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President's Message

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Well, here we are in the middle of the covid-19 pandemic, waiting for the arrival of our first hurricane of the season to affect us here in Florida. It's been a busy hurricane season already with 9 named storms. Usually at this point in the season we have only had one named storm. I hope everyone is healthy, and safe.

For those that don't know, we have decided not to have the lunch meeting this month...Bummer. I was looking forward to adding a few more pounds to my already magnificent physique.

One year we were on our way to Ohio. We hadn't planned on getting away from a hurricane. We were just going to a car event, or an antique show, or something. You will find Ohio as a recurring theme in these stories, as Pat grew up in Columbus, Ohio. I, on the other hand, never grew up. We have friends there that we can stay with, that are still willing to put up with us.

So, as we are headed north, it keeps getting increasingly windy. No rain, just windy. It seemed like a hurricane, but we didn't know of one, plus no rain. We keep going. It gets harder to keep the car pointed straight. I said it looks like hurricane force winds.

When we got to Ohio, we found out it was hurricane Ike. We went to our friend's house. They live on the edge of town, so they are on well and septic. Guess what? No power, no water, etc.

My friend George and I took 5 gallon buckets down the road to get water from a neighbor, to flush the toilets with. No lights, no electricity. We weren't planning on staying a long time. There were trees down everywhere, and with that, electric service was out for a lot of people. The first night was kind of like camping out. You know an adventure. By the second night, we were pretty much over it.

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If I remember correctly, about this time, we pressed another friendship into service.

They said we were more than welcome to come and stay with them.

At the end of the week, George still didn't have power. A lot of other places as well didn't have power yet. We headed on back to Florida, where everything in our area was ok.

Stay safe and happy travels. *Doug Bullard*

TECH TIP from Tommy Baker: Homemade Gear Oil Dispensing System

OK - we've all been there, trying to get the gear oil into the rear end (or oil in the tranny) only to be obstructed by emergency brake cable, gas tanks, exhausts and the like. You could go out and purchase a cute hand pump that mounts to a bottle for \$10 or so, or you could struggle to attach a hose to the spout of the bottle and squeeze away. Why not use something you probably have around the house? Has anyone in your family ever purchased a bottle of shampoo or hair conditioner with that handy little pump dispenser on top? All you have to do is clean the container, fill with gear oil, attach a PVC hose and pump away. In no time, your axle will be full, you will retain your sanity, and you can use the as a storage container until it's time to top is off again. I have used this several times and it is particularly useful when you can't raise your car to a comfortable position to work, Just place the container on the ground and go to work.



SENSE OF FRESHNESS

A while ago a new supermarket opened in Topeka , Kansas. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain. When you pass the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and there is the scent of freshly mowed hay. In the meat department there is the aroma of charcoal grilled steaks with onions. When you approach the egg case, you hear hens clucking and cackling, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying. The bread department features the tantalizing smell of fresh baked bread and cookies.



But I don't buy toilet paper there!

Thanks to MG Gazette, the newsletter of the Keystone Region MG Club

EXPLAINED:

The Difference Between Summer and Winter Gas



Summer has its benefits: Fishing season. Dirt-track racing. Wrenching in the garage with the door open and the tunes blaring.

Another benefit is a slight fuel-economy boost. That's because refiners alter their gasoline and diesel formulations depending on the season, and summer gasoline contains about 1.7 percent more energy than winter-blend gas. Regardless of the time of year, it pays to know a little about what's going in your tank to ensure you're properly maintaining your fuel system.

Under Pressure

A primary difference between summer and winter fuels is their Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP). RVP is a measure of how easily the fuel evaporates at increased temperatures. The higher the fuel's RVP, the more easily it evaporates.

Winter-blend fuel requires increased RVP. If the fuel doesn't evaporate readily in cold temperatures, the engine will start hard and run rough at cold temperatures.

To achieve this, refiners often blend winter gasoline with butane, a relatively inexpensive additive with a high RVP. They adjust the RVP of the final formulation to as high as 15.0 psi to help the gasoline ignite readily in the cold.

The Law Restricts Sales

Once the temperature warms up in summer, however, high-RVP gasoline can volatilize more easily, which contributes to increased emissions and air pollution. For that reason, federal law restricts sale of gasoline with an RVP greater than 9.0 from June 1 through Sept. 15. To comply, refiners reduce the amount of butane in the gasoline and instead use pricier additives, hence one reason gas prices generally increase in summer. The blending process also takes longer, adding to the cost.

Some areas set even lower RVP standards in summer to further limit emissions. California, for example, has a 7.0-psi limit. Given the state's climate, refiners may sell summer-blend gas as early as April 1 and as late as Oct. 31.

For the most part, the semi-annual switch from winter to summer gas and vice versa happens seamlessly and goes unnoticed by drivers.

Lowest Additive Concentration

Regardless of the season, gasoline contains detergent additives designed to keep fuel injectors and other fuel-system components clean.

Some automakers, however, think the additive content, called the lowest additive concentration (LAC), is insufficient for modern vehicles. It takes a low level of additive to pass the tests, and most gasoline on the market contains as little as 123 ppm of additive.

The low levels of detergent additives in modern gasoline allow deposits to build up on critical fuel-system components, and most motorists are unaware of how dirty the insides of their engines are. This provides a great opportunity to sell the benefits of AMSOIL fuel additives.

Source: Amsoil newsletter

FOR SALE

Send me your car related "for sale" or "wanted" items for this space. Ed



Celebrations

By: Gene



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vic Hall

Bob Storke 8/10

Lucie Kooy 8/21

Sylvia Thomas 8/24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gene & Jan Myszkowski 8/19

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AUGUST 6-9, 2020 Jefferson 500, Summit Point, WV - <http://www.vrgonline.org>

AUGUST 8-9, 2020 Mount Equinox Hill Climb. Arlington, VT – www.vseca.org

AUGUST 14-16, 2020 Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals. Carlisle, PA – www.carsatcarlisle.com

AUGUST 27-30, 2020 TE/AE United XXXVIII. Greensboro, NC – <http://teae.org/>

AUG 31 – SEPT 4, 2020 VTR2020. Galena, IL - <https://www.vtr2020.org/> **Cancelled, 2021 date and place not set.**

SEPTEMBER 4-6, 2020 Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen. Watkins Glen, NY www.imsa.com

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 Austin Healey Conclave. Cristal River, FL – <http://www.healeyclub.org/> **Canceled**

SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2020 2018 U.S. Vintage Grand Prix. Watkins Glen International - Watkins Glen, NY - www.svra.com

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2020 Northeast Grand Prix. Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT - www.imsa.com

SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2020 Brits of the Shoals. Rogersville, AL. – <http://www.shoalsbritishcars.org/>

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 Atlanta British Car Fayre. Norcross, GA - www.atlantabritishcarfayre.com/

SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2020 Southeast British Car Festival. Dillard, GA - <https://pmgr.clubexpress.com>

SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2020 "C" Event of Brutal Aggressives MK XXXIX. Dillard, GA- <https://www.mg-cars.org.uk/amgcr/>

SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2020 Put-In-Bay Reunion Road Race. Put-In-Bay, OH - www.pibroadrace.com

SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2020 Fall Historics (HSR), Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA - www.hsrrace.com

SEPTEMBER 24-27, 2020 The Heacock Classic Gold Cup. VIR Alton, VA- www.svra.com/

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 Brits on the Beach. Ocean Grove, NJ - www.pedc.org/

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 Meeting of the Marques International. Carlisle, PA – www.meetingofthemarques.com/

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 MGs on the Rocks. , Street, MD - <https://www.mgsofbaltimore.org/mgs-rocks-british-car-show/>

OCTOBER 3-4, 2020 SCCA SOLO II (Autocross). Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL – <https://autocross.cfrscca.org>

Note: If you are planning on attending any of these events please check their website for updated information before you go.



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