

Happy Holidays!

As the holidays approach, we wish you safe travels above all. In addition as you get together with loved ones to celebrate this season, please remember the members of our armed forces and first responders, and their families, who have given so much to protect our freedoms. We are forever in their debt. [PJ](#)

Winter or All Season Tires

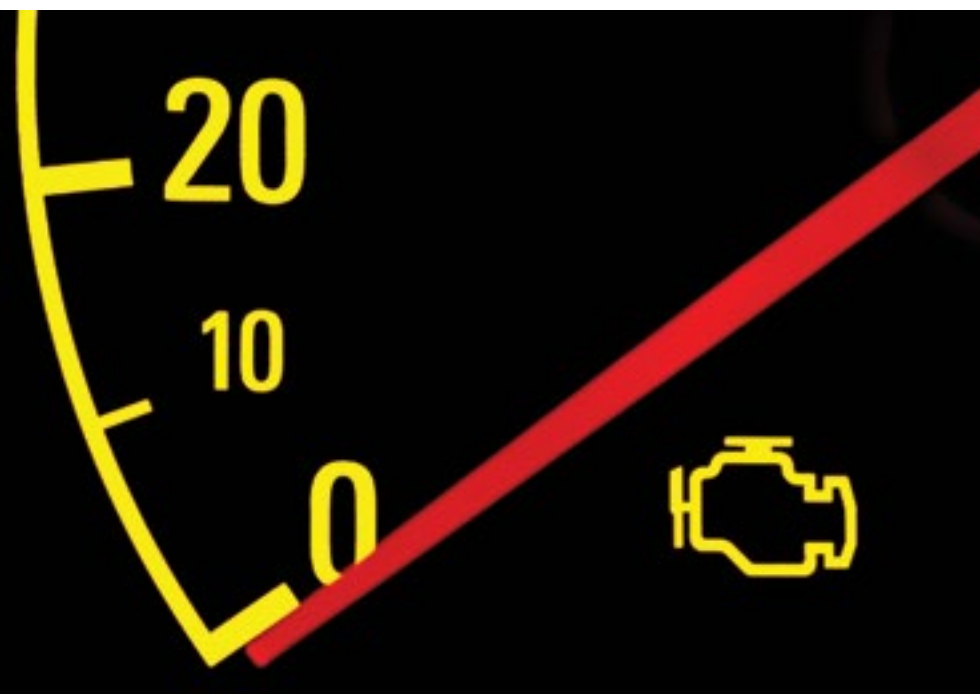
Many folks believe that all season tires are all they need to get through the winter. If you live along a major artery and never venture off it, that may be true. However, most people like to travel for the holidays and there is no getting around the fact that snow tires are the best insurance against getting stuck or having a crash due to poor traction. A snow tire's rubber is formulated to work best at 45 degrees and below. That means any temperature above that is accelerating wear. It is much "softer" than an all season tire, which is a compromise and needs to work at both high and low temperatures. Some snow tires, such as a Bridgestone Blizzak (certainly not the only brand), can even start and stop with no drama on glare ice. Ever see a Zamboni operate at a hockey game? If you are going this route, make sure to install snow tires on all four wheels. Installing them only on the front of a front wheel drive car is dangerous because of the traction differences with all season tires. It is very dangerous to have the car lose traction at the rear and cause a spin. We have found the most cost effective route is to just buy four wheels with snow tires mounted and switch them out as the seasons change. [PJ](#)

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Free Check Engine Light Diagnosis



You know the old saying, “You Never Get Something for Nothing”? Well, wait a minute. There are a couple of big box parts stores that will check the codes on that illuminated check engine light and sell you the parts to fix it. Cool. You didn’t need to pay for a diagnosis.

Trouble is, it’s not that simple.

First of all, good luck finding a shop that will guarantee the repair.

Let’s say the big box store told you the oxygen sensor, which measures the amount of oxygen in the exhaust, was defective or had a slow response rate and caused the light. They sell you an O2 sensor, a shop installs it and 3 days later the light is back on for the same reason. Is the new O2 sensor defective or was it responding to some other condition in the engine? There are multiple connectors running from the O2 sensor to the engine computer and this is true for every sensor feeding the computer. Many times the problem lies with the connections to a sensor. Or, maybe

a fuel injector is dumping too much fuel. See, there may have been nothing wrong with the original O2 sensor, but now you are stuck with paying for a part you don’t need. The big box store is not taking back a used part and assumes no liability for their irresponsible

“diagnosis”. Now you are spending a lot more money and expending a lot more time on a problem that could have been fixed the first time by a competent shop. So, you do get something for nothing after all—a big bill and wasted time.

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Those trouble codes you got for free only tell the technician where to start looking. His reasoning skills and tenacity as a problem solver leads him to the cause and correction of the problem. Don’t fall prey to this scam. Always seek out a shop you trust to help you keep your car running well for hundreds of thousands of miles. **PJ**

JACKIE’S KORNER KITCHEN

Spiced Pumpkin Cheesecake

This is one of our favorite desserts for the holidays. Hope you like it too.

Makes 16 servings

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| 38 Nabisco Ginger Snaps, finely crushed | 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin |
| ¼ cup finely chopped pecans | 1 Tbsp. pumpkin pie spice |
| ¼ cup butter, melted | 1 tsp. Vanilla |
| 4 pkgs. (8 oz. ea.) cream cheese, softened | 4 eggs |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 cup thawed whipped topping |
| | ½ tsp. ground nutmeg |

How to make it:

Heat oven to 325 deg F. Mix crumbs, nuts, and butter; press onto bottom and 1 inch up side of 9-inch springform pan. Beat cream cheese and sugar with mixer until blended. Add pumpkin, spice and vanilla mix well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing after each just until blended. Pour into crust. Bake 1 hour 20 min. to 1 hour 30 min. or until center is almost set. Loosen cake from rim of pan; cool before removing rim. Refrigerate 4 hours.

Serve with a dollop of whipped topping and a dusting of nutmeg.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.



CAR TRIVIA

1. In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world’s nuclear weapons combined.
2. Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
3. The electric chair was invented by a dentist. (hmmmmmm)
4. A snail can sleep for three years.
5. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
6. Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour. (Do not try this at home . . . maybe at work).
7. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

* From: <http://www.freemaninstitute.com>

Recall Campaigns

One of the things we notice when repairing cars is how many people fail to have recall work done or aren't aware that an open recall exists on their car. Well, now there is a website where you can get that information for free and it's easy to use. At <http://www.checktoprotect.org/owners/#!/About-Us>, just put in your vehicle identification number, which you can find on your registration card, and you can find out whether there are any open recall campaigns for your vehicle. Of course, you could just wait until your car comes into our shop as we do that with every service or repair we perform. Research has shown that many folks don't

take care of this because they are waiting for the car to go in for service and it is otherwise inconvenient. However, not correcting a problem could be a huge safety risk for you and others. We at Roberts Automotive want to be your one stop shop. So, we are offering a new service free of charge wherein when your car comes in for service, we will get it to the dealership so that the work can be done with no inconvenience to you. We will also act as your advocate to ensure that all of the needed work will be completed.

Check out the website for recalls on your car and give Dave a call at 717-285-3738.



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