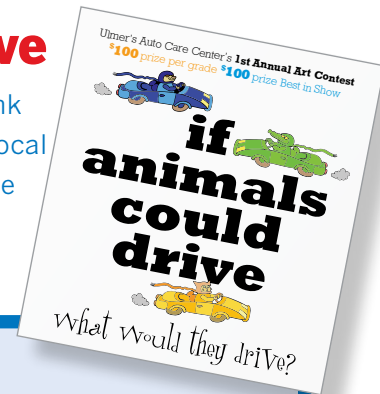


Young Artists Tell Us What Animals Would Drive

We recently wrapped up our first Ulmer's Auto Care Art Contests, and we'd like to thank all the students, teachers and parents who made them a great success. Kids at eight local schools, grades K through 8, submitted drawings and paintings that followed the theme "If animals could drive...what would they drive?" Though all the artwork was great, we had to choose winners for each of our locations. **The winning entries were:**



Milford Location

BEST IN SHOW – Blake Holtman, Grade 4
St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

2ND GRADE – Jack Neville
Terrace Park Elementary

3RD GRADE – Kendall
St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

4TH GRADE – Steffi R.
St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

5TH GRADE – Lauryn Knarr
St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

6TH GRADE – Reed Lessman
St. Andrew-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School



Anderson Location

BEST IN SHOW – Summer Osbourne, Grade 6
Guardian Angels School

KINDERGARTEN – Erik Goodfellow
Guardian Angels School

6TH GRADE – Lexie Hardewig
Guardian Angels School

8TH GRADE – Ellen Uhl
Guardian Angels School



The winning artwork was professionally framed and is on display in our lobbies. In addition to their spot in the "gallery," our talented winners also were given \$100 prizes. Everyone who participated in the contests received a Dairy Queen gift certificate as a thank you for sharing their art.

Be sure to check out the driving dogs, cats, lizards and other animals on your next visit to Ulmer's!

f Be Our Fan!

Ulmer's Auto Care now has a page on Facebook. If you'll be our fan, we'll share useful car care tips, cool links and info from the shop. It's like a mini Ulmer's News, right in your News Feed! To find our page, just search for "Ulmer's" on Facebook.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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FRED BERLUND



Fred Berlund has been an Auto Technician at Ulmer's Auto Care for the last 25 years. He specializes in properly diagnosing and repairing automotive problems. Fred also assists and advises the other technicians in their repairs.

Fred and his wife, Amy, have been married for 13 years. They have two children, 1-year-old Hannah and 8-year-old Taylor.

Q. What do you like best about your job?

A. I really like the challenge of figuring out the reason for failures and preventing them from reoccurring.

Q. Who inspires you most?

A. I'm most inspired by all of the servicemen that are fighting overseas to protect our way of life.

Q. What's the biggest accomplishment so far in your life?

A. My biggest accomplishment so far in life has to be having a great family and home. Next would be serving in the U.S. Navy on the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk between 1990 and 1993.

Q. What kind of car do you drive? What do you wish you were driving?

A. I drive a 1990 Corsica. I WISH I were driving a new Corvette.

Q. What is your favorite thing to do when the weather is cold?

A. I love to go bowling during the winter.

Q. What's your favorite kind of music? Your favorite musical group?

A. My favorite music is Hard Rock and Rock 'n Roll. My favorite musician is Jimi Hendrix.

RULES OF THE ROAD Gone Ridiculous

Most traffic laws make us safe. These just make us laugh.

- 1. No party pollution!** In Hermosa Beach, California, it's illegal to spill your margarita on any street. But feel free to dump your martinis and sidecars with impunity.
- 2. Wild and distracted drivers** motoring through Derby, Kansas, beware. That fair city has made it a misdemeanor to screech your tires. Squeal, and you could spend up to 30 days in jail.
- 3. Don't let your road rage boil over** in Rockville, Maryland. It's a misdemeanor to swear from a vehicle, even if someone seems to have found his driver's license in a cereal box.
- 4. In Glendale, California,** it's illegal to jump from a car at 65 mph. Glendale, California, is just looking out for you, guys.
- 5. International bizarre traffic law!** No drivers gone wild in Thailand. You can be ticketed for driving a car or motorcycle while topless.

Ulmer's First Annual Blood Drive is Coming Soon!

Ulmer's believes in giving back to the communities that support us, so we are proud to partner with the Hoxworth Blood Center to host our first annual blood drive. We're still working out the details but will post the information on our website, UlmersAutoCare.com, as soon as we can.

We Greatly Appreciate Your Referrals

Our business is built on your recommendations to family and friends, so we appreciate whenever you share us with others.

Thank You!

As always we really appreciate the extra efforts that you guys go to, and especially knowing we're getting honest feedback about our car's problems. Thanks for great customer service!!!

-Cathy S., Cincinnati, OH

Ulmer's is my kind of place!!! It's a great feeling knowing that my cars are in trusted hands. Thank you for your expert advice and money-saving recommendations.

-Tom D., Cincinnati, OH



EIGHT TIPS FOR WINTER DRIVING

Ah, winter: the season of scrapers, stalls, skids and grouchy drivers stuck on the highway for three hours during a snowstorm. While winter can be a pain in the rear, there are steps we can take to make sure that pain never gets above a dull ache. Here are some ways you can improve your winter driving experience, with help from the Car Talk guys and the National Safety Council.

Preparation

1. Get a pre-winter tuneup.

You want to make sure your vehicle is in good running condition before the blizzard, not after. Address any issues you may have been putting off, and have your technician check your engine, battery, belts, fluids, wiper blades and tire pressure.

2. Assemble your supplies.

Stock your trunk with the winter must-haves: snow shovel, scraper/brush, flashlight, abrasive material (like kitty litter, salt or sand), jumper cables, a warning device (e.g., flares or reflective triangles), high-energy snacks, a coffee can with candles and matches (to stay warm if you get stranded!), blankets, hats and gloves.

3. Keep your gas tank full.

The engine is what will keep you warm if you get stranded. Make sure you always have enough gas in the tank to keep the engine running if you have to hang out in the middle of nowhere for awhile.

4. Get to know your car.

Every car handles differently in the snow. If you've bought a new vehicle since the last snowfall or are a newer driver, take some time to get acquainted with your car's vital stats and quirks. Do you have front-, rear- or four-wheel drive? Antilock brakes? Traction control? Before the first big storm hits, drive your car around in an empty parking lot so you know what to expect when you're on the wintry roads.

5. Clear off your car—the whole thing!

No matter how big a hurry you're in, or how cold your hands are, you can't clear just a peephole. If you wipe off just a tiny hole, one of three things is going to happen: 1) snow from your roof will fall down and cover the windshield, placing you in peril; 2) the snow will fly off and hit another driver's windshield, placing that person in peril; or 3) you will be written a ticket for driving with obstructed vision, placing your wallet in peril.

Incidents

1. Stuck in the snow/ice

So your vehicle is not too into leaving its parking space, eh? To free yourself, turn your wheels from side to side a few times to move the snow out of the way. Then, ease forward. Don't press too hard on the gas—if you start spinning your wheels, you'll just get more stuck. You can also try rocking your vehicle back and forth. Shift back and forth from forward to reverse, pressing lightly on the gas each time. Put down the kitty litter you stashed in your trunk to give yourself extra traction.

2. Skidding

If your rear wheels start to skid, turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front wheels to go. Then if they start skidding the other way, gently move the steering wheel toward that side. If your front wheels skid, take your foot off the gas and shift into neutral. Don't try to steer immediately! Wait until the wheels skid sideways, slowing the vehicle and restoring traction. Then you can steer in the direction you want to go and shift back into drive.

3. Stranded!

If your vehicle lets you down out in the cold, there are ways to keep yourself warm while you wait for help to come. First, run the engine for heat once every hour, or every half-hour in extreme cold. Clear snow from around the tailpipe to make sure that carbon monoxide doesn't start building up in the cabin. Remember the stuff you packed in your trunk? Wrap yourself up in the blankets, and light a candle inside your coffee can if you need extra heat. As chilly as you may be, leave one of the windows open a crack. Freezing wind and driving, wet snow can seal a vehicle, and once your rescuers come, you don't want to spend any more time in your car than you have to.

Bumper to Bumper

\$49.95

Includes: change oil and filter; lube front end; check battery and alternator operation; inspect belts and hoses; test coolant; inspect brakes and adjust as necessary; check shocks, struts and front end suspension; inspect driveline and axle CV joints; check lights; rotate tires as needed; inspect wipers.

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KIDS' Corner

Things To Do on Cold Winter Days!

Can't stay indoors another minute? Here are some ideas for fun outdoor activities. Dress warmly and have fun getting some fresh air and exercise. When you are

tired and chilly, head back inside for hot chocolate, spiced tea or hot cider and rest!

1. Make a snow angel by lying on your back in the snow, spreading out your arms to the side and then moving them up and down. Get up carefully, and see your angel with wing prints.
2. Build a snow fort. Have a snowball fight.
3. Build a snowman. Give him a carrot nose and a hat.
4. Take a walk and look for animal tracks.
5. Play chase, tag or hide and seek.
6. Scavenger hunt for winter nature stuff.
7. Go ice skating.
8. Go sledding down a hill.
9. Shovel a path in the yard like a maze.
10. Play expedition. Pretend you are an explorer going to the North Pole.
11. Decorate a tree in your yard with streamers to blow in the wind.



Spiced Hot Chocolate

SERVES 4

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups milk (soy, rice, almond, cow, etc.)
- 4 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 4 teaspoons sugar (or more to taste)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 4 cinnamon sticks (optional)
- whipped cream or marshmallows (to garnish) (optional)
- ground cinnamon (to garnish) (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Place milk, cocoa and sugar in saucepan. Heat to boiling, then turn off heat. Stir in nutmeg and chili powder, and stir to mix. Pour into 4 mugs and place cinnamon sticks in mugs, if using. Garnish with whipped cream or marshmallows, and sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired. Enjoy!