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GM Employee Car Show to Honor Camaro's 50 Years

by Jim Stickford

Camaro will take the forefront at the 2017 GM Tech Center-UAW Local 160 Employee Car Show July 26.

The show at the Tech Center will celebrate 50 years of the

UAW Local 160 car show representative Nick Alexander said the show will be open to the public at no charge. It starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until 2 p.m.

'The show will be by the Mound entrance to the Tech Center." Alexander said.

"In previous years, we held the show in the parking lots near the

VEC building off of Van Dyke. But last year, we held it by the Mound entrance because of construction near the VEC building and it proved to be a success, so we're holding it there again this

Jim Suzak, a manager in Design Fabrication at the Tech Center, is handling GM's side of things for the show. The Camaro theme makes sense given the storied history of the vehicle that was first produced in the model year

"We really like putting on this show," said Suzak, "because it gives those of us who work for GM, both salaried and hourly, the

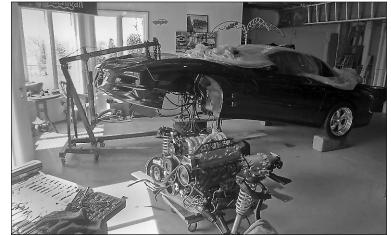
chance to show off our passion for cars and to see what other people at the company have been up to.

"It also allows us to celebrate the great history of GM vehicles and the design and engineering that went into the cars that built this company."

It's not uncommon, Suzak said, for people at GM to have spent time and money restoring or souping up a classic muscle car and not have any co-workers be aware of what's been done.

"By showing off our cars at the show, our co-workers can see

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Suzak's 2000 Firebird got a new Corvette engine.



Griffin, left, and Sharpe at a recent TACOM ceremony.

TACOM LCMC Gets New Command Sgt. Maj.

There's a new sherrif in town. Well, not really a sheriff, but a new man in charge.

New TACOM LCMC Command Sgt. Maj. Ian Griffin is taking over the responsibilities of retiring Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse L.

In a ceremony June 23, TACOM LCMC honored Sgt. Maj. Sharpe and introduced the new leader to soldiers and other TACOM employees.

spokesman Donald Jarosz said that TACOMC LCMC is a subordinate command within

the TACOM structure designed talion in Grafenwoehr, Germany. to integrate Army acquisition, logistics and technology responsibilites, authorities and processes to enable closer relationships among all its partner organizations that deveop, acquire and sustain the capabilities provided by ground and soldier systems around the world.

Jarosz said that Sharpe orginally assumed the duties of Command Sgt. Major in January of 2015. Before that, he served as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major for the 172nd Support Bat-

His previous duty stations have included the 505th Quartermaster Battalion in Okinawa, Japan; 3/64th Armor in Schweinfurt, Germany; 4/41st Field Artillery Service Battery at Fort Benning, Ga.; B Company 2/501 Aviation at Camp Humphrey, Korea; the 598th Maintenance Company at Fort Benning; E Battery, 1st Battalion, 79th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.; Headquarters



2018 Chevy Equinox



2017 Ford Explorer



2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee

Detroit 3 June Sales Down, While Trucks, SUVs Step Up

by TOM KRISHER AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) – Ford, General Motors, Fiat Chrysler and Hyundai all reported U.S. sales drops last month, apparently dragging the industry to its sixth straight month of declining numbers as auto sales slow from last year's record pace.

7.4 percent, while Ford said its

automaker Hyundai posted a hefty 19.2 percent decrease.

Analysts are predicting an overall June drop of more than 2 percent when all sales numbers come in this week, even though Toyota, Nissan and Honda each reported small gains.

If June sales fall as expected, sales for the first half of the year would be down for the first time Fiat Chrysler sales were down since the financial crisis in 2009.

But Autotrader senior analyst sales declined 5.1 percent. GM Michelle Krebs said a small dip is was off 4.7 percent and Korean not an indication of economic

troubles since unemployment is low and consumer confidence remains high. She doesn't expect a big recovery in the second half of the year, but also doesn't see a huge decline, predicting full-year sales from between 16.8 million to 17.3 million. That's below last year's record of 17.55 million.

"We think the second half could be a little bit stronger than the first half was," says Krebs, who expects 2016 still to be the fifth-best year on record. "We don't see any imbalances that

suggest anything is going to collapse."

Krebs says sales should remain healthy even though credit is tightening slightly and automakers are cutting back on sweet lease deals. "We're down but not out," she said.

Sales are falling largely because people who delayed car and truck purchases in the years since the Great Recession have bought new ones, says Jessica

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Electronic line-lock will be a standard feature on all Mustangs.

Smokin' Mustang Peels Out With New-Line Lock Feature

later this year when Ford expands the availability of electronic line-lock on the 2018 Mus-

The track-exclusive feature which is traditionally used by drag racers ahead of the starting line to heat up the tire rubber for improved traction when the start light goes green - was previously available only on the V8-powered Mustang GT.

Now, it will be standard on all

More rubber meets the road pony cars, including those equipped with 2.3-liter EcoBoost engines, said Ford spokesman Dan Jones.

The feature is available with either the 10-speed SelectShift automatic or six-speed manual transmission.

On models equipped with an available 12-inch, all-digital instrument display, drivers will see an industry-first, video-game-like

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and A 225th Forward Support **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3** Volvo To Offer Only EV and

HELSINKI (AP) - Volvo plans to build only electric and hybrid vehicles starting in 2019, making it the first major automaker to abandon cars and SUVs powered solely by the internal combustion engine.

Hybrid Engines

CEO Hakan Samuelsson said the move was dictated by customer demand. It means that in two years, all new Volvo vehicles will have some form of electric propulsion.

The rest of the auto industry is likely to make similar moves in a few years, said Sam Abuelsamid. senior analyst for Navigant Research, with luxury automakers leading the way.

"I think we'll probably see most of the premium brands do the same thing in roughly the same time frame," he said. "More high-volume mainstream brands will be a little slower."

In order to meet government economy requirements worldwide, automakers are developing more hybrid systems that use both gas engines and electric motors. Many are 48-volt "mild hybrids" that assist a gas engine to move a car to make it more efficient, improving gas mileage by 10 or 15 percent, Abuelsamid said.

Such systems enough electricity to allow automakers to move functions such as air conditioners and water and oil pumps to electric power, getting rid of mechanical belts that are a drag on the engine. Those systems can run only when needed, and that can save another 2 or 3 percent on

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Mustangs Can Now Really Burn Rubber

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animation of a spinning alloy wheel kicking up a cloud of smoke to indicate when the electronic line-lock feature is activat-

"Burnouts just never get old, no matter how old you are and how many times you've done them," said Vaughn Gittin Jr., Formula Drift Champion. "Who would have thought that we would see an EcoBoost Mustang producing 15 seconds of fury like this? You've got to love these rad things Ford is doing."

Electronic line-lock leverages state-of-the-art software technology that also allows amateur race car drivers, particularly those competing in bracket racing, to achieve more consistent performance times.

Using steering wheel-mounted thumb switches, a driver toggles through a menu on the instrument cluster to activate electronic line-lock.

Once engaged, the system builds pressure on the front brake calipers. Another button press holds the pressure for up to 15 seconds, allowing the driver to hit the throttle and spin the rear wheels while the car stays in place.

'We introduced line-lock on EcoBoost Mustangs because we didn't want those customers to miss out," said Mark Schaller, Mustang marketing manager.

Chevrolet Promises Rockin' Time at Detroit Riverfront

It's summer in Detroit and that means that Chevrolet's "Rockin' on the Riverfront" summer concert series is coming to town.

The annual free concert series (no tickets necessary), will return for its 12th season at the Detroit Riverfront this summer, welcoming crowds every Friday night for classic rock 'n' roll in Detroit, said Chevrolet spokeswoman Afaf Farah.

"Chevrolet is proud to sponsor this event that is open to everyone," Farah said. "We're proud to be a part of Detroit's comeback."

The concert schedule:

• July 14. The featured band is Night Ranger. With notable contributions to popular culture, Night Ranger has entertained fans since the 1980s with hits like "Sister Christian," "Don't Tell Me You Love Me" and "(You Can Still) Rock in America.

The band released a new album in March, Farah said.

- July 21. George Thorogood and the Destrovers headline the evening's entertainment. Farah said that George Thorogood has rocked fans for more than 30 years with hits like "Who Do You Love" and "I Drink Alone."
- July 28. Loverboy gets top billing. With their trademark red leather pants, bandanas, big rock sound and high-energy live shows, Loverboy has captivated fans for years, said Farah, with songs like, "When It's Over" and "Turn Me Loose."
- Aug. 4. The main attraction is Gin Blossoms. A fusion of pop, rock, folk and country elements make Gin Blossoms a musical force that helped define the era of '90s rock, Farah said.

Gin Blossoms formed in the late '90s and shot to the top of the charts in 1992 with "New Miserable Experience," an album that had multiple hits, including "Hey Jealously" and "Until I Fall Away.'

- Aug. 11. Known for their Southern Rock sound, 38 Special brings their signature brand of 'muscle and melody' to fans across the globe. After more than three decades, Farah said 38 Special continues to rock crowds with hits like "Hold On Loosely" and "Rockin' Into the Night.'
- Aug. 18. The featured band is Everclear. Formed in 1991, Farah



Detroiters can get ready to rock because Chevy's Rockin' on the Riverfront concert series is about to begin.

said that Everclear has enjoyed a tion of melody, rhythmic energy, with their trademark combina- guitar crutch. Ten albums later,

long career entertaining fans evocative lyrics and thundering

songs like "Santa Monica" and "Father of Mine" still resonate

Volvo First OEM to Leave ICE Powertrains

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fuel consumption - so a vehicle that gets 20 mpg could get about another four miles per gallon he

European luxury brands such as Audi and Mercedes-Benz already are rolling out mild hybrid systems on cars in Europe. Those systems likely will be coming to the U.S. because it's expensive for the companies to build different cars for different markets, Abuelsamid said. General Motors and others already have such systems as options on some models in the U.S.

Cars with mild hybrid systems also can accelerate better because both electric and gas sys- cars from Polestar, Volvo Cars' tems can be used at the same time when needed.

Fully electric and hybrid vehicle sales have risen a little since 2012 but still accounted for only 2.6 million, or about 3 percent of worldwide new vehicle sales, last

Navigant predicts that will increase to around 3.7 million in 2018 and to more than 9 million by 2025. That's about 9 percent

Volvo, which is based in Sweden but owned by Chinese firm Geely, will launch five fully electric cars between 2019 and 2021. Three of them will be Volvo models and two will be electrified

performance car arm. It also plans to offer a range of hybrids as options on all models.

Volvo expects to reach its target of selling 1 million electrified cars by 2025, with a range of models, including fully electric vehicles and hybrid cars.

The company said its long range models could travel 500 kilometers (310 miles) on a single charge using current technology, but it is looking for suppliers for new and better batteries.

Samuelsson, who acknowledged that the company had been skeptical about electrification only two years ago, said circumstances have changed.





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what we've been spending all our free time on," Suzak said.

"I myself in past years have shown off my 2000 Pontiac Firebird at the show. But I won't be doing that this year because I sold the car.'

Suzak said that he originally bought the vehicle back in 2012.

"I wanted the restoration of the black Firebird to be a family project," Suzak said. "I wanted my three sons - Garrett, Austin and Conrad - to learn how to use tools and how to work on a car.

"My plan proved successful. They really enjoyed the project and they are now good with tools and have car projects of their

Suzak said that part of the restoration was dropping an LS2 Corvette engine into the Fire-

ered by a simple six-cylinder engine," Suzak said.

"I was able to buy the vehicle from the proverbial little old ladv. This one was from Livonia. not Pasadena. But the vehicle was in good shape for one that was more than a decade old."

Suzak said he and his sons had fun restoring the Firebird and they posted photos of the vehicle on various Internet forums. The vehicle proved popular with people who saw the photos on the forum pages.

In fact, Suzak said, that's how a car fan from Dubai became aware of the vehicle.

"He saw photos I posted and contacted me with an offer to buy the car," Suzak said.

"I am fully aware of the fact that there are scams out there where people from overseas buy cars with phony checks. I was careful and checked out the offer. It was legitimate.

"I ended up getting \$23,000 for the Firebird, which is certainly more than I could have gotten by trying to sell it here in the States by myself. I got the money and sent off the Firebird last year."

Suzak said he still has the money and is looking for his next restoration project – something in the neighborhood of a Corvette Z06 from 2010 or there-abouts.

"That's my story," Suzak said. "Every car that will be on display at the show will have its own story. That's what's so great about this event.

"And I want to emphasize that all the money raised at the show goes to charity. This year we are supporting Wigs for Kids. This charity provides wigs for children who have lost their hair be-



Suzak's Firebird after restoration made past Tech Center car shows.

cause of cancer treatments. Wigmakers usually don't make wigs in childrens' sizes, so the wigs have to be custom-made."

The show will also give particpants the opportunity to raise money for a couple of other worthy charities, Suzak said.

They are the Grace Centers of Hope and the Warren Goodfellows, Suzak said. They are local charities, and that matters.

Sewer Project Continues

Nearly 4,000 feet of fiberglass- LINER PIPE: chemical polymer pipe – 9 feet, 2 inches in diameter - has begun to arrive in Fraser to repair the collapsed sewer interceptor along 15 Mile Road. The \$2.5 million worth of pipe will both repair the collapsed section of pipe and line an adjacent 3,700 feet of sewer deemed as being at imminent danger of collapse.

"The arrival of this pipe marks another milestone in this massive project. I am very pleased to report that this project remains on schedule and on budget," said Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice S. Miller. "All of the contractors, the government agencies, the neighbors everyone involved in this project - have worked together as a team to get us to this point."

The new pipe was manufactured by the Hobas company, which is based in Texas. It is in the process of being shipped to the work site in 20-foot segments, known as "sticks." It will begin to be installed in early August. Final completion of the sewer line repair is expected to be completed by the end of September, with the re-opening of 15 Mile Road expected by the end of the year. The repair became necessary after the 11-foot diameter pipe under 15 Mile Road collapsed on Christmas Eve 2016. causing a sinkhole to develop.

Macomb Interceptor Drain restoration work may wait until Drainage District and managed by the Public Works Office.

The pipe was purchased at 2014 prices, leveraging a previous purchase of similar pipe for the Oakland-Macomb Interceptor as part of a maintenance project.

With the purchase of the pipe, Miller noted that all the major components of the project were made in America - steel from Indiana and pipe from Texas. All of the major contractors on the project are based in the Detroit region, with the largest contractor, Dan's Excavating, and the lead engineering firm, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, both based in Shelby Township.

"Here in Macomb County, we appreciate the value of the words 'Made in America.' American-made products, installed with local expertise, ensures we won't be standing out here in another sinkhole again on 15 Mile Road," she said.

Some details about the work.

• 20 foot increments, 9-foot, 2inches in diameter, weighs about 7 tons per 20-foot "stick";

- Nearly 4,000 feet in all to be installed - 3,700 feet to line the pipe east of the collapse and about 280 feet for the collapsed portion of the interceptor;
 - Will be installed from east to west:
- Manufactured in Texas. SHAFT:
 - 300 feet long by 28 feet wide; • Will be 60 feet deep when complete.

Every 12 feet of depth, the shaft is reinforced with steel beams to prevent collapse.

The entire shaft is surrounded by a "cage" of 300 cement & steel circular piers that are 3 feet wide and 70 feet deep

As of July 6, the shaft is 49 feet deep on the east end and 40 feet on the west. TIMELINE:

- Shaft work is to wrap up in late July.
- Pipe installation to begin about August 1 and take about 20 days.
- Pipe installation scheduled to operate 24 hours / 7 days until complete.
- Sewage expected to begin flowing through new pipe about Sept. 1.
- Shaft filled by late Sept.
- 15 Mile Road drivable by the The sewer line is owned by the end of the year. Some property early 2018, weather dependent.

The project is financed by \$70 million in municipal bond sold by the Macomb Interceptor Drain Drainage District and a low-interest \$5 million state grant or low-interest loan.

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Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas; U.S. Army Garrison Franconia in Wurzburg, Germany; and the 16th Sustainment Brigade in Bamberg, Germany.

In addition to his extensive military training, Sharpe holds an Associate of Arts in business management from Troy University.

His replacement, Command Sgt. Maj. Ian Griffin previously served as the Command Sergeant Major for the 3rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command - 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, located at Fort Riley, Kan.

TACOM Gets a New Command Sgt. Maj. He also served as Delta Company 701st Main Support Battalion First Sergeant and the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 544th Maintenance Battalion Detachment Sergeant, Jarosz said.

> He held various other positions that include Brigade Rear Detachment Sergeant Major, Operations Sergeant Major, Mechanical Maintenance Supervisor, Maintenance Control Supervisor, Platoon Sergeant, Maintenance Support Team-Team Chief, Automotive Repair Supervisor, Technical Inspector, Squad Leader, Wheel Vehicle Recovery Specialist and Wheel Vehicle Repairer.

Griffin deployed on multiple contingency combat and security operations in support of U.S. national interests, deployments including Iraq, Kuwait, Bosnia Afghanistan.

He participated in the Ebola response in West Africa and deployed to Senegal and Liberia in 2014.

Griffin completed his undergraduate studies with the University of Maryland University College with a Bachelor's of Science in Global Business and Public Policy and a minor in Human Resource Management, Jarosz said.

Art Van Helps Recent Flood Victims

In the wake of last month's torrential rains that caused flooding in mid- Michigan, Warren-based Art Van Furniture is offering to help area residents whose homes and contents sustained water damage.

Starting on June 28, Art Van Furniture began extending its best pricing, the company's employee family purchase pricing, to flood victims through the Art Van Furniture, Mattress and Flooring Flood Damage Relief Program.

Customers who visit the retailer's Mt. Pleasant, Midland, Bay City and Saginaw stores must bring in photos of their damaged furniture, mattresses or flooring -- or an insurance claim - to receive a discount on furniture. mattresses and flooring, said Art spokeswoman Charles. The one-time purchase offer requires store or sales manager approval and expires in six

"Our hearts go out to area residents whose homes and belongings were damaged or destroyed in the area's worst flooding in 30 years," said Kim Yost, president and CEO of Art Van Furniture. "During emergencies such as these, Art Van is committed to helping our neighbors in need to let them know they are not alone.'







Bundling Discounts









Tesla Model 3 electric car for the masses came off the assembly line on July 7 with the first deliveries in late July, the company's CEO says.

CEO Elon Musk, in several Twitter messages early July 3, said the new car passed all government regulatory requirements for production to begin two weeks ahead of schedule. The company plans to hold a party to hand over the first 30 Model 3s to customers on July 28, Musk wrote in a tweet.

The Model 3 is to start around \$35,000 and with a \$7,500 federal electric car tax credit, could cost \$27,500. Tesla says the five-seat car will be able to go 215 miles on a single charge and will be sporty.

Musk tweeted that the company expects to produce 100 cars in August and more than 1,500 in September. "Looks like we can reach 20,000 Model 3 cars per month in December," he wrote.

That figure is less than previous estimates. Musk earlier had said Tesla would make 10,000 Model 3s per week by December.

Tesla also said July 3 that it delivered about 22,000 vehicles in the second quarter, bringing first-half deliveries to about 47.100.

That's at the low end of the company's prediction earlier this year of 47,000 to 50,000 Model S sedan and Model X SUV deliveries in the first half, as much as a 71 percent increase over 2016.

While second-quarter deliveries rose 53 percent from a year ago, they still were about 12 percent below first-quarter deliveries. Tesla said in a statement that second-quarter production was hampered by a severe shortfall

NEW YORK (AP) - The first of battery packs. Production averaged 40 percent less than demand until early June, the company said.

Tesla said that as long as global economic conditions don't worsen considerably, secondhalf Model S and Model X deliveries are likely to exceed deliveries in the first half.

Musk's tweets about the Model 3 appear to erase doubts that Tesla would be able to meet deadlines for mass-producing the cars, which is key to the company making money. Previously, it has faced delays in getting vehicles to market. The Palo Alto, California-based company aims to make 10,000 Model 3s per week in 2018.

Tesla's last new vehicle, the Model X SUV, was delayed nearly 18 months. Musk says the Model 3 is much simpler to make, but 14-year-old Tesla has no experience producing and selling vehicles in high volumes. Tesla made just 84,000 cars last year. Bigger rivals like General Motors, Volkswagen and Toyota routinely sell around 10 million vehicles a year.

Even if the Model 3 is on time, servicing all those vehicles will still be a challenge. Model S and Model X owners are already worried about having to share Tesla's company-owned charging stations with an influx of new cars. And while Tesla is promising to increase its network of stores and service centers by 30 percent this year, it began 2017 with just 250 service centers worldwide. That leaves many potential owners miles from a service center.

Musk has said a new fleet of mobile service trucks will be deployed to help customers who are far from service centers.

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SUVs, CUVs and Trucks Drove Vehicle Sales for the Month of June

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Caldwell, executive director of analysis for Edmunds.com. "We're kind of at the point where we don't have a boost from that," she says.

Also, auto companies are cutting back on lease deals as used-car values fall, curtailing another incentive to buy, Caldwell says.

She says now is the time to buy a car with dealer stockpiles growing before production cuts take effect later in the year.

With few exceptions, U.S. buyers continued a trend they've been following for years. They're buying SUVs and trucks and shunning cars.

Sales of Toyota's Camry, normally the top-selling non-pickup truck in the U.S., fell nearly 10 percent. But Ford's F-Series pickup, the top-selling vehicle in America, rose nearly 10 percent.

Toyota reported a 2.1 percent sales increase, while Honda posted nearly a 1 percent gain and Nissan sales were up 2 percent. Volkswagen sales rose 15 percent increase over June of 2016 when they were depressed by VW's diesel engine emissions-cheating scandal.

The shift is good news for companies that rely heavily on pickup trucks and SUVs such as Ford, GM and Fiat Chrysler.

"Our crossover renaissance began last year with the introduction of the all-new GMC Acadia and Cadillac XT5, and continued this year with the Chevrolet Bolt EV and Equinox," said Kurt McNeil, U.S. vice president of Sales Operations.

"The all-new Equinox is off to a strong start and we will leverage that momentum as we introduce four additional crossovers in the second half of 2017."

By the end of 2017, GM will offer customers the U.S. industry's

newest and broadest lineup of customers were down 1 percent crossovers, McNeil said. in the first half of the year, its rev-

"U.S. total sales are moderating due to an industry-wide pull-back in daily rental sales, but key U.S. economic fundamentals clearly remain positive," said Mustafa Mohatarem, GM chief economist.

"Under the current economic conditions, we anticipate U.S. retail vehicle sales will remain strong for the foreseeable future."

Mark LaNeve, Ford's vice president of sales, said even though Ford's retail sales to individual

customers were down 1 percent in the first half of the year, its revenue will be up because of strong sales of loaded-out pickup trucks.

Fiat Chrysler spokesman Ralph Kisiel said that the Ram pickup truck, Ram ProMaster and Ram ProMaster City each posted their best June sales ever.

Sales of the Jeep Grand Cherokee were up 21 percent for its best June sales since 2005. The Jeep Renegade recorded its best June sales ever. Sales of the allnew Chrysler Pacifica were up 59

percent, the minivan's best sales month since launch last year.

The shift won't be such good news for brands like Hyundai, which is heavily dependent on car sales. Sales of Hyundai's Elantra compact car, normally among the brand's top-selling vehicles, fell more than 40 percent to just over 13,000. A year ago, Hyundai set a sales record for the month of June.

Even with the sales decline, auto prices remain high, according to J.D. Power and LMC Automotive.

The average vehicle sold for \$31,720 in June, a record for the month, surpassing the old record of \$31,073 set last year.

But some automakers are having to raise discounts and sell more vehicles to rental car companies to keep their sales numbers up.

The average incentive spent per vehicle in June was \$3,661 in June, also a record for the month. Even spending on trucks and SUVs is up about \$350 from last year, J.D. Power and LMC estimated

Tomas Replaces Quattrone as GM Human Resources Head

John Quattrone, GM's senior vice president of Global Human Resources has elected to retire effective Sept. 1, 2017, after more than 41 years with the company. said GM spokesman Dan Flores.

Jose Tomas is Quattrone's replacement, effective July 1, 2017. Tomas, like Quattrone, will report to Mary Barra, GM's chairman and CEO, and serve as a member of GM's senior leadership team.

"John has played a crucial role in the development of GM's senior leadership team, as well as serving as a trusted advisor and counselor on many important issues across the company," said Barra.

"In addition, he's been a big part of the cultural transformation that has occurred at GM over the past several years, led by his passion for the company and its people.

John leaves a legacy based on vision, dedication and a strong commitment to building relationships throughout his career."

Quattrone, a native of Syracuse, N.Y., began his GM career in 1975 at the Fisher Body Syracuse plant, said GM spokesman



Jose Tomas

Dan Flores. Over the past four decades, he's held a variety of leadership positions in personnel, labor relations and human resources.

Quattrone has held GM's top global HR position since April 2014. He previously was vice president of Human Resources for GM's Global Product Development and Global Purchasing and Supply Chain.

In his previous role, Quattrone played a key role in reorganizing GM's Global Product Develop-



John Quattrone

ment organization.

Jose Tomas joins GM after building more than 20 years of strong human resources experience in leadership positions in the healthcare, food service and transportation and logistics industries, Flores said.

Most recently, Tomas served as the executive vice president and chief human resources officer for Anthem, Inc., one of the nation's leading health benefits companies.

Prior to his time at Anthem,

Tomas served as the global chief people officer for the Burger King Corporation. In addition, Tomas was concurrently the president of Burger King's Latin American and Caribbean operations, which consisted of more than 1,400 restaurants in 30 countries, generating more than \$1.3 billion in sales.

During his tenure at Burger King, the company shifted between public and private ownership multiple times. Tomas played a crucial role in leading the cultural transformations during these moves.

As a member of Anthem's executive leadership team, Tomas was responsible for human resources, corporate communications and security. Tomas led the implementation of culture-shaping programs designed to enhance organizational performance and employee engagement, leveraging technology to drive predictive talent insights.

"Jose brings to GM a strong, well-rounded background with experience managing a complex global employee base in a challenging, results-oriented and diverse environment," said Barra.



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