

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Royal Fork (Columbia Mall)
"Round Table" - Board Nominations/Safety Training Ideas

Tis the season to winterize your car.....You've heard the old saying "Up here in North Dakota and Minnesota we only have two seasons, winter and construction." Well the autumn chill is in the air, and it's time to prepare your car for the slick favorite time of year.

Snow, ice, hail, slush, salted roads and black ice patches all take their toll on the well-being of your car. Use our winter-riding checklist to make sure your car is roadworthy before the snow hits the roads.

FLUID FLOW

Check the fluids in general. All Fluids including antifreeze, coolant, brake fluid. Make sure they are topped up (because it's) a lot harder on the car when it's cold. Don't forget about your windshield wiper fluid. Make sure you're using an undiluted solution that's appropriate for the season. **DO NOT** dilute your windshield washer fluid - There is nothing worse than driving and having your windshield freeze over.

NICKS AND STONES WILL BREAK YOUR WINDSHIELD

All those unnoticed little nicks in the windshield caused by gravel or road debris could grow into large cracks over the winter. Check out your windshield before below freezing weather causes expensive damage.

BATTERIES INCLUDED

Your pre-winter tune up should also include a battery check. Most batteries have a life span of 3½ years and older batteries should be replaced. It depends on the battery (how long it lasts). Heat sucks the life out of a battery, so if the summer was a hot one, you should check to make sure you have enough juice for the winter season.

TREAD CAREFULLY

Though it may seem expensive to change up your tires for the winter, proper snow tires with sturdy treading are essential to avoid skidding on icy roads. All-season tires may seem like an economical alternative to owning two sets of tires, but all-seasons get harder a lot quicker in the winter time, which compromises their interaction with the road. Snow tires react better because they stay soft even in cold temperatures.

STOP ON A DIME

Well-maintained brakes are vital to safe winter driving. Brake work should be attended to immediately before the roads become icy and slick. If you don't have regular maintenance checks, you should go get your brakes checked before the winter season hits.

[Info taken from the Humber College's Weekly Newspaper]

BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 6:00 - 8:00 PM. / SEASONS FAMILY RESTAURANT / 300 3RD AVE NE, EGF

NEXT MEETING → December 1st

- Please feel free to contact any Board Member if you have questions or would like more information about serving on the Board. Email addresses and phone numbers are available on our website.

BOARD MEMBERS

*Rich Carl (President) • Al Maloney (Vice President)
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Mike Lorensen • Connie Mondry • Lyle Ross
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COMMITTEES

Communication Committee

(Linda Wiley, Rich Carl, Kathy Cvanacara, Patty Hajostek, Al Maloney, Annette Shane)

MONTHLY MEETINGS: TUESDAY BEFORE BOARD MEETING / 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM / NORTHSTAR INSULATION / 1120 S 46TH ST
NEXT MEETING → November 29th

- Our new website is still a work-in-progress, but we do have it up and running - Check it out!
*Same old address.....NEW LOOK!
Heads-Up! - the new website does not function correctly in "Netscape". For the best viewing experience, change your default web browser to "Explorer". If you use a web browser other than Explorer, please shoot us an e-mail and let us know.*

Education Committee

(Lyle Ross)

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- **December 21, 2005**
- "Office Ergonomics" - LaVonne Fox, UND - OT
- Board Member Elections

Membership Committee

(Davis Hoverson, Mike Lorensen)

- **OUR NEWEST MEMBER!**
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PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON! - What would you like to see NOSHA do for our next big "Safety Project"? Please include any info or suggestions you may have on the subject - presenter's name; whether it should be a 2-hr, half-day, or full-day seminar; where it should be held at; just anything that you would like to see happening with NOSHA!!! Email ideas to ashane@gfparks.org by 11-15-05, or bring your ideas for our round table discussion at the November general membership meeting and get in the drawing for another Blizzard Bucket!