

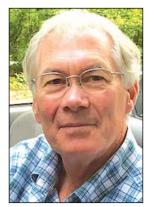
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#### **2** PRESIDENTS' WEEK

### The most significant new vehicles of 2019



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hile automakers are working swiftly to present a host of electric vehicles, whether by choice or bureaucratic behest, today's venerable

internal-combustion-powered machines dominate both sales and consumer interest. Here are some of the more significant new products

#### Toyota's RAV4

The redesigned RAV4 is arriving right now. Already the top-selling crossover in America, and as the top-selling non-pickup truck here in Maine, the latest RAV4 promis-

es more fuel economy with its hybrid powertrain offering, and a more adventuresome design that reflects consumers' shift to lifestyle vehicle preferences. A new Adventure trim will exploit design elements to create stronger off-roading appeal; the new interior layout will convince many shoppers that they don't need a Lexus. Toyota has a lot riding on the RAV4, as it displaces the Camry as the brand's most important product in the US market.

hitting showrooms this year.

#### **Ford Ranger**

The compact class version of the Ford Ranger went out of production eight years ago. The latest Ranger will be a mid-size truck, filling the gap left behind as full-size pickups have increased in size. Toyota dominates this class. The Tacoma has been on sale for decades, building a loyal following. GM has two entrants in this segment. Honda has the minivan-based Ridgeline. Nissan is bringing a new Frontier. This class is about to get very competitive. Will the Ford and its Ecoboost four-cylinder engine be able to regain lost buyers? Are buyers going to look for true compact pickups instead of 4/5ths scale mid-size trucks with prices that are too close? Perhaps Ford's reincarnation of the Bronco, using a chassis similar to the Ranger's, will be the tipping point and help consumers forget the departing car marquees that Ford will discontinue this year.

#### **Subaru Forester**

The arrival of 2019 means that Subaru has been selling cars in America for 50 years. The fifth-generation Forester reflects the brand's maturity: Subaru is no longer a snowbelt retailer specializing in AWD vehicles. From Leone, to Loyale, to DL/GL series cars, this Forester illustrates the continuous improvements Subaru has bestowed on its small wagons, creating a market niche that has propelled the brand to unimaginable success here. The new Forester loses the turbo-engine option, but gains 12 hp. Fuel economy increases, the cabin grows in almost every dimension, and the content and features places the Forester in very good company in the compact crossover class.Refined, all grown-up, and primed for success, the newest Forester will please the loyalists and impress newcomers interested in value.

#### Cadillac XT4

Since 1990, Cadillac has been searching for an identity, as luxury car buyers have gravitated towards Asian and European brands. Despite widespread acclaim for its CTS, ATS, and XTS sedans, sales have never met expectations. Now, Cadillac is shifting its product emphasis to crossovers. The mid-size XT5 debuted last year. The compact class XT4 debuts this quarter, and the full-size three-row XT6 arrives in late fall. The XT4 (starting at \$35,400) uses a new 2.0-liter turbo-four engine, making 237 hp, running through a nine-speed automatic. An AWD system that can de-couple the rear drive shafts helps fuel economy, predicted to be 30 mpg. A V-Sport trim debuts later. The styling is fetching - handsome, where some rivals are just plain ugly. Cadillac needs the XT4 to be a success. A big success.

#### Jaguar I-Pace

Despite huge infusions of cash, and some impressive new machinery across the lineup, the all-electric I-Pace could be the vehicle that makes Jaguar a true household name in the luxury segment. The \$70,495 sticker defines the segment, as do 394 electron-generated horses under the (floor), yet the two electric motors propel an AWD system that makes the I-Pace a real-world, five-passenger crossover with 240 miles of range. The traditional Jaguar styling will also help sales.

#### Hyundai Kona EV

The Kona, a sub-compact crossover with impressive performance and driving verve, is on sale now. The electric Kona (\$37,495) uses a one-speed direct drive transmission providing, essentially, one-pedal operation for savvy electric vehicle fans.Retaining all the personality and athletic driving attributes of the gasoline-propelled Kona, the Kona EV has more than 300 miles of range, making this the affordable electric crossover that Tesla promised but has yet to deliver. If the Kona rings up large sales, as it should in those regions that have embraced EVs, it will help lay the groundwork for other EV vehicle sales.

#### **Honda Insight**

This is the third iteration of Honda's hybrid Insight. The first Insight (which actually beat the Prius to market but never earned the sales or reputation of the Toyota) and the second Insight used unique styling that the masses never embraced. This time, Honda gave the Insight a version of the Civics' body - meaning it looks like a conventional car. With a city EPA rating of 55 mpg, the \$24,000 Insight could, finally, make Honda a serious hybrid player. Or it might not, since buyers are rapidly transitioning to crossover-like vehicles, including hybrids and EVs.

#### Other notable vehicles to watch:

Chevy's new Silverado is larger, lighter and uses revised engines and transmissions in the pickup wars. Ford has moved further ahead of Chevy, and Ram is rapidly catching up; Chevy needs the Silverado to protect market share. If the Silverado falters, GM's plant-closing decisions, electric vehicle initiatives, and car abandonment plans will be blips compared to what havoc the Silverado can do to income.

Audi's new E-Tron electric car, with a 310-mile range, debuts this spring. This Audi, and sedans coming from Mercedes and BMW, will test whether the electric vehicle market is real beyond the early-adopters thus far participating in this tiny segment.

**Subaru's** new **Ascent** three-row crossover will prove how large the family wagon component is, or is not. Subaru's research clinics have stated for years that the brand is missing out on this profitable niche; the Ascent will indicate how many Subaru fans have been buying Mazda CX-9s or Volvo XC90s in place of a Subaru badged vehicle.

#### And lastly, new sports cars arrive this spring.

Chevrolet's long-awaited mid-engine Corvette is slated to debut, and BMW and Toyota have teamed up to build reincarnated two-seaters. The Supra coupe will revive a storied name for Toyota. The BMW Z4 will be the convertible version of these trackready performers powered by turbo-four and turbo-in-line six-cylinder engines.

Sports car sales have been slowing. Let's hope that buyers embrace these new

offerings and jump-start this exciting class of driving machines.

Tim Plouff has reviewed vehicles for the Ellsworth American for more than 25 years.



### Twenty New Vehicles for Less Than \$20,000

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New car prices have been rapidly escalating, reflecting new safety regulations, the inclusion of many popular features and rising materials costs. According to the Kelly Blue Book, the average new vehicle transaction price last year was more than \$35,700, a number heavily affected by the proliferation of pickup and crossover sales.

With the average age of our driving fleet hovering around 11 years old, used-car sales are more than double new car sales annually. Many drivers purchase used vehicles to meet their budgets. The data shows that the average used vehicle transaction was for \$19,400 in 2018.

At that price point, consumers should know that they also have many options for safe, reliable new-vehicle transportation that often includes some of the latest electronic safety gear as well as amenities that make ownership more enjoyable. Of course, many of these vehicles are compact class cars that get very good fuel economy, and come with a warranty.

So, onward. Here are 20 vehicles for less than \$20,000. There will be some surprises.

The least expensive car sold in America comes from Nissan. Starting at \$12,360, the compact Versa sedan offers a modest 109 hp, but weighs only 2,400 pounds, so this is adequate power. There is room for four adults, and the trunk swallows 15-cubic feet of gear - the same as several mid-size sedans.

Like most of the entry-level cars listed here, the Versa comes with a manual gearbox with an automatic model listing for \$14,500.

Hyundai and Kia became large players in this market due to their inexpensive small cars. Today, these models are mature, well-finished products that compete with any automakers' small cars, while retaining a price advantage.

In this pack are the **Kia Rio** sub-compact (\$15,390); the **Kia Forte** (\$17,900); the **Hyundai** Accent (\$14.995) and the Hyundai Elantra (\$17,100). Horsepower ranges from 130 to 147 in this group; EPA ratings reach as high as 41 mpg.

Again, an automatic transmission adds roughly \$1,000. Power windows, locks, mirrors, and air conditioning are standard. Both the Forte and the Elantra wear new styling and an air of sophistication previously absent.

The next group includes some more familiar names. The Chevy Cruze (\$17,995) is on sale for several more months, and the hatchback version at \$19,620 is a great option; Honda's Civic sedan remains a small-car favorite at \$19,450; Mazda's 3 begins at \$18,095 and carries a certain driving polish that enthusiast drivers have embraced; and the Nissan Sentra (\$17,790) offers room for five, good fuel economy, composed driving dynamics and daily reliability.

Volkswagen's redesigned Jetta starts at \$18,745 with a turbocharged 1.4-liter engine for a very different driving experience in a small car that is almost a mid-size sedan. Toyota's Corolla remains the top-selling small car in this market for several reasons, not the least because it is still quite affordable, starting at \$18,700. Moving up to LE trim, and more features, adds only \$435.

If the Corolla seems too big, Toyota has two other smaller offerings. The Yaris and Yaris iA are small city cars that slip into tight spaces easily, but lack the polish and presence of the larger compact sedans in this group.

The sleeper in this grouping; Subaru's Impreza. The Impreza is the only AWD small car available at this price point, starting at \$18,595 with a stick shift. The flexible hatchback body is only \$500 more.

Like the Corolla, the Impreza also offers an impressive array of comprehensive electronic safety systems, for additional cost.

Buyers need not fret about just having an



2019 Toyota Yaris interior. Photo by Tim Plouff.

assortment of sedans to pick from. Several automakers also produce some creative five-door designs that meet our monetary threshold.

Ford's new EcoSport gets in just under the wire, starting at \$19,995 in front-drive trim with the 1.0-liter 3-cylinder engine. This tiny crossover has a swing-out rear door providing access to a generous cargo hold.

Honda's sub-compact Fit is notably smaller, but no less versatile, as it wins with a very functional interior design that affords lots of cargo space. At \$16,190, it is also thousands less than

Similar in size, but more modern inside and out, is Hyundai's new Kona. At \$19,990, it is quite impressive - comfortable, quick, and very capable on the road - and also available as an EV (\$35,700). This small crossover will be a template for the future.

Kia gives its clever Soul new styling for 2019, but retains all of the charms that have propelled this compact class wagon to cult status. The Soul (\$16,490) comes with three engine options, three different transmissions, and a new EV model covering five trim levels. Somewhere there is a Soul that expands sales.

Similarly unique is Nissan's new Kicks, another five-door small wagon. Starting at \$18,450, the Kicks brings fresh ideas to both its looks and functionality while using a small 125-hp four-cylinder. First-year sales have exceeded projections.

Sports car fans have fewer and fewer options each year, since prices are rising for our favorite performance cars. Hyundai is trying to confront that dilemma with the Veloster, a three-door coupe that offers three engines ranging from 147 hp to turbocharged 275 hp. Pricing begins at an entry-level-friendly \$18,500. Young buyers can embrace some identity that doesn't look like everyone else's car.

Finally, there is one small pickup truck still on sale in America that starts under \$20,000.The Nissan Frontier King Cab 2WD (\$18,990) with a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine, a five-speed stick and a 3,500-tow rating, can make any driver a weekend-friendly mover.

Nissan and Toyota built their foundation in America with inexpensive small pickups. The segment has been all but abandoned as pickups get longer, wider, heavier, and this Frontier may be getting long in the tooth (more than 10 years old) but it works well.

And that's what new car buyers should expect, even at these prices.



2019 Nissan Versa interior. Photo by Joe Page.



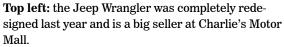
2019 Nissan Versa. Photo by Joel Page.

**CHARLIE'S MOTOR MALL** 





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**Left:** the 2019 Nissan Altima SV All Wheel Drive is another popular vehicle at Charlie's Motor Mall with sales increasing all the time.

**Top Middle:** the Nissan Rogue is Charlie's best selling vehicle.

**Right:** General Sales Manager Tim DiBenedetti said that Charlie's had another record-breaking year for sales last year, selling almost 7,000 vehicles in Augusta and Winthrop



"We have some of the hottest vehicles on

TIM DIBENEDETTI, GENERAL SALES MANAGER AT

the market today."

# Record-breaking sales posted at Charlie's Motor Mall

Choices are many at eight franchises

BY WANDA CURTIS

Correspondent

harlie's Motor Mall, located at 465
Western Avenue in Augusta, is home to
a large selection of new and used vehicles. Considering they own eight franchises
with more than 1,000 new cars and trucks,
500 pre-owned cars and trucks, and 150
certified pre-owned vehicles, no one hunting
for a vehicle should go home empty-handed.

General Sales Manager Tim DiBenedetti said Charlie's followed a record year for sales in 2017 with another record-breaking year in 2018, selling almost 7,000 vehicles in Augusta and Winthrop. He said that people travel from all over the area and refer their friends, families and neighbors to Charlie's for its service and friendly atmosphere.

"We expect 2019 to continue this trend as more and more customers experience the difference with our long-term experienced sales staff, as well as our freshly-trained and eager sales professionals," DiBenedetti said.

"We have some of the hottest vehicles on the market today with eight franchises, including Nissan, Jeep, Toyota, Honda, Subaru, Chevrolet, Kia and Mitsubishi," he said. "In addition to a huge selection of pre-owned vehicles, we are able to offer factory-certified vehicles from nearly all the franchises we sell, which is a big advantage and a great value for our customers."

According to DiBenedetti, the Nissan Rogue, Sentra and Jeep Wrangler are their volume sellers. He said the Nissan Rogue is their top seller and a good value for the money. He said the new Altima also shows great promise with sales up nearly 57 percent year-over-year in the region last month. The Jeep Wrangler was completely redesigned last year and is selling really well too.

"With Nissan's list of safety features and an all-new Wrangler in 2018, these vehicles are sure to continue the success we've had with them," said DiBenedetti. "Nissan has redesigned the Altima Sedan and added an all-wheel-drive option, which gives it a leg up on most competitive sedans."

Another new vehicle that's creating a lot of buzz this year is the Jeep Gladiator pickup truck. DiBenedetti said that it's based off the hot selling Jeep Wrangler and is expected to be a big hit for Jeep and Charlie's. The Jeep Gladiator is expected to be on sale at Charlie's by late summer.

As of February 1, Charlie's introduced a 10-year, 150,000 mile power train warranty backed by Allstate on every new vehicle they sell. They also offer free car washes for all vehicles purchased at one of their dealerships for as long as the buyer owns the vehicle.

#### Discount on servicing new vehicles

In addition to their new and used car sales, Charlie's has an excellent service department. They offer a 10 percent discount when servicing vehicles purchased at one of their dealerships. They also provide free transportation locally for customers having their vehicles serviced at one of their dealerships.

Customers who wait while their vehicles are serviced can take advantage of Charlie's Cafe and Lounge with a big screen TV and play area for children. They also have semi-private work stations for people who prefer to work or study while they wait.

#### Giving back to the communities that supported them

DiBenedetti said that he attributes much of the company's success to its involvement in the local community and its philosophy of giving back to the communities who have supported them over the years. He said that Charlie's family of dealerships was a major sponsor for the Shuman Family Maternity and Pediatric Wing at Maine General. They've also been a big supporter of the Kennebec Valley Humane Society for more than 20 years. Charlie's and its employees are also some of the largest supporters of United Way of Kennebec Valley as well.

#### A satisfied customer is the best advertisement

Although DiBenedetti acknowledges that the internet is a valuable advertising tool, he believes the best advertisement a business can have is word-of-mouth. He believes that if they take care of their customers, word will spread. He's found that to be true during his 10 years working at Charlie's.

The showroom hours at Charlie's Motor Mall are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. The service center hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, call (207) 622-7327.

## New Chevy Silverado 1500 is a favorite at Charlie's Chevrolet

"Certified used vehicles sold at Charlie's Chevrolet are put through a thorough, 175-point inspection."

#### TOM TOWLE, GENERAL SALES MANAGER CHARLIE'S CHEVROLET, WINTHROP

BY WANDA CURTIS

Correspondent

harlie's Chevrolet, located at 1412 U.S. Route 202 in Winthrop, services customers from Augusta, Winthrop and Lewiston/Auburn areas. They sell both new and used cars, trucks and SUV vehicles.

General Sales Manager Tom Towle said they stand behind each and every vehicle they sell, new and

"Certified used vehicles sold at Charlie's Chevrolet are put through a thorough, 175-point inspection," he said. He added that new cars each come with a 10-year, 150,000-mile power train warranty, which he added is "unmatched in the industry."

Charlie's family of dealerships had one of the best years in its history last year, with many new and used sales.

"They came a whisker away from selling the most new cars in the state," Towle said.

While new car sales at Charlie's Chevrolet were somewhat off, he said the used car sales were up overall and they had a good year. He said that because of the volume of cars they sell, Charlie's pays customers more for their trade-ins than many other dealerships.

The best selling vehicles at Charlie's Chevrolet are the Chevy trucks. "With Colorado, Silverado 1500 and 2500 we have trucks for everyone," said Towle. "Diesel engines are available in every truck model."

The Chevy Silverado 1500 has been totally redesigned this year. Towle said the new truck will be the most advanced Silverado ever made.

"The truck is bigger, stronger and lighter than previous models," he said. "Customers will have eight different size trim levels to choose from. So finding the right one to fit their needs and budget will be a breeze."

Towle said that there will be six different engines available in the new Silverado; he said that one of those is the new 5.3 liter V8 with dynamic fuel management.

"This power plant is exciting and will get the customer 355 horse-power while averaging 22-miles-pergallon," Towle said.

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\*\*Above: The new 2019\*

\*\*Silverado 1500 LT Z71 at Charlie's Chevrolet is a Charlie's Chevrolet is a Charlie's Chevrolet.

Some of the benefits of buying a car from Charlie's Chevrolet include free car washes in Charlie's state-of-the-art car wash for as long as the buyer owns the vehicle, 10 percent off labor costs, emergency lockout service within 30 miles of the dealership and complimentary shuttle service to work, home or shopping within the local area while a vehicle is being repaired.

Charlie's Chevrolet is open for sales from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. They are closed on Sundays. Call (888) 319-8257 to schedule a test drive.



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Above: The new 2019
Silverado 1500 LT Z71 at
Charlie's Chevrolet is a
crew cab. It has a 5.3LT
V8 with dynamic fuel management. The truck will
have the All Star Edition
package, which includes
dual zone climate control,
power driver seat, heated
front seats, heated steering wheel, remote start
and rear window defogger.

Right: Another favorite is the 2019 Chevy Traverse 3LT all-wheel drive, which has the LT premium package, a 3.6 liter V6 and leather interior.







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#### PRESIDENTS' WEEK

### K&R still growing after 35 years in business

### Pre-owned vehicle inventory large and varied

BY VALERIE TUCKER

Correspondent

ichard "Bear" Raubeson, the owner of K&R Auto Sales in Auburn, has served Maine customers for 35 years. He and his sales, financing and service departments know most of them by first name after years of repeat business. Many of those first customers now bring their children and grandchildren to buy that first

"We welcomed our first customers at our 900 Center Street location in 1984." Raubeson said. "And we have never, ever wavered from our dedication to providing 100 percent customer satisfaction."

In 2013, after years of steady growth, K&R expanded the lot and inventory of quality pre-owned cars, trucks, vans, crossovers and SUVs. Today, the company offers an inventory of more than 220 vehicles and a large selection of finance options. Vehicles have detailed cleaning and servicing to ensure everything is sparkling clean and working perfectly. The business also checks every vehicle's history through the CarFax service.

"Customers can apply for credit online," he said. "They can also pick up their new vehicle whenever it fits their busy schedule."

Raubeson said the most important reason to consider buying a quality used vehicle is the great savings.

"You can't beat finding a vehicle with high reliability and low ownership costs, especially for young couples and older folks on a fixed income," he said.

Shoppers save a lot of money simply by letting the previous owner absorb the steep depreciation of the first few years of ownership.

"We welcomed our first customers at our 900 **Center Street location in** 1984."

> RICHARD "BEAR" RAUBESON, **OWNER K & R AUTO SALES**

"The minute folks drive a new car off a dealer's lot, that vehicle starts to depreciate," he said. "That means it's immediately worth less than what they paid for it.'

Consumer Reports agrees with

"Used vehicles are often the best values you'll find in the automotive market," according to Consumer Reports Used Car Buying Guide. Customers who can't afford the pricey brand new model they would love to drive can find the same model that's just two or three years older and has been well cared for.

His customers usually have a budget and have done some research on quality vehicles with good repair records and customer reviews. They already know a vehicle that requires fewer lifetime repairs than others in the same category makes the cost to own it less. Continuing ownership expenses, such as excise tax and insurance, will be lower, too.

"While we're certainly proud of our vehicle selection, we'd be nothing without our many auto specialists," Raubeson said. "After all, a dealership without salespeople is just a glorified parking lot."

The attention to detail sets his business apart from his competitors, he said. Raubeson promises customers that sales are backed by a vehicle certification program. He also offers a Platinum Warrantee



that covers the vehicle bumper to

"We will go over your automotive wants and needs and help you figure out the best vehicle for your





The K&R Auto team are ready to serve you with all your auto needs. Stop by for a test drive!

lifestyle," he said. "We're not some big faceless corporate dealership."

Raubeson said he and his wife, Kathy, have worked tirelessly the past 35 years to build the business. Today, he and his son, Mike, have a dedicated staff. John Vallieres, the general manager, has been with the company for 18 years. Sales Associate David Hinkley brings 35 years of experience to the business.

Jim Joys, finance manager; Mark St. Pierre and Shawn Parent in the service department, Dioane St.

Pierre in the accounting department and Nick Dumont, facilities manager, take care of all the many details to make customers feel like part of the family.

Visit www.kandrautosales.com for a free and confidential CarFinder tool to view current makes, models, prices ranges and photos for each vehicle.

K&R Auto Sales opens at 8 a.m., Mondays through Saturdays. They close at 7 p.m. on Mondays, at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays and at 5:30 p.m. on Satur-

Ray Haskell

days. They are closed on Sundays. For the sales department, call (207)782-2290 or toll-free (888) 923-5893.

Look for K&R Auto Sales' variety of makes and models, including Acura, Audi, BMW, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Ford, GMC, Honda, Hummer, Hyundai, Infiniti, Land Rover, Lexus, Lincoln, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mercury, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Saab, Saturn, Subaru, Suzuki, Toyota, Volkswagen and



### Buyers' guide to financing a vehicle

he price of the average car continues to rise. Analysts at Edmunds estimate the average transaction price of a new vehicle now hovers at roughly \$36,000. Few people can walk into a car dealership and pay such a price in cash, which means that savvy shoppers need to familiarize themselves with the financing process in order to get their dream rides.

In addition to finding the perfect car or truck, buyers must spend time researching the ideal way to pay for it. Car loans are key to the car-buying process. Too often shoppers wait until they're in the negotiating seat at the dealership before they even know what they can spend, and this can be a mistake. A poor financing deal hurts buyers over the long run and may lead to defaulting on the loan and dealing with the credit fallout that defaulting produces.

Vehicle financing is a stepby-step process that should begin long before consumers even pick out a car.

• Examine your spending and saving. Start by looking at your finances and establish a budget. How much cash do you have on hand for a down payment? Also, how much can you comfortably devote to a new car payment and requisite auto insurance? You can use automotive loan calculators to get a rough idea of what a particular car will cost you in terms of

• Know your credit standing. Great credit will give you financing leverage. Understand your credit score and which factors may be bringing it down. Resolve any issues well before you apply for financing so a bad score will not hurt you.

Work is needed to secure the best price on a new car, and that work begins long before visiting a dealership.





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2016 Ford **Fusion SE** 

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2015 Ford **Focus SE** 

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2014 Ford

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### Paul Blouin Performance's entire line-up of Mazdas are consumers "best buy"

Motorcycles, Miatas and Mazdas grace the Augusta showroom

Correspondent

aul Blouin is at the top of his game at Paul Blouin Performance at 513 Western Avenue in Augusta. His new all wheel drive Mazda3 sedans and hatchbacks arrive in March. The sky is the limit for the industry leading consumer "best buy." In fact, all Mazdas are rated best buy by all the consumer magazines

"Mazda is Oneness, connecting car and driver," Blouin said. He said every Mazda aspires to the same single goal, oneness between the vehicle and its driver . . .(they) " experience seamless connection, your senses become heightened . . ."

The brochures that come with this vehicle are splendid, demonstrating that if a driver spends any time on the road, he or she would want something comfortable, safe and beautiful to drive.

Paul Blouin Performance has on-site more than 200 automobiles, 400 motorcycles, scooters and side-by-sides, including Indian, Triumph, Victory, Suzuki, Triumph and Kymco. They also have bikes for cruising, for sport, for touring, and a 9,000-foot showroom in the basement with used motorcycles, scooters and ATVs including Kymco side-by-sides.

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Come in and see the Washington Birthday discounts on vehicles that compete with Audi, Lexus and Mercedes for amenities and safety features. For more information check out the website at: www.blouinperformance.com.

Certified pre-owned Mazdas have a 7-year/100k mile warranty.

"The beauty of Mazda is that they are so well made they only need regular maintenance and no repairs or expensive parts replacements,"



Photos by Sue Varney Indian Chief Classic Trike with pet carrier and windshield on rear fender is a temptation at Paul Blouin Performance showroom, 513 Western Avenue in Augusta. Green and cream, 2017 and only \$32,500.

Paul Blouin and Brandon O'Clair, general manager with Mazdas enjoy the showroom.

Blouin said. "I've never seen anything with fewer warranteed breakdowns."

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2018 Mazda6 Sport\*

2,591 Auto | Stock# M2476 | MSRP: \$23,890

#### 2019 Mazda CX-9 Touring \*





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The all-new, heavy-duty Ram 3500 guarantees the industry's best in hauling and towing capabilities.

### Today's Ram pickups are light years ahead of models from the past

BY VALERIE TUCKER Correspondent

he Hartley's Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram dealership in Newport is ready and eager to showcase the stylish new powerhouse Ram 2500 and 3500.

"Today's Ram trucks are light years ahead of the models that our dads and granddads used to drive," said Adam Friend, general manager at Hartley's.

In those days, he said, the heavy-duty truck maybe got used to haul firewood, do heavy work on the farm and tow the camper on the weekends.

"Afterwards, they parked it, because the ride quality and technology didn't exist," he said. "Those days are gone."

Today's Rams are so comfortable and fuel-efficient that they are being used to commute to work, go to the children's ballgames or travel to warmer destinations in winter months. Friend acknowledges that people who grew up around those venerable work trucks often have a hard time accepting that some other truck buyers want more than a bed, a seat, four wheels and a trailer hitch.

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Dodge Ram owners have one of the highest owner satisfaction rates in the industry, he said, and he anticipates the new Ram 2500 and 3500 models will keep that rate at the top of the list.

These big brothers resemble their smaller Ram 1500 sibling, featuring the trademark bold grille and high stance. The two-door regular cab, four-door crew and four-door mega-cab, in either two- or four-wheel drive, offer room for the family, the gear and the dog. The popular Power Wagon trim is back, he said, and features a well-crafted suspension, factory lift kit, locking front and rear differentials and a 12,000-pound winch. Friend said the all-new heavy-duty Ram 3500 guarantees the industry's best in hauling and towing capabilities.

"It truly competes with the other Detroit monster trucks," he said.

Most important, he said, will be safety

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ADAM FRIEND, GENERAL MANAGER AT HARTLEY'S IN NEWPORT

Staff photo

The popular Ram 1500 is on the lot and ready to drive. Test one out at Hartley's in Newport

features, such as forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking and blind spot warning on all versions. CarGurus' reviewer Kyree Williams also agreed enthusiastically that the new Ram 2500 is

"The three-quarter-ton pickup market is as competitive as ever, but it's fair to say that Ram brought its A-game with this new 2019 2500," Williams told readers. "The new looks give it a handsome profile, and the increased levels of comfort and functionality are set to impress."

Motor Trend magazine highlighted the

power capabilities of these new models. "Bolted to a Ram 3500 dually, the mon-

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ster motor can tow a class-leading 35,100 pounds," reviewer Scott Evans reported in the January issue. "Even in the narrower Ram 2500, it's no slouch, pulling 19,780 pounds on a standard Class 5 hitch."

The Ram 3500's standard gasoline powertrain is a 6.4-liter V8 with 410-hp and an eight-speed automatic transmission. The diesel-powered version includes a 400-hp, with a 6.7-liter 6-cylinder matched with a six-speed automatic.

Friend said the new Ram 2500 will be available in basic work trim as well as high-end versions filled with leather and wood trim. The inside ride will be quieter, too, with noise-cancellation systems and

special acoustic glass. Both Rams continue to offer the excellent Uconnect infotainment system, with an optional 12-inch, fully-configurable screen. The interiors are filled with useful storage bins and com-

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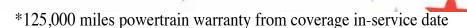
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