



Grover Auto & Tire Newsletter

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Spring 2011 Newsletter



Great news! We are happy to announce the combining of Safford and Son's Auto with Grover Auto & Tire.

It is great to be able to add more convenience and capacity for our customers while continuing to deliver the same premium quality workmanship that they have come to expect.

Butch Safford will be moving to our Grover Auto & Tire's Route 1 location in the spring.

At Grover Auto & Tire we are extending a warm welcome to all Safford and Son's customers. As our way of saying hello we are giving \$10 off any service to all of our new customers on their first service visit. See you soon!

Shop Hours

Monday - Friday
8AM - 5PM
Sat 8am - Noon

Call us at
(207) 882-7368
to schedule your
appointment.

Danny, Butch and the Team at Grover Automotive



Taking Care of Your Tires

If you think about it there are a number of things you could take away from a car and still get around. You could toss the radio, the A/C and even take off doors and remove windows and you would still be able to get somewhere. But without tires a vehicle won't go very far.

With that in mind it is very important to develop a habit of paying attention to the condition of your tires. Underinflated, overinflated or worn down tires lead to negative consequences and potentially dangerous conditions. Let's take a brief look at what you can do to keep tabs on your tires:

Keeping your tires properly inflated is probably the most important item. Underinflated tires eat up more gas, as the car has to work that much harder to overcome resistance. Additionally, this condition places heavier stress loads on the sidewalls of the tires and causes them to flex continuously as pressure is placed on them. This flex leads to overheating of the material and creates structural weaknesses. At the very least your tires will wear out faster and your gas bill will be higher. The worst case is a tire blowout at high speeds and a potential for injury and property damage.

The tires are the point of contact that move a car forward, control its path and allow it to come to a stop. It is not for nothing that we have the expression "where the rubber meets the road" meaning the point where something actually goes into action.

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Overinflated tires can also be problematic. Tires lose their ability to properly turn and to stop when overinflated. Additionally they wear down much more rapidly and so have to be replaced prematurely. Accidents, blowouts and loss of vehicle control have all been traced back to overly inflated tires.

The solution is to get a decent tire pressure gauge and to check the tire pressure at least once a month, although a weekly check would be ideal. While you are checking the pressure it is a good time to evaluate the state of the tires. One trick is to use a penny to judge the depth of the tread. Grab one and place the top of Abe’s head into the tread. If you can clearly see the top of his head then it is time to go to the tire shop—you need new tires. Also look for uneven wear, bald spots or significant cracking.

We’ll be happy to check out your tire condition and ensure that the pressure is correct. As always we will rotate tires, check for proper pressure and do a visual inspection as a part of any routine maintenance, such as an oil change.

CHECKLIST OF SOME SMART ITEMS TO KEEP IN YOUR VEHICLE

- 1. A cell phone and a spare battery**
- 2. A shovel**
- 3. Sand or kitty litter for traction**
- 4. An ice scraper**
- 5. Blankets or covers**
- 6. A first aid kit**
- 7. Safety flares or reflective triangles**
- 8. Jumper cables**
- 9. A flashlight with spare batteries**
- 10. Snacks**

And it may not be an item but a full tank of gas is always a smart idea!

GROVER’S COMEDY CORNER

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, “This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!” So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies—two in the front seat and three in the back—eyes wide and white as ghosts.

The driver, obviously confused, says to him, “Officer, I don’t understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?”

“Ma’am,” the officer replies, “You weren’t speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers.”

“Slower than the speed limit?” she asked. “No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...twenty-two miles an hour!” the old woman said a bit proudly. The State Police Officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that “22” was the route number, not the speed limit. A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

“But before I let you go, Ma’am, I have to ask...Is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven’t muttered a single peep this whole time.”

“Oh, they’ll be alright in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119.”





SEVERAL ENGINE LIGHTS NOT TO IGNORE

Here are several warning lights you should never ignore:

The Engine Oil Light–If this comes on, you should pull over immediately. You can destroy an engine if the oil level or pressure is too low, so don't keep driving!

The Temperature Gauge–If your car is overheating there is a serious problem and you could blow an engine. If you are a short distance from help then one TEMPORARY handling is to turn the

heater on full. However, watch the temp gauge like a hawk and make sure it drops out of the red. Remember this is only for a short “limp” to help.

The Brake Warning Light–If the brake warning light comes on when you apply your brakes it means that your brake fluid is dangerously low. This can lead to real problems, like an accident. Pull over and get the problem fixed.

Tire Pressure Monitoring System–One of our shop specialities, these systems alert you to changes in your tire pressure. Low or uneven pressure, or a sudden drop, can lead to handling problems and excessive tire wear. Changes in tire pressure should be handled promptly before real problems develop.

YUMMY! BLUEBERRY LEMON TIRAMISU

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lemon–You can use up to 2 lemons
- 3¾ cups blueberries
- ¾ cups sugar
- 4 tbsp water
- 1 (17 oz) container nonfat Greek yogurt
- 1 (3oz) pkg ladyfingers cookies–or use pound cake



DIRECTIONS

1. Grate 1½ teaspoons of lemon peels and squeeze out about ¼ cup of lemon juice.
2. In medium saucepan, combine 1½ cups of the blueberries, ¼ cup of the sugar, and 1 tablespoon water. Heat on medium for 5 minutes or until blueberries soften and juices thicken, stirring occasionally. Transfer to medium bowl and stir in 1½ cups blueberries. Set aside.
3. In small saucepan on medium heat, combine ¼ cup of the sugar and remaining 3 tablespoons water. Cook for 1 minute. Stir in 3 tablespoons lemon juice and 1 teaspoon lemon peel.
4. In medium bowl, stir together yogurt (you can mix blueberry and honey vanilla flavor for fun) and remaining ¼ cup sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and ½ teaspoon lemon peel.
5. Using an 8x8” ceramic or glass baking dish, arrange half of ladyfingers. Brush with half of the lemon syrup. Spoon the blueberry mixture evenly over the ladyfingers. Arrange remaining ladyfingers over blueberries. Brush with remaining lemon syrup. Spoon the yogurt mixture on top, spreading evenly. Cover and refrigerate overnight. To serve, top tiramisu with remaining ¾ cup blueberries.

As an authorized Goodyear Dealer we have a great deal for you on new tires. Get a rebate from Goodyear, up to \$160, when you buy 4 select tires. Offer good through April 2, 2011

***Grover Auto & Tire's
"It's Almost Spring" Special***

Oil & Filter Change

Check & Rotate Tires (as needed)

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Check Belts & Hoses

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Full Consultation on Any Vehicle Problems

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