



"A Customer First Company"

March/April 2008 Edition

Welcome to the March/April Edition of "On The Move"

This Month we are bringing you an expanded edition of "On The Move" that is full of insightful information of interest to you the commuter. And as always we bring you important tips to help make your commute safer.

Fake Air Bags

Are you considering purchasing a used car? Safety is likely high on your list of priorities that determine what car you will decide to buy. Many of us take for granted that a car will have air bags installed. Unfortunately that is not always the case. There have been many reported cases of air bag covers being installed with no air bag inside. This is particularly dangerous to passengers and second-hand car buyers unlikely or unable to know whether an air bag cover is fake. "Federal law prohibits auto repairers or dealers from installing air bag covers without air bags in vehicles whose bags have deployed. Current law does not cover individual non-professionals. Once a cover is installed, a consumer may not know whether an air bag is underneath. One means of checking is to look for a manufacturer's logo, which is likely to be missing if the air bag cover is bogus." The cost to replace an air bag is typically between \$600 - \$700, compared to the air bag cover, which is about \$75 - \$85.



What can we as consumers do to protect ourselves? You can order a vehicle history report, such as the ones available from carfax to check for salvage or junk titles, and accidents reported in the vehicles past. "If the vehicle has a salvage or junk title or has been involved in an accident, the airbag may have deployed. Even if it remained undeployed, the airbag system may still have been affected by the crash. This should be a red flag to have the airbag system closely examined." If the vehicle history report raises a red flag you should "take the vehicle to a certified airbag mechanic for inspection PRIOR to purchase to ensure a properly working airbag system."



You can also turn on the ignition and check for:

- The airbag indicator light should appear momentarily and then go out.
- If indicator light remains on or flashes, this may indicate an air bag system problem exists – take vehicle to qualified mechanic for further inspection.
- What if the light NEVER comes on? This indicates a serious problem. Its highly likely the air bag is missing and the bulb has been removed. Airbag lights may not come on if the previous owner has had an on-off switch installed. If you face this situation, ask owner or dealer to provide a copy of the NHTSA letter authorizing the switch and have airbag turned back on.

Information obtained from consumeraffairs.com and carfax.com

Money Saving Road Trip Tips

Know Where You're Going and How to Get There

Avoid the time, gas, and mileage road delays can cost you by dialing 511. If you or someone you know is an AAA member, they will give you free maps and guide books that will help you find the most direct route, and best detours, for your trip.

You should drive safely and sensibly. Drive steadily and smoothly, avoid rush hour, leave extra weight, get tune-up before the trip.

Pack before you snack. Think items that will last and won't require a large cooler. Dried fruit, trail mix, and breakfast bars will all last for hundreds of miles, and provide a healthier substitute/compliment for bags of chips and sweets

You Don't Need an Entertainment System for Entertainment. Burn a CD, print out a few Sudoku or coloring pages, Road games that involve counting license plates, finding certain color cars, or rhyming and memory games can keep the kids, and everyone else, involved and happy.

Information from www.wtvr.com



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We Would Like to Send a Very Special Birthday Greeting To:

Michele Goodson
Angela Robinson
Debbie Dean
Thomas(TJ) Branch
Marquette Poston
Inez Clark
Kenneth Johnson
Frank McReynolds

Mark Estes
Robert Meredith
Sheila Goode
Donald Picard
Naveen Senapathi
Tish Henderson
Ronnie Holmes



Welcome To the K&K Family!

K&K Connections, LLC would like to welcome the following riders to the K&K Family. We are excited to have you with us!

Tracey Dunn
Tanya Woodford
Celeste Anderson-Jones
Brian Morgan
Ahmed Rabiutheen
Vida Logan
Latonya L. Wray
Kevin Dent
Angela Robinson
Sanjeev Johari
Harry Mars III

Gregory Robinson
Sanjay Kumar
Louise Holden
Shelly Austin
Deneen Bundick
Tiffany Jones
Robyn Thompson
Purcell Clark
Erika Mansfield
Harold Willsey II

*If we missed your name please let us know. We thank all of you who have decided to join us!

"Cleaning" Your Hard Drive

We have all wondered what happens when we erase information from our hard drives. Television and the movies often depict computer geniuses that can recover any and everything from a hard drive. Recently Consumer Reports bought hard drives from Ebay to determine what information they would be able to recover. "We found word documents with financial information, salary histories, and a lot of financial information from people. We also found love letters that people left on their hard drives. User passwords and user names to accounts we were able to get into, all which were supposedly erased but were able to recover quite easily." There is software available to make sure your personal information is removed from your hard drive. It's called Eraser. You can download it free from heidi.ie/eraser. Once downloaded, it will permanently shred files as soon as you send them to the recycle bin. Rich Fisco, a Consumer Reports tester says, "You just simply take your files, drag them into the recycle bin, click erase files, box comes up, does all the erasing, then you're done. They're gone."

K&K Connections, LLC Safety Corner
It's that time of year again. We begin to have a few warmer days. We can't wait to get home today; it may actually still be light outside. I think I might pull out th grill for the first time this year.....Wait, WHY is traffic stopped?? Along with warm weather comes the dreaded construction work zone. Annually there are nearly 800 fatalities and 37,000 serious injury crashes in work zones. The congestion and delays caused by work zones increase drivers frustration levels thereby increasing the chance of an accident. The following ti can keep drivers/passengers and construction worker safe.

Safety Tips to Live By

-  **Stay Alert!** Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
-  **Pay Close Attention!** Signs and work zone flaggers save lives.
-  **Turn on Your Headlights!** Workers and other motorists must see you.
-  **Don't Tailgate!**
-  **Don't Speed!** Note the posted speed limits in and around the work zone.
-  **Keep Up with the Traffic Flow!**
-  **Don't Change Lanes!**
-  **Minimize Distractions!** Avoid changing radio stations and using mobile phone while driving in the work zone.
-  **Expect the Unexpected!** Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment.
-  **Be Patient!** Remember the work zone crew members are working to improve your future ride.

Information from U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Safety Administration; <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov>

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How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint on the Road

A primary contributor to global warming is Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions. Cars and Trucks account for approximately 25% of the CO₂ emissions in the U.S. There are some measures you can take to reduce your contribution. Transportation choices may be the single most important personal impact you can make on global warming. All of you are already making a huge positive impact by choosing to ride in a van pool. Below are some solutions offered by greenerchoices.org.

1. **Drive a fuel-efficient car.** A car that gets 30 mpg will emit about half the CO₂ of a 15 mpg vehicle. That's a savings of 8,000 pounds if you drive 12,000 miles a year.
2. **Reduce driving speed and drive evenly.** Fuel consumption is directly related to the amount of CO₂ emitted while driving no matter what vehicle you drive. In *Consumer Reports* tests of a compact family sedan and a large sport-utility vehicle, fuel economy was improved by almost 15 percent when driving 65 mph vs. 75 mph on the highway. That translates to an average annual CO₂ savings of about 1,500 pounds. Note that the CO₂ savings for the SUV were even greater than for the sedan (1,900 lbs/yr). Hard acceleration and braking can also waste fuel and lower your mileage by 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent around town.
3. **Tune up and maintain your car.** If you get your engine properly tuned and use the recommended grade of motor oil, you can cut CO₂ emissions and improve mileage by up to 6 percent, particularly if your car is noticeably in need of a tune-up. Savings are based on driving 12,000 miles per year at 20 mpg.
4. **Carpool or telecommute to work.** The average person drives about 3,000 miles to and from work every year. Not driving just one day a week can reduce CO₂ emissions by about 8 pounds per week. That adds up to about 400 pounds of CO₂ per year. The less you drive, the more you'll save.
5. **Combine errands or ride your bike instead of driving.** average person drives almost 2,000 miles a year to go shopping. If you cut down on driving by just 10 miles per week by combining errands—or when it's feasible, by skipping the car altogether, and walking or riding your bike instead—you could cut your CO₂ emissions by nearly 340 pounds per year. That's based on driving a car that gets 30 mpg, but if your car is less efficient, you'll save even more.
6. **Pump up your tires.** According to the Department of Energy, you can improve your gas mileage by around 3.3 percent by keeping your tires properly inflated. Our own testing revealed that a tire that is under-inflated by only 2 pounds per square inch could increase fuel consumption by about 1 percent. Check your owner's manual for inflation recommendations.

CO₂ calculation assumptions: We assume that a gallon of gasoline produces 20 pounds of CO₂. Cost-savings calculation assumptions: A gallon of gasoline costs \$2.79

Announcements

Job Announcement

Contract Specialist/Buyers- ENJ Associates, a government contractor, is looking for full time contract specialists of all levels for a government agency in Richmond VA and in Washington DC . These are immediate hire positions. Salary is commensurate with experience. A bachelor's degree in business is desired, but not required. If you have any of the below experience of at least 2-10 years, please submit your resume to johnsond@enjassociates.com.

1. Experience as a former govt contracting officer
2. Experience with IT and construction contracts
3. Pre and Post Award contract administration
4. Writing Skills
5. Working knowledge of the FAR, UCC and other stat and local buying regulations
6. DAWIA certification – Level I, II or III
7. Other type of certification-CPCM, etc.
8. Preparation of solicitation documents
9. Experience in cost and price analysis support
10. Monitoring contractor compliance with the contract
11. Cost/Benefit analysis
12. IGCEs
13. Acquisition plans
14. Statements of Work

*Special Thanks to Denise Johnson for getting this information to us

Golf Tournament

First Baptist Church, Centralia
Dr. Wilson E.B. Shannon, Pastor
2920 Kingsdale Rd, Richmond, VA 23237
5th Annual Golf Tournament
At the
First Tee Golf Course

All Proceeds Benefit the "Haven for Hope Project"

18 Holes w/Cart...Meal & Prizes Afterward
Best Ball/Shotgun Start
Prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin
Registration Begins at 7 a.m.
First Tee Golf Course
6736 Huntingtoncreek Dr., Richmond, VA 23237
For more information or to register online:
http://www.golfdigestplanner.com/4474-FBCC_Golf_Tournament/

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