

# AUTOMOTIVE

## Car Maintenance Gives Vacation Insurance

Planning a successful summer driving vacation involves more than arranging overnight stays or knowing how many states will be visited on the journey.

Attention to details, including preventive automobile maintenance, is the key to a stress-free driving vacation, reports AAA Oregon.

"Most drivers think accidents and roadside breakdowns happen during other people's vacations," said Roger Graybeal, AAA Oregon president. "Yet, millions of motorists each year experience a roadside emergency and find out they are unprepared."

Before taking a trip, have your car inspected by a certified automotive technician. Have tires and tire pressure checked, spare tire included.

Some technicians inspect vehicles at no charge; others charge as much as \$50. Ask about the cost beforehand, but have an inspection performed. It will still be cheaper than a breakdown.

There are a few things you can inspect yourself. Check all

fluid levels, including oil, coolant, windshield washer fluid and battery water, if your car does not have a maintenance-free battery. Check windshield wipers, hoses and belts for excessive wear.

Proper oil and coolant levels are particularly important to your car's performance and should be monitored throughout your trip.

Things can go wrong no matter how well you prepare, so it's a good idea to carry emergency supplies. Your supply kit should have jumper cables, basic hand tools, flares or reflective warning triangles, first-aid kit, flashlight with fresh batteries, jack, duct tape and gloves.

If you expect to be traveling at odd hours or off the beaten path, consider carrying a citizens band radio or cellular phone for summoning help, if needed.

Don't overload your vehicle with luggage, AAA advises. Determine your car's carrying capacity, normally listed in pounds on a sticker attached

to the driver's door. A fully loaded vehicle can put excessive stress on tires, brakes and suspension components, so pack as lightly as possible. When loading the car, position luggage so it doesn't obstruct the driver's view or shift during braking or sharp turns.

Check your route for food, fuel and rest stops. Stopping every few hours will help fight fatigue. Make hotel or motel reservations beforehand.

It's a good idea to carry as little cash as possible. A major credit card and traveler's cheques are safer options. Take the telephone numbers of friends to call in case of emergencies, and let someone know your itinerary.

A full-service motor club can offer route planning, reservations, travelers cheques, car care advice and roadside assistance if you need it. No one can be assured of a perfect trip, but proper planning can increase the odds.

Enjoy the trip and remember to buckle up.

### PCC Announces Short Course On Gems

"Gems and Jewelry Purchasing" is the title of a one-session class that will meet Thursday, June 30, at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

Instructor Rebecca Branin, a graduate gemologist and registered jeweler, will cover the ins and outs of buying smart and how to avoid being taken. She will offer practical information on how to eliminate risk and ensure value. The class will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 216, Terrell Hall. Cost is \$7.

### PCC Offers Class For Flaggers

Portland Community College will present two sections of a course in traffic-control training for flaggers this summer at the PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

Instructor Freddi Williams will cover the work zone and other temporary traffic control systems flaggers must understand thoroughly as a requirement for Oregon certification. A \$5 book fee will be payable to the instructor in class. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday June 25, and again Saturday, July 16, in Room 216, Terrell Hall. Cost is \$25.

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-6 Sat. 9-4

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### Spirit Of Portland To Swing Into "Moonlight Cruises"

The Spirit of Portland, is Portland's newest river cruise dining experience and is offering Moonlight Dance Cruises every Friday and Saturday night from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Moonlight Dance Cruises are a wonderful way to cap off an evening downtown. The Spirit of Portland will offer live music and dancing under the stars to Portland's finest dance bands every weekend throughout the year.

Some of the exciting cruises

coming up will feature...

- June 3rd & 4th Gene Houck/Jean Pierre Duo
- June 10th & 11th One, Two...
- June 17th & 18th Two Much
- June 24th & 25th L i s a Tyack/Dave Lee Duo

The newest attraction to dock along the city's scenic seawall, The Spirit of Portland offers a variety of lunch, brunch and dinner cruises. The Spirit of Portland is the city's finest luxury

dining cruise ship. The Spirit of Portland cruised into town on May 5th, and has already wowed passengers with its exceptional food, glistening marble dance floor, soothing pianist, exuberant wait staff and relaxing atmosphere.

Tickets are \$10.95 in advance and \$12.95 dockside. For advance reservations call the Spirit of Portland at (503) 224-3900. Boarding is at Tom Waterfront Park at SW Front & Salmon Street.

### The Portland Observer challenges...

the following businesses to this year's 4th Annual 1994 James Boozer Memorial Golf Tournament:

- The Skanner Newspaper
- The Oregonian
- U.S. Bank
- 1st Interstate Bank
- Willamette Weekly
- American State Bank
- Safeway Corporation
- Portland Police
- KBMS Radio
- Portland Community College



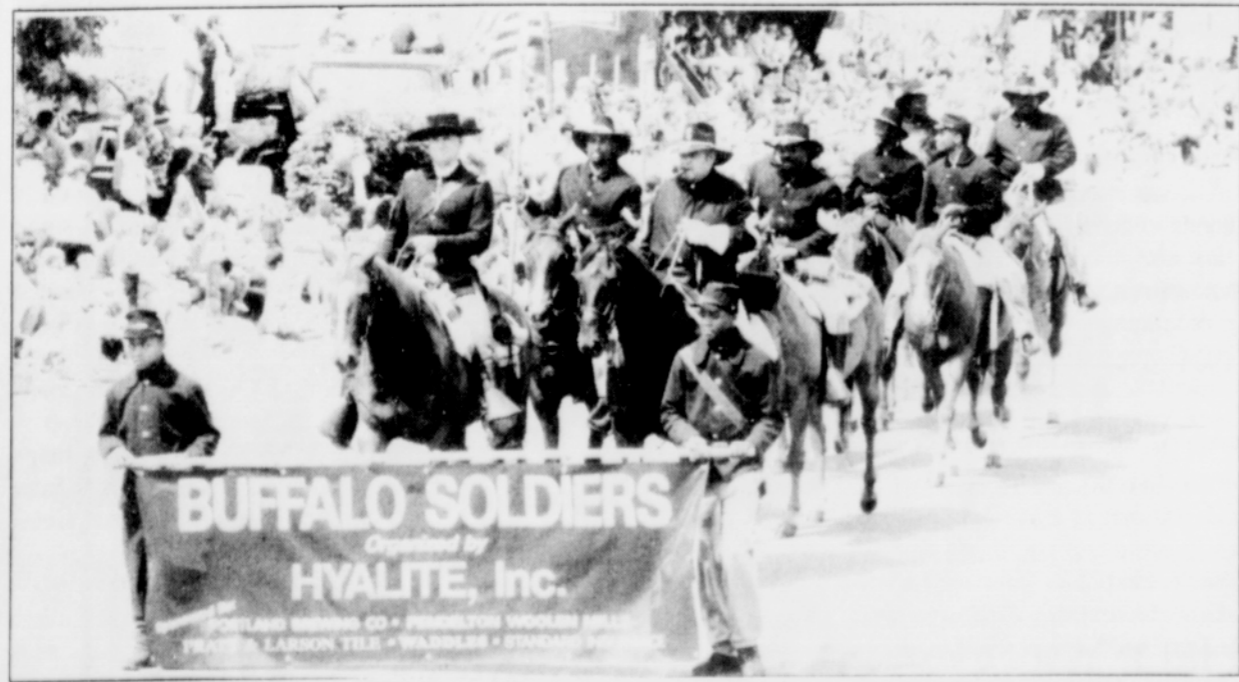
The James Boozer Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of the late James Boozer a man who was highly regarded in the community for his dedication, contributions, and the compassion and concern he showed for the young people of Portland.

For more information call: Kim Maney at 282-9173 or voice mail at 321-5052

## Buffalo Soldeirs Take Part In Annual Rose Parade



Pictured above, driver and Trooper John Craig who's been a part of the Buffalo Soldier Organization for 11 years. Trooper John takes part in activities for the soldiers all over the United States.



Northwest Regiment Of The Buffalo Soldiers March Proudly In The Annual Grand Floral Parade



Youngsters from area high schools do their part to enhance the success The Buffalo Soldiers participation for this years festival. Pictures above are Terry Barnett, Tony Slider, Michan Stevenson and Kuwana Watson.