

# The Some Times Newsletter

## Are Your Brakes Trying to Tell You Something?

If your brakes are trying to tell you something, you should pay attention. A properly operating brake system helps ensure safe vehicle control and operation and it should be checked immediately if you suspect any problems, says the non-profit Car Care Council.

"While an annual brake inspection is a good way to ensure brake safety, motorists should NOT ignore signs that their brakes need attention," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. The Car Care Council reminds motorists to look for the following warning signs that their brakes need to be inspected:

- ⇒ Noise: screeching, grinding or clicking noises when applying the brakes.
- ⇒ Pulling: vehicle pulls to one side while braking.
- ⇒ Low Pedal: brake pedal nearly touches the floor before engaging.
- ⇒ Hard Pedal: must apply extreme pressure to the pedal before brakes engage.
- ⇒ Grabbing: brakes grab at the slightest touch to the pedal.
- ⇒ Vibration: brake pedal vibrates or pulses, even under normal braking conditions.
- ⇒ Light: brake light is illuminated on your vehicle's dashboard.



Yikes! Front brakes locked up again!

If you are having any of these symptoms give us a call at 541-476-9646 or go to [stargp.com](http://stargp.com) and schedule that appointment now before its to late. Get a **"FREE"** Brake Inspection! If you need any brake services we will take **\$45.00 OFF** of labor.

## What language is that? English? Really?

Let's face it—English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, no ham in hamburger, and neither pine nor apple in pineapple. For more examples of how the language of Shakespeare, Dickens, and David Mamet can confound even the smartest minds, consider these double meanings of common words:

- The bandage was wound around the *wound*.
- The dump was so full it had to refuse more *refuse*.
- The soldier decided to desert his unit in the *desert*.
- There is no time like the present to *present* the birthday boy with his present.
- The musical fisherman painted a bass on his *bass* guitar.
- The farm was used to produce *produce*.
- When the hunter fired his shotgun, the white dove *dove* into the bushes.
- I did not object to the *object* on the mantel.
- Jim was too close to *close* the door.
- The wind was too strong to *wind* the sail.
- The artist shed a tear at the *tear* in her painting.
- The scientist had to subject the *subject* to a series of tests.

## ABOUT SEPTEMBER...

- ✓ As the 9th month of the year, September marks the beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere (and the start of spring in the southern). Traditionally considered the month that marks transitions between seasons, it is often one of the most temperate weather-wise.
- ✓ The name September comes from the Latin 'septum', meaning seven, since it was the seventh month of the Roman calendar, which began with March.
- ✓ There are 30 days in the month of September, which starts on the same day of the week as December each year but does not end on the same day of the week as any other month in the year.
- ✓ September has 3 birth flowers... the Forget-Me-Not, the Morning Glory, & the Aster. Forget-Me-Nots represent love & memories, asters represent love as well, & the Morning Glory represents unrequited love.
- ✓ The birthstone for the month is the Sapphire



### The Accidental Potato Chip

The potato chip is the fortuitous result of a restaurant complaint. In 1853 at Moon's Lake House, a high fashion resort in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a patron complained that chef George Crum's fried potatoes were too thick. According to the National Snack Association, Crum was miffed - and decided to fry up a batch of potatoes so thin and crisp that they couldn't be skewered by a fork. His get-even plan backfired: the unhappy patron and other restaurant guests loved his innovation, and Crum's "Saratoga Chips," as they were first called, immediately became a popular restaurant item.



By 1895, entrepreneurs began making potato chips for sale in stores, but potato chips really took off with the invention of a mechanical potato peeler in the 1920s. According to the Snack Food Association, potato chips are currently a \$6 billion retail market, making them America's number one savory snack. Annual consumption of potato chips and shoestring potatoes in the U.S. amounts to 17 pounds per person.

### Held Back By Fear

Leadership coach and motivational speaker Lolly Daskal shares this story on her blog:

One hot summer day, two boys challenged each other to swim across a two-mile-wide lake. Diving in, they swam side by side for a while, until one boy pulled ahead. In a short time, he reached the opposite shore. He was surprised to find that his friend wasn't with him, but after a moment he saw the other boy waving to him from the side they'd started from.

After a long walk, they met back up. "What happened?" asked the swimmer who'd reached his goal.

"I got about halfway across, and then I looked back and saw how far away I was from the shore," his friend said. "I got scared, so I turned around and swam back."

In his fear, the second boy didn't realize that swimming back to his starting point would take just as much energy as continuing on to his destination. Lots of our fears are just like that—they prevent us from moving forward when our goal is in sight.

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Is your steering wheel crooked when driving straight?

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"Our greatest natural resource is in the minds of our children." — Walt Disney

### Get Children To And From School Safely

September brings the start of a new school year and the sight of children nationwide walking to school in the morning and back home in the afternoon. If you're concerned about their safety (and that's only natural), follow these tips for making sure your children know how to navigate the streets without trouble:

**Choose the right route.** Have your child use the most direct route to and from school. Look for intersections with stoplights and well-defined crosswalks, as well as adult crossing guards.

**Walk it yourself.** For the first week or so, walk with your younger children to be sure they know where and how to cross the street. Tell them to avoid shortcuts, abandoned houses, and anything else that might hide them from sight.

**Dress children for visibility.** Brightly colored coats and clothing will make your children more visible to drivers.

**Discuss safety.** Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from anyone they don't know. Be sure they understand what traffic signals mean and the importance of paying attention to what's happening around them.

**Check their knowledge.** Be sure small children know their own address and home phone number, as well as contact information for another trusted adult.

**Keep the lights on.** Be sure to leave your porch or outdoor lights on in fall and winter afternoons when darkness comes early.



### Remembering September 11, 2001

Remember how unified our country was in the days following the 9/11 attacks on our country?

The 9/11 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Commemorative events are held at all three sites on the anniversary of the attacks. At the annual observance held at the 9/11 Memorial in lower



Manhattan, family members of the victims read aloud the names of those killed in the 9/11 attacks and in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

On that day in September 2001 I was just getting ready to leave home to drive to work at STAR. Where were you?

## Jolene's Corner

Fall is coming and it is almost time for soup. I used dehydrated carrots from my garden. I was surprised at how good the carrots tasted in this recipe.

### Hamburger Noodle Soup

2 cup egg noodles or your favorite sturdy pasta  
 1 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil.  
 1 medium onion, diced  
 1 cup sliced celery  
 1 cup diced carrots or 1/4 cup dehydrate carrots  
 2 cloves garlic minced  
 1 pound lean ground beef  
 1/2 teaspoon oregano  
 1/2 teaspoon basil  
 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt  
 1 envelope dry onion soup mix  
 3 cups beef broth  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 1 (28 oz can) diced tomato's  
 1 (8 oz can) tomato sauce  
 1 Tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce



Penguins in the Antarctic

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Generously add salt. Add the noodles and cook for 9 minutes. Remove noodles from heat and pour into colander to drain. In a large stock pot over medium high heat add olive oil. Add onion, celery, and carrots and cook until softened. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add ground beef and cook, breaking up the meat as it cooks. Drain any fat if needed. Stir in oregano, basil, seasoning salt. Salt and pepper to taste. Add onion soup mix. Stir.

Add beef broth, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and Worcestershire sauce. Let the soup come to a boil. Reduce. Heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add noodles and stir.

Serve and Enjoy.

### Do You Have A Question About Car Maintenance That You Want Answered?

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our 'Some Times' monthly newsletter. If you have a question about anything related to your vehicle, feel free to give us a call at (541) 476-9646.



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