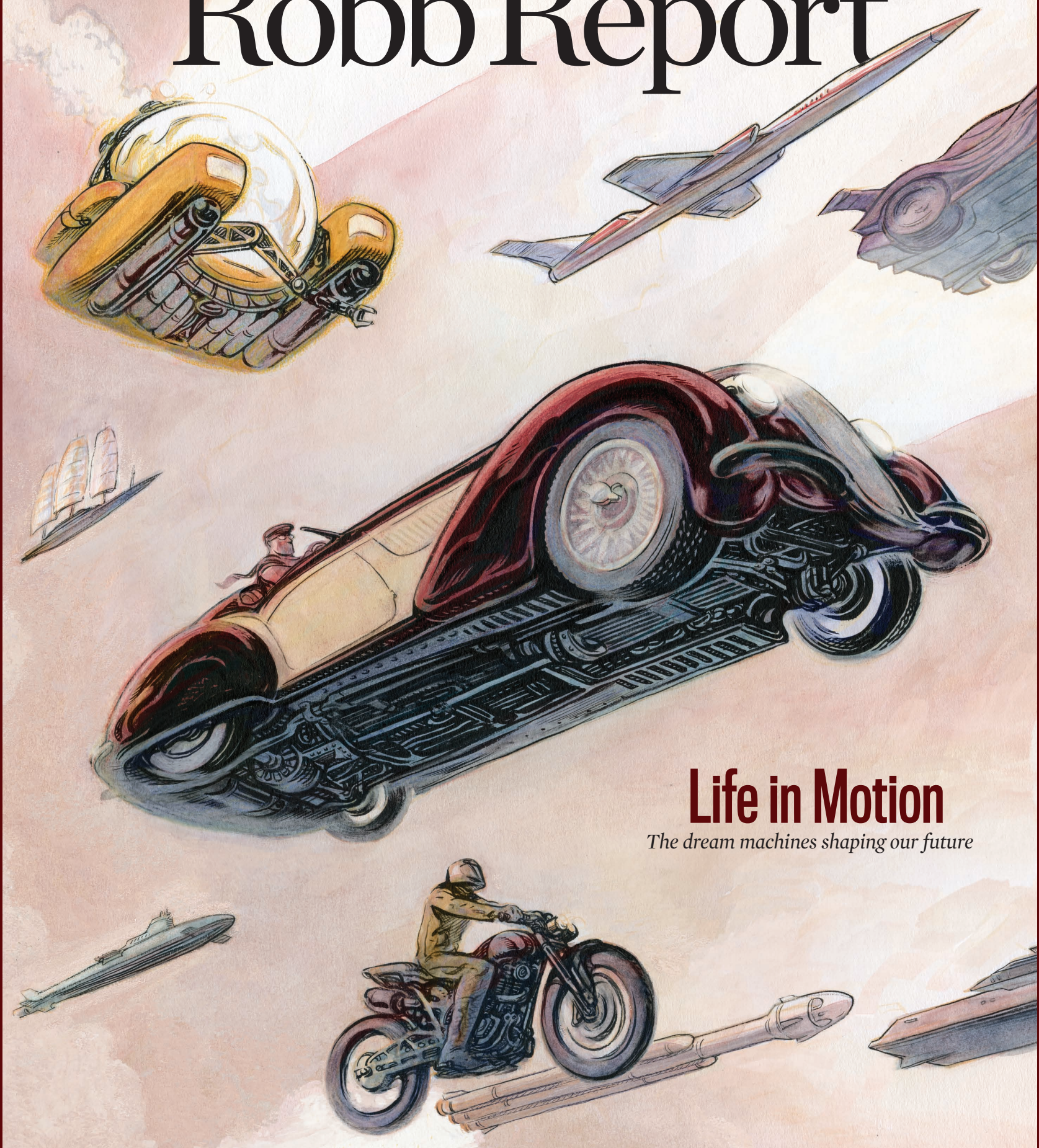


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The dream machines shaping our future



• AIRBUS ACJ319

FLIGHT OF FANCY

Winch Design turns a business jet into a flying home away from home.

A private plane may be the most time-efficient means of travel, but even on a business jet like the Airbus ACJ319, passengers can spend up to 13 hours aloft. Given that fact, many owners dream of a “flying home in the sky,” says Jim Dixon, head of aviation for London-based Winch Design. “Our clients now ask for an interior that replicates their homes or yachts.”

One customer came to Winch seeking an ACJ319 interior that would provide “a space in which to feel comfortable and experience travel not as a chore but a fine art,” says Dixon. Such designs present a series of challenges as aircraft interiors must meet complex international standards for airworthiness and safety as well as minimize weight to keep fuel consumption down.

To make the owner’s dream a reality, Winch’s team designed a space that’s not only functional

but also creates its own aura of peace and tranquility. The cabin features panels decorated with hand-carved mother-of-pearl, buttery-smooth leather furnishings, a saddle-hide-inspired leather floor with contrast stitching, soft lighting, and a sofa that transforms into a large daybed—all invitations to relax into the journey. “It’s a space that entices you to pull up an armchair, switch on a reading lamp, pour yourself a drink, and delve into your favorite book,” says Dixon. A faux bookshelf-populated with fake tomes designed by Winch—that doubles as concealed doors separates the living area from the master suite.

While this ACJ319 was delivered five years ago, it is now for sale on the secondary market through Sparfell & Partners—ready to make a new owner’s dream come true. winchdesign.com —MARY GRADY



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