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News You Auto Know

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Client of the Month

ED SZYMANSKI

We sincerely want to thank Ed & his lovely wife Marylou for having put their trust in us for the last 17 years! We appreciate you!

THANKS FOR THE REFERRALS!

**JOHN STANKIEWIZ
RICHARD WHEELER
KEVIN ACKER**

Special thanks go out to our clients who referred their friends and neighbors to our shop last month! We view a referral as the highest compliment you can give us!

Did You Know...

- The world's first speeding ticket was issued in 1902
- Henry Ford came up with the phrase "tune-up" when he was working on his first automobile prototype.
- The average American spends about 38 hours a year stuck in traffic.
- There was a monk in the 1200s who predicted the existence of cars.
- In 1916, 55% of all the cars in the WORLD were Model T Fords.

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Mother's Day, May 10

Mother's Day is a holiday celebrated annually on the second Sunday of May. **Don't forget** to give your mother a gift, send a card, take her out for dinner or buy her some nice flowers to show her how special she is.

Mother's Day is not a federal holiday but it's **a day to celebrate motherhood** and show appreciation for mothers, including (great-) grandmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and other mother figures. The history goes way back: the modern holiday was first celebrated in 1908. Anna Marie Jarvis was the founder of this holiday in the United States.



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**.

Special Days in May

- Asian American Month
- Date Your Mate Month
- Foster Care Month
- National Barbecue Month
- National Bike Month
- National Blood Pressure Month
- National Hamburger Month
- National Photograph Month
- Older Americans Month

Happy Nurse's week

Weekly Celebrations:

- **Nurse's Week** - first full week of month
- Wildflower Week - week two
- National Bike Week - third week
- National Police Week - third week of month
- Emergency Medical Services Week - fourth week of month



Common Car Care Myth

Tires should be inflated to the pressure shown on the tire itself — **WRONG!**



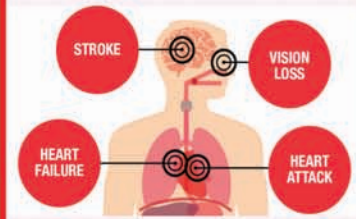
- *The number shown on your tire's sidewall is actually the maximum pressure the tire can hold, NOT the recommended pressure.
- *On newer cars, you can find the recommended PSI (pounds per square inch) on a sticker **inside the driver's door**. If there's no sticker, check the owner's manual.
- *For the most accurate reading, check the pressure **when the tire is cold**, after the car has been parked for a few hours out of the sun or overnight.

Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

May is High Blood Pressure Awareness Month

5 Surprising Facts About High Blood Pressure



1. High blood pressure may be linked to dementia.
2. **Young people** can have high blood pressure, too.
3. High blood pressure usually **doesn't have any symptoms**.
4. **Many people** who have high blood pressure **don't know it**.
5. **Women and minorities** face unique risks when it comes to high blood pressure.

Avoid Car Trouble with a Belt Check

You may not see them, or know much about them, but engine belts are always working to keep your vehicle moving. **Losing a belt can mean immediate trouble** for the engine and a breakdown for you. To avoid being stranded, the non-profit Car Care Council recommends that motorists have their belts inspected and replaced at the proper intervals.

A vehicle's belts are essential to the cooling, air conditioning and charging systems of the engine. Serpentine belts are used to turn the water pump, alternator, power steering and air-conditioning compressor. Older cars use V-belts for various accessories.

Always check serpentine and V-belts for looseness and their overall condition. Replace V-belts when cracked, frayed, glazed or showing signs of excessive wear. Noise in the belt system is a sign of wear and the smell of burnt rubber can indicate a slipping belt. Typical serpentine belt replacement is 60,000 to 90,000 miles. Typical V-belt replacement is 40,000 to 50,000 miles. Replace timing belt per interval specified in the owner's manual.

"Why risk being stranded when a bad belt can be diagnosed with simple routine maintenance?" said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Inspecting and replacing belts as specified in your owner's manual will help you avoid the hassle and expense of a sudden breakdown."



Customer Reviews

“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 the various aspects of the car and the pros & cons of the decisions that have to be made. I have shopped around when there is new work to be done and they’re always competitive.” **Samuel Whittenburg**



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