

# FLEET FOCUS

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## FIVE TIPS FOR SAFE DRIVING

The Tire Industry Association (TIA) offers these five tips to promote safe driving this summer. 1. Use the "penny test" to check for minimum tread depth. The old test still works -- place a penny in a major tread groove of a tire with Lincoln's head facing down. If the top of Lincoln's head is visible at any point in any major tread groove, it's a good sign that the tire needs to be replaced. 2. Perform a visual inspection and check tire pressure every month. Look for any cracking or irregular wear, and make sure all tires are properly inflated. Drivers should check the owner's manual or the placard on the inside of the driver-side door to determine the correct inflation, and always check the pressure first thing in the morning, when tires are "cold." 3. Inspect your spare tire. Many people forget to regularly check the condition of their spare tire (including the inflation pressure) until one of their main tires is not working, and then it's too late. 4. Rotate tires every 5,000 to 7,000 miles. Rotating tires on this regular basis is one of the best ways to get the maximum life out of your tires. 5. If your tire is punctured, make sure the person who is repairing it performs the repairs off the wheel. The only proper way to repair tire damage is to remove the tire from the wheel. On-the-wheel repairs are dangerous, because there may be more damage to the tire than what is visible when it is on the wheel. "People often forget to check their tires before they head out on that summer road trip, but ensuring that your tires are in proper working order can mean the difference between a happy, memorable holiday and an unpleasant and even tragic one. That's why it's imperative to keep these tips in mind," said TIA Senior Vice President of Training Kevin Rohlwing. "And, these tips are good throughout the year; not just in the summer months."

### QUOTABLE QUOTES:

Dreams aren't destroyed by your circumstances but by your beliefs.

*Chad Hymas  
Motivational Speaker*

When you reach for the stars you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either.

*Leo Burnett Advertising  
Executive*

You may say I'm a dreamer,

but I'm not the only one.

*John Winston Lennon  
Singer*

You can't exceed the dream, unless you have one in the first place.

*Jesse Ventura  
Wrestler, Politician*

There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things

that never were, and ask why not?

*Robert Francis Kennedy  
U.S. Attorney General*

Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.

*James Dean  
Actor*



**DO I REALLY NEED TO**

**KNOW THIS?**

\*\* Cap'n Crunch's full name is Horatio Q. Crunch.

\*\* Life cereal hit the market in 1961. The famous "Let Mikey try it" commercial aired from 1972 - 1984. It was the longest-running commercial in television history.

\*\* Kellogg's Corn Flakes were accidentally invented in 1894 by Will Keith Kellogg who was looking for a way to improve the diets of vegetarian hospital patients. He dried softened wheat and it turned into thin flakes.

\*\* The time spent deleting SPAM costs US businesses

\$21.6 billion annually.

\*\* During Bill Clinton's entire 8 year presidency, he only sent two e-mails. One was to John Glenn when he was aboard the space shuttle, and the other was a test of the e-mail system.

\*\* The Saguaro cactus takes 75 years (about 14 ft.) to begin to sprout its first human-like "arms."

\*\* The whale shark, the largest fish in the world, has five gills on each side.

\*\* Mary Edwards Walker, the only woman ever awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, served in the Civil War. She was the first female doctor in the US Army and crossed enemy lines to attend the wounded.

\*\* Antarctica has the highest average elevation of all the continents.

\*\* The male chousingha, an antelope native to India and Nepal, has four horns - two are 3-4 inches long, between its ears; and two, about one inch long, between the brow ridges above its eyes. The female has no horns.

\*\* The world's first genetically engineered pet was the GloFish, a Zebra fish that glows bright red in black or ultraviolet light. Originally bred to glow in the presence of toxins to help detect environmental pollution, it became available as a pet in early 2004.

\*\* In a rodeo competition, "pulling leather" is when a bronco rider grabs onto the saddle to keep from getting thrown. Competitors are allowed to have one hand on the reins. They are disqualified if they touch the saddle, themselves or the horse with their free hand.

\*\* Under federal guidelines, there must be from 128 - 140 whole ripe "small" olives and from 41-50 "colossal" ones in a one-pound can.

\*\* A contronym is a word that has two opposite meanings such as weather, which can mean either to withstand or to erode; or buckle which can mean to fasten or to fall apart.

\*\* Missouri and Tennessee

are the only states to share borders with eight other states.

\*\* In real estate, "LULU" Locally Unwanted Land Use refers to a community's opposition to having a certain construction project in its midst.

\*\* The state of Tennessee was known as Franklin before 1796.

\*\* Vermont, Alaska, Hawaii, and Maine do not allow billboards.

\*\* Texas is the only state that is allowed to fly its flag at the same height as the U.S. flag.

**LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA**

In ancient Egypt, what was the job of the Master of Largesse?

- Oversaw banquet preparations;
  - Oversaw livestock;
  - Collected taxes;
  - Groundskeeper;
- The correct answer is "B" Oversaw the Livestock.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO U**

Princess Diana	7/01
Malia Obama	7/04

Bill Cosby 7/12  
 James Cagney 7/17  
**Randy Feinstein** 7/27  
 Norman Lear 7/27



### INTERNET TRIVIA

\*\* 1969 - ARPA (Advanced Research Projects Agency) goes online in December, connecting four major U.S. universities. Designed for research, education, and government organizations, it provides a communications network linking the country in the event that a military attack destroys conventional communications systems.

\*\* 1972 - Electronic mail is introduced by Ray Tomlinson, a Cambridge, Mass. computer scientist. He uses the @ to distinguish between the sender's name and network name in the email address.

\*\* 1982 - The word "Internet" is used for the first time.

\*\* 1984 - Domain Name System (DNS) is established, with network addresses identified by extensions such as .com, .org, and .edu. Writer William Gibson coins the term "cyberspace."

\*\* 1985 - Quantum Computer Services, which later changes its name to America Online, debuts.

It offers email, electronic bulletin boards, news, and other information.

\*\* 1989 - The World (world.std.com) debuts as the first provider of dial-up Internet access for consumers. Tim Berners-Lee of CERN (European Laboratory for Particle Physics) develops a new technique for distributing information on the Internet. He calls it the World Wide Web.

\*\* 1995 - CompuServe, America Online, and Prodigy start providing dial-up Internet access. Sun Microsystems releases the Internet programming language called Java. The Vatican launches its own website, www.vatican.va.

### SO THAT'S WHERE IT CAME FROM

\*\* **Make no bones about it** - A form of this expression was used as early as 1459, to mean to have no difficulty. It seems evident that the allusion is to the actual occurrence of bones in stews or soup. Soup without bones would offer no difficulty, and accordingly one would have no hesitation in swallowing soup with no bones.

\*\* **To throw in the towel/sponge** - In its original form, to throw up

the sponge, this appears in "The Slang Dictionary" (1860). The reference is to the sponges used to cleanse combatants' faces at prize fights. One contestant's manager throwing in the sponge would signal that as that side had had enough the sponge was no longer required. In recent years, towels have been substituted for sponges at fights, and consequently in the expression too.

\*\* **Fly off the handle** - Refers to axe heads, which, in the days before mass merchandising, were sometimes fastened poorly to their handles. If one flew off while being used, it was a dangerous situation with unpredictable results.

**Pull the wool over someone's eyes** - Goes back to the days when all gentlemen wore powdered wigs like the ones still worn by the judges in British courts. The word wool was then a popular, joking term for hair. The expression 'pull the wool over his eyes' came from the practice of tilting a man's wig over his eyes, so he couldn't see what was going on.

\*\* **Pay through the nose** - Comes from the ninth-century Ireland. When

the Danes conquered the Irish, they imposed an exorbitant Nose Tax on the island's inhabitants. They took a census (by counting noses) and levied oppressive sums on their victims, forcing them to pay by threatening to have their noses actually slit.

**\*\* Caught red-handed -** For hundreds of years, stealing and butchering another person's livestock was a common crime. But it was hard to prove unless the thief was caught with a dead animal and blood on his hands.

### **SHHHH...IT'S A SECRET!**

**\*\*** The Secret Service Division was created in 1865 in Washington, D.C. to suppress counterfeit currency.

**\*\*** In 1867, Secret Service responsibilities were broadened to include "detecting persons perpetrating frauds against the government."

**\*\*** In 1883, the Secret Service was officially acknowledged as a distinct organization within the Treasury Department.

**\*\*** In 1951, Congress enacted legislation that permanently authorized Secret Service protection of the president, his family, the president-elect, and the vice president, if he wishes.

**\*\*** In 1968, as a result of Robert F. Kennedy's assassination, Congress authorized protection of major presidential and vice presidential candidates and nominees, widows of presidents until death or remarriage, and their children until age 16.

**\*\*** In 2007, protection began for presidential candidate Barack Obama in May, the earliest initiation of Secret Service protection for any candidate in history. Hillary Clinton received protection before she entered the race due to her status as former first lady.

### **POINTS TO PONDER**

Always have an open mind and discover what most people never do in this life:

- \*\* The power of family;
- \*\* The gift of love;
- \*\* The capabilities of being different;
- \*\* The resource of meeting new friends
- \*\* The willingness to ask for help;
- \*\* The Power of Gratitude;
- \*\* The opportunities that come when you get out of your comfort zone;

- Chad Hymas  
[www.chadhymas.com](http://www.chadhymas.com)

### **THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA**

There are three sets of letters on the standard typewriter and computer keyboards which are in

alphabetical order, reading left to right. What are they?

*Send your guess to Marilyn Rawlings at Fleet to be eligible to win this month's prize.*

### **KUDOS TO FLEET**

Bobby, Bill, Nuray & Karen, Thank you all so much for expediting the repairs on our van and for the use of a loaner vehicle at a moments notice. Getting the van repaired before next week's start of summer camp helps us tremendously with the logistics of moving our summer campers between parks and on field trips. I know that my request for "gotta have it now" repairs is just one of many that you hear daily and I just want to thank you for your help.

Gary Porter  
*Parks and Rec.*



### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

Karen Hawes has been the County Manager for about a year. Some employees have known her for over twenty years; others know little about her. Here are some fun facts about Karen. When given the following options, Karen selected the choice in **BOLD print**.

**Coffee** or Tea  
**Blue Jeans** or High heels  
Beatles or **Rolling Stones**

Chocolate or **Vanilla**  
Conservative or **Liberal**  
Fast Food or **Nice**

**restaurant**

Beach or **Mountains**

Reading or **Hiking**

Classical or **Rock 'n' Roll**

**Dancing w/the stars** or

American idol

**FAVORITE FOOD -**

Loaded Baked Potato

**TV SHOWS -**

Ghost Whisperer

Criminal Minds

Medium

**HOBBY -**

Jewelry Design

**BAD HABIT -** Biting my

nails

**ONE THING YOU'D  
LIKE EMPLOYEES TO  
KNOW ABOUT YOU:**

I'll take my integrity to the  
grave;

**LIKE MOST ABOUT  
YOUR JOB:** Working with  
the dedicated directors and  
employees.