

# How to make auto ownership stress free

Imagine waiting in line to explain your car's repair problem, waiting again for repairs to be completed, then locking your keys in the car and discovering you have no change to take a call to the locksmith. Sounds like a stress-filled situation almost guaranteed to raise your blood pressure. Automotive Information Council (AIC) of Southfield says auto ownership doesn't have to be filled with stressful situations.

According to AIC, all of the above situations could have been avoided, or at least made more pleasant, by anticipating problem areas and being prepared.

AIC offers the following suggestions:

- Practice preventive maintenance and you will reduce the possibility you will be stranded with a breakdown.
- Always have your car fixed promptly. No one needs the aggravation of a malfunctioning car. Your mood may improve once you aren't worried about that rattle coming from beneath the car.
- Take advantage of off-hours to have auto service done. Avoid days like Monday and Friday when shops are usually more crowded. Call ahead and see if you can make an appointment to bring the car in.
- Ask lots of questions if you aren't sure what repairs will be done. You'll be less likely to have misunderstandings later on.
- Take a book or small project to work on if you must wait for the car.
- Make contingency plans in case the car isn't repaired on time. Begin by budgeting extra time for the work to be done and arrange other transportation in case it can't be finished as expected.

Make duplications of all your car keys. The duplicate keys can be kept in your wallet or left with a friend or relative who can bring you the keys if you get locked out.

Always carry coins for toll collectors and emergency calls. Carry phone numbers for your local towing service or auto club.

These small suggestions can go a long way in reducing repair and emergency breakdown problems, says AIC.

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Fees are \$15 for an individual workshop or \$55 for the entire series. Pre-registration is required. For enrollment, contact the Continuum Center at Oakland University, 377-3033.

## Winning at the job game told in workshop series

Most people have had very little training in the techniques of finding or

changing jobs. Men and women who are unemployed or who want to change

jobs can learn the secrets of winning at the job game in a series of workshops designed by career specialists at Oakland University's Continuum Center.

The Job-Hunting Series begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, and meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 209, O'Dowd Hall, Oakland University, Rochester.

The series of five workshops, which may be taken as a complete program or individually, covers the techniques

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## See Saw marathon set for Festival

A 60 hour "See Saw" Marathon will be a feature of the Farmington Founders' Festival on July 28, 29 and 30. The "See Saw" Marathon to "Give a Child a Hand" will be sponsored by the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity of Wayne State University for the benefit of the Variety Club's Electronic Limb Research Center at the Detroit Institute for Children.

Last year, when the event was initiated, the "See Saw" Marathon raised more than \$1,000 for Variety Club and

Ralph Natfaly, chairman of this year's activity, predicts even greater success this time around.

Staged as part of the annual celebration for the city of Farmington, the Farmington Founders' Festival at Farmington Road and Grand River will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day July 28 through 30.

For further information, contact Ralph Natfaly at 988-2354; Variety Club Chief Barker, Bruce Rosen at 352-6222.

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