

Be prepared for snow emergency with AAA tips

The old Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared" might be the best advice when faced with the prospect of an emergency breakdown in cold weather.

Severe weather can cause even the best of drivers to find themselves in an emergency situation. Last winter, the Auto Club responded to more than 500,000 emergency road service requests from drivers having car troubles.

For those times when you want to go but your car doesn't,

AAA Michigan offers these tips on how to cope in an emergency situation, recommending that drivers always carry an emergency kit in the vehicle, containing a flashlight, flares or reflective triangle, distress sign, telephone change, first aid supplies and some basic tools.

During inclement weather, Michigan State Police recommend that motorists tell someone where they are going, route of travel and estimated time of arrival.

Be aware of trouble

Also, when traveling, be aware of early trouble signs by monitoring dashboard gauges and warning lights. If differences in handling are noticed, have the car checked. If the vehicle becomes disabled:

■ Activate hazard warning lights immediately and pull off the road on the far right shoulder; well off traveled lanes.

■ Warn oncoming traffic by setting flares or reflective triangles behind the vehicle, especially at night.

■ If it is necessary to stop on a center median, pull off the road as far as possible.

■ If you decide to stay with your vehicle, close the windows and lock the doors. If someone approaches offering assistance, talk through a closed window, and ask the Good Samaritan to call for help by phoning police or the nationwide AAA Emergency Road Service network (1-800-AAA-HELP).

On Detroit area freeways during rush hour, the Freeway Courtesy Patrol may offer assistance (dial 911). AAA members with the AAA Connect all phone package can dial #AAA for emergency towing service.

Should it become necessary to jump start a dead battery, the

general procedure follows, but consult your owner's manual for specific instructions.

■ Position the cars close enough for jumper cables to be connected, but not touching. The transmission on both vehicles should be in park, or neutral (for manual transmission). The parking brake should be on and the ignition and accessories off.

■ Connect one end of the positive cable to the positive terminal of the good battery. Attach the other end of the positive cable to the positive terminal of the disabled battery.

■ Connect one end of the negative cable to the negative terminal of the good battery. Attach the other end of the negative cable to a good ground like a bolt on the engine or other unpainted, metallic surface on the car with the dead battery.

■ Start the engine on the car providing the jump. When

attempting to start the disabled vehicle, don't crank the starter for more than 20 seconds. If it doesn't start in 20 seconds, wait two minutes before trying again.

■ When the disabled car is running, disconnect the jumper cables in the reverse order from which they were connected.

Nursing home reform group meets Feb. 24

The Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, Oakland County branch, will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile, east of Lahser.

Both the parking lot and the entrance are in the rear of the building.

Campaign for Quality Care is an advocacy group for nursing home residents in the state. It is always seeking members.

At the statewide campaign January meeting in Lansing, it decided to support two state House legislative bills.

One is House Bill 4169, which would allow a nursing home resident to suspend payment to the nursing home if the nursing home fails to meet public standards. This concept was supported by 82 percent of Michigan respondents to the latest survey recently released by Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social

Research, a group spokesman said.

The other priority is the bill to require nursing homes to check the criminal background of applicants for nursing home employment.

On Jan. 24, five members of the Oakland County steering committee — Joan Barber, Pam Balfour, Lydia Rizzo, Monica Jackson, Anna Mickel — plus Mike Connors, Lois Hitchcock and Edie Brekken met with state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, Farmington, state house majority floor leader.

"The representative promised to contact Rep. Jerry Vander Roest on the senior health, security and retirement committee to ask him to schedule hearings on these bills," said Lydia Rizzo of Farmington Hills.

Members of the steering committee want all members to contact their state legislators to urge them to support the two bills.

Zonta hosts fashion benefit

Parisian in Laurel Park Place, Livonia, will host the sixth annual "Stepping Out In Style" fashion show benefit for First Step Project Against Domestic Violence on Sunday, March 26.

Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi area presents an evening of private shopping from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Several outstanding local restaurants will serve their specialties as patrons stroll through the store enjoying entertainment and special demonstrations.

Special guests for the evening will include renowned wildlife photographers Carl R. Sams II

and Jean Stoick who will autograph copies of their latest book, "Stranger in the Woods."

Tickets cost \$25 and are tax deductible. Plus Parisian will extend a 15 percent discount on all purchases during the evening, with the exception of certain designer items, such as Coach. All proceeds to Zonta will be presented to First Step.

In the past five years, Zonta has raised a total of \$141,000 for First Step. Members hope to bring the total to \$200,000.

For more information, call 313-538-8043 or 248-349-6246.

SAJE term begins next week

Seminars for Adult Jewish Enrichment will begin its second term Feb. 22, offering 25 courses

spanning the Jewish experience. Call 661-7649 for more information.

NOTICE PAY 1999 TAXES NOW

Beginning March 1, 2000, all property taxes become delinquent and are payable at the Oakland County Treasurer's Office. An administrative fee of 4% and interest at 1% per month will be added to the tax.

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Raymond R. Patton
You are being sued
Joann L. Patton
CASE NUMBER: DR35008

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form 1282) at the court and serve a copy on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form.

If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately.

NOTICE: The restraining orders on the back are effective against both husband and wife until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

1. The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF MONTEREY, 240 Church Street, P.O. Box 1819, Salinas, CA 93902
2. The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, is: Mark W. Hafen, Esq., Law Office of Dozier & Hafen, 325 Cayuga Street, Salinas, CA 93901, 831-422-5001, 133011
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