

# THE BUZZ

Larry Harker's  
Auto Repair

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### HITTING THE ROAD FOR VACATION? **READ THIS FIRST**



With gas hanging out at a manageable price, choosing a vacation destination within driving distance is becoming popular once more. Void of the stress of over packing or a delayed flight, traveling by car seems like a no brainer. By following these few steps listed below, however, your summer road trip will be off to the best start possible!

#### 1. DITCH YOUR BORING, EVERY-DAY VEHICLE

As much as you love your car, sometimes Old Faithful can get a bit boring. If you're heading to a destination with gorgeous weather, consider renting a convertible or a similarly fun car for the journey! If you're a bit budget-friendly, too, try ditching the bigger brand name rental companies and opt for a small, [local company](#). Prices are often cheaper!

#### 2. DOWNLOAD A PODCAST SURE TO ENTERTAIN ALL PASSENGERS

Have you heard of [The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel](#)? If not, get ready to start downloading. A podcast perfect for children, it's also sure to entertain adults who grew up on The Goonies and were recently enthralled by Stranger Things.

#### 3. UPGRADE FROM THE 'LICENSE PLATE' GAME

As much as we love naming all of the different state license plates we see on the freeways, it's *so last year*. On this trip, try the [Movie Game](#). Perfect for adults and families, the first passenger starts by naming a movie. The second passenger must name an actor in that movie. The third passenger must name a movie that actor is in. Get it? It can go on forever, helping the hours of a long journey tick by!

#### 4. STAY CALM: ANGRY DRIVERS BURN MORE FUEL

You may think we're kidding, but we promise you, this is true. [Mythbusters](#) did an entire episode on it and found that emotionally tense drivers who tend to stop and start more abruptly burn more gas than calm drivers.

#### 5. DECK YOURSELF OUT IN NEW GEAR

Does anything get you more in the mood for vacation than new gear? Purchase a new pair of sunglasses, load up the car with your favorite snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, and download a new playlist. Once you hit the road, you'll be in the best mood possible to start driving.

No matter where you're headed or who you're traveling with, stay safe on the road and remember that the journey is part of the fun!

### KEEPING YOUR **VEHICLE IN CHECK**



	<b>Check Frequently</b>	Dashboard Indicator Lights Vehicle Lights Tire Inflation and Condition Windshield Washer Fluid Engine Oil Level	
	All of the above + Automatic Transmission Fluid Battery and Cables Belts Engine Air Filter Exhaust Hoses Power Steering Fluid		<b>Every 3 Months</b>
	<b>Every 6 Months</b>	All of the above + Chassis Lubrication Wiper Blades	
	Same checklist as every 3 months		<b>Every 9 Months</b>
	<b>Every 12 Months</b>	All of the above + Brakes Cabin Air Filter Coolant (Antifreeze) Steering and Suspension Wheel Alignment	

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## WHAT OTHERS SAY – A SAMPLE OF OUR ONLINE REVIEWS

Dawn W.  
12/21/16



We've always had good work done by Bob & Ellen. Wouldn't go any where else because you can't get quality work at other places.

Marie C.  
12/17/16



This shop is always a pleasure to do business with. We took in our son's Eclipse. They were able to diagnose the issue and resolve to the best we can in the time frame we had. Very happy with the outcome and will not hesitate to bring our other vehicles in when we need service.

Eileen B.  
12/9/16



This is the best auto repair shop in town! They are very professional and do quality work for a fair price. We bring both our personal and work vehicles to them, and we recommend them to anyone we know who is looking for a trustworthy and quality repair shop. Owner's, Bob and Ellen, conduct their business with honesty and integrity. Thank you for the many years of great service!

Dan S.  
12/3/16



Always prompt, friendly and professional service. They have been servicing our cars for many years. Highly recommend them!

### More reviews at:

<http://www.garagefly.com/shop/Larry-Harkers-Auto-Repair-Phoenix>

## FORD MOTORS: THE NEW BABY WHISPERER



Ford Spain is helping parents around the world catch a few more hours of sleep each night by developing the “MAX Motor Dreams” baby crib. Replicating the soft engine hum and gentle rocking motion known to put babies (and even adults) to sleep, the crib is even equipped with LEDs to mimic street lights. No word yet on when the crib will be available for purchase.

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GarageFly.com is an Arizona-based, comprehensive online resource that delivers automotive peace of mind to consumers. Drivers seeking information about reputable auto repair shops and auto body shops can read validated reviews for shops throughout the area, and quickly book an appointment online. GarageFly empowers consumers with information from reviews so they feel confident in their choice. To find out about our latest promotions, please visit us online at [www.GarageFly.com](http://www.GarageFly.com)!

## STRETCHING YOUR TRAVEL FUNDS

### 7 TIPS TO A CHEAPER ROAD TRIP

- PAMPER YOUR CAR**
  - Get a tune-up
  - Check tire pressure
- RENT RESPONSIBLY**
  - Find deals online first
  - Choose a smaller car
- STOCK UP**
  - Buy food and fuel at one stop
  - Pack a cooler
- USE TECH TOOLS**
  - Estimate fuel costs
  - Compare prices
  - Map your route
- CALL HOTELS DIRECTLY**
  - Ask for last-minute deals
- CUT COSTS**
  - Find bundles and discounts for attractions
- START A SUMMER SAVINGS PLAN**
  - Save money in advance

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