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Gorlier shows off limited-edition 2017 Mopar Dodge Challengers.

### Mopar Debuts Its Special 80th Anniversary Challenger

Sometimes the best way to cellenger, our latest limited-edition ebrate an anniversary is to do what one does best, and the Mopar brand continues the celebration of its 80th anniversary with the introduction of the limited-edition Mopar 2017 Dodge Challenger.

The vehicle offers a pair of hand-painted, custom, show car trim options. Only 80 cars will be available in Pitch Black/Contusion Blue, with another 80 in Pitch Black/Billet Silver, in a nod to 80 years of the Mopar brand.

The Mopar 2017 Dodge Challenger also includes Mopar performance parts, accessories, an exclusive owner's kit and a serialized badge, said Mopar spokesman Darren Jacobs.

"Since its birth in 1937, Mopar has evolved from the name of an antifreeze product to a global customer-care brand," Pietro Gorlier, head of Parts and Service (Mopar), FCA – Global.

"The Mopar 2017 Dodge Chal-

vehicle, is a testament to this philosophy, showcasing how Mopar assists owners in personalizing all FCA US vehicles."

The Mopar 2017 Dodge Challenger joins an exclusive club as eighth limited-edition, Mopar-modified vehicle delivered straight from the factory, Jacobs said.

In 2010, the brand produced the first of an ongoing series of limited-edition vehicles, the Mopar 2010 Challenger. Other low-run, factory-produced Mopar rides would follow: the Mopar 2011 Charger, Mopar 2012 300, Mopar 2013 Dart, Mopar 2014 Challenger, Mopar 2015 Dodge Charger R/T and Mopar 2016 Ram Rebel.

A special Mopar 392 logo, hand-painted on at the Mopar Custom Shop, gives an additional custom touch, Jacobs said.

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### **Chevy Bolt EV Big Winner in Windy City**

The news coming out of last week's Chicago Auto Show was good for GM.

The 2017 Bolt EV won the TV show MotorWeek's annual Drivers' Choice "Best of the Year"

Accepting the award on behalf of GM was Chevrolet Cars and Crossovers Marketing Director Steve Majoros.

The show's Web page judges called the Bolt EV a "clear standout above all of the vehicles we've driven over the past 12 months, it should be no shocker to anyone who has followed the evolution of electric cars, that this highly practical plug-in takes our most coveted prize.

"Ever since modern EVs first hit our streets, countless critics and consumers have collectively proclaimed that they wouldn't truly be viable alternatives to internal combustion vehicles until they could travel 200 miles between charges and cost less than

"Well, we've finally breached that milestone, and it's Chevrolet, not Tesla or any other upper crust brand that got there first. And they did it with a good-looking, highly practical package that's not an eco-freakmobile strictly for the greenies.'

Judges credited the Bolt EV for doing the things a green vehicle is supposed to do - EV-specific navigation, high-efficiency tech throughout, and a host of active and passive safety features.

But they really liked the fact that the Bolt EV did things people don't normally associate with EVs. Things like "seating for five in the well-equipped cabin, modcrossover-like styling, and hatchback utility with 16.9 cubic feet of cargo space behind the seats. It's even



Majoros, left, accepts award from Motor Week CEO John Davis.

fairly entertaining to drive excuses that remain in keeping thanks to near-instantaneous torque delivery, and batteries that are mounted as low as possible in the chassis.

"You can easily dial in your preferred amount of regenerative braking, less to make the driving experience close to normal, or max to add as much energy as possible back in and pretty much drive the car without using the brake pedal. The Bolt EV removes whatever obstacles and

all-electric cars from going mainstream."

The Bolt EV wasn't the only GM vehicle to score well with the show's judges. The Camaro was named as the Best Sports Coupe again.

Judges wrote that "while it may be a repeat, it's not the same lineup as last year. Since then, there's been a 1LE to rejoin the

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New state-of-the-art wind tunnel will improve tests like this.

### White Shirts Meant to Send a Message

There is dignity in manual labor and the UAW celebrates that every Feb. 11 by holding "White Shirt Day" events.

According to the UAW Web site, White Shirt Day got its start back in 1948 when Bert Christenson, a member of GM's UAW Local 598, initiated National White Shirt/White T-shirt Day on Feb. 11, 1948, as a way to honor the Flint sit-down strikers of 1936-1937.

The strike had lasted 44 days, beginning on Dec. 30, 1936, and ending on Feb. 11, 1937.

Current UAW President Dennis Williams said that Christenson believed if workers wore white-collared shirts that were traditionally worn by management, the message would be sent that blue collar workers deserved the same respect and recognition as manage-

When workers wore the white shirts, he said, they would demonstrate the strength and unity of UAW members. So every Feb. 11, members are urged to wear white shirts to honor those who came before.

"It's been 80 years since the Flint Sit-Downers' victory," Williams said. "The Flint Sit-Down Strike was called the strike heard around the world because it was more than a strike. It started a mass movement for change in this country.

"What was at stake for them 80 years ago? Everything. The laws were stacked against them. They risked their lives to gain respect and dignity."

The success of the Flint Sit-Downers showed the country and most importantly, it showed other workers - that they deserved to have a seat at the bargaining table with the boss as equals, Williams said.

"There are many lessons to draw from the Flint Sit-Down to the same respect as those Strike," he said, "but the biggest in management. But we don't one is that worker solidarity is do it just for ourselves, we do how we keep our seat at the bar- it for all working men and gaining table.

"It's a lesson we should never take for granted or forget.

"The UAW is a movement. Solidarity isn't a slogan," Williams said. "It's a way of life.

"If there was ever a time to channel the strength of the Flint Sit-Down Strikers' character and their solidarity, it is now.

We wear white shirts on Feb. 11, the anniversary of the day the strike ended, to send the message that we have the right



GM hourly employees at 1936-37 sit-down strike

### Ford Wind Tunnel Complex To House New Technology

Consumers' appetite for vehi-real-world driving simulations to cles with greater fuel efficiency and performance has led Ford to invest in a new aerodynamic testing complex that will house a next-generation rolling road wind tunnel and state-of-the-art climatic chamber.

The new facility will come complete with testing advancements that better match the technological development of Ford products – both production vehicles and racing vehicles, said Ford spokeswoman Deeptie

"This investment in new worldclass test facilities underpins Ford's ongoing commitment to advance our capabilities to continue to provide our customers with high-quality vehicles," said Raj Nair, Ford executive vice president, Global Product Development and chief technical offi-

The new wind tunnel complex will sit on 13 acres next to Ford's current Driveability Test Facility in Allen Park. The complex will house new innovative technology that delivers state-of-the-art,

advance improvements in fuel economy.

Construction starts this year, Sethi said.

Dennis Paige, lab manager for Ford's Driveability Testing Facilities, pointed out that advanced features, development and innovation require that testing and verification technology pace with the evolution of the automobile and the industry as a whole. That's where the new facility comes into play, he said.

Ford's new wind tunnel complex better positions its engineers to conduct testing that proves out advancements in vehicle design. A new five-belt conveyor system can replicate realworld drag through a rolling road aerodynamic tunnel that enables Ford to bring the road to the vehicle, rather than the vehicle to the road.

To test for optimal fuel efficiency, each wheel gets its own belt. The massive fifth belt runs under the center of the vehicle, allowing

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### **Ford Investing** Big in New **Air Tunnels**

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airflow around the entire vehicle at speeds up to 155 mph.

As a part of the rolling road belt cartridge system, a crane will be used to switch between the five-belt and single-belt systems - an industrial-sized plugand-play approach bringing two testing methods into one loca-

The single belt - which operates at up to 200 mph - opens up a new breed of testing for highspeed performance and racing vehicles

Together with the rolling road, the wind tunnel complex will produce full environmental airflow simulation, with speeds from 155 mph to 200 mph, Sethi said

This expanded air flow will enable engineers to validate vehicle designs at a higher quality repeatability, strengthens testing for aerodyshielding, high-speed namic performance and other design features.

The climatic chamber can get as low as minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit, colder than the Arctic, and as high as 140 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than the Sahara.

### Mopar Celebrates 80 Years With Special Edition Vehicles

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The upper exterior is unified with Pitch Black accents. The standard satin black of the Shaker Hood package by Mopar and Shaker Hood scoop surround is painted Pitch Black.

The rear decklid spoiler also receives the Pitch Black treatment, and the Mopar Design badge on the spoiler is turned black-on-black.

The 20-x-9-inchaluminum wheels are embellished with semi-gloss accents, while center caps feature the Dodge logo. Standard chrome exhaust tips are replaced with Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat black exhaust

The six-speed manual transmission Mopar 2017 Dodge Challenger also makes a performance statement that enhances the base Dodge Challenger R/T 392. The 6.4-liter, 392 Hemi engine pumps out 485 horsepower and 475 lb.-ft. of torque and is augmented by the Shaker Hood package by Mopar, which provides performance gains with a hint of vintage styling, Jacobs said. The scoop is embellished with Shaker badging.

A Mopar cold air intake also delivers a performance boost and is aided by an air catcher duct system via the headlamp. The upgrade, inspired by the Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat, feeds additional cold air into the vehicle.

Mopar Shaker strut tower braces and caps are silver powder-coated and increase rigidity and handling of the Mopar 2017 Dodge Challenger. Four-piston Brembo brakes provide stopping

The limited-edition vehicle will be available in both the U.S. and Canada, with a U.S. Manufactur-Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of \$55,790, excluding taxes and destination fees. The Mopar 2017 Dodge Challenger will begin arriving in select dealerships early in the second quarter of 2017.

### Quadriplegic Gets 'So Much Independence' with Minivan

The new 2017 Chrysler Pacifica minivan has been added to the list of eligible vehicles in the Fiat Chrvsler Automobility Program.

Fiat Chrysler and BraunAbility unveiled the wheelchair-accessible BraunAbility Chrysler Pacifica at the 2017 Chicago Auto Show last week.

The Fiat Chrysler Automobility Program was the first in the industry to help ease the financial burden of drivers and passengers with physical challenges, said Fiat Chrysler spokesman Ralph Kisiel.

Through this program, Fiat Chrysler will provide a reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1,000 to eligible customers who incur out-of-pocket expenses to install qualifying adaptive driver or passenger equipment on a purchased or leased new Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram or Fiat vehicle.

With the addition of the Pacifica. there are now 25 vehicles available to be modified with adaptive equipment in the Fiat Chrysler Automobility Program.

Fiat Chrysler has redesigned Automobility website, www.fcausautomobility.com, to guide customers through the process of determining which adaptive equipment best suits their lifestyle, including choosing an eligible vehicle that can be adapted to meet their needs. finding a local adaptive equipment dealer and applying for the



Chrysler and BraunAbility unveiled this wheelchair-accessible minivan.

Fiat Chrysler Automobility reimbursement.

The website has complete program guidelines, Kisiel said. A new compatibility chart makes it easy to match needed adaptive equipment to the right Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram and Fiat vehi-

"At the heart of our new website are five unique stories shared by some extraordinary people on how equipping their vehicle has helped them in their day-to-day lives," said Jeff Kommor, vice president - U.S. Sales Operations, Fleet and Small Business Sales, FCA US. "The new Automobility website provides clear pathways for our customers to determine what adaptive equipment and which vehicle best fits their needs.'

Kisiel said that one of those stories on the site features Cheryl Angelelli, a four-time Paralympian medalist and wheelchair ballroom dancer who drives a Chrysler Town & Country with adaptive equipment.

### Goodyear to Upgrade Hangar

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company on Feb. 16 revealed plans for major facilities upgrades at its Airship Operations base in Carson, Calif., renewing its commitment to the Goodyear Blimp's presence in the Los Angeles area.

The improvements will include an inflatable hangar for the new Goodyear Blimp Wingfoot Two, which is scheduled to arrive in Southern California by the end of the year, said Goodyear spokeswoman Priscilla Tasker. The company has flown blimps for more than 90 years and has operated its base in Carson since 1968.

Since 2014, Goodyear has been transitioning from its 1970s-era GZ model blimps to a new stateof-the-art fleet of blimps, Tasker said. The new blimps feature a new design with capabilities including faster speeds, quieter engines, advanced on-board avionics and larger passenger capacity. Wingfoot One (christened in 2014) and Wingfoot Two (2016), currently operate in Florida and Ohio. Wingfoot Two will replace the Spirit of Innovation, which is scheduled to retire in March.

"At Goodyear, we honor tradition and drive toward innovation," said Paul Fitzhenry, senior vice president, Global Communications. "We are proud to usher in this new era of our worldrenowned brand icon and look forward to operating the new blimp in our Carson base.'

The new hangar will be the first on the Carson airship base. It will be built out of 73 miles of partially translucent polyester fabric and will be almost ninestories tall and longer than a football field.

Construction of the hangar is expected to be completed in seven months and erected on the property in July.

Additional facilities updates will include an enlarged mooring circle for ground handling, a new masting system, plus a new maintenance building.

"Because I'm a quadriplegic, I use hand controls and a specially modified steering wheel," Cheryl relays in the video. "Reliability is very important to me, dependability, because if I'm without a car, then I'm without my mobility and my independence. I can't imagine not being able to drive.

"It has afforded me so much independence that I can't even imagine my life without driving, which gives wheelchair users the quality of the world's leading automotive mobility manufacturer with the functionality and bold styling of the industry's most awarded minivan of the year."

The BraunAbility Chrysler Pacifica minivan features the largest interior space, as well as the widest door opening and side-entry ramp in the industry,

### **Krone Appointed** To BorgWarner **Board of Directors**

Roger A. Krone has been named to its board of directors of Auburn Hills-based BorgWarner. Krone is chairman and CEO of global science and technology company Leidos Holdings Inc., where he leads 33,000 employees in solving problems in defense, intelligence, homeland security, civil and health markets, said BorgWarner spokeswoman Katya Pruett. Prior to that, he served as President of Network and Space Systems for The Boeing Company, where his organization provided integrated technologies to government and commercial customers.

"Krone possesses nearly four decades of business experience in technology, acquisitions, program management and finance. His expertise and perspective as a currently-serving CEO of a global business make him well qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors," said Alexis P. Michas, non-executive chairman, BorgWarner.

Krone earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, a master's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a Master of Business Administration from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.



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### **UAW Looks Back at Its Black History**

Month, and the UAW has taken the time to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of African-Americans throughout the union's history.

Among those honored on the union's Web site uaw.org are Lillian Hatcher, Ben Gross, Marc Stepp, Ruben Burks and Nelson "Jack" Edwards.

The Web site noted that World War II was the start of Lillian Hatcher's many years fighting for social justice. While doing defense work at Briggs Manufacturing in Detroit, she noticed that African-American women were passed over for promotions to riveter positions. Determined to do something about it, she joined UAW Local 742 and the Double Victory Club, an African-American group that advocated for equal rights in the war indus-

From there, she won election to Local 742's executive board and soon after was appointed an International representative with UAW's newly formed Women's Bureau.

Through the next decades, she served on countless social justice boards and committees, including the U.S. Labor Department's War Production Board

### Chevy Bolt EV A Big Winner At Chicago Show

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ranks. But even more importantly, the ZL1, a brawny beast of a machine that crams Corvette muscle into the Camaro form that we love so much.

"But even more to the point, this is not a one-trick pony car. It builds on the previous-gen ZL1 by adding a track-ready suspension to be a real all-purpose performer, and go back-to-back as our Best Sport Coupe.'

GM wasn't the only Detroit automaker to be so honored by Motor Week Drivers judges. The 2017 Ford Fusion was named Best Family Sedan.

Judges wrote, "We could tell you that we chose the Ford Fusion as our Best Family Sedan because of its practicality and polish, but what really sealed the deal is the new Fusion Sport. We love the fact that, despite declining sedan sales across the board and stuffing their coffers with F150 cash, Ford hasn't forgotten the mid-size 4-door, applying first-in-class features like continuously controlled damping, that have it smoothly riding to the top of the class.'

The 2017 Chrysler Pacifica was named the Best Minivan.

"Rumors of the minivan's demise have officially been put to rest as Chrysler, the inventor of the front-drive segment, does a full reboot with an all-new Pacifica, showcasing why minivans really are the family-friendliest of all vehicles, and earning our Best Minivan Award along the way," judges wrote.

Loads of cargo space for Dad, plenty of comfort and luxury features for Mom, up-to-date tech for the little ones; and features like Stow n' Go seating that other manufacturers have been unable to duplicate. What's more, the 200-inspired face brings some style to the segment, and a soonto-arrive Plug-in Hybrid version will ensure the minivan keeps driving into the future."

Women's Bureau, the United Nation's Education and Economic Council. She died in 1998.

Gross became a UAW member in 1949 when he joined UAW Local 560 at Ford Motor Co. in Richmond, Calif., and began a 62-yearlong affiliation with the UAW that included a string of groundbreaking positions. In 1950, he became the first African-American elected to the local's bargaining committee. Four years later, as chair of the local's housing committee, he helped create the Sunnyhills cooperative development in Milpitas, Calif., the first labor-sponsored, planned, interracial community in the U.S.

In 1961, Gross was elected to the Milpitas City Council, a first for an African-American. In 1966 and 1968, city residents elected him mayor, the first African-American mayor to represent a predominantly white California town. He came to Detroit to serve as the UAW's assistant director of the Civil Rights Department in 1971, and retired in 1986. He died in 2012.

Marc Stepp was drafted into the Army in 1943, right after beginning work at the Chrysler Highland Park Plant. In the Army, he saw the authoritarian regimentation of the military, which led to his belief that unions are kev to individuals having a strong voice in an organization.

When he returned to Chrysler, he began years of devotion to union ideals and held numerous

February is Black History and Advisory Council to the leadership positions in UAW Local 490. From 1974 to 1989, he served as vice president of the UAW Chrysler Department. After negotiating steep concessions in the 1979 contract when Chrysler faced tremendous financial difficulties, Stepp lobbied Congress for \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees for the company, and then oversaw difficult negotiations for another round of concessions from membership of \$462.5 million.

After retirement, he became executive director of urban affairs and community relations at the University of Detroit. He died last June.

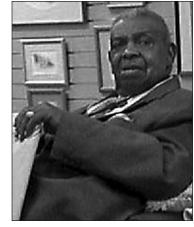
Jack Edwards would eventually be called Walter Reuther's "point man for civil rights." The road to that designation was filled with dedication to civil rights and the UAW for many years. His achievements for workers are remembered because of the improvements he won at the negotiating table for foundry working conditions and safety equipment.

He helped establish the UAW's Independents, Parts and Suppliers Council, and later became the council's director. From 1962 to 1970, he served as a UAW International Executive Board member at large, as UAW vice president from 1970 to 1974 and as the first African-American elected to the UAW International Executive Board. He died in 1974.

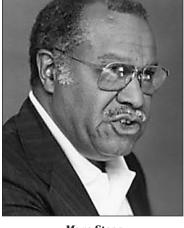
Ruben Burks' long history of unionism and advocacy started in 1955 when he began working as an assembler at the former







Ben Gross



Marc Stepp

General Motors Fisher Body Plant 2 in Flint where he joined UAW Local 598. Born in 1922, Burks steadily rose through the ranks of the local, serving in various leadership posts, including shop committeeperson and executive board member. In 1970, then-UAW President Walter



Ruben Burks

Reuther appointed Burks to be an International representative in Region 1C. By 1989, he was the director of Region 1C and held that position for three terms.

In 1998, he became the first African-American International UAW Secretary-Treasurer, a post he held until 2002.

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### TV Comedians Find Chrysler a Good Fit

The Motor City comes alive in the Comedy Central App. Comedy Central's new series, "Detroiters," which premiered on Feb. 7 at 10:30 p.m.

Sam Richardson, from Detroit. and Tim Robinson, from Metro Detroit, are real-life best friends who star as small-time ad men in the Motor City, said Fiat Chrysler spokeswoman Diane Morgan.

In the show, whatever they do, they do it together. And no matter what happens, Tim and Sam's love for each other and their city never wavers.

Jason Sudeikis, who is an executive producer, also appears in a narrative arc as a successful Chrysler brand executive whom Richardson and Robinson relentlessly pursue in an effort to land their first big-time client, Morgan

Guest stars across the first season include Obba Babatunde, Michael Che. comedian CP. Steve Higgins, Richard Karn, Keegan-Michael Key, Kevin Nash, Wendy Raquel Robinson, Cecily Strong, Trick Trick, George Wallace and Malcolm-Jamal Warner.

In the premiere episode, Morgan said, Sam and Tim try to secure a big ad campaign with the Chrysler brand, resulting in a disaster. They also allow their young assistant Lea to finish a hot-tub commercial on her own, which ends in a surprising success for the client.

For a look at the show, fans can head to the "Detroiters" website or visit Facebook, Twitter and Instagram throughout the season to catch behind-the-scenes content, show clips, and shareable moments with the guys, Morgan

Season-one episodes of "Detroiters" will also be available via cc.com on the day each new episode premieres to fans who authenticate via their cable or satellite provider, as well as via

In addition, they will be available the day after air on iTunes, Amazon Video, VUDU, Microsoft Movies & TV, Verizon Multi-Screen, Google Play, Frontier Communications and Sony Interactive Entertainment.

A Second City Chicago alumnus, Richardson is best known as "Richard Splett" on HBO's hit series, "Veep." Richardson will appear in the upcoming features "Office Christmas Party" and "The House." He has appeared in Comedy Central's "Drunk History," NBC's "The Office" and "Ar-

rested Development" and in the feature films, "Neighbors 2," "Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates," "Ghostbusters," "Horrible Bosses 2," "Spy" and "We're the Millers."

Robinson started at The Second City Detroit before ultimately joining the Main Stage at Second City in Chicago.

He was a writer for "Saturday Night Live" and has had guest appearances on IFC's "Documentary Now!" and "Comedy Bang Bang." Robinson recently created and starred in an episode of "The Characters" for Netflix.



Actors Richardson and Robinson at Chrysler's headquarters.

### Alfa Romeo's New Giulia Declared a 'Future Collectible'

For buyers interested in getting in on the ground floor of car collectibles, they could do a lot worse than purchasing a 2017 Alfa Romeo Giulia. At least that's what the folks at Hagerty, the insurance provider for classic cars recently said.

Based in Traverse City, Hagerty is the world's leading insurance provider for classic vehicles and host to the largest network of classic car owners, said Fiat Chrysler spokesman Berj Alexanian. Hagerty offers insurance for classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and motorcycle safety equipment, tractors, automotive tools and spare parts, and even "automobilia" (any historic or collectible item linked with motor vehicles).

And with more than 105 years of brand history based around racing performance, Italian style and innovative technologies, Alfa Romeo vehicles have always been one of the most desired among collectors and enthusiasts, Alexanian said.

Now, he said, the classic car experts at Hagerty are highlighting the Alfa Romeo Giulia Ouadrifoglio's combination of stunning design and craftsmanship, race-inspired technologies and class-leading performance by adding the most powerful Alfa Romeo production car ever to its "Hot List" of future collectible ve-

"The Giulia is a true expression of La Dolce Vita," said McKeel Hagerty, CEO of Hagerty. "It's the kind of car that makes you want to spend your time looking for twisty roads. The car has the ingredients to become a future classic.'

The 2017 Hagerty "Hot List" represents the most collectible cars under \$100,000 to buy to-

In order to be selected by Hagerty experts for their annual "Hot List," a vehicle must deliver the joy of driving today, along with continue to foster every gearhead's love of driving and become collectible in the future, Hagerty said.

Bearing the iconic Quadrifoglio badge, adorned by all Alfa Romeo performance models, the new Giulia Ouadrifoglio embodies the essence of Alfa Romeo's

racing legacy, Hagerty said.

The beating heart of this ultrahigh-performance sedan is an allaluminum, direct-injection, 2.9liter twin-turbo V6 engine, delivering a best-in-class 505 horsepower, as well as earning the title of the most powerful Alfa Romeo production car engine ever and the quickest with a class-leading 0-60 mph acceleration in 3.8 seconds, Alexanian said.

Combined with an 8-speed automatic with aluminum column-mounted paddle shifters which shifts in less than 100 milliseconds - the culmination of these performance attributes is a record-setting time at the Nürburgring of 7:32, making the Giulia the fastest four-door production sedan in the world, said Alexanian.

The Giulia Quadrifoglio is composed of a carbon fiber hood, roof, rocker panel moldings, rear deck-lid spoiler, segment-exclusive drive shaft, and active aero front splitter combined with aluminum body components for maximum weight savings that attributes to the near perfect 50/50 weight distribution.

With a 2.9-liter twin-turbo V6 supplying its 505 horses to the 19-inch staggered aluminum wheels (19 x 8.5-inch front and 19 x 10-inch rear), wrapped with Pirelli P Zero Corsa three-season high-performance tires, and utilizing a torque vectoring differential, the Giulia Quadrifoglio ensures increased performance in every corner and on every straightaway, Alexanian



2017 Alfa Romeo Giulia

### Volkswagen Diesel Scandal **Hitting Board of Directors**

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) -Volkswagen's diesel scandal took a rancorous turn Feb. 9 when the board of directors denied news reports that former chairman Ferdinand Piech had given four members early warning about the U.S. probe into emissions cheating.

The board issued a statement that the four members "rejected all assertions made by Ferdinand Piech as untrue."

The reports, in the form of a pre-release of an article from the Bild am Sonntag newspaper and on the Spiegel Online website, say Piech told German prosecutors that he learned of the probe from an informant.

Piech asked CEO Martin Winterkorn about the matter in March, 2015, then told the four board members, according to the reports.

Winterkorn has testified in the German parliament that he didn't learn of the problem until shortly before U.S. investigators announced it in September, 2015.

The issue of who knew what and when is important, in part, because investors are suing in Germany, saying Volkswagen violated securities laws that required the company to give timely notice of any issue that could affect share prices. Volkswagen has said it met its disclosure du-

The board statement said Piech gave the same account to internal investigators but that his statements didn't withstand

scrutiny from law firm Jones Day, commissioned by Volkswagen to find out how the cheating hap-

"No evidence was forthcoming indicating the accuracy of these allegations, which were classified as implausible overall," the statement read.

It said the company "will carefully weigh the possibility of measures and claims against Mr.

Volkswagen has admitted installing engine control software that detected when cars were being tested, and turned the emission controls off during normal driving. The result was the cars emitted more than 40 times the U.S. limit for the pollutant nitrogen oxide.

The company has agreed to buy back or fix hundreds of thousands of cars in the U.S.; some 11 million worldwide equipped with the deceptive software. U.S. authorities have charged seven former employees, and the company pleaded guilty to criminal violations. German prosecutors are investigating as well.

The board members who Piech reportedly told about the Wolfgang cheating were: Porsche, employee representative Bernd Osterloh, former IG Metall industrial union head Berthold Huber, and Stephan Weil, the governor of the state of Lower Saxony. The state is a shareholder. Wolfgang Porsche is also Piech's cousin.



### Takata's Air Bag **Problems Cause** Financial Issues

TOKYO (AP) - Takata Corp., the Japanese manufacturer at the center of massive air bag recalls, reported Feb. 10 that fines in the U.S. will push it into the red for the fiscal year through

Tokyo-based Takata said Feb. 10 that instead of posting a 20 billion yen (\$176 million) annual profit, as it had earlier projected, it will sink into a 64 billion yen (\$562 million) loss.

Last month, Takata agreed to plead guilty to a single U.S. criminal charge and pay \$1 billion in fines and restitution related to air bag recalls.

That was part of a plea agreement with the U.S. Justice Department over Takata's scheme spanning years to conceal the deadly defect in its air bag inflators, which can explode with too much force, sending shrapnel spewing.

The supplier also faces classaction lawsuits as well as litigation filed by the states of Hawaii and New Mexico.

Takata, which also makes seatbelts, has racked up two straight years of losses over the recalls but had hoped to return to profitability in this fiscal year. But it had said repeatedly that huge uncertainties remain.

At least 16 deaths and more than 180 injuries have been blamed on the problem worldwide. In the U.S., 19 automakers are recalling 69 million inflators in what has become the largest automotive recall in the nation's history. The tally is more than 100 million inflators globally.

For the first nine months of the fiscal year, April-December, Takata posted a 67 billion yen (\$589 million) loss, a reversal from 2.5 billion yen in profit the same period a year ago.

April-December sales declined nearly 10 percent to 491.6 billion yen (\$4.3 billion).

Takata has denied a decision has been made on which company might acquire it, despite some media reports that say Key Safety Systems Inc., based in Sterling Heights, may be favored. Key Safety Systems declined

### General Motors' **Mobility Brand** Expanding in L.A.

Maven, General Motors' personal mobility brand, is working with the City of Los Angeles to create mobility and provide easier, more sustainable and more convenient options for Angelenos to navigate the city, said GM spokeswoman Annalisa Esposito Bluhm.

Maven's car-sharing application is meant to complement Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's vision to leverage multi-modal transportation solutions to advance mobility and encourage more electric vehicles in the market, Bluhm said. The collaboration is expected to increase opportunities in L.A. neighborhoods, from reducing mobility barriers to exposing cities to transportation electrification.

Maven City car sharing in Los Angeles has seen an average of 56 percent member growth month-over-month since launching in October, Bluhm said.

Mayen will leverage this existing platform as well as in-city infrastructure, fleet management capabilities and operational insights to help advance the City of Los Angeles' Sustainable City plan. Maven members will play an integral role in informing the co-creation process and will provide valuable insights for future infrastructure and transportation developments.

















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### **General Motors Considering Selling Opel to Peugeot**

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) -France's PSA Group, maker of Peugeot and Citroen cars, says it's exploring a "potential acquisition" of Opel, General Motors' money-losing European busi-

PSA Group said in a statement Feb. 14 that it was considering "numerous strategic initiatives" that would expand the existing cooperation between the two companies, and that a takeover of Opel was one of them.

PSA Group and GM are already involved in several joint projects in Europe. The Detroit-based automaker acknowledged the talks and cautioned that "there can be no assurance that an agreement will be reached."

PSA-Opel combination would create the second-largest carmaker by market share in Europe, with 16.6 percent of sales according to 2016 figures. It would be second only to Volkswagen, with 23.9 percent - but would vault ahead of the Renault-Nissan alliance with 13.9 percent.

GM has endured years of losses at its European business, which makes cars under the Opel and Vauxhall brands.

It had hoped to reach breakeven by now, but last year posted a loss of \$257 million for the year even as GM as a whole turned in a robust profit of \$9.4 billion.

The company's earnings in Europe took a \$300 million hit from the British vote to leave the European Union. The resulting plunge in the British pound shrinks the dollar value of earnings from its Vauxhall models in that market.

GM CEO Mary Barra has underlined the company's commitment to Opel several times in turing.

recent years. But the unexpected loss last year has increased pressure on the company to find a solution in Europe, and she expressed dissatisfaction with the situation there after the company's most recent earnings report.

Barra said on a conference call that "without the negative impact of Brexit we would have achieved break-even in 2016.

"We aren't satisfied with these results," she said, "and the team is focused on mitigating the effect through further cost efficiencies" and new models.

GM Chief Financial Officer Chuck Stevens said the company expected only a "relatively flat performance" in Europe this

Opel has struggled to control costs due to stronger worker protections in Europe that make it harder to adjust production capacity to demand than in the U.S. or other locations. Opel and Vauxhall also face tough competition for sales of less profitable mass-market vehicles.

Opel has had success with models such as the Mokka small SUV, and sales rose 4 percent last year. Its mainstay Astra model, which competes with the Volkswagen Golf, won the European Car of the Year award at the Geneva auto show.

But it lacks larger SUV models that would bring fatter profits.

GM and PSA Group formed an alliance in 2012 but in 2013 GM announced it was selling its stake.

In 2009, GM agreed on a sale of a majority stake in Opel to Canadian car parts firm Magna International and Russian lender Sberbank but called the deal off as GM's fortunes improved following its bankruptcy restruc-

### **Volkswagen Compensation Approved**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal judge in San Francisco granted initial approval Feb. 14 to a deal worth at least \$1.2 billion that aims to compensate the owners of roughly 78,000 Volkswagens with 3-liter engines that were rigged to cheat on emissions tests.

previously company agreed to spend up to \$10 billion compensating owners of roughly 475,000 Volkswagens and Audi vehicles with 2-liter diesel engines – the bulk of the vehicles caught up in Volkswagen's emissions cheating scandal.

U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer congratulated attorneys for Volkswagen and car owners before granting preliminary approval to the smaller deal involving Volkswagens, Audis and Porsches. He said the settlement was complicated and motivated by economic and environmental concerns.

The deal offers thousands of dollars in compensation to individual car owners on top of buybacks or repairs.

"This settlement marks an important milestone in Volkswagen's efforts to make things right in the United States," said Robert Giuffra, an attorney representing the company.

Owners of 20,000 3-liter models dating back to 2009-2012 that cannot be fixed to meet pollution standards will be offered buybacks or trade-ins. They also will receive compensation ranging from \$7,755 to \$13,880, according to attorneys representing car owners.

People who bought 58,000 newer cars will get compensation of \$7,039 to \$16,114. If VW can't fix the newer cars to regulators' satisfaction, then the owners' attorneys are expected to go back to court to seek buybacks. That could push the value of the deal for the 3-liter engines up to \$4 billion.

Preliminary approval allows consumers to weigh in on the deal and learn online whether they have an eligible vehicle and how much compensation to expect. Breyer set May 11 for a hearing on final approval.

Volkswagen has now settled most U.S. consumer claims stemming from the emissions scandal and agreed to pay \$4.3 billion to settle a U.S. criminal investigation.

The company has acknowledged that the cars were programmed to turn on emissions controls during government lab tests and turn off the controls while on the road.

### **Gasoline Prices** Have Gone Un **Again in Michigan**

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) - AAA Michigan says gas prices statewide have risen by about 7 cents per gallon in the past couple of weeks.

The Dearborn-based auto club said as of Feb. 12 the average price for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline was about \$2.31 per gallon.

That's about 80 cents more than it was at the same point last

AAA says the lowest average price was about \$2.26 per gallon in the Detroit area, where it is up about 3 cents from a week ago.

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### GM Designer's Hobby is in This Galaxy-Now

by Jim Stickford

When asked why he chose to create a set of "Star Wars" Imperial Storm Trooper armor, Derek Lane-Waters, a senior design engineer at GM's Tech Center, said the answer was simple – "good guys don't get the love."

Lane-Waters is both a "Star Wars" fan and a member of the 501st Legion's Great Lakes Garrison, which is part of a worldwide organization of "Star Wars" enthusiasts who create photo-realistic outfits based on characters from the various "Star Wars" media. After having a particular ensemble approved, enthusiasts become members.

They then make appearances to raise money for charities, Lane-Waters said. The Legion's main charity is the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Lane-Waters said. But if a parent wants to have a bunch of Storm Troopers at his or her child's birthday party, that parent can donate money to a charity of the parent's choice.

No one in the Legion is paid for a public appearance, Lane-Waters said.

Lane-Waters said there were a couple of reasons he chose to be a Storm Trooper. First, a garrison can have as many Storm Troopers as they want, while there can be only one Darth Vader or Han Solo at a particular garrison at any one time.

Ånd, Lane-Waters said, Rebel soldiers just don't get the love at events that Storm Troopers get.

"All the feedback that I've received is that people like the look of the bad guys," Lane-Waters said. "But we like to say of ourselves that we're the bad guys who do good."

When the armor he built was approved, Lane-Waters was given the official Storm Trooper designation number TK6778.

"The TK part of the designation comes from the first movie," Lane-Waters said. "Once you get that number, it's yours for life."

Lane-Waters said he's always been a bit nerdy, and he built his armor back in 2010.

"My wife Diana always knew I had a passion for 'Star Wars'," Lane-Waters said. "I have a workshop in the basement of my home in Rochester Hills. I've been married for 20 years and always collected 'Star Wars' memorabilia. When I became aware of the 501st Legion, I decided to build a set of armor. My wife said go for it because it keeps me quiet."

Lane-Waters is originally from Great Britain and has been living in the U.S. for the past 13 years. He's been working for GM two years as of this April.

"I've worked for Chrysler and several Tier I OEMs," Lane-Waters said. "I have two daughters. They used to think I was cool, but now I'm the embarassing dad. But they liked going to the fundraising events in the past."

Lane-Waters said that his garrison has been successful in fundraising. In 2015, they raised about \$300,000 for charity, something they are all proud of.

His Storm Trooper armor has proven to be a hit with some of his co-workers.

"I've had several contact me after Halloween parties and tell me how cool it was I built the armor myself," Lane-Waters said. "I made the armor using vacuumformed ABS plastic. I've found out that there are, on line, plans that show several different ways to assemble the armor and put it together. But the look from the outside must be movie accurate. There are forums people can visit to get help."

Right now, Lane-Waters is working on Tusken Raider outfit

and hopes to get its approval

"That's the thing with 'Star Wars'," Lane-Waters said. "When I saw the first movie back in 1977, I never dreamed that I'd be doing something like this, or that 'Star Wars' would still be a cultural force 40 years later. But the year 2017 is a big year for 'Star Wars.' I will be attending a big convention in Orlando, Fla., that will celebrate the anniversary. It will be just for 'Star Wars.' Disney now owns it, and they know how to get people through the door, that's for sure."



Lane-Waters representing "Star Wars" enthusiasts

## **Chevrolet Statistics Demonstrate Public's Growing Use of Streaming Data in Driving**

Chevrolet owners in the U.S. used a whopping 4,220,684 gigabytes (or 4,220 terabytes) of data in 2016, an increase of nearly 200 percent over 2015.

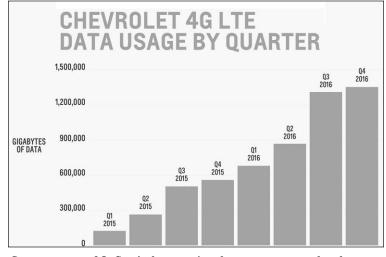
"That's a staggering amount of data when you think about it," said GM spokesman Monte Doran.

"That's why we put in the table breaking down just what one could do with all the data. And it just shows you how prevalent data usage has become in our everyday lives. It's become more integrated in our day-to-day lives."

The most significant increase was seen with Tahoe and Suburban owners, who used three-anda-half times more data than a year ago.

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"To me, the most significant thing to understand is that one reason why these two SUVs have become so successful is because of the technology that comes with them," Doran said.

"This technology ranges from safety with things like Side Blind Zone Alert to convenience features like Power Folding Seats to connective technology like On-Star 4GLTE and Wireless phone charging."

"As a strategic plan to grow retail sales," said Alan Batey, president of General Motors North America and global head of Chevrolet, "Chevrolet has continually invested in new safety, convenience and connected technologies across our trucks, utilities and cars."

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As Chevrolet owners have come to appreciate the ability to stream video on a tablet, send email on a laptop or play online using a gaming console in their vehicles, data use has increased exponentially.

OnStar 4G LTE connectivity was introduced across the Chevrolet car, truck and utility portfolio for the 2015 model year in the U.S. and Canada.

Today, a 4G LTE connection is standard equipment on all new Chevrolet retail models, along with the OnStar Basic Plan, which also features remote vehicle access and the AtYourService marketplace via the myChevrolet mobile app, Doran said.

"Now all the data doesn't come free," he said.

What people pay for depends on what OnStar data package they purchase for their vehicles, said Doran.

Also, AT&T users, for \$10 a month, can have their vehicles synced up with their AT&T data plans.

What amount of data they get depends on what AT&T data plan they have, for their devices and smartphones, Doran said.

As to OnStar, there are three basic data plans. For \$10 a month, OnStar users can receive up to one gigabyte of data, Doran said.

For \$20 a month, consumers are able to receive up to four gigabytes of data and for \$40 a month, consumers are able to receive up to 10 gigabytes of data through OnStar.

For more information on plans and pricing, visit OnStar.com.

### UAW to Launch 'Made in USA' Buying Campaign

DETROIT (AP) – The United Auto Workers union is preparing an ad campaign that urges consumers to buy U.S.-made cars and trucks as it tries to tap into President Donald Trump's efforts to rebuild the country's manufacturing sector.

President Dennis Williams said the ads could be similar to a 1970s garment workers' campaign with a catchy jingle that told people to look for a union label on clothing.

Williams told reporters Feb. 16 that the union wants to take advantage of what it sees as a movement in the U.S. to bring back manufacturing jobs lost to cheaper-labor countries such as Mexico. "If it's not built in the United States then don't buy it," Williams said at the UAW's head-quarters in Detroit.

He urged consumers to buy union-made vehicles first, then those made at non-union factories in the U.S. In essence, he's telling people to buy a U.S.-made Toyota Camry over a Mexican-made Ford Fusion, which may put him at odds with Detroit automakers.

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### Cadillac's V-Performance **Drivers Ready for Season**

drivers Johnny O'Connell (Flowery Branch, Ga.) and Michael Cooper (Syosset, N.Y.) are returning for the 2017 Pirelli World Challenge (PWC) GT season, which begins on March 10 and ends in September, said Cadillac spokesman Kyle Chura.

Joining the duo will be Jordan Taylor (Orlando, Fla.) and Ricky Taylor (Apopka, Fla.) for the five SprintX rounds behind the wheel of the Cadillac ATS-V.R Coupe.

The Taylor brothers are celebrating an IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship win at the Rolex 24 at Daytona on Jan. 28 where they drove the recent new Cadillac DPi-V.R prototype to the overall victory. The PWC season will open with a sprint round in the streets of St. Petersburg, Fla., at the Cadillac Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

O'Connell is coming off a three-race win season in 2016 (wins at Circuit of the Americas, two at Sonoma Raceway) and a pole position (Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca), Chura said. O'Connell is a four-time PWC GT driver champion and drives the Velocity Red No. 3 Cadillac ATS-V.R Coupe. Teammate Cooper posted two wins last year (Barber Motorsports Park and Mid-Ohio) and a pole at Barber Motorsports Park. Cooper will start his sophomore season with his No. 8 Cadillac ATS-V.R in a new Vector Blue livery.

Jordan and Ricky Taylor will join the team for the PWC SprintX rounds. The SprintX rounds will take place at Virginia International Raceway, Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Lime Rock Park, Utah Motorsports Campus and the Circuit of the Americas. The dynamic of two-driver racing

Cadillac V-Performance Racing in the PWC series is an exciting prospect for the four Cadillac drivers, said Chura. Driver pairings for the April 28-30 SprintX opening round at VIR are forthcoming.

"I'm very much looking forward to the 2017 PWC season," O'Connell said. "We had one bad weekend last year that really cost us, and I've been training hard all winter looking for some redemption. Ricky and Jordan are doing a great job proving themselves on the world stage, especially with that great win at Daytona two weeks ago. I am very much looking forward to working with them this season in SprintX races. Amazing strides have been made the last several years in PWC that have made it a destination for top drivers. I plan to keep an open mind heading into the first SprintX round at VIR in April."

Cooper is eager for the season to start and to drive with Ricky and Jordan, Chura said.

"I've been counting down the days to the start of the season, so it's nice that it is almost here.' Cooper said. "Being back with Cadillac Racing is still very exciting to me and I can't wait to get my sophomore season in the GT class started. I've already heard of some other high-caliber efforts being launched for this year, which is great news. I think we are going to see the competition take another step up in PWC, which means it will be that much more exciting to watch. All of the Cadillac fans should be as excited as I am to have Jordan and Ricky with us for the SprintX races this year. Jordan has tested with us numerous times the last few years, so I'm sure they'll slot

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### Chevrolet Creates Special 'Redline' Vehicles

introduced brand's new Redline special edition series at the Chicago Auto Show last week.

Available on nine Chevrolet cars, trucks and crossovers, Redline is the broadest cross-portfolio special edition ever offered by the brand, said GM spokesman Kyle Suba.

Redline made its debut in concept form at the 2015 SEMA Show in Las Vegas, Suba said. Inspired by a strong positive reception from customers and the success of special editions across the portfolio, Chevrolet expanded Redline across nine vehicles in the car, truck and crossover segments:

- Cruze LT (sedan and hatchback);
- Malibu LT;
- Camaro LT/SS (coupe and convertible);
  - Trax LT:
  - Equinox LT;
  - Traverse Premier;
  - Colorado LT:
- Silverado Double Cab LT Z71, Crew Cab LTZ Z71.

"Redline is another example of Chevrolet bringing SEMA concepts to showrooms," said Brian Sweeney, U.S. vice president of Chevrolet. "The SEMA show has proven to be a great way to identify customization trends in the industry, and quickly apply those trends to our most popular Chevrolet models. Based on the strong interest Redline attracted at the show, we believe they will be very popular with customers looking for standout cars, trucks, and crossovers."

vehicles are All Redline equipped with black wheels featuring distinct red hash marks, black nameplates with a red outline, blacked-out grilles and black Chevrolet bowtie logos.

From there, vehicles feature design elements tailored to the



Sweeney talks about GM's Redline vehicles at the Chicago Auto Show.

preferences of those specific customers. For example, the Silverado and Colorado Redlines feature red tow hooks, while Camaro Redline features unique black hash marks above the wheels, a design cue taken from Chevy's long heritage in motorsports.

"Our special edition lineup has been popular with customers and dealers alike," said Sweeney. "Since the introduction of special editions on vehicles like the Silverado and Camaro, vehicle average transaction prices have increased, time to turn has decreased, and conquest rates have risen, which has contributed to making Chevrolet the fastest-growing brand in the industry two years in a row."

Silverado Redlines are the first available for purchase; orders can be placed at Chevrolet dealerships now, Suba said.

As to the availability of the vehicles, all Redlines will be available for purchase by the end of 2017 calendar year, Sweeney said.

### **Britain Nervous Over Opel Situation**

LONDON (AP) - Britain's business secretary says he had constructive talks with the president of General Motors amid alarm that thousands of jobs could be lost by the possible takeover of GM's Opel division by France's PSA Group.

GM's Dan Amman spoke with Business Secretary Greg Clark and the Unite's union's Len Mc-Cluskey about the consequences about PSA's possible takeover of GM's loss-making Europe opera-

Clark said Feb. 16 he was reassured by GM's intention "to build on the success of these operations rather than rationalize them.

Opel's British brand, Vauxhall, employs 4,500 people at plants in Ellesmere and Luton.

McCluskey urged the government to back Vauxhall - just as it did for rival automaker Nissan to ensure the Japanese automaker kept operations in the U.K. once Britain leaves the European Union.



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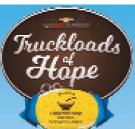
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