
Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Jeff Jones - 2006/03/07 15:17

I am pondering what my next car will be (this is a habitual thing actually), and were wondering what you guys' thoughts were. Here are the finalist in the "Who wants to be Jonesies next ride" contest:

New FJ by Toyota. Looks cool, can go rock crawling straight from the factory, is only \$24,000 or so the way I want it and it's a Toyota.

<http://us.autos1.yimg.com/img.autos.yahoo.com/i/nctd/q/07s-fj-hero.jpg>

Jeep Unlimited Straight from the factory off road readiness, topless by nature and with the Unlimited you can actually pack the kids AND some luggage.

http://www.rockcrawler.com/features/newsshorts/04september/jeep_unlimited_rubicon2.jpg

Subaru Outback Almost as much ground clearance as the Jeep or FJ, and it can hang in the curves too.

http://www.carbuyersnotebook.com/Subaru_Outback_Muddin.jpg

Nissan Xterra Good Looks, lots of HP, 32" tires and it's a Nissan.

http://www.nissanusa.com/m/cma/i/xte/xte_gal_pfa_main.jpg

What do you guys think?

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Tim Wierenga - 2006/03/07 16:35

The Rubicon would be my choice, careful though your computer may fall out if not belted inB)

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Jason Kik - 2006/03/07 19:19

my sister in law has the xterra and loves it. mostly used for commuter though. My vote for the jones is the toyota that car looks cool and it is somewhat unique.

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Eric Smith - 2006/03/07 19:48

- 1.) Toyota
 - 2.) Subaru
 - 3.) Jeep
 - 4.) X-terra-ble (hahhaa)
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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by George Deville - 2006/03/08 15:19

I'll take the TOY... could be fun...:P

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Eric Carnahan - 2006/03/12 04:56

I guess my question would be what are you planning on doing with it. If it's going to be a daily driver and will never see the mud, dirt or rocks of off-road by the sub. If you plan on doing a fair share of ORVing by the toy or the jeep they have a pretty good 4WD system, but it looks like with all but the sub you better be ready to pay for the fuel your going to use.

Either way they're new and all vehicles have their hiccups just don't end up :silly: taking a corner like your Chris Todd in a new Beamer B)

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Eric Carnahan - 2006/03/12 04:58

.....oh yeah and and toy is SWEET :woohoo: :woohoo:

Post edited by: ericcarnahan, at: 2006/03/12 05:06

Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Jeremy Baum - 2006/03/12 18:01

not much of a foreign man here as almost entire family worked for GM, but I do like the outback solid vehicles. I am not a jeep fan, friend has one and it always seems outdated and dirty..I guess it depends what you like. To me some of the off road stuff is not very practical.

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Tim Wierenga - 2006/03/12 23:46

Always a sign of old age when someone calls the fun stuff not practical.:blink:

Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Matt VanLiere - 2006/03/12 23:52

Has anyone heard anything good or bad on the forth coming Chevy SUVs that will burn both corn fuel and gasoline?

:evil:

Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Jeff Jones - 2006/03/12 23:58

Matt VanLiere wrote:

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:evil: I think we will need Smitty's vehicle skillz here :P

and no doubt Tim, but I hear what Jeremy is saying. If it was just for my wife I wouldn't go with a more "serious" off road vehicle (she will stick with a mini-van which she loves), but when I have a vehicle that can do it I actually do some light off roading on logging trails, etc. It is nice to have a vehicle that can handle the drive to work and do some off roading once

in a while too.

That is the great thing about technology. The old CJ's were monsters from the factory off road, but you took your life in your hands driving them on the highway. Today, you can have your off road and your 90 mph cruiser on the highway too.B)

Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Eric Smith - 2006/03/13 03:46

sure enough

E85 (vehicles that burn 85% ethanol...primarily from corn, and just 15% gas) are a great idea. They are helping our nation lessen it's dependance on foreign oil. It also is supposed to provide better performance and burn cleaner.

I have family in Minnesota where it is state law that fuel have Ethanol in it. They have been using it for years, even before there were these new vehicles that are promoting it. Although they have been at well under 85% ethanol in the mix, I think they have been at around 10%.

I think that areas with high pollution will start going to ethanol mixtures in the near future.

Final verdict: I am totally for it screw the Middle-East.

Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Jeff Jones - 2006/03/13 05:10

Eric Smith wrote:

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Now there's something we can all agree on B)

Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Matt VanLiere - 2006/03/13 09:06

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Any idea how the performance compares to current ratings? My Tahoe is 10 yrs old and will need to be replaced. I love the fact that when I need the power, very much so when Im towing, I just need to push the throttle a little and "whoop there it is". Can/will ethanol provide this?

And yes, "screw the middle east."

:evil:

Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Eric Smith - 2006/03/13 17:41

Matt,

If you are looking to replace yer Tahoe w/ a new one, the new GM SUVs operate on both reg. gasoline and/or Ethanol. When we start getting ethanol pumps around here, you will be able to use it.

As for performance. I have read a few different articles in which the E85 tahoe actually ran the same times as the reg. gas version in acceleration tests. For the most part, I don't think you would even notice the difference between the 2 fuels.

Regarding the price of the fuel. In Minn., the Ethanol Mixture runs a little bit cheaper than the reg. gasoline.

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Matt VanLiere - 2006/03/13 23:41

What about up front cost for the vehicle as compared to standard vehicles?

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Eric Smith - 2006/03/15 18:18

Matt,

I don't think there is a cost difference at all. It is the same vehicle/engine, it will just run on either reg. gas or a mixture up to 85%.

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Matt VanLiere - 2006/03/15 19:53

Good deal. Thanx for the info.

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Re:Jonesies New Ride

Posted by Jeff Jones - 2006/03/17 06:42

Wood Tv8 has a good article on a "renewable fuels" bill which will help gas stations with the cost of setting up e85 pumps.

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