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*HERE'S TO A GREAT NEW YEAR*

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# NEWS YOU AUTO KNOW

## Client of the Month

**Fran Zbikowski**

I just love having conversations about business and marketing with him. He is very knowledgeable in marketing fields.

### Thanks For Referring

Peter Savage, John Dulac, & Kevin Howell

We appreciate the trust that you show in our shop and our service when you refer a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker!

*Happy New Year!*

*Thank you for your support this year. We really appreciate your loyalty!*

*Don, Dave, Andy, Ed, Tim, Chris, and Izzy*



*We will be CLOSED January 1st*

## Fall is the Perfect time for Sweet Potatoes!

### Ingredients:

Two 8-ounce sweet potatoes, scrubbed

2 teaspoons olive oil

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Unsalted butter, for serving

Chopped fresh chives, for serving

### Special equipment:

a 6-quart air fryer

1. Toss the sweet potatoes with the oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper in a medium bowl until evenly coated.
2. Place the potatoes in the basket of a 6-quart air fryer. Cook at 400 degrees F until crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, flipping halfway through, 35 to 40 minutes.
3. Cut lengthwise along the top of each potato, being careful of the hot steam, then fluff the inside with a fork and season with a pinch of salt. Top with a pat of butter and chopped fresh chives.



## The Second Biggest Diamond Found...

Massive diamonds are hard to find. In fact, the last enormous diamond was unearthed more than a century ago. But in August, miners in Botswana finally hit paydirt.

Miners for Lucara Diamond Corp. uncovered a 1 pound, 2,492-carat diamond from the Karowe mine, located about 300 miles north of the Botswana capital of Gaborone.



The find is second only to the 3,106-carat Cullinan diamond, found in South Africa in 1905 and was cut into smaller stones for the English crown jewels. Another diamond from the same mine, the 813-carat Constellation diamond, sold for a record \$63 million in 2016.

X-rays and precision grinding techniques are making large diamonds easier to find than ever.

## Happenings in January...

National Eye Health Care Month

National Hobby Month

National Oatmeal Month

National Soup Month

**National Stay Healthy Month**

Jan 8: Elvis Presley's Birthday

Jan 17: Ben Franklin's Birthday

On average, January is the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

Wishing you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter, 365 days of fun, 8760 hours of joy, 525600 minutes of good luck, and 31536000 seconds of happiness.

Happy New Year!

She'll bite they said...  
9 months later still only kisses.

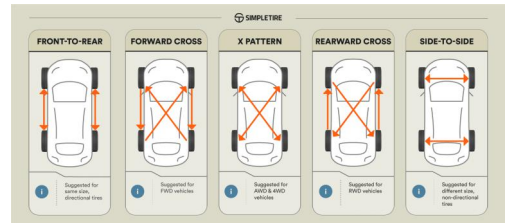


## Frequently Asked Questions

**Do I Really need to rotate my tires? The answer is YES!** Rotating your tires will help extend the life of your tires.

Today's tires have become so trouble-free that many drivers ignore them completely, skipping critical inspections and maintenance procedures until there is a problem. Among the steps often ignored is tire rotation.

**Tire Rotation Defined** --- Tire rotation involves moving tires from one position on a vehicle to another. A common tire rotation would move the front tires to the rear, and the tires at the rear of the vehicle to the front, but it depends on your vehicle type. →



### How Often Should I Rotate My Tires?

Typically, tire rotation is called for **every 5,000 to 7,500 miles**, though there are exceptions. Again, the owner's manual will spell out what should be done for your vehicle.

### Why Rotate Tires?

Tire rotation is undertaken to ensure that the tires wear evenly. This can extend tire life and save you money.

Even tire wear is also **important for balanced handling**. For example, failure to rotate tires on a front-wheel-drive vehicle will eventually result in the front tires having significantly less tread than the rear tires. In an emergency, this could make the vehicle more difficult to control, especially if the road is wet.

**If you would like us to inspect your tires give us a call 860-292-8917.**

## Your brake system is a critical safety feature in your vehicle



Yikes! Front brakes locked up again!

Don't wait until your brakes make funny noises, start grinding or pedal starts pulsating to have them inspected. Worn brake pads or other braking components can result in longer stopping distances, which is a safety concern.

**Regular checks of your brakes and brake components may save you money on your next brake service.**

If you're hearing unusual sounds when you brake or if your brake pedal is feeling squishy or too hard, have us do a disc brake inspection for you. We'll tell you if there's something wrong and what it'll take to get your brakes back to where they should be.

Call **860-292-8917** and schedule an appointment, we will inspect the entire brake system of your vehicle.

## Our Clients Say It Best

“Great place. Excellent service and very thorough. Great place to bring your car. Friendly, very thorough and fast. Highly recommend.”

**Teresa M.**

“Efficient service. It is always a comfort to know that your vehicle is serviced in a safe and reliable environment. That is why I choose Don’s Auto Care.” **Peter S.**

“Trustworthy mechanics & exceptional service!”  
**Chris S.**

## This Month’s Funny Bone

After a long and exhausting day, a young woman finally settled into her seat on the train, hoping for a peaceful ride home. She closed her eyes, ready to drift into some much-needed rest.

But her hopes were quickly dashed by the man sitting next to her, who whipped out his phone and began speaking loudly enough for the entire train car to hear.

“Hi, sweetheart, it’s John! I’m on the train,” he announced.

“Yes, I know it’s 6:30, not 4:30, but I had a long meeting.”

“No, honey, I wasn’t with Cathy from Accounts—I was with the boss, I swear.”

“You’re the only one in my life. Yes, I’m sure, dear.”



For a solid fifteen minutes, the conversation dragged on, his voice dominating the space and testing the patience of everyone around him.

Finally, the young woman had enough. She leaned in close to him, then spoke loudly into his phone:

“John, darling, hang up and come back to bed already.”

The train car erupted into laughter, and John’s face turned bright red. He hung up instantly.

And from that day on, John never made another loud phone call in public.



## NEW YEAR OIL CHANGE SPECIAL

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## Consumer Reports...Regular Car Maintenance Can Save Owners More Than the Original Purchase Price

YONKERS, NY - "With proper care, many of today's cars can last 200,000 miles or more," says Consumer Reports. In addition, "Owners seeking to limit repair costs by trading in their vehicle every three to five years may lose out on thousands of savings." The key is **regular, quality maintenance**.

When comparing the costs of buying and keeping a car for 225,000 miles over 15 years to buying and financing an identical model every five years, CR found the savings could be more than the original purchase price of the vehicle-- and even greater if the savings were invested.

For motorists looking to make their car reach 200,000 miles, [Consumer Reports](#) offers the following tips:

1. **Go by the book** - Follow the maintenance schedule in the vehicle owner's manual and make necessary repairs promptly. If you think you're saving money by skipping an oil change, think again. *Missing even one oil change can accelerate premature engine wear and cause engine damage*. The manual contains a maintenance schedule.
2. **Use the right stuff** - When it's time for maintenance or repairs, use only parts and fluids meeting manufacturer specifications. Using the wrong type of oil or transmission fluid, for example, could result in damage leading to expensive repairs.
3. **Know what to look for** - *Problems can arise at any time* and for inexplicable reasons. So it helps to get in the habit of opening the hood and looking, listening, and smelling what's happening in your engine bay. Look for fraying or cracks in belts, and cracks or bulges in hoses. Investing in a vehicle service manual, available at car dealerships and most auto-parts stores, will help show you what to look for and assist you with minor repairs.
4. **Keep it clean** - Get out the cleaning products periodically. Regular cleaning inside and out can make the car a more pleasant place to be as you roll up the miles, and washing and waxing can help preserve the paint and keep the sheet metal below it from rusting. Vacuuming sand and dirt out of carpets and seats can minimize premature wear that leads to tears and holes.
5. **Buy a reliable, safe car** - Buy a car with a good track record. Consumer Reports offers comprehensive reliability ratings in every April Autos issue and to ConsumerReports.org subscribers. Buy a car that has performed well in government and insurance-industry safety tests and has the latest safety equipment, like electronic stability control and curtain air bags. If you're going to live with a vehicle for a long time, you will want it to provide maximum safety protection.
6. **Find a quality repair shop** - The emphasis here is on **quality** and that also means a repair **shop you can trust**. There are several things to look for. Starting with their guarantee, a **great guarantee** is an indicator that the repair shop is **using quality parts and employing properly trained technicians**. A great guarantee means that they are willing to stand behind their work.
7. **Be Consistent** - If you have a relationship with a quality repair shop only go there, allowing them to get to know your vehicle is to your advantage and will usually save you money. They will know what maintenance your vehicle is in need of, and a quality repair shop will **not sell you something you don't need**. Going to multiple shops can cause confusion. When it comes to keeping your car a long time, **value that relationship**.

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