies related to ensurprising generational differences in how tech is perceived.

This is important, said Kristin Kolodge, executive director of driver interaction & HMI research at J.D. Power, because automakers are investing billions of dollars to put technologies in their cars and light trucks that are not being used by many of the owners of those vehicles. At least that is the conclusion of the the J.D. Power 2015 Driver Interactive Vehicle Experience (Drl-VE) Report.

The 2015 DrIVE Report measures driver experiences with invehicle technology features during the first 90 days of owner-

The report finds that at least 20 percent of new-vehicle owners have never used 16 of the 33 technology features measured, Kolodge said. The five features owners most commonly report that they "never use" are in-vehicle concierge (43 percent); mobile routers (38 percent); automatic parking systems (35 percent); head-up display (33 percent); and built-in apps (32 per-

There are 14 technology features that 20 percent or more of owners do not want in their next vehicle, including Apple CarPlay and Google Android Auto, in-vehicle concierge services and invehicle voice texting. Among Gen Y1, the number of features

of owners increases to 23, speciftertainment and connectivity systems.

"In many cases, owners simply prefer to use their smartphone or tablet because it meets their needs; they're familiar with the device and it's accurate," said Kolodge.

"In-vehicle connectivity technology that's not used results in millions of dollars of lost value for both consumers and the manufacturers."

Kolodge said that n J.D. Power's "avoiders" study, one of the top 10 reasons people said that they wouldn't buy a particular car is because it lacked technology. But drilling down deeper, the report showed some interesting variances among the genera-

"We are seing a Gen Y paradigm shift," Kolodge said. "Our study showed that they wanted the least amount of tech. They were happy to have their phones, which they are already paying for, handle a lot of the load. They're happy to save money that way.'

So younger people, Kolodge said, are happy to use the telephone, texting, directions services and music options built into their smart phones.

Older generations, on the other hand, are more receptive to having this tech built into their cars. Kolodge calls this a paradigm shift as how "we think of

A J.D. Power study of drivers unwanted by at least 20 percent how different age groups think about technology.

> Among all owners, Kololdge said, the most frequently cited reasons for not wanting a specific technology feature in their next vehicle are "did not find it useful" in their current vehicle and the technology "came as part of a package on my current vehicle and I did not want it."

> In addition, owners who say their dealer did not explain the feature have a higher likelihood of never using the technology. Furthermore, features that are not activated when the vehicle is delivered often result in the owner not even knowing they have the technology in their new vehi-

> Kolodge noted that the technologies owners most often want are those that enhance the driving experience and safety, which are only available as a built-in feature rather than via an external device. In-vehicle technologies that most owners do want include vehicle health diagnostics, blind-spot warning and detection, and adaptive cruise con-

> "The first 30 days are critical. That first-time experience with the technology is the make-it-orbreak-it stage," said Kolodge. "Automakers need to get it right the first time, or owners will simply use their own mobile device instead of the in-vehicle technol-

Because the first few weeks of ownership are so critical, dealerships play the most important role in helping owners get off to a



Generations view car and smartphone tech differently.

good start with the technology in their vehicle, Kolodge said.

"While dealers are expected to play a key role in explaining the technology to consumers, the onus should be on automakers to design the technology to be intuitive for consumers," said Kolodge. "Automakers also need to explain the technology to dealership staff and train them on how to demonstrate it to own-

This is important, Kolodge said because "we're beginning to see the notion amongst people that there is never too much technology in a car.'

Kolodge said the most popular technology that is used across the generations is tech that aids in things like collision avoidance and heads-up driving.

Use of in-vehicle technologies has implications beyond the auto industry, Kolodge said. For example, the insurance industry is closely tracking automotive technology for safety and financial purposes.

Insurers are concerned that difficult-to-use technology may distract drivers and cause an accident. Using smartphones instead of in-vehicle technology also creates safety issues. Additionally, in-vehicle technology can significantly increase claims costs for vehicles damaged in an accident.

"While some technologies, such as lane-departure warning, are making vehicles safer, the insurance industry is very concerned about the driver-distraction hazards caused by some of the other technologies," said Chip Lackey, senior director of the insurance practice at J.D. Power.

"In addition, technology drives up the repair and replacement costs. A slight bumper scrape that would normally cost a few hundred dollars to repair can catapult a claim into thousands of dollars when a park assist camera or other sensors are damaged."

The 2015 Driver Interactive Vehicle Experience (DrIVE) Report is based on responses from more than 4,200 vehicle owners and lessees after 90 days of ownership. The report was fielded in April through June 2015.



FCA Pushes Brands with Musical Alliances

Call it FCTV. Fiat Chrysler has entered into a collaboration with several music producers to integrate Fiat Chrysler vehicles into music videos performed by a variety of artists.

The ongoing collaboration between Fiat Chrysler and New York and Hollywood's top music labels has pushed the automaker's presence in official YouTube music videos to a record 2.5 billion views and climbing, said Olivier Francois, chief marketing officer, FCA -Global. This summer served up one of its most successful partnerships - between Atlantic Records and Universal Pictures with the official music video "See You Again" (Wiz Khalifa ft. Charlie Puth) as part of the "Furious 7: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack." The music video, which includes the Dodge brand's Dodge Charger and Dodge Challenger, has surged this summer to become the top viewed video of 2015 globally, amassing more than 860,500,000 views since its debut this past April.

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"We want to lead, we want to innovate - it's our culture at FCA," said Francois. "Music is one of the strongest ways we have to authentically align a brand with the relevance of a moment and open up a dialogue with Millennials. Our strengths rest not just in the relationships we've forged with the labels, studios and artists, but also in our agility, which enables us to quickly satisfy production timelines, and the diversity of our FCA portfolio, which allows us to place our vehicle line-up in a manner that is credible to the viewer and true to each brand. Reaching more than 2 billion views is a significant feat - it's like the viewing equivalent of 20 Super Bowls.'

"See You Again" stats on

- "See You Again" is the top viewed video of 2015 globally to date.
- Top viewed Warner Music Group video of all-time (since re-
- porting started) globally. More than 2.5 billion minutes watched of "See You Again"
- globally on YouTube.
- "See You Again" shared over 4.25 million times.
- "See You Again" "liked" over 6.25 million times.
- "See You Again" added to playlists over 4 million times.

As part of the company's ties to both the music and film industries. François said the Chrysler brand most recently teamed up with Interscope Records for the official red band trailer with Dr. Dre and Ice Cube introduction for the current box office block-

buster "Straight Outta Compton".

Recent collaborations also include Fiat Chrysler teaming up with Universal Music Group's Interscope Records and KIDinaKO-RNER for the X Ambassadors for the launch of the Jeep brand's new 2015 Jeep Renegade, in addition to Interscope Records for a one-time-only television experience during the 2014 American Music Awards (AMAs).

Their single "Renegades" has been the #1 song at alternative radio for the last 11 weeks in a row. "Renegades" rise to #1 at Alternative radio marks the quickest trip to the top for a group's first entry on the survey since Fastball flew to No. 1 (also in eight weeks) with "The Way" in 1998.

Under its partnerships with Warner Music Group, Universal Music Group and Sony Music, and their respective labels/divisions, the company has collaborated with the music world's biggest recording stars across genres to organically feature vehicles in music videos, including:

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- brand/Sony Music). (Ram Easton Corbin
- brand/UMG). Motley Crue (Dodge
- brand/Eleven Seven Music). Jason Derulo (Jeep brand/WMG).
- Dr. Dre Kush ft. Snoop Dogg, Akon (Dodge brand/Interscope Records).
- Echosmith (Jeep brand/WMG).
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GM Cleans Up Toledo Plant

Toledo Transmission – a General Motors facility that sends no waste to landfills and is home to Ohio's largest rooftop solar array – is being recognized by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for setting a high standard of environmental stewardship.

GM earned the Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) Gold-level Award based on ongoing initiatives that reduce the plant's carbon footprint, said GM spokesman Kevin Nadrowski.

"GM is a leader in environmental stewardship," said Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler. "GM's efforts are conserving energy and water, improving Ohio's air quality and, by making the plant more efficient, benefitting the company financially. Indeed, good environmental policy is good economic policy."

The state recognized Toledo Transmission for the following

- Recycling, reusing or converting to energy all waste from daily operations.
- Meeting the U.S. EPA ENER-GY STAR Challenge for Industry by reducing energy intensity by 27 percent in three years.
- Replacing 3,900 lighting fixtures with 3,600 energy-efficient T8 fluorescent and LED lights, using motion sensors in the warehouse to further conserve ener-
- Using renewable landfill gas to power 19 percent of the facility's energy needs and a 1.8Mw solar array to provide 3 percent of its electricity.
- Changing a machined parts cleaner solution to one that performed at room temperature, saving water and energy.
- Earning Wildlife at Work certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council for a habitat program that attracts a variety of animals and pollinators.

• Mentoring youth on water quality and how their everyday actions impact local rivers and streams through the GM GREEN partnership.

Last year, the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable recognized the plant and its 2,000plus employees with an award for its track record in pollution prevention and sustainability, Nadrowski said.

"This is our community and we believe in being good neighbors," said Joe Choate, plant manager. "Our people go to work with a sustainability mindset, providing us with innovative ways to build transmissions with less environmental impact."

The facility manufactures sixspeed and eight-speed automatic transmissions for cars, crossover vehicles, light-duty trucks, and SUVs.

Wrangler is **Popemobile**

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope Francis will show his rugged side when he greets the public from a specially outfitted Jeep Wrangler during his upcoming U.S. visit.

The Vatican on Aug. 21 confirmed that Pope Francis will be ferried about in a Jeep Wrangler similar to the one used in Ecuador in July.

Fiat Chrysler, the maker of Jeep, is not disclosing the configuration of the popemobile, and the Vatican said it is already in the hands of the Secret Service and won't be on view before the pope's Sept. 22-27 U.S. visit.

The Wrangler used by the pope in Ecuador had a glassfront roof with open sidesfor greater proximity to his flock than past popemobiles.







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Ford Arts, Beats and Eats Set for Sept. 4-7

As Labor Day Weekend approaches, that means one thing – getting ready for the Ford Arts, Beats & Eats festival.

The event is celebrating its 18th year, said spokesman Jeff Corey. It is returning to the streets of Royal Oak from Sept. 4-7.

Officially called the Ford Arts, Beats & Eats presented by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Corey said that it will entertain thousands of visitors from across the region with its outstanding music line-up, arts programming, varied selection of food.

And, Corey said, this year there are a number of new attractions. Ford Arts, Beats & Eats has also assembled some of the country's best musical acts and a lineup of local acts to the area that will perform on nine music stages, with more than 200 national and local bands on the festival bill.

Among the national recording artists to perform on the Michigan Lottery National Stage includes country star Kip Moore, emerging alternative rock bands Neon Trees and Young the Giant, as well as renowned rock groups Cheap Trick and The Guess Who, and legendary hip-hop act Salt-N-Pepa.

Highlighting the local band lineup are Stewart Francke, Big Pappa & The Machine, Sean Forbes, Lori Flynn, Kaleido and Your Generation in Concert featuring Fifty Amp Fuse on the Michigan Lottery National Stage; Paul Lamb and the Detroit Breakdown, Orbitsuns, Rio and the Rockabilly Revival, and Cold Tone Harvest.

With more than 50 Metro Detroit area restaurants to choose from, Corey said Ford Arts, Beats & Eats will offer a full "palate" of healthy and delicious edible options, Corey said. The lineup includes some new eclectic favorites including Café Muse,

KouZina, and Salad Sensations at Somerset Collection.

Other restaurants scheduled to participate offer something for every taste, include bozii, Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse, Peking House, and cool ice cream treats from Eskimo Jack's and newcomer Treat Dreams of Ferndale.

Corey said the Juried Fine Art Show again will be a highlight of the festival, with top artists from across the continent vying for cash awards totaling \$7,500. It will showcase original art in a variety of media, including ceramdigital art, drawing, fabric/fiber/leather, glass, graphics/printmaking, jewelry, metal, mixed media 2D, mixed media 3D, painting, photography, sculpture, and wood. Artists will come from all over North America, including Canada and Mexico, to display, share and sell their work. Festival patrons have the opportunity to explore the works of more than 135 artists.

The Children's Hospital of Michigan, part of the Detroit Medical Center (DMC), is proud to return as presenting sponsor of the Kids Zone. Guaranteed to attract youngsters with fun, interactive programming throughout the four days of the festival, activities in the Kids Zone begin at 11 a.m. each day.

Youngsters will have an opportunity to get "physical" with two new programs taking place on the on the Oakland County Kids Stage. Children's Hospital of Michigan Kids' Rock Out Street Team will get things moving on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Noon - 3 p.m. with free interactive entertainment that will include hit music, games, and prizes for the entire family, Corey said.

Total Health Care Fun Fit Kids by Life Time Fitness features a combination of fun and fitness with top instructors from Life Time Fitness who have modified their unique cross training program, C9, with an array of activities for kids. Activities include push-ups, squats, plank holds, jumping jacks, windmills, reverse lunges, crunches and cross ski jumps. The modified version will challenge kids as they work their upper and lower bodies followed by a cardio burst and a cool down/stretch period. All participants will receive complimentary water from Aquafina.

On Saturday morning, Sept. 5, Corey said the streets of Royal Oak will be filled with hundreds of runners for the Priority Health Move to the Beats 5K/10K Walk/Run Presented by Life Time Fitness. The run will again benefit non-profits Rock CF and the Life Time Foundation. Registration information is available at www.artsbeatseats.com/priorityhealth-5k-10k/. In addition to getting a little exercise and helping a good cause, registrants receive freebies including a Tech Shirt and two free admissions to the

Also returning this year is the Priority Health Zumbathon Celebration which will transform the Michigan State Lottery Stage into a red-hot, exhilarating dance fitness explosion on Saturday, September 5 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Advance registration is \$7 and day-of registration is \$10. For more information, please visit www.artsbeatseats.com/priority-health-zumbathon.

Priority Health will also bring back its Healthy Options for the 2015 festival. Just look for the Healthy Options logo on each food vendor sign for healthy items that are on the menus of local restaurants and eateries participating in Ford Arts, Beats & Eats. Confirmed restaurant participants include Mr. B's, Café Muse and Monty's Beef.

General Motors' Lawyers Reject Some Ignition Claims

by TOM KRISHER AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) – Lawyers hired to compensate victims of General Motors' faulty ignition switches have finished determining which claims are eligible, rejecting 91 percent of them.

The compensation fund led by lawyer Kenneth Feinberg approved 399 of the 4,343 claims filed and rejected 3,944.

Camille Biros, deputy administrator of the fund, said Aug. 24 that the claims that were rejected "couldn't support any connection to the ignition switch."

For example, she said, claims were submitted for cars that weren't part of the recall for faulty ignition switches in older compacts such as the Chevrolet Cobalt.

In some of the other cases, the air bags inflated in the crash, an indication that the ignition switches were not at fault, Biros said.

Last year GM recalled 2.6 million small cars because the ignition switches could slip out of the run position, causing the cars to unexpectedly stall, disabling the air bags and power steering and brakes.

The fund has made offers in 124 death cases and 275 injury crashes. Of those, 325 were accepted, eight rejected and 65 haven't decided.

Two injury claims were added to the eligible list in the past week.

Families of those who died will get at least \$1 million. GM has set aside \$625 million to compensate people.

GM said in a second-quarter filing with securities regulators that it had paid \$280 million to compensate ignition switch crash victims and their families as of July 17.

The company said it faces 181 wrongful death or injury lawsuits due to recalled vehicles in the U.S. and Canada.



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FCA Testing Runs Hot'n Cold - Under One Climatic Roof

Where in North America can you go from testing the 4x4 capabilities of a 2015 Jeep Renegade Trailhawk at minus 40 degrees with snow whipping by at 100 mph, to baking a Renegade Limited just a few steps away at 130 degrees?

Answer: The Chrysler Technology Center (CTC) at the Fiat Chrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills

Fiat Chrysler is using its new 4x4 dynamometer at Chrsyler Technology Center to bring another industry-leading capability in house.

The existing drive cell that houses the new dyno can be chilled to 40 below zero and create wind speeds up to 100 mph, said Fiat Chrysler spokesman Berj Alexanian. Testing is done in blizzard-like conditions to evaluate, among other things, how a vehicle performs when dense snow clogs its air intakes.

The company has invested \$2.5 million to upgrade the existing climatic test cell, Alexanian said.

The upgraded drive cell consists of a new front dyno that can handle loads of up to 350 horse-power with a rear dyno operating up to 650 horse-power.

The cell also received a significant upgrade in ductwork and exhaust capabilities to accommodate high-output engines such as the 2016 Ram 2500's 6.7-liter Cummins High-Output Turbo Diesel with 900 lb.-ft. of torque.

"Our world-class environmental test center provides dynamic and static testing conditions to simulate the climatic environments that are experienced by our customers around the world," said John Nigro, vice

president of Product Development, FCA-North America.

"With more 4x4 and all-wheeldrive (AWD) vehicles in our fleet than ever, this investment will go a long way to providing the durable cars and trucks our customers expect from us."

FCA's Climatic Test Facilities are used to simulate and control environmental conditions, Nigro said. The climatic cells are capable of simulating the most frigid conditions in mid-winter to the extreme heat of the Gulf Coast countries

Development in climatic chambers allows Fiat Chrysler to design and develop products to survive the harshest environments, Nigro said.

The extreme climate test is one of thousands performed daily at CTC.

It is the auto industry's only headquarters building where a vehicle design can go from a napkin sketch to production prototype to advertising campaign – and everything in between – under one roof, said Nigro.

CTC's 5.4 million square feet of floor space makes it the largest headquarters of any kind in North America, except for the Pentagon.

Among its features:

- The aerodynamics testing facility generates the highest wind speeds (160+ mph) of any domestic OEM's wind tunnel.
- Its 129 dynamometer cells run 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- The facility has been running 24/7 since it opened in 1991.
- CTC's current employment numbers (14,000+) represent its historic peak.
- The site produces no landfill waste.

Cooper-Standard Adds New Talent to Top Managment

auto Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the parent Company of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. ("Cooper Standard"), has appointed Jonathan P. Banas to vice president, corporate controller and chief accounting officer, effective Sept. 14.

In this position, Banas will oversee all aspects of Cooper Standard's accounting function including: ensuring regulatory compliance; setting and enforcing accounting policies; maintaining financial records; and developing world-class financial best practices, said Cooper-Standard spokeswoman Sharon S. Wenzl.

Based at Cooper Standard's world headquarters in Novi, Banas will report to Matthew Hardt, executive vice president and chief financial officer.

With more than 20 years of diverse, global experience in corporate finance and public accounting, Jon has demonstrated he is a proven leader, skilled at building strong teams and putting continuous improvement ideas into practice," said Hardt. "I am confident that Jon will provide the technical and financial leadership necessary to support our global growth."

Before joining Cooper Standard, Banas spent 11 years at ZF TRW in Livonia, where he served in roles of increasing responsibility.

Most recently, he was director, financial reporting, where he was responsible for worldwide financial reporting, including SEC, consolidation and technical accounting processes.

Banas earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting at Wayne State Uni-

supplier versity in Detroit and a Master of Business Administration degree in finance and accounting from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

Three weeks prior to Banas' appointment, Wenzl said Cooper-Standard appointed Brigit R. Anthony to vice president, engineering and technology, North America, effective immediately.

In this position, Wenzl said, Anthony will lead the North American team of over 300 engineers, scientists and technicians in engineering and technical centers in Southeast Michigan; Auburn, Indiana; Bowling Green, Ohio and Mitchell, Ontario.

She will report to Bill Pumphrey, senior vice president and president of North America at the Novi location.

"With her extensive knowledge of automotive product development systems, advanced technical concept development, program management and engineering information technology systems, Brigit is the ideal candidate to lead our North American engineering and technology team," said Bill Pumphrey, president, North America, Cooper Standard.

"Brigit has proven herself as an exceptional leader with more than 20 years of global automotive product and systems strategy development. Her appointment will help ensure our customers continue to receive the highest level of technical support they've come to expect from Cooper Standard."

She began her career as a product, manufacturing, test and resident climate engineer at Ford Motor Co.



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Sapa Sees Strong Future in Car Business

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And, said, Sapa vice president of Program and Risk Management Kevin Stuban that advances in technology have made it possible for Sapa to develop new ways to manipulate aluminum. As a result the company has been able to develop ways to mass produce aluminum parts in a cost-efficient manner, which is what is required when making parts for automakers.

"When it comes to improving mileage, aluminum is just part of the solution," Stuban said. "In the future, we will see aluminum 'work' with other materials to help reduce the weight of motor vehicles. What has made this possible is the development tech in how we can join dissimilar materials together."

In the past, Stuban said, automakers couldn't use aluminum in conjuction with carbon fiber because there was no way to have the parts work together.

"That's the key," Landry said. "There's no one solution. Aluminum can't do it all. Carbon fiber can't do it all. OEMs will also use powertrains and aerodynamics to improve mileage."

Stuban said that it's now possi-

Possible Ford Ranger Coming Back to State

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pact and C-Max gas-electric hybrid. Ford is expected to move those products to a lower-cost factory in Mexico in 2018, but has yet to confirm the move.

"We actively are pursuing future vehicle alternatives to produce at Michigan Assembly and will discuss this issue with UAW leadership as part of the upcoming negotiations," spokeswoman Kristina Adamski said Aug. 26 in a statement.

The UAW opened contract talks with all three Detroit-area automakers last month. The contracts expire Sept. 14.

In the 1990s, Americans bought more than 1 million small pickups every year, attracted by their lower prices, reasonable gas mileage and ability to haul light loads.

Sales tumbled when bigger pickups, such as the Ford F-150, caught up in fuel economy.

Ford got out of the small pickup market in the U.S. in 2011, followed by General Motors in 2012. But GM has returned to the market, selling nearly 88,000 Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon models this year.

Through July, small pickup sales are up 62 per cent to more than 211,000, according to Autodata Corp.

The smaller trucks, which are more efficient that full-size pickups, could help GM and Ford meet government fuel economy requirements. New light vehicles must average 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025 under the standards.

Ford says it's negotiating on a vehicle for the Wayne plant but wouldn't talk about future products.

Help Club GM **Fight Cancer**

Club GM is selling t-shirts to promote National Mammogram Day, which falls this year on Saturday, Oct. 17.

All proceeds raised from the sales of the shirts will go to the American Cancer Society. Shortsleved shirts will sell for \$25 and long-sleeved shirts fo \$35. Orders must be in by Sept. 15. The shirts will be on sale at Club GM stores. To learn more about how to order a shirt, contact Kate Murphy 586-441-8670.

ble to use aluminum in place of steel in areas where no one thought it possible before. Sapa makes an aluminum rocker panel side sill for the Tesla car replac-

ing the uni-body steel frame. This is now possible," Stuban said, "because we're able to now place multiple walls within the rocker tubes thanks to new manufacturing techniques. The result is a part stronger than previously possible when using stamping to create steel or aluminum parts."

Thus Sapa is able to take advantage of strength derived from this structural geometry, Stuban said.

Sapa, Stuban said, has tech centers around the world. In Detroit it is opening two offices. The development office is in Birmingham. The company's research office will be opening up in Troy in the next few weeks.

"Our research division

called Sapa Technology," Stuban said. "We will have more equipment there and make prototypes. I am a convert to aluminum. I started out on the steel side of things. I didn't get into aluminum until I joined Sapa in 2008. The company was big in making building parts out of aluminum. In 2009 we didn't make a single pound of automotive parts out of aluminum. In 2015 that figure is 140 million pounds. We have about 35 percent of the market share right now. We have 12 auto supplier plants, based mostly in the Midwest. Our Ford F-150 aluminum part is made in Pennsylvania. People ask me if Sapa is going to get into making auto parts out of other substances like carbon fiber. I tell them our strength is in aluminum extrusion and we will remain doing that for the foreseeable future.'



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