

EMAIL ADDRESS
FREE OIL CHANGE
CONTEST WINNERS:

Jennifer Tolley
Don Meinders

Winter will be here before you know it and you want tires that are safe in the snow. We have many customers that think they can get a better price at a discount store! Please give us a chance to give you a quote. Don't forget we include road hazard free of charge on all Continental and General tires. We have also had a couple of vehicles that have come in lately with the TPMS sensors not programmed correctly because the discount stores don't have the correct equipment. When your vehicle leaves our shop, you can rest assured it is correct!



USED CAR CHECKOVERS

Why you should always have one done before purchasing a used vehicle

I can't tell you the number of times I see a customer who just purchased a used vehicle come in with problems. After looking over the vehicle, we often have to deliver bad news that the vehicle they thought was so good, really isn't. Now we aren't saying that all used vehicles are bad, there are many good ones. But, that's not always the case. A simple call to us would have saved the customer a lot of money and frustration. A used car checkover looks at brakes, suspension, fluids, maintenance schedule, battery, belts, filters, exhaust, alignment, coolant, etc.

It is worth the money spent to not get a vehicle that has major problems. It also can tell you what upcoming repairs will need to be done, so even if you decide to purchase the vehicle, you may be able to negotiate a lower price so you can pay for the repairs needed. Call us first and ask for a Used Car Checkover before you buy!



From Dave's Desk:



TO REPAIR OR NOT TO REPAIR???

Car repairs are inevitable! No matter how hard you try to maintain your vehicle, it will probably need some kind of repair at some point. When that time comes, there are choices you will need to make. First thing you will need is an accurate diagnosis of what is wrong with your vehicle and how much it will cost to repair it. Second thing you will need is a COMPLETE checkover on the entire condition of the vehicle.

At that point, we can discuss:

- 1) What is wrong with the vehicle?
- 2) What is the overall condition of the vehicle?
- 3) What are your plans for the vehicle?
- 4) Are you comfortable and confident in the vehicle if the repairs are completed?
- 5) What is the overall value of the vehicle?
- 6) Do you have a use for the vehicle or is it a back-up?

Additional things to discuss:

- 1) If you are thinking of replacing the car: If you don't spend about \$7000-\$10000 on another vehicle, you will be in our shop soon to get repairs on the new vehicle. (Tires, battery, brakes, A/C, etc)
- 2) Car payments are easily \$300-\$500 a month for 3+ years
- 3) If you spend \$1500 on repairs, that is the same as 3 car payments and you are back to even. This is a good option if you need to buy time to save up or start looking for the perfect vehicle.
- 4) It is never good to buy a car when your back is against the wall. If you buy a car in 4 months, you are at the same \$ and you hopefully have made a better decision.

All vehicles at some time will need to be retired. It is never an easy decision. All we can do is help you with the facts so you can make the best possible decision for your family.

And don't forget, when you are looking at a different vehicle, we can do a **USED CAR CHECK** for \$79.95!

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NAPA EASYPAY CARD

The NAPA EasyPay card has been an awesome source of rebates for our customers this year. Since March, they have been offering different rebates to give our customers money back into their pockets. Currently they are offering 10% back up to \$100, with no limit to the number of times you can do this rebate. This means you can get money back on every visit! And as always, if your ticket is over \$199 you will have 6 months interest free. The final benefit is during select tire promotions, using this card can double your rebate. If you would like to apply for this card, you can find the link on our website or contact Jen or Gina to help you complete the application.



Meet the ARS Family—Gary Lamm



I am sure most of you know Gary as our Bearded Wonder. Gary has been at Auto Repair Specialists for 16 years. He can do it all but he is our specialist in replacing transmissions and engines.



Gary is married to Joanne who is a Project Clerk at MiTek. Gary tells us she is an excellent cook who is always trying new recipes. The other woman in Gary's life is Willow—his dog that keeps him busy!! He recently adopted her and has learned that nothing is safe from her desire to chew up everything in site!



Gary also enjoys hunting and being outdoors. He loves when morel season rolls around each May as he has been known to be an "Expert Morel Hunter". In addition to being good at working on cars, Gary is also very handy with his carpenter skills. He built his log home himself and takes great pride in it. He recently bought a Harley bike to go along with the biker beard :)



We are extremely lucky to have Gary as part of our team.



It's Back To School Time for ARS Grandkids!!!



CROCK POT CREAM CHEESE CHICKEN CHILI

A Favorite of Gentry Tetschlag
from Rita-May-Recipes.blogspot.com

- 2 Chicken Breasts (still frozen)
- 1 can Rotel
- 1 can com kernels (do not drain)
- 1 can black beans (drained & rinsed)
- 1 package Ranch dressing mix
- 1 Tablespoon Cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 8-oz package cream cheese (softened)



Place chicken in the crock pot. Top with corn, drained and rinsed beans, ranch dressing, cumin, onion and chili powder. Stir to combine then top with the cream cheese. Cook on low for 6-8 hours. Shred chicken before serving. To serve, top with cheddar cheese, sour cream and tortilla chips.

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Freeport's Newest Auto and Truck Repair Center located just South of Chapel Hill Cemetery on IL Rt. 26 South (across from Ferretalga). Dave's 16 years of experience enables him to repair all aspects of today's modern vehicles, including computerized engine diagnosis and anti-lock brake problems. From brake work to tune-ups to engine overhauls, we're your one stop place. Next time your car needs repair, see Dave at Auto Repair Specialists where our motto is "If we can't fix it, it's not broke!"
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"OH, NO... I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST AN OIL CHANGE THIS TIME!"

