

Be cautious toward repairs

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mag tape monitors each transaction for state analysts. The Michigan secretary of state's office, coordinator of the program, will analyze the data regularly, monitoring shops for discrepancies.

Jablonski said it would take "several months" for the state to determine full impact of program problems, although state officials have done preliminary inspections to check record-keeping procedures.

Since inception of the program, Jablonski reports he has done 400 tests and is averaging 15 per day at his shop at Grand River and Inster. He does many of the tests himself as customers drive in, freeing his mechanics to continue their work.

Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air tests in the late 1970s showed two pollutants exceeded federal guidelines in the three-county area, prompting the 1980 state legislation requiring testing for most autos. A printout from the AET computer must be presented before 1986 plates or tabs will be issued.

Of the approximately 2.5-million cars expected to be tested in 1986, the EPA estimates 20 percent will fail, Liphardt said. The state will check those repair shops failing too many cars, or not enough, he added.

THE TEST, which cannot cost more than \$10 by state law, takes about 10-15 minutes. The results are

good for six months, so it can be done ahead of the license plate renewal date.

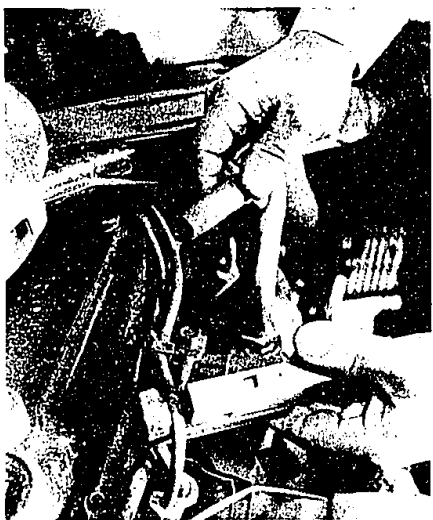
Consumers having questions about the AET program can call the ASC hotline at 563-2151. Those having a problem with an auto emissions test should call the AET testing program's local office at 569-5080 to report problems.

Without the established AET program, federal money for highway and new factory construction in the tri-county area would have been withheld. Southeast Michigan must be reduced 25 percent by 1987, according to federal officials.

Liphardt expects the testing to become an annual thing for Michigan drivers. "As long as the EPA has the hammer over us, I think it will be here for a long time, he said."

The ASC suggests the following guidelines for consumers: deal with a reputable repair facility, be aware of whether the mechanic is conducting the emissions test properly, don't pay more than \$10, don't wait until the last minute for emissions inspection, and don't buy a used car without an emissions test or proof of passing that test. "A tampered or damaged vehicle could lead to extensive, expensive repairs," the information card said.

The ASC plans to go into communities, and speak to various civic groups to further educate the consumer. About 4,000 AET information cards have been mailed since Jan. 1, he added.



The sparkplug (upper hand) is removed while the computer probe is attached to a sparkplug wire (bottom hand). This will give a false reading on the computer.

Focus turned to home sharing

The HomeShare Program matches compatible persons so they can share a residence based on common needs, interests and preferences. It provides safe, affordable housing alternatives for persons age 18 years old and older.

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) in coordination with Community Services, Farmington Hills Senior Adult Program, and Waterford Senior Center will match compatible persons so they can share a residence on common needs, interests and preferences. This concept, known as HomeSharing is at least two, and no more than three, unrelated adults sharing a common dwelling unit, each having a private bedroom, while sharing common areas, such as the kitchen, living and dining room.

The HomeShare Program is geared toward young adults and seniors, singles and couples, regardless of income level.

Persons interested in participating in the program can contact OLHSA at 858-5184. An interview will be arranged, and personal references checked. Potential homesharers will then be selected, matched and given a two-week trial period with follow-up counseling.

SEMCOC, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, is facilitating the program throughout the Southeast Michigan. OLHSA is working through SEMCOC and four other agencies participating in a network to maximize client service and selection and to provide a coordinated regional approach to the HomeShare Program.

For those individuals who are looking for affordable housing and those who have extra space in their homes, call 858-5184 for additional information.

Bill would remove license addresses

The murder of a Detroit family in 1982 prompted state Rep. Sandy Brotherton, D-Farmington, to draft legislation that would remove addresses from driver's licenses.

The six-term lawmaker is preparing a bill to change the address requirement after reading a Detroit News article by columnist Al Stark. The article described the circumstances surrounding the deaths of David Berkley, a Wayne State University student, his wife Aline, 25, and their 9-month-old daughter.

Returning home from a drugstore around midnight on Dec. 18, 1982, the 26-year-old Berkley was stabbed to death and the attackers confiscated his wallet and keys.

"By reading his driver's license, the assailants knew where David Berkley lived and the keys allowed them access to his home. The tragedy of his wife and infant daughter. They would have been spared if the killers had not known that address," Brotherton said.

Driver's licenses have required addresses since they were first issued in 1919. Brotherton said this requirement serves no important purpose because addresses are in the Secretary of State's files.

Police officers are more concerned with the driver's personal identification number and license number.

"Computers and easy-access technology make addresses on licenses unnecessary. In the wrong hands, addresses are an invitation for criminals to hurt innocent people. If this information serves no useful purpose, let's change the law and prevent future tragedies," Brotherton said.

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