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The Answers To These And Many Other **Questions Are Inside.**







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Take The Sting Out Of Tax Day With These Facts About Taxes

Few of us enjoy paying taxes, but on April 15, they're due, like it or not. To ease the pain, or just amuse yourself while standing in line at the post office, consider these facts about the U.S. income tax:

1. The first U.S. income tax was passed in 1861 to finance the Civil War. Citizens were taxed 3 percent on incomes over \$800, although that was replaced with a tier tax structure in 1862. The office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue was created in 1862.

2. The current income tax system was established in 1913, with World War I looming. That's when the original Form 1040 was introduced; it was three pages long.

3. More than 131 million individual tax returns were filed in 2009. A single IRS employee, working at the unbelievable rate of one return per minute, would need more than 250 years to process them all.

4. The IRS offers more than 480 different forms on its website.

5. The first internet transmission of a tax return via the Internet took place on Jan. 24, 1986.

6. It's estimated that more than 300,000 trees are cut down each year to produce the paper used for all the forms and instructions sent out by the IRS.

7. Originally, taxes were due on March 1, a date set shortly before the current system was authorized by the 16th Amendment in 1913. "Tax Day" was changed to March 15 in 1918. It was changed again to April 15 in 1955 to allow the IRS to spread out the processing of all the forms being filed.

April Events

April 1st - 30thNational Car Care MonthApril 1stApril Fools DayApril 15thIncome Tax Pay DayApril 22ndEarth Day



Go On, Give It A Little Push

American test pilots in the 1940s. Each aircraft they flew designed to fly safely up to a certain speed for a certain distance at a certain altitude. The job of test pilots was to and higher than specifications indicated.

A Good Game Of Golf

Three elderly men came into the pro shop late one afternoon after playing 18 holes of golf. "Did you guys have a good game today?" the pro asked.

"Sure did, "said Andrew. "I had three riders today."

"I had the most riders ever," Butch boasted. "I had

five."

"I beat my old record," said the third golfer, Shaun. "I had twelve riders today."

As the golfers went into the locker room, the clerk at the shop's front counter whispered: "What are they talking about? I thought I knew all the golf terminology there was, but what's a rider?"

The pro explained; "For these guys, a rider is when you hit the ball far enough that you have to actually get in the golf cart and ride to it."

Help Wanted?

A woman approached the manager of a large department store.

"Excuse me, are you planning on hiring any extra help?" she asked.

"I'm sorry, we're not," the manager replied politely. "We already have all the staff we need."

"Good," said the woman. "Then would you mind finding someone to wait on me?"

Do You Have A Question About Car Maintenance That You Want Answered?

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our monthly newsletter. If you have a question about anything related to your vehicle, feel free to give us a call at **713-623-4418**.autoworld@swbell.net

April is National Car Care Month, when motorists are reminded of the benefits of driving well-maintained vehicles.
Owners who are car care aware can be proud of their vehicles, which are safer, more dependable, and more economical to operate. Fuel efficiency and reduced emissions go hand in hand.

Remember how much fun it was to drive your car when it was new. Get that feeling again, be car care aware.

Don't Leave These Crucial Tax **Documents Behind**

Taxpayers often forget some important paperwork when they visit their tax preparer or send documents to got all the right data:

Social Security numbers. You'll need the numbers for all dependents.

Estimated tax payments. Find the exact amounts and dates.



Sale of property. Your accountant will need to see all the paperwork involved.

Child care credit. You should have the name, address, and ID number for all your child care providers.

Social Security benefits. Don't forget form SSA-1099. Contribution receipts. A receipt is necessary for any single contribution of \$250 or more

Crack The Hidden Secrets Of The Everyday Egg

You thought coloring and hiding eggs for Easter was tough? Imagine what those hens have to go through in order to produce them for you. As the water is boiling on the stove, ponder these interesting facts from the American Egg Board: -A hen requires 24 to 26 hours to produce an egg. Thirty minutes later, she starts all over again.

-The egg shell may have as many as 17,000 tiny pores over its surface. Through them, the egg can absorb flavors and odors. Storing them in cartons helps keep them fresh. -White shelled eggs are produced by hens with white feathers and white earlobes. Brown-shelled eggs are produced by hens with red feathers and red earlobes. -To tell if an egg is raw or hard cooked, spin it. If the egg spins easily, it is hard boiled but if it wobbles, it's raw. -During the spring equinox, it is said that an egg will stand on its small end. Although some people have reported success, it is not known whether such results were due to the equinox or to the peculiarities of that particular egg. -Egg yolks are one of the few foods that naturally contain vitamin D.

-Yolk color depends on the diet of the hen. Natural yelloworange substances such as marigold petals may be added to light-colored feeds to enhance colors. Artificial color additives are not permitted.

System

-Occasionaly, a hen will produce double-yolked eggs throughout her egg-laying career. It is unusual, but not rare, for a young hen to produce an egg with no yolk at all.



Inspect lights, Wipers & 20 Other Items



We're No. 1 (Exercise Days, Anyway)

Americans may have a reputation for being overweight and lazy, but a survey commissioned by Tom-Tom, a U.K. maker of navigation products and GPS sport-watches, recently found that Americans lead the world in the amount of time they exercise.

Americans exercise an average of 135 days a year, followed by Spain (131 days), France (116 days), and Sweden (115 days). Of the eight Western countries surveyed (results came from a total of 8,000 people,

1,000 from each nation), Holland came in last, the Dutch exercise only about 93 days per year.

Seventy-five percent of Americans set yearly exercise goals, although the U.S. trails Spain (82 percent) and Italy



(81 percent) in that area. TomTom reported that Britons lag behind in both exercise days (108 days a year) and goals (61 percent).

The Dreaded Fruit Fly... Help Keep This Pest Away

Fruit flies are pesky critters that can show up in the kitchen any time of the year. They feed on microscopic yeasts found on fruits and other foods and lay their eggs there. Using insecticides to get rid of them is (ahem) fruitless unless you get rid of whatever attracts them. Here are some ways to keep them at bay:

Keep your kitchen clean, and make sure you close the tops of garbage bags. Keep in mind that fruit flies also love dirty mops and dish towels.

Throw away trash often, including recyclable food containers.

Try to buy unblemished fruits and store them in the refrigerator, if possible.

Wash bananas (a fruit fly favorite) with warm water and detergent. Also seal tomatoes and avocados in a plastic or paper bag to ripen.

Scrub areas near the sink and under the fridge, targeting rotting produce and spilled juice.

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National Car Care Month

This annual event gears us up to remember the importance of "Preventive Maintence". We find that most neglected maintenance items are cooling systems, transmissions, brakes, power steering fluid service and oil changes. And since it's never safe to gamble when it comes to your vehicle—we'll help you maintain your vehicle's value and dependebility by the following Car Care Specials:



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