

The Geneva motor show 2017

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This year I was lucky enough to attend the Geneva motor show in Switzerland.

It's a highlight of the automotive calendar especially for new car launches.

And one for my bucket list having read about it eagerly every Spring for the last thirty years!

I had arranged to meet up there with several dentists who are part of my Turbine Dentist/ car group and had managed to obtain stand passes for everyone.

These are definitely worth obtaining from your preferred dealerships, especially the VIP passes. It's nice to sit down and have a drink on the stands away from the melee.

We had planned a day return with EasyJet Airways in the late morning as prices were

cheaper. There was a delay at Luton and we arrived at Geneva airport after lunch.

In hindsight I wish we had got an earlier flight and booked it well in advance.

The Palexpo venue was a 10 minute simple walk away and is directly connected to the airport.

My next mistake was to go on a Saturday, it was jam packed and difficult to traverse the stands and get good views.

All in all It was well worth going and we had a superb time and with now no real British motor show it is probably the next best alternative.

I have fond memories from my childhood of attending the London motor show with my family and this instilled my love of cars.

Thus we owe our children this much!

Thus my advice is book in advance get an early flight, stay after for a nice dinner and get some stand passes and go on a weekday! If you're a skier it would be a good starting point to the slopes.

I am sure I will go again next year and it would be a pleasure to catch up with any of you, please do contact us if you're thinking of joining us.

Highlights of the show

Aston Martin

Launched their new AMR (Aston Martin Racing) sub-brand a bit like AMG/ Mercedes.

They had the track AMR Vantage of





which seven are to be made at £700,000 and the AMR Rapide which is the fastest saloon at 210 mph, 210 of them are being produced and they cost £210,00!

Ferrari

Had the world premiere of the F12 it replacement, called the 812 with 800 bhp and a V12 engine it had active Aero and rear wheel steering and is the sports grand Tourer of choice.

McLaren

Showed the remarkable 720 S which looks strange in pictures but in reality has a hyper car stance and silhouette. 720 bhp. 0-to 60 in 2.9 seconds and it replaces the 650 S.

A new 570 S spider will be shown at Goodwood.

Porsche

Had the new 991.2 GT3 which is now available with the manual box but unless you have a long-term relationship with Porsche slightly tricky to obtain. They also showed the Panamera shooting brake model closely based on the show car in 2012 but not as pretty. Great cars though.

Range Rover

Had the stunning new Velar on show



for which I was lucky enough to attend the glamorous launch at the Design museum. Has the modern Range Rover DNA and this opens up a new sector for them. A definite winner and my SUV of choice until the Urus and Cullinan appear.

Anyone needing any help or advice in buying such cars I'm happy to help if you want to get in touch. ■

Bon Voyage!

Best wishes Neel Jaiswal



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