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# the Shop Rag

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



## Tragedy = Delays...

Due to the recent Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore, many automakers will immediately be facing shipping challenges. On the next day the Port of Baltimore suspended all vessel traffic in and out of the port until further notice.

Most major automakers use this Baltimore location to import and export vehicles and parts, so the port closing has created logistical challenges for many automakers. Just last year the port handled close to 850,000 cars and trucks which is more than any other port in the United States.



Much of this traffic will be diverted to other ports creating additional strain for those operations as well. How this will ultimately affect the supply chain for consumers is unknown, but delays are anticipated.

*Our sympathies go out to those lost and still missing in the recent local tragedy.*

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## In the Community...

Spring is finally here, and kids will be spending more time outdoors. Please drive with care and watch for kids playing near roadways everywhere!




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**See page 2 for this month's special deal!**



## Car Safety Tip of the Month!

Winter is over, so here is a short list of safety tips for driving in the Spring...

### Look for Leftover Sand and Salt

Once the snow is gone, sand and salt often remain, making traction difficult. Take care at intersections and give yourself a little extra braking time.



### Careful in the Rain

Spring showers can create tricky driving conditions. Safe driving in a rainstorm means turning your headlights on, driving slowly and giving other vehicles more space.

### Avoid Flooded Roads

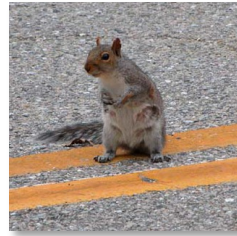
When approaching a flooded road, turn around and find a safe route. Standing water can have strong undercurrents.

### Look for Potholes

Combine salt, sand, snowplows and alternating cold and warm weather and you've got the perfect conditions for creating new potholes.

### Look for Pedestrians and Bikers

Everyone is ready to enjoy the warmer weather. This means increased motorcycles, bicycles and foot traffic on roads and shoulders.



### Animal Crossing

Warmer weather also means many animals will be coming out of hibernation.

## Did You Know?

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

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The fortune cookie was invented in San Francisco.

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Lightning strikes the Earth 6,000 times every minute.

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1/4 of your bones are in your feet.

# It's time for Tune-Ups and Oil Changes!

Let us check your car over and get you ready for your Spring and Summer trips.



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Print and bring this coupon to Graeves Auto & Tire at the time of purchase and receive 10% off a tune up and/or oil change.

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