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



## Plans for Driving on the Beach this Summer?

Driving on a hard beach is usually not a problem, but when venturing out onto a deep loose sand beach can be a challenge. Here are some tips and advice if you plan on giving it a go...

Before driving onto a beach, drop your tire pressure to 12 psi, which helps you "float" on top rather than dig in to the sand. If you feel yourself "starting" to sink in, keep your momentum going and do not stop. If you feel it getting worse, stop and reverse back out, and look for a better way forward.



While driving on loose sand, avoid sharp turns. When your front wheels are turned, they take a

lot more energy to push through the sand than when straight. While turning, if you start to get stuck, straighten the wheels out until you get going again.

If you do lose forward motion, don't spin the tires until you're completely stuck. Try to back out gingerly. Use a floor mat, some branches or anything that can get you traction under your drive wheels.



Have a front wheel drive car? Don't even try it in loose sand. The front wheels will dig in almost instantly. Rear wheel drive cars do a little better—but there's no substitute for a 4WD vehicle.

Where are the closest East Coast beaches you can drive on? Keep reading!



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## 10 Great Beaches to Drive On...

Here are 10 beaches throughout the coastal states known for offering a great driving experience.

1. Cape Hatteras – North Carolina’s Outer Banks
2. Silver Lake State Park – Lake Michigan near Detroit
3. Tierra del Mar – Oregon’s Coast
4. Oceano Dunes – California’s Central Coast
5. East Beach – Rhode Island across Ninigret Pond
6. Crescent Beach – Rhode Island’s Block Island
7. Island Beach State Park – New Jersey
8. Long Beach Peninsula – Washington State
9. Malaquite Beach – Texas
10. New Smyrna Beach - Florida

***Don't forget to keep your eye on the tides!***



## “To Wash” or “To Be Washed” ...that is the question...

There are those who still take great pride in washing their own vehicle, and feel it is the only way to get it as clean as they like it. While this may be true, consider this: Washing a car at home can use as much as 5 to 20 times more water than a professional car wash. Most car washes also

recycle water, saving even more waste water per vehicle. Studies have also shown that hand washes done at home can actually create more scratches than car washes by rubbing wash towels that accumulate dirt and debris as you continue to wash your vehicle.



## In the Community...

### National Night Out Reminder!



Olney joins 10,000 communities nation-wide for the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for National Night Out which will be held on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00pm at the Fair Hill Plaza Shopping Center (Harris Teeter parking lot).

This national event draws attention to crime prevention and police awareness. Stop by and meet your local police and fire department personnel. You may also enjoy games, music and great food, as well as visit with local business owners. Proceeds from the event benefit the local fire and police departments.



*See Page 4 for this month's special coupon!*



## Car Care "Tip of the Month"

### Wheel Alignment!

Have your car's wheel alignment checked every 30,000 miles, or as recommended in your owner's manual. Also have it checked after having your steering serviced. Improper tire alignment will shorten the life of your tires as well as cause poor handling. If your steering is stiffer than normal or the vehicle pulls to one side, you may have an alignment problem.



## Did You Know?

Popsicles were accidentally invented by an 11-year-old boy in San Francisco in 1905.

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The "dog days of summer" refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11 and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation.

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Before the Civil War, schools did not have summer vacation. In rural communities, kids had school off during the spring planting and fall harvest while urban schools were essentially year-round.

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According to Rolling Stone, the top 10 best summer songs of all time are:

- 1) "Dancing in the Street," Martha & The Vandellas;
- 2) "Summertime Blues," Eddie Cochran;
- 3) "School's Out," Alice Cooper;
- 4) "California Girls," The Beach Boys;
- 5) "Rockaway Beach," The Ramones;
- 6) "Hot Fun in the Summertime," Sly & the Family Stone;
- 7) "Summer in the City," Lovin' Spoonful;
- 8) "Vacation," The Go-Gos;
- 9) "Summertime," DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince; and
- 10) "Cruel Summer," Bananarama

**August**

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