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'Tis the Season for Overheating...

Overheating is one of the most common reasons why autos breakdown during the summer months. It happens when the temperature of your coolant exceeds the normal operating temperature of your engine and can be linked to many causes including idling in hot weather for long periods or even small leaks dropping our coolant level. Here are a few tips for dealing with an overheated radiator:

1. Turn off the A/C. The AC evaporator is located in front of the radiator and adds heat to the air going to your engine.
2. Turn on your heater (set on hottest temperature and highest fan setting). This will be uncomfortable for passengers but will draw hot air from the engine.
3. If stuck in heavy traffic, pull over and stop (in a safe

area - away from the road). Not having airflow over your radiator compounds your overheating problem. Open the hood and let the engine cool off. Be patient - this will take time.

4. Visually check the overflow tank coolant level. If it is empty, the radiator is probably low on coolant.
5. Check the pressure of the system by wrapping a cloth around the upper radiator hose and squeezing it. If it's still under pressure, it is still hot and will not squeeze easily. Wait until it does before performing #6.



6. Place a large cloth over the radiator cap, and carefully release the pressure. This can be very dangerous, so if in doubt wait until the engine cools completely.

7. If the coolant is low, start the engine, and slowly add the water or coolant necessary to fill it up. By running the engine, the coolant keeps moving and reduces the chances of cracking the engine block.

Radiators are mostly made of metal and are in constant contact with liquids. This makes them susceptible to corrosion over time. Routine inspections and maintenance of your radiator and cooling system will help prevent future breakdowns and the potential for major engine damage.

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In the Community...

Olney Days

Olney Days will be held this year from May 21-23. A complete schedule of events and information can be seen on the Greater Olney Civic Association's website at: www.goca.org



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Are You a True Car Guy (or Gal)?

See how many of the following questions you can answer...

1) What is generally considered to be the first "pony car"?

A: Pontiac Firebird, B: Mercury Cougar, C: Ford Mustang, D: Chevrolet Camaro

2) What was the first Japanese car to be produced in the United States?

A: Honda Accord, B: Mazda Miata, C: Toyota Camry, D: Nissan Maxima

3) What car sold more than one million units in 1965, setting a record that still stands today?

A: Buick Wildcat, B: Pontiac GTO, C: Ford Thunderbird, D: Chevrolet Impala

4) What three specialty convertibles did General Motors originally introduce in 1953?

A: Buick Skylark, Oldsmobile Fiesta & Cadillac Eldorado, B: Buick Roadmaster, Buick Riviera & Buick Super, C: Buick LeSabre, Oldsmobile StrayCat & Cadillac Fastback, D: Cadillac Fleetwood, Oldsmobile Omega & Ford Victoria

5) What year was the Corvette first introduced?

A: 1943, B: 1953, C: 1963, D: 1973

6) What was the first car to be mass-produced?

A: Model T, B: Model A, C: Packard, D: Duryea Motor Wagon

7) What was the first car to come equipped with anti-lock brakes?

A: Lincoln Continental Mark III, B: Shelby Cobra, C: BMW 1600, D: Jensen FF

8) What was the first commercially available hybrid gasoline-electric car in the United States?

A: Ford Escape Hybrid, B: Toyota Prius, C: Honda Insight, D: Saturn VUE

9) What kind of car did Starsky and Hutch drive in the classic television series?

A: Ford Bronco, B: Ford Thunderbird, C: Ford Gran Torino, D: Ford Ranger

10) How much horse power did the first Porsche 911 have?

A: 35 hp, B: 90 hp, C: 130 hp, D: 180 hp

(Answers: 1-C; 2-A; 3-D; 4-A; 5-B; 6-A; 7-D; 8-C; 9-C; 10-C)

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