

# The Some Times Newsletter

## *Sprucing Up Your Vehicle*

Winter is one of the harshest seasons for vehicles. From ice, slush, salted roads to the extreme temperature swings and potholes; it all takes a toll on your vehicle. As spring finally arrives, it's a great idea to give your car a thorough cleaning to wipe away the grime and undo winter's damage. It doesn't have to cost a fortune when you can do most of the work yourself, visit a car wash or swing by our shop.

Here are 5 things you can do to shake the winter blues and spruce up your vehicle this spring:

- 1) **Wash the Underbody** ~ Wintertime driving can coat the bottom of your car with salt, sand and other grime that can cause corrosion. Corrosion can lead to rust problems.
- 2) **Scrub Both Inside and Out** ~ Grab some automotive upholstery and carpet cleaner and get busy. Start with the seats and move yourself to the carpet. The carpet can act like a filthy, salty, wet rag that can accelerate rust. Scrub the bottom of the doors and window channels. They can easily get coated with grime. You might also like to apply a silicone spray to the window channels which repels dirt while lubricating the surface.
- 3) **Replace Wiper Blades** ~ Wiper blades really get their workout during the winter months. It's best to change them every fall.
- 4) **Check Tires** ~ Cold weather can cause your tires to deflate. Driving on properly inflated tires can save you money.
- 5) **Check Fluids** ~ Winter weather can deplete some of your vehicle fluids, especially the windshield washer fluid. Make sure to check your oil, brake and transmission fluids too.

By using Spring as a time for sprucing up your vehicle, you will not only enjoy a fresher vehicle but also save yourself time and money as you roll into the long-awaited vacations.



**Bo S.**

**ASE Certified Technician**

**Years in this industry:** 11 years

**Year started at Star Automotive:** 11/2020

**What do you specialize in, proficient at or prefer to work on:** Electrical and Hybrid vehicles, A/C systems, Japanese and Domestic Vehicles.

**ASE Certifications:** ASE A1-A9, continuous industry training and development

**Hobbies:** Drift car racing, Motor Cycles, Enjoying the outdoors.

## Check Engine Light Scan

We'll scan the code and help you determine your next course of action!

**\$25 OFF** Diagnostic of Your Check Engine Light

*Expires April 30, 2025 Make Your Appointment Today!*

**\$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 April 30, 2025**

**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.***





As we proudly celebrate 50 years of service to the Grants Pass community, we reflect on the incredible journey that began in April 1975 when David Markley opened the doors of STAR Automotive. Over the decades, our commitment to integrity and honesty has been upheld by dedicated leaders, from Jim Lefeber, who took the helm in 1990, to Paul Krueger, who embraced the family legacy in 2019. With the support of David Markley, his son Aaron, who retired in 2023 and Jim we have built a strong family of employees and customers who are at the heart of everything we do. We are grateful for the trust and loyalty of our community and look forward to many more years of serving you with the same passion and dedication that has defined STAR Automotive since its inception.

We could not be in business for all these years if it were not for you our loyal customers, whether you have been with us for years or are new to our STAR family we want you to celebrate with us. We are inviting you to our 50th anniversary lunch party. We are going to have lots of food, snacks and beverages. So mark it on your calendar on April 25th at 12pm. We look forward to seeing and visiting with all of you.

**Celebrate with us on our 50th Year anniversary! We invite you to a 50 year lunch party held here at the shop on April 25th at 12pm.**

## Jolene's Corner

This recipe is fast and easy to prepare. It can be cooked in the oven or in an air fryer. It's great as a snack for watching sports or movies. Or as a main course for dinner.

### Lit'l Smokies and Pineapple

2 packages of little smoky sausages.  
1 (20 ounce) can chunk pineapple reserve 1/2 cup juice.  
2 Tablespoons molasses  
1 Tablespoon light brown sugar

In medium bowl combine 1/2 cup pineapple juice, molasses, brown sugar.

Add Lit'l smokies and stir. Marinate for 20 minutes.

If using oven:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Spoon Lit'l smokies and pineapple onto parchment lined baking sheet. Spoon a little of the marinade over the Lit'l smokies. Bake for 20 minutes until Lit'l smokies are browned. Stir half way through the baking cycle

For air fryer:

Heat air fryer to 400 degrees. Arrange Lit'l smokies and pineapple in a single layer. You will need to work in batches. Air fry for 7-9 minutes. Stirring half way through. Remove Lit'l smokies and pineapple and place them on a platter.



### Exercise For People Over 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.

### Strategies To Keep Allergies At Bay

'Tis the season for allergy sufferers. Hay fever affects more than 35 million people. Here are some do's and don'ts to help alleviate allergy attacks:

- ⇒ DO keep car windows and house windows closed. Use air conditioning, which cleans, cools and dries the air.
- ⇒ DO minimize early morning activities outdoors between 5am and 10am. This is the time of day when pollen is most prevalent.
- ⇒ DO take the medications prescribed by your allergist.
- ⇒ DON'T spend too much time outdoors when the pollen count, humidity or wind factor is high.
- ⇒ DON'T rake leaves or mow lawns, which stirs up molds and pollens. Leave this for someone who isn't allergic.
- ⇒ DON'T hang sheets or clothing out to dry as pollens and molds may collect in these items.

*Thanks for the kind words!*

"I am very happy taking my MB C300 to Star Auto. I have been a customer for close to ten years. This business is fair and honest. I feel confident taking my car to them and not being ripped off! They stand by their work!"

**Brenda**

### April Showers

The next time you find yourself caught in the rain, consider this interesting phenomenon: rain is naturally enriched with vitamin B12, the nutrient necessary for healthy blood. It becomes airborne when brought to earth by wind and rain.





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celebrating  
**50 years**

**Right the First Time, On Time, Every Time since 1975**

### **Special Offer 6 Months Same-As-Cash on Auto Maintenance & Repair**

STAR Automotive has partnered with Synchrony Financial to offer an additional choice to pay for or finance your vehicle maintenance and repair costs. Synchrony Financial offers a credit card which may be used to pay for services provided at STAR Automotive. When approved, a rotating line of credit is established which you can use at STAR. Charges up to \$199.99 must be paid in full by the due date to avoid any finance charges. Charges greater than \$200.00 are eligible for 6 months deferred no interest financing provided that 1) monthly minimum payments are made and 2) the full purchase price is paid in full within the six month no interest time frame.

Please inquire at STAR Automotive should you be interested in this payment option from Synchrony Financial.



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**\$50**

**Off Timing Belt Replacement**

Manufacturer's Recommended Maintenance.  
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 April 30, 2025**

**FREE** Brake Inspection

**If you need brakes, we will take \$50 OFF of your repair!**

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### **Did You Know?**

Federal Law (Magnuson-Moss Act 1975) prohibits new car dealers from implying or denying warranty service because routine scheduled maintenance was performed at an independent repair facility. STAR Automotive can handle your maintenance and repair needs. Just give STAR a call to schedule any of your preventative maintenance requirements.

**You don't have to go back to the Dealer for service or maintenance on your new or used vehicle!**

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