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the Shop Rag

A monthly publication filled with industry news, maintenance and safety tips, upcoming events, special coupons, and more!



- Mercedes-Benz's plant in Alabama will shut down an additional two days this month and another two weeks next month to slow production to match falling sales.

CEOs from the Detroit 3 and Congress continue to seek relief measures to assist with the slumping economy. Will the relief come in the form of federal loans or tax payer funded bailouts? Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings are imminent - Stay tuned...

Auto Industry Bailout... Hand-up or Hand-out?

- 5,000 salaried employees exit Chrysler LLC during the 1st week in December. Company suppliers are nervous about a potential bankruptcy filing.
- General Motors cuts shifts at three North American assembly plants in response to declining demand in a move that will lay off almost 2,000 union-represented factory workers.
- Ford's Canadian unit submitted a business plan and the request for \$2 billion in aid to federal and Ontario governments.
- Toyota Motor Corp. plans to cut North American production of its best-selling cars including the Camry and Corolla sedans due to the drop in sales.

Choosing the Right Fuel for Your Car...



Check your owner's manual to find out what fuel is recommended for your vehicle. Regular unleaded (87 octane rating) is adequate and fine for most modern vehicles. Save your money and stick with regular unleaded unless another grade is suggested or recommended. Only use high octane fuel in motorcycles and luxury and high performance vehicles that call for premium grade fuels. High octane fuel is not only used for high performance cars, but also for cars with smaller engines that generate more horsepower through high compression. Again, check your owner's manual or check with a dealer.



*Wishing You & Your Family a Safe & Happy
Holiday Season from the Graeves Family!*

Teen Driving Safety Tips for Parents...

Things parents can do to help keep their teens safe while they are driving:

- Understand and enforce your state's new driver laws and restrictions, including unsupervised driving, time of day and passengers in the car.
- Create a driving contract covering all the state laws and your personal family rules – along with the consequences for breaking these rules, and have your teenager sign. Rules may include:
 - No alcohol or drug use
 - No cell phone use, including text messaging while driving
 - No driving after 10 p.m.
 - Keep two hands on the wheel — no eating, changing CDs, handling iPods or other activities while driving
 - Limit or restrict friends in the car without an adult
- Follow your own family's rules. Your teen will follow your driving example, so be sure you are keeping your own rules.

Helpful tips for ALL drivers:

- Pull off the road for cell calls or texting.
- Let your voicemail take the call. You can call back later when you are not driving.
- Do not eat or drink while driving.
- Create your MP3/iPod playlists at home and let them run while driving.
- Keep your radio volumes low enough to hear emergency vehicles and warning beeps from other motorists.
- Groom yourself at home, not in the vehicle.



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In the Community...

Film Fest

The Carl M. Freeman Foundation will be holding free holiday movies weekends from December 5-28 at the Olney 9 Cinemas. For more information and tickets visit www.olneyfilmfest.com.

INOVA Blood Drive

The Olney Lions Club is hosting an INOVA Blood Drive at Montgomery General Hospital on Thursday, December 18 in the MGH lobby from noon until 6:00 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling Veronica Everett (MGH) at 301.774.8761, but walk-ins are accepted.

Let the Numbers Speak...

2 cents

The price of a US Postal stamp in the year 1929.

22 knots

How fast the Titanic was moving when she hit the iceberg...

1,764,000 miles

The most miles ever put on a single car
(1966 Volvo P-1800S).

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Print and bring this coupon with you to Graeves Auto & Appliance at the time of purchase and receive 10% off any new appliance.

(This coupon may not be used in conjunction with any other promotions or coupons.)

Coupon expires: December 31, 2008

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