

Summer RIDES

Perfect for your Cy-Fair Family Vacation

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Lincoln MKT

Despite our economic downturn, cars, trucks, and SUVs are still being sold, just not as many as a year ago. To help keep dealerships afloat during these difficult times, manufacturers are offering deep discounts, low or no-interest loans and bargains galore. In this edition of Cy-Fair Magazine, we take a look at some family transportation that hits the sweet spot, just in time for those all-important family vacations.

Wrangle up a Jeep

Around in one form or another since World War II, the Jeep Wrangler is one of the most recognizable styles being built today. With so much four-door competition putting the squeeze on sales, Jeep felt it was time to step up and put its four-door in the mix. Enter the Wrangler Unlimited Sahara 4X4.

Adding more than 20 inches to a vehicle's wheelbase would usually

make a completely different looking vehicle. Jeep, however, kept that same familiar boxy body style, made it more user friendly, and gave it a more comfortable ride.

All Wranglers come with a 3.6-liter V-6 engine that produces 202-horsepower with either a 6-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmission. A manual soft-top is standard. A fiberglass hardtop, navigation, and



Toyota FJ Cruiser³



Jeep Wrangler



Buick Enclave



upgraded audio are extra. Despite its rough and tumble appearance and lots of hard plastic surfaces, there's something to be said about being able to use the hose to clean the interior. Pricing on the Unlimited Sahara 4X4 begins at \$28,320.

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Subaru Forester

the Subaru Forester is willing to take on the most treacherous roads, paved or unpaved. But that's only part of the reason for its popularity. The other may be its new look.

It's amazing what raising the ride height by only one inch can do for perception. The longer, taller '09 Forester is new from the ground up, riding on the Impreza chassis, and its new underpinnings give it a car-like ride. The new suspension also allows for more people and cargo room. Power comes from a 2.5-liter, boxer-type engine that delivers 170-horsepower through a 4-speed automatic transmission and is applied full-time to its all-wheel drive setup. Starting at \$19,995, the Forester is now a must see when shopping for a family hauler.

The Life of Luxury

Not that long ago, the Chevy Suburban ruled the roost in the large SUV market. Then, along came the crossover - a lighter duty vehicle with all of the interior space of a body-on-frame SUV without the heft needed for towing and/or off road rambles. Enter the Buick Enclave, GM's full-size luxury crossover.

Iconic '50's GM designer Harley Earl would have been proud at the lengths the General's sculptors went to while creating the Enclave. The large, chrome grille, rounded fenders, and those classic yet modern portholes on each side of the hood hearken back to Buick's glory days. Three rows of seating for up to eight travelers, along with 23 cubic feet of cargo capacity behind the third row, allows for comfortable accommodations on your 1,200 mile journey.

Power is supplied to the front or all four wheels from a 3.6-liter, 288-HP V-6 through a 6-speed automatic transmission. That combo gets 17 MPG-city and 24-highway. The 2009 Buick Enclave starts at \$35,070.

Toyota FJ

If it's style and statement you're looking for, then this retro-inspired SUV is for you. Taking cues from Toyota's FJ Land Cruiser, the '09 FJ has V-6 power and comes in either 2 or 4-wheel drive. Pricing starts at \$23,320.

Lincoln MKT

Here is Lincoln's answer to the Enclave, a full-size luxury crossover. Available late this summer, the all-new MKT will offer Ford's 355-HP EcoBoost V-6 along with all the luxury you expect from a Lincoln. Pricing to be announced.

Chevrolet Suburban

Although the real need for this size and type of vehicle may be dwindling, it really has no competition. It has the ability to tow mobile homes and carry the entire Astros starting lineup, plus their equipment. Begins at \$40,370. **CFM**

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