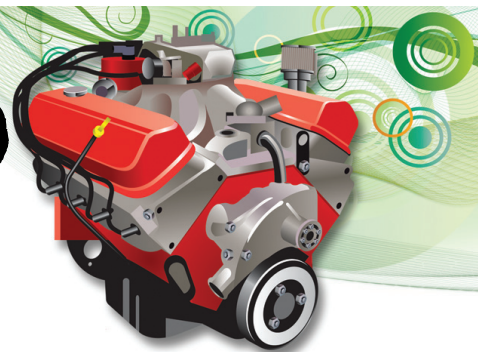




# Tune-Up

Spring 2011



## Advice For Spending Less On Fuel As Gas Prices Rise

(ARA) — Remember when \$4 seemed like an outrageous amount to spend on a gallon of gasoline? Now that number doesn't seem so far-fetched. While you can't do anything to control the unrest in the Middle East or oil rig explosions that could lead to gas prices spiking at a moment's notice, there are a few things you can do to help ease the pain of high gas prices.

While buying a more fuel-efficient car might be an option for some, new and used cars that get more miles per gallon tend to be more in demand — and more expensive — when gas prices are high. If a new car isn't an option for you, implementing the following changes can help ensure that you get the most from the fuel in your gas tank:

- Keep the gas you buy in your car. When gas prices are low, stealing gas would likely be

more trouble than it's worth, but when prices are high, it's not uncommon for thieves to siphon gas from vehicles, especially those with larger tanks. Adding a locking gas cap can be done for much less than the cost of a tank of gas. In addition to preventing theft, locking fuel tank caps can also prevent anyone from tampering with your gas tank.

- Keep your tank full. While you're looking to reduce the amount of gasoline you are using, constantly running your car with the tank close to empty can wear down your fuel pump. "The gasoline in the tank keeps the fuel pump cool. Take away the gas and the fuel pump runs hot and has a shorter life," says Tom Taylor, engineer and vice president of RockAuto.com. If you have an older car that has accumulated dirt and rust at the bottom of the tank, keeping a full



tank can help your fuel burn cleaner.

- Keep your car in shape. Keeping your engine properly tuned improves fuel efficiency by an average of 4 percent and repairing a major issue like a faulty oxygen sensor could improve efficiency by up to 40 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. The RockAuto.com parts catalog has oxygen sensors from \$10 to more than \$100 depending on the car," says Taylor. Especially if you're a do-it-yourselfer, you could quickly recoup the cost of an oxygen sensor or other repair after as little as one tank of gas through improved fuel economy.

- Keep your tires inflated properly. Keeping your tires at the optimal level not only keeps you safer, but can improve your gas mileage by up to 3.3 percent, according to the Department of Energy. Your owner's manual should tell you the proper psi (pounds per square inch) levels for your vehicle.

- Drive for optimal gas mileage. How you drive can affect how much gas you use. Most cars run at peak efficiency at around 60 mph, with fuel economy decreasing sharply when traveling faster. Aggressive driving with rapid acceleration and slowing will

also have a negative effect on your fuel economy.

- Reduce weight and drag. Getting rid of items such as roof equipment when they aren't being used can help your car become more aerodynamic and run more efficiently. Keeping unnecessary items in your car, especially if they are heavy, can also make your car work harder and use more fuel than it needs to.

By adding up the small savings gained by each of these tips, you can really notice a difference on how much you are paying at the pump, especially over a long period of time.

**\$20 Off Brake Job or Tune-Up**  
Expires May 31st, 2011

**Complete Tire & Service**  
Specializing in

- Brakes • Diagnostics & Tune-ups • Alignments

Yankton Mall  
665-2552

**Sturdevant's**  
AUTO PARTS

1509 East Hwy 50 OR 900 West Cherry  
Yankton, SD Vermillion, SD  
605-665-3693 • 1-800-658-3388 605-624-8681 • 1-800-658-3383

**15% Off All Exhaust Work**  
Excludes Bullydog Products  
Expires May 15, 2011 • MUST HAVE COUPON

MAGNAFLOW, FLOWMASTER, OEM MUFFLERS  
RADIATOR REPAIR, RECORING & NEW COMPLETE RADIATORS AVAILABLE.

"The best place to take a leak"

**MIDWEST RADIATOR & EXHAUST**

1211 East Hwy. 50 • Yankton, SD  
(605) 665-2410

**PROTECT**  
What's Most PRECIOUS to You

Life can change in an instant. Make sure your family is protected with comprehensive auto insurance from M.T. & R.C. Smith Insurance. We can't prevent a crisis, but we'll be here to help you get back on your feet.

24-Hour Claim Service

"Don't Gamble"... Insure with

**M.T. & R.C. SMITH INSURANCE, Inc.**  
204 West 4th, Yankton, SD 57078 • 605-665-3611

- Home • Business • Auto • Life • Bond

**NAPA** YOUR RADIATOR HEADQUARTERS!

Introducing the NEW NAPA Radiator Program

- Great Parts • Great Warranty

**On-Hand & In-Stock! NO WAITING!**

**Cox Auto** 1007 Broadway Ave. • Yankton 665-4494

**BEEN BUMPED?**  
Bring your car to us for expert collision repair and service!

**Complete Collision Services**  
Frame straightening • Pre-accident restoration  
• Dents, dings & rust removed

**Auto Painting Specialists**  
Color match • Premium Finishes • Thousands of colors

Insurance Specialists  
Free Written Estimates • All Work Guaranteed

*It's not just a body shop, it's...*

**Justa's Body Shop** 2806 Fox Run Parkway Yankton, SD 665-3929

**Becker Body Shop**

**Complete Body Repair on All Makes and Models**  
We also do Paintless Dent Repair  
Glass Installation & Fiberglass Work  
1702 Broadway • Yankton, SD  
605-665-5925

**Yankton Transmission Specialists**

Member Automatic Transmission Rebuilders Association

Troy Kabella

**FOREIGN & DOMESTIC**  
Transmissions • Drive Lines  
Transfer Cases • Differentials

**665 - 1175**  
2409 E. Hwy. 50 • Yankton  
Toll Free 1-888-665-1175

**ATRA**  
The sign of quality service

"We guarantee our work"

Have your **STIHL**® Equipment Tuned & Ready for Peak Performance...

- Parts
- Accessories
- Full Service Shop
- Gold Certified Technician

**Kaiser Appliance Center**  
2000 Broadway, Yankton  
665-2082 • 1-888-593-5723

Any Make or Model Mowers & Small Engine Tune-Up & Repair Service

**NEW Honda Push Mower Sales**

**Clark's Rentals**

800 East 4th St. (East Hwy 50) • Yankton, SD • 605-665-3343

**Ferdig's Transmissions & Exhaust**

Chris & Libby Ferdig

**CUSTOM Muffler Center**

**ATRA**  
The sign of quality service

**LOCALLY OWNED & OPERATED**

**NOW YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR!**

FOREIGN DOMESTIC STANDARD AUTOMATIC CLUTCHES BATTERIES

**NATIONWIDE WARRANTY**

**605-665-9012**  
TOLL FREE 1-877-FERDIGS (337-3447)

**NEW LOCATION!**  
220 EAST 3RD ST., YANKTON, SD 57078 (Former Expert Tire Bldg)

**Riverside AUTO BODY**

- Paintless Dent Repair • Collision Repair
- Expert Body Work & Custom Painting
- Spray-In Bedliners • Glass Installation & Repair • Frame & Unibody Repair
- Satisfaction Guaranteed
- All Insurance Companies Welcome

**402.667.3285**  
Lifetime Warranty

89850 Hwy. 81, S. Yankton NE - Just across the New Discovery Bridge on Hwy. 81

**RON'S AUTO GLASS INC.**

- Over 25 Years Experience
- Insurance Approved
- Windshield Repair & Replacement
- Repair Rock Chips
- Complete Auto Glass Service
- Same Day Service - Most Cars
- FREE Mobile Glass Service!

Pre-Approved by Major Insurance Co.  
Easy, Direct Billing Available  
Installed by Certified Technicians Always on Staff

**RON EVANS, OWNER**  
1915 Broadway • Yankton, SD (Next to Dairy Queen) • 605-665-9841