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***MotorWeek’s Season 37 drives into the future September 9th***

*“Future Car” is here and MotorWeek is behind-the-wheel*

**OWINGS MILLS, MD –** Drive into the future duringSeason 37 of *MotorWeek*, television’s original and longest-running automotive magazine series. Join host John Davis and the *MotorWeek* team to experience all that’s new for 2018, the year where the concept of the ultra-smart “future car” becomes an affordable reality. *MotorWeek* premieres on public television stations across the country beginning Saturday, September 9, 2017 (check local PBS listings).

*MotorWeek’s* new season drives deep into this exciting automotive revolution, one that is altering every aspect of the familiar family car. From rapid advances in self-driving car technologies, to the expanding world of on-the-road connectivity, to greater use of electrical motive power, and even a fundamental change in how a car’s comfort and convenience systems themselves are powered, *MotorWeek* is ready to be your “future car” GPS.

“When consumers head out to purchase a new car, they are being confronted with dramatic and often confusing changes – things they have never seen on a vehicle before,” says *MotorWeek* host John Davis. “Semi-autonomous driving capabilities, automatic emergency braking, active cruise control and lane change assist, self-parking modes, in-car WiFi hubs, 48-volt electrics, automatic start-stop, surround view cameras, and the list goes on and on. Not only will consumers find these changes in vehicle amenities surprising, they will also surely change their driving habits forever.”

*MotorWeek* road tests will also be keeping ahead of current consumer buying trends, as the appeal of the traditional cars increasingly gives way to the popularity of trucks and SUVs. New utilities already on our test schedule, such as the Ford Expedition, Mazda CX-5, and Volkswagen Atlas, will face renewed efforts to stem the tide with ground-up redesigns for sedan stalwarts Toyota Camry and Honda Accord among others.

Season 37 of *MotorWeek* will also continue to analyze the rapid growth of electrified vehicles, and not just plug-in hybrids and full EVs, but how electric assist is being employed to boost both the power and efficiency of traditional internal combustion engines.

“In spite of lower gas prices, countries and car companies around the globe are embracing the electrification of the automobile,” explains Davis. “It’s a way to preserve the environment without giving up performance. We’re not talking about the demise of the traditional gasoline and diesel engines but rather taking their efficiency to the next level.”

The American consumer’s appetite for the automobile is insatiable, and in the quest to feed the ongoing frenzy*, MotorWeek* will continue to road test and review more than 150 new cars, utilities, and trucks throughout the 37th season.

In addition, during this season *MotorWeek* will inaugurate two new limited run features with our eyes on the incredible legacy of the automobile. “Spirit of Competition” will highlight the history of some of the rarest and most significant race cars ever built. But, this is not just a walk around a collection of museum artifacts. *MotorWeek* will also be behind the wheel of these race winning classics to give viewers taste of what they were actually like to drive by the checkered flag.

“Retro Roadtests” will expand from its highly successful and exclusive presence online to the television series itself. “Retro Roadtest” look back at the most exciting and interesting cars *MotorWeek* tested in its early years. Hearing what we said about those cars then, and knowing how they are viewed today, is guaranteed to bring a smile to the face of everyone who loves cars.

In Season 37, *MotorWeek’s* feature line-up also includes the return of popular segments such as Goss’ Garage with master technician Pat Goss offering know-it-yourself car care advice. “Over the Edge” reporter Zach Maskell turns up the fun with a look at the auto world in overdrive, while “FYI” reporter Lauren Morrison has the updates on driving style and automotive safety, money-saving advice, as well as the latest technological advances. *MotorWeek’s* Brian Robinson takes a very hands-on approach for his “Two Wheelin’” reports with reviews of the newest motorcycles. Finally, Yolanda Vazquez keeps viewers in the know with consumer news and trends on “Motor News.”

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