

The Some Times Newsletter

Keeping Your Car Can Save A Bundle

You can save \$30,000 or more if you hold on to a car once you get it paid off, say the folks at Consumer Reports (www.consumerreports.org). So maybe it's not such a great idea to trade your car in every three to five years like some people believe. Here's how you can reap savings by keeping your car around for a long time:

\$ Take proper care of your car including regular maintenance and replacement of parts. Just about any vehicle can reach 200,000 miles these days, Consumer Reports says.

\$ When you buy a car that you're planning to keep for a long time, go for one that has a good track record.

\$ Choose a car that has done well in government and insurance industry safety tests.

\$ Make sure the car you choose is equipped with the latest safety equipment.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How often should I rotate my tires?

Your tires should be rotated every other oil change, or every 5000 miles on most vehicles. Neglecting to rotate tires is a major cause of premature tire wear.

Q. Is it necessary to replace my timing belt at the recommended interval?

YES! The failure of a timing belt in many cars can result in major engine damage. The cost of repairing the engine damage from a broken timing belt is much higher than the cost of replacing the timing belt.

Q. What does it mean if my "check engine" or "service engine soon" light comes on?

There are many sensors and computerized components that manage your vehicle's engine performance and emissions. When one of these fails, the "check engine" light is illuminated. Although your car may seem to run fine, the light indicates that something internally is NOT working properly, it is important to have the issue addressed to prevent bigger problems which occur if ignored.

Q. What should I do if my car starts to overheat?

This is a very serious problem – if your car overheats for too long, you can damage your engine. As soon as possible, find a safe place to pull off the road and shut the engine off! Do not attempt to check the fluid level in the radiator; the hot fluid can cause severe burns. The best thing to do is have your car towed to STAR Automotive 541-476-9646.

Q. When should I get my oil changed?

You should get your oil changed every 5000 miles OR as recommended in your vehicle's owner's manual. This could vary from vehicle to vehicle, location to location AND based on driving conditions.

If you're not sure what is best for YOU and/or YOUR vehicle give us a call at 541-476-9646. We're here to help.

Why We Employee ASE Certified Technicians

Vehicles are more advanced and ever-changing. The **technology** that goes into each vehicle is **constantly changing**, which means the methods, tools and training needed to repair them are constantly changing too. Automobile technicians must have current skills and knowledge to keep pace with the ever-changing vehicles. That's why **we employ ASE certified technicians**. The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) is an independent, non-profit organization that tests and certifies individual automotive & truck repair technicians based on skills, knowledge and experience. To have a knowledgeable automotive professional take care of your vehicle all you have to do or have your family and friends do is **give us a call at 541-476-9646 or go to www.stargp.com**.



Freddy K.

ASE Master Certified Technician

Years in this industry: 16

Year started at Star Automotive: 8/2023

What do you specialize in, proficient at or prefer to work on: All Euro vehicles especially BMW.

ASE Certifications: ASE Master Tech Certified. A1-A9, Continuous industry training and development.

Hobbies: Drift Car Racing, Motor Cycles, 4-wheeling, camping and water sports

\$10 Off Labor Coupon

- Not Valid On Oil Change -

You must present this coupon at time of service. Coupon will not be accepted after repair is completed and paid for. One coupon per person per repair order. Cannot combine with other coupons.

Valid Through February 28, 2025

“To you our friends of STAR Automotive, we wish you a very blessed and happy Valentine’s Day full of moments of happiness and goodness. May you be blessed with the love of your dear ones this Valentine’s Day.”

Keeping Clothing Fresh

Try your hand at this assortment of household tips to keep your wardrobe looking its best:

- ⇒ Rub zippers with a bar of soap to keep them from sticking.
- ⇒ Run a damp sponge lightly over wool garments to remove lint.
- ⇒ Use a banana peel to clean and shine shoes.
- ⇒ For a hem crease that you want to remove, dab the area with a little white vinegar and then iron.
- ⇒ Use soap slivers in a ventilated bag rather than mothballs for a more pleasing scent when storing.

February 2 is Groundhog Day

When German settlers arrived in the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as Candlemas Day. It came at the mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. Superstition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of winter would be stormy and cold. For the early Christians in Europe, it was the custom on Candlemas Day for clergy to bless candles and distribute them to the people in the dark of winter. A lighted candle was placed in each window of the home.

Happy
Groundhog Day!



The story goes the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks, but if the day is cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate.

The earliest American reference to Groundhog Day can be found at the Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center at Franklin and Marshall College February 4, 1841.

How Much Gas Should You Keep In Your Tank

Keeping a sufficient amount of gas in your tank is crucial for the longevity and efficiency of your vehicle. Maintaining at least a quarter tank of fuel not only helps in protecting the fuel pump from overheating but also ensures a cleaner fuel supply for the engine. When running on low fuel, the pump may draw up sediment and contaminants that settle at the bottom of the gas tank, leading to potential damage to the fuel pump and the engine itself.

Moreover, driving with insufficient fuel can inadvertently decrease your gas mileage, as the fuel pump has to work harder to draw fuel, especially if it’s pulling from the bottom of the tank where dirt and debris accumulate. By keeping your tank a quarter full or more, you allow the pump to operate optimally, reducing strain on the engine and improving overall gas efficiency.

Regularly topping off your gas tank not only helps in avoiding inconvenient stops during your commutes or road trips but also plays a significant role in the health of your vehicle’s fuel system. It minimizes the risks of overheating, contamination, and reduced gas mileage, ultimately saving you time and money in the long run.



February is National Time Management Month in the U.S.

We understand how busy you are and we make it as **convenient as possible for you to bring your car in for service. Our FREE shuttle service** program is available for you when having your car serviced with us . (By appointment only) Just let us know when you call **541-476-9646** for your appointment that you'll need a ride and we'll be ready when you drop your vehicle off for service! Some restrictions apply.



Our goal is to serve you properly in a timely manner.

Should you have an issue, please discuss it with us and we will do our best to make things right.

Our business survives by providing good service done at a reasonable expense. Referrals and online reviews are important to us.

We would sincerely appreciate your online review.



Jolene's Corner

February is marked for Valentine's Day. Cards, Chocolates, and going out to dinner highlight the day of love. I cannot think of a better sign of love than creating something yummy for those you love in the kitchen. The following recipe was adapted from a dessert at the Salt Creek Steakhouse in Breckenridge Colorado. They serve it with whipped cream, ice cream, and a drizzle of chocolate sauce. You do not have to be a gourmet pastry chef to make this easy indulgent dessert. Enjoy

Knock You Naked Brownies

1 box (15.25-oz) German Chocolate cake mix. (Only use German Chocolate)
 1 cup finely chopped pecans
 1/3 cup plus 1/2 cup evaporated milk
 1/2 cup salted butter, melted
 60 whole caramels, unwrapped
 1/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
 Powdered Sugar for garnish

Preheat the oven to 350° F.

Grease an 8x8 or 9x9 inch square baking dish. (I used a foil aluminum pan).



In a large bowl, mix together the cake mix, chopped pecans, 1/3 cup of the evaporated milk, and melted butter. Stir together until totally combined. The mixture will be very thick.

Press half the mixture into the greased baking pan. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Remove the pan from the oven and set aside.

In a double boiler (or heatproof bowl set over a saucepan of boiling water) melt the caramels with the remaining 1/2 cup evaporated milk. When melted and combined, pour over the brownie base. Sprinkle the chocolate chips as evenly as possible over the caramel.

On a piece of parchment paper place remaining dough. Use your hands to press it into a large square a little smaller than the pan. Use the parchment paper to lift the square and slide it on top of the caramel and chocolate chips. (I peeled the paper off the dough and placed it by hand onto the caramel).

Return to the oven and bake until the top layer is set. 20-25 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool to room temperature, then cover and refrigerate for several hours. When ready to serve, generously sift powdered sugar over the surface of the brownies. Cut into 12-16 helpings, and carefully remove from the pan.

Hints: Spray your hands with cooking spray to keep dough from sticking to your hands.

Using a foil aluminum pan you can cut through the pan to remove the brownies easier.

FREE movie Tickets! Enter to win a "Date Night" at the movies at Cinemark Tinseltown in Medford with your loved one. No purchase necessary, just come into the shop and we will enter you into the drawing. Can't get down here then just give us a call and we will enter for you. Drawing will be held on Feb. 28th. Happy Valentines Day!

Thanks for the kind words!

Service was preformed quickly and professionally. It is wonderful to be greeted by name as I arrive for my appointment.

Greg





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*Show Your
Love...*



In the spirit of Valentine's Day, Show your car the love and Attention that it deserves. Choose one of these Valentine's day gifts for your car and give us a call to schedule your appointment it is that easy. Just remember to bring this coupon when you come in for service.

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