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TOPEKA'S CAR CARE PROS

Native Stone Scenic Byway



Thinking about taking a weekend drive to enjoy the fall leaves? The Native Stone Scenic Byway showcases an area in Kansas that is well known for its fall tour destinations. Limestone fences frame the portrait

of farming and ranching in the area. The native stone is evident in bridges and buildings, as well. The byway journeys on K-4 and K-99 through Mission Creek and Mill Creek valleys, in Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties in the glorious Flint Hills. Natural elements abound: twisting, winding creeks; grazing land, vast vistas, stone deposits, elevation changes, seasonal foliage and wildflowers.

Dover boasts two historic landmarks: the 1878 Sage Inn and Stagecoach Station and the Dover General Store (café). Eskridge's most prominent architectural element is the Security State Bank Building with its turret and columned arches built in 1904. The 1905 Henry Sump Barn just south of Alma is a magnificent redwood and limestone barn.

The Alma business district is 98% native stone structures built in the 1800s. In addition, the Wabaunsee County Courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is built of native limestone and Carthage stone which gives the appearance of granite. The 50-year-old Alma Creamery provides tours for visitors to watch cheese being made.

History buffs can also visit the Wabaunsee County Historical Museum in Alma with exhibits depicting life in the Flint Hills. In addition, the Shawnee County Historical Society and the Kansas Museum of History are within five miles of the byway. For Civil War buffs, the Beecher Bible and Rifle Church is just north of the byway near Wabaunsee.

For more information on this Byway and others throughout Kansas go to <http://ksbyways.org>.

Another Happy Customer Writes...

To all the guys at Yingling's,

Thank you all so much for last Wednesday, 8/1/07. You were so kind to help us out with my 1997 white Suburban and my fuel pump!

After two auto shops in Topeka said "No-Way", you were a bright spot in our day. We arrived home in Sioux Falls about 10:30 that night. Then I followed your orders and got my tires balanced and replaced a tail light (just one more thing). But, you guys were super-nice and kind to us. Thank you again!! You get another crown in Heaven!

*God Bless and Peace,
 Nikki Maranell, daughter Brogan and niece Shelby*

P.s. Here's some money for you to buy an ice cream cone for everyone at Yingling's.



The Yingling gang enjoys some ice cream to thank them for a job well done.

Who is Correct?

A high-rate discharge (battery capacity) test is being performed on a 12-volt battery. Technician A says that a good battery should have a voltage reading below 7 volts while under load. Technician B says that the battery should be discharged (loaded) to twice its ampere-hour rating. Who is correct?*

- A. Technician A
- B. Technician B
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither technician

*Answer on Page 2

Employee Spotlight

Take a quick peek into the life of one of Yingling's Auto Service's employees:

Harvey Pickering

Harvey has worked at Yingling's Auto Service for the last three years. He is our Lube Technician and will expertly handle any and all of your car's lube needs.

Harvey is married with four children and is helping to raise three grandchildren!



Q: *What is your biggest accomplishment so far in life?*

A: My biggest accomplishment so far has been raising four great kids.

Q: *Who inspires you most?*

A: My father has been the biggest inspiration in my life.

Q: *Do you have any bragging rights?*

A: All four of my kids are on the honor roll. One is on the volleyball team, another is on the soccer team and both are in ROTC.

Q: *What's your favorite thing to do in the fall?*

A: I like to remodel my house in the cooler weather.

Q: *What do you like to do in your free time?*

A: I'm a die hard Chiefs football fan. I also love to fish when I'm not watching football.

Q: *What kind of car do you drive? What do you WISH you were driving?*

A: I drive a Chevy SID, but wish I was driving a Ram Charger with Hemi.

Q: *What's your favorite kind of music? Your favorite musical group?*

A: Old rock is my favorite music, Kiss is my favorite group.

Who is Correct?

(*answer from page 1)

The correct answer is D, neither technician.

The discharge (load) test of a battery should be three times the battery's amp-hour rating or half of its Cold Cranking Amps (CCA) rating. The load test should be applied for 15 seconds, and battery voltage should not fall below 9.6 volts at 70°F (21°C) or higher.

—Motor Age Magazine

Did You Know. . .

Yingling's Auto Service carries most name-brand tires at discount prices?

Handle the Pressure

When temperatures begin to drop, tires should be checked at least once a month because cold weather reduces your tire's inflation pressure.

What's the Outlook?

Change your windshield wipers every six months to maximize visibility as the hours of light dwindle.

LEAF HAZARDS



Autumn's leaves are beautiful to see, but when wet or in piles, they present driving hazards unique to the season. The Car Care Council reminds drivers to prepare for fall driving conditions by having their vehicles' tires, brakes and wipers checked before heading out.

Most motorists know that puddles or standing water can cause loss of control, and they adjust their driving accordingly. But fewer drivers, especially inexperienced ones or drivers new to an area with heavy foliage, are aware of the dangers of wet leaves.

A single layer of wet leaves can make braking, steering and stopping difficult. This effect is particularly dangerous at intersections and is intensified at downhill stop signs. Acceleration can be affected, too. Fishtailing can result on leaf-strewn interstate entrance ramps and other areas where hard accelerations may be necessary.

Even when dry, leaves can present a challenge. Piles of leaves can obscure potholes, curbs and street markings and even present a fire hazard should leaves contact a hot muffler or tailpipe.

The brake system is the car's most important safety system, especially when dealing with an abundance of leaves on the roads. Brakes are a normal wear item for any car, and brake linings, drums and rotors, as well as brake fluid, should be checked at each oil change.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer-education campaign, promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair, to consumers.

For more information visit www.carcare.org.

Autumn Provides Opportunity to Repair and Prepare Your Vehicle

Preventive car care—like preventive health care—can save time, money and lives, and autumn is an ideal time to bring your car in for a check-up. Fall service is an opportunity to undo the wear-and-tear of the summer's heat and prepare your vehicle for the winter ahead. In case you need some convincing, here are 10 practical reasons to come in for a check-up right now.

- 1) **Cut Repair Costs** – Discovering worn components early, before major problems, can save a lot of money.
- 2) **Safety** – Is your vehicle an accident waiting to happen? Don't put yourself and others at risk. Have safety systems like the brakes, steering and suspension inspected and serviced before they fail.
- 3) **Better Performance** – A well-maintained vehicle looks better, runs better, rides better and gets better fuel economy.
- 4) **Save the Environment** – Worn spark plugs, dirty air filters and under-maintained emission systems contribute to air pollution.
- 5) **Improved Resale/Trade-In Value** – A well-maintained vehicle can be worth two to three times as much as one that has been neglected.

- 6) **Better Handling** – Improper wheel alignment and balance, worn tires and worn suspension components contribute to poor handling and a poor ride.
- 7) **Budget** – Early detection gives you a chance to budget ahead for needed service.
- 8) **Dependability** – A well-maintained vehicle is less likely to stall, fail to start or otherwise leave you stranded.
- 9) **Driving Enjoyment** – As already stated, a well-maintained vehicle runs and rides better and is just more enjoyable to drive.
- 10) **Pride of Ownership** – It has been said that your car is an extension of your personality. Keep it looking good and working as it should.



Tips to Get the Most From Your Hard-Earned Fuel

These tips will help extend the life of your vehicle, too!

- Monitor your tires (underinflated tires waste fuel)
- Remove unnecessary items from your vehicle to reduce weight
- Consolidate trips and errands, and try to avoid stop-and-go conditions
- Keep your engine tuned up to maximize mileage
- Shut off the engine when waiting for family and friends to enter your vehicle
- Don't speed! Speeding decreases your miles per gallon and is unsafe
- Avoid sudden accelerations, which guzzle gas
- Keep windows closed at highway speeds and turn the air off in stop-and-go traffic



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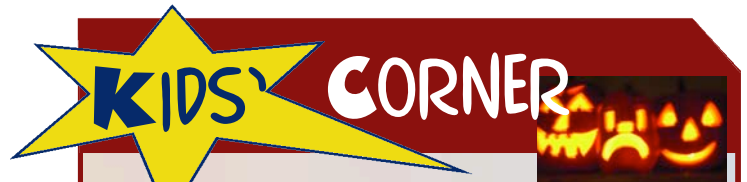
A man was speeding down the highway, feeling secure in a gaggle of cars all traveling at the same speed. However, as they passed a speed trap, he got nailed with an infrared speed detector and was pulled over.

The officer handed him the citation, received his signature and was about to walk away when the man asked, "Officer, I know I was speeding, but I don't think it's fair—there were plenty of other cars around me who were going just as fast, so why did I get the ticket?"

"Ever go fishing?" the policeman suddenly asked the man.

"Ummm, yeah..." the startled man replied.

The officer grinned and added, "Ever catch all the fish?"



Keep Your Pets Safe This Halloween!

Halloween can be a traumatic and even dangerous time for your pet. Ms. Jacque Schultz, ASPCA Director of Companion Animal Services, offers some common-sense tips to protect your pet:

- Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween: There are plenty of stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured or stolen pets on this night.
- Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets: Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
- Be careful of pets around a lit pumpkin: Pets may knock it over and cause a fire.
- Don't dress your pet in costume unless you know he loves it. Otherwise, it puts a lot of stress on the animal. If you do dress him up, make sure the costume isn't constricting, annoying or unsafe. Be careful not to obstruct their vision. Even the sweetest pets can get snappy when they can't see what's going on around them.
- All but the most social pets should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours; too many strangers in strange costumes can be scary for a pet.
- Be careful your pet doesn't dart out through the open door.

While this can be a fun time for people and pets alike, remember that your pets are depending on you to keep them safe from the more dangerous goblins and ghouls that this holiday brings.

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