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# NEWS YOU AUTO KNOW

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## Recipe for Out of This World Corn Dip

### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 (11 oz) cans MexiCorn (sweet corn & diced red and green peppers), drained
- 1 (7 oz) can chopped green chiles
- 1 (6 oz) can chopped jalapeno peppers - drained and liquid added to taste
- 1/2 cup green onion - chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 (16 ounce) package shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2-3 bags scoop-like corn or tortilla chips



### INSTRUCTIONS:

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients except chips.  
 Chill two hours to overnight. Serve with your favorite chips (I used Fritos and Tostitos) for scooping.

THANKS FOR THE REFERRALS!

**Dan Crossland**

**Jim Soutar**

**Ronald Fava**

**Client of the Month**

**Iva Boardman**

As a long time client we can't say enough about Iva's infectious smile and positive disposition. Iva has been known to volunteer time and support to her favorite charities.



**Have a Question About Your Car?**

Just give us a call! We always enjoy hearing from our valued customers. Whether you have a question about vehicle maintenance, a repair question, or just want to call to say Hello, we'd love to hear from you. Give us a call at **302-478-9786**

**3 MOST HAZARDOUS FIREWORKS**

- BOTTLE ROCKETS
- FIRECRACKERS
- SPARKLERS

**PROTECT YOUR HEARING** WATCH OUT FOR STALLS OF YOUR EAR DRUMS

**85:** Number of Americans that can hear better than you

**125:** Number of Americans that can hear worse than you

**BANG** **BOOM**

**MAKE IT A HOLIDAY NOT A HAZARD**

**INJURED MOST**  
KIDS UNDER 4  
NEXT ARE KIDS 10-14

**FIREWORKS CAUSE 17,000 FIRES EVERY YEAR**

**NO. 1 SAFETY TIP**  
WATCH A PROFESSIONAL DISPLAY

**SPARKLERS BURN AT 1,200° OR MORE**  
GIVE CHILDREN GLOW STICKS INSTEAD

**MOST COMMON INJURIES**  
HANDS FINGERS EYES  
HEAD FACE

**NUMBER HURT EACH YEAR: 10,000+**

**Little Known Facts About Your Car**

**HEAT CAUSES MORE BATTERIES TO FAIL THAN COLD!** "When most motorists think of dead batteries that cause starting failure, they think of severe winter weather, but summer heat is the real culprit," said *Rich White*, executive director, Car Care Council. More car batteries fail in the summer than in the winter!

Summer's hot temperatures can destroy a car's battery. Heat causes battery fluid to evaporate, which then damages the internal structure of the battery. The Car Care Council advises vehicle owners to have their car battery tested periodically, **including in the summer** and replaced, if necessary, to avoid being stranded during that summer vacation.



Wilmington & Western railroad 10 miles of track wind through some of the prettiest scenery in the Tri State Area. Just a few miles west of I-95 is a tranquil & historic area that is best seen from the comfort of a train. Go to [WWRR.com](http://WWRR.com) for events & scheduling. Fun for ALL ages!

**4th of JULY SAFETY**

**HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS**

- STAY HYDRATED**  
Drink more than 8 ounces a day  
Drink more when you're not thirsty  
Avoid alcohol, coffee & soft drinks
- APPLY SUNSCREEN**  
The sun is the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
Reapply sunscreen often  
Wash or rinse between 15 and 30'
- WEAR YOUR SHADES**  
Sunlight can block 99% of UV rays
- MOST AT RISK**  
Adults over 65 and children under 4  
Those wearing medical conditions

**GRILL SAFETY**

- 8,900 house fires
- 160 injuries
- 118 mil. in damages
- 10 deaths

**KEEP GRILL:**

- AWAY FROM STRUCTURES
- IN WELL-VENTILATED AREA
- AWAY FROM CHILDREN & PETS

**Fireworks Safety**

- NEVER** allow children to play with or ignite fireworks
- KEEP** a bucket of water or hose nearby
- MAKE** sure fireworks are legal in your area

**MORE THAN 14,000** 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS EXPLODE ACROSS THE NATION EACH YEAR



**Want To Know How To Save \$500.00 On The Service and Repairs You Use The Most?**

**Call us at 302-478-9786 about joining our Car Care Club!**

## Did you Know...

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776.

The Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.



The Fourth of July 2020 is on Saturday, July 4, 2020.

**Did you know?** John Adams believed that **July 2nd was the correct date** on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. **Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826**—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

## Keep Maintaining Your Vehicle Even If It Not Driven As Much As Usual

With a majority of vehicle owners living in areas of the country that have had stay-at-home orders, many vehicles may be sitting idle for days or weeks at a time or driven very little. The non-profit Car Care Council recommends starting your car at least once a week and keeping up with routine auto care to help prevent potential maintenance issues.

“Just as it is recommended that people stay active during this time of social distancing, ***your car should get some activity as well,***” said **Rich White**, executive director, Car Care Council. “If your vehicle sits idle for too long, the battery could die, the tires can develop flat spots and the engine oil may start to deteriorate. Just a short solo drive once a week and a little car care will keep your car running efficiently and safely.”

When starting your car weekly, let it run for at least five minutes. If the vehicle is started in a garage, make sure the garage door is open and there is plenty of ventilation. In addition, the Car Care Council suggests monitoring the following areas of your vehicle if it sits idle for long periods of time.



**Battery** – Today’s vehicles have several computers that are always in operation, so if a car sits too long without recharging, the battery could die within a couple of weeks.

**Tires** – Maintain proper tire pressure to improve vehicle performance and gas mileage. Doing so is also important for vehicle safety. Checking the tire pressure frequently is more important if the car is parked for long periods of time. Vehicles that sit idle too long can develop flat spots, so taking a brief drive every once in a while will help prevent bald spots, and recharge the battery, too.

**Fuel** – Today’s modern fuel systems help preserve the life of the gas in your tank and also prevent fuel oxidation. Keeping a full tank of gas helps limit gas-tank condensation. If you are still concerned about the gas in your tank going bad, a fuel stabilizer may help extend the life of your fuel.

**Oil** – If a car sits too long, the oil can deteriorate, so continue to change the oil at the proper time intervals, even if you are not driving your normal mileage. It is always best to check the owner’s manual for the maximum time you should wait between oil changes.

**Brakes** – If a car sits idle, rust can start to form on the brake rotors, especially if the car is parked outside. Driving your car at least once a week will help prevent rust buildup.

## Employee Spotlight

**Mark MacTurk** is our “client service specialist” for the last **26 yrs.** as well as wearing many other hats. One thing most clients don’t know, Mark is an accomplished musician playing various venues throughout the Tri State Area. We are very lucky to have such a talented employee. **Thank you Mark for all you do!**

### *Our Customers Speak Out*

“Great service. Great prices. Always up front about services needed vs. recommended. I never feel like they try to upsell me or bait & switch. Instead, it’s just a conversation about various aspects of the car, and the pros & cons of the decisions that need to be made. I’ve shopped around when there’s new work to be done & they are always competitive.” **Samuel Whittenburg**

## Special Days in July

- 1st — National Postage Worker Day 
- 4th — Independence Day
- 4th — National Barbecued Spareribs Day
- 7th — National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day
- 10th — National Kitten Day
- 12th — Collector Car Appreciation Day
- 22nd — National Hot Dog Day
- 23rd — Gorgeous Grandma Day
- 25th — National Hire a Veteran Day
- 25th — National Wine & Cheese Day 
- 26th — National Parents Day
- 28th — National Milk Chocolate Day



— Purchase and install a qualifying NAPA Battery —

# Receive a \$25<sup>00</sup> Prepaid Visa Card

With the option to donate a portion to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

Ask your Service Advisor for details. Valid at both NAPA AUTO PARTS Stores and participating NAPA AutoCare Centers. Offer valid July 1 - August 31, 2020.



## We'll Check Your Brakes for FREE

If your brakes are making ANY kind of noise, you could be headed for DANGEROUS trouble!

**FREE**

It's SUPER important for your SAFETY to keep your brakes TIP TOP!

For the month of July, make an appointment for a **FREE** brake check!

Must present coupon — Most vehicles

# DIAGNOSTIC TESTING....

## Why should I pay for that?

Most aren't aware of what goes into diagnosing your vehicle's problems. The investment in training and equipment needed to interface with today's high-tech computer systems is constantly requiring updating involving big investments in equipment and technician training.



**Did you know that the average 1994-2020 vehicle has more than 50 on-board computers, depending on the model?** The engine management computer is in addition to transmission control computers, brake control computers, interior climate control computers, and even seat memory computers and... Any or all will be found in your vehicle.

Can you imagine your doctor checking you for a pain and not charging you? Both charge a fee to locate the problem. In the case of the doctor, they may call it an "office visit". **In the automotive field it's a "diagnostic fee"**. They are all highly trained professionals! So, what's the difference? 😊



Doctors usually want to run tests after your office visit, which is similar to what happens with your vehicle, once we take a look, the next step is to conduct **tests that are usually time-consuming and require complicated equipment and a highly skilled technician.**

### ***Believe it or NOT***

The average doctor and the ASE certified technician spend about the same amount of time in education over the course of their career. The big difference is the doctor goes to school **BEFORE** his career begins and may take refresher courses throughout the remainder of his/her practice. The automotive technician goes to school **BEFORE** and **DURING** his entire career to keep up with today's computer-laden vehicles as well as the rapid changing technology.

**Doctors only work on 2 models** that haven't changed much in the last 20 years! **We work on over 160 models** that change every year. **Doctors are practicing medicine. We are expected to get it right the first time.** The great news is our tests (diagnostics), cost less than Doctor's tests.

Out of respect to the highly skilled doctors, it's not our intent to diminish their importance. It's meant as an illustration to our point, **after all they're working on their models while they're still running!**

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# Post coronavirus pandemic, people either can't travel right now or remain wary about doing so.

## Staycations: Is THE Summer Vacation Alternative

*There are still plenty of ways to relax this summer. Get inspired with these 10 summer **staycation ideas**, and enjoy the good, old-fashioned family fun that's waiting for you right outside your own front door.*

**1. Go fishing.** If you're lucky enough to live near a lake or ocean, rent a boat and spend the day on the water.

**2. Camp in the backyard.** Pitch a tent, roast some marshmallows, tell scary stories, and look for constellations. **Added bonus:** indoor plumbing is only a few feet away when nature calls.



**3. Organize a social distancing block party or neighborhood picnic.**

**4. Plan a family field day.** Go old school with games like tag, kickball, and of course, relay races.

**5. Host a family game tournament.** Whether you play board games or cards, make it more fun by having awesome prizes. One of the hottest outdoor games is Cornhole, anyone can play right in the front or back yard. Do it in the front and see how many in the neighborhood want to join in... Tournament time!



**6. Bike along local trails.**

**7. Have a movie marathon.** Drama? Romance? High crime? Whatever your family's favorite genre pop some popcorn and curl up on the sofa to enjoy the films together --- **OR have movie night outside in the backyard!**

**8. Take advantage of local festivals and carnivals.**

**9. Visit historic landmarks.** Sure, you can fly to Washington D.C to see the White House, but there's probably history right outside your front door. Challenge your family to find it.

**10. Have a pajama party.** Take a break from the fast pace of life and let the whole family lounge around the house in pajamas. **Warning:** this may be the most relaxing vacation you ever take!

The trick to enjoying a staycation is to deviate from daily routines and truly make it a vacation. If you enjoy eating out on vacations, do the same on your staycation. Don't do the laundry or clean the garage, or other household projects. Relax.

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# Summer Oil Change Special

**For only \$34.97\***

Available until July 31<sup>st</sup>

- Oil change, filter, and lube (UP TO 5 QTS. Conventional oil)
- Rotate all four tires (if needed)
- Multi-point courtesy inspection

**PLUS**

*Attention Insider's*

*Car Care Club Members*

Stop in during the month of July  
and get a **FREE** Washer Solvent Fill-up!

**Membership Has Its Rewards!**

\* Most Vehicles ----- CALL NOW FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT!

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\*\*Shop Supplies & Disposal Extra

**HEAT** NOT **COLD**

**That's Why During the Month of July  
Ponte's Auto Care Is Offering a  
FREE Battery & Charging System Test!**

*Avoid Getting Stranded!*

Call Now to schedule your FREE\* Battery test a \$19 Value

Call Today **Ponte's Auto Care**  
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\*Most Vehicles - See Store for Details. Special Offer Expires July 31, 2020

## ***Why Suffer In Your Car This Summer?***

**Ponte AutoCare** is **THE Place** for  
All Your Air Conditioning Needs



## **AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**

### **Includes:**

- ✓ Check A/C performance
- ✓ Check belts and hoses
- ✓ Perform leak test
- ✓ Check fan and blower operation
- ✓ Check temperature output

**Only \$29.97\* Save \$10.00**

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\*Most vehicles – Not to be combined with other offers



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**Busy, Quality Shop wants to see you.  
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**\*\* Valid driver's license is required \*\***

**Call Jim NOW at 302-478-9786**

**No Saturdays!**