



# AARDVARK AUTOMOTIVE

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## Fall Is In the Air ▶▶▶

*Or is that just the smell of pumpkin spice everywhere?*

Thanks for checking out our Fall Newsletter! In this issue we have a little history on the origins of Mazda's unique rotary-engine vehicles, some advice on whether a new car is in your best interests, and data on how far certain vehicles can go after the low fuel light comes on. We've rounded everything out with an awesome and easy Texas stew, plus cornbread with a kick. Enjoy!

**Where do baby ghosts  
go in the daytime?**

**DAYSCARE**



*Hi everyone!*

*Fall is here, and we all know  
what's right around the  
corner... the holidays!*

*Excited? Or are you feeling  
like 2018 has flown by too  
quickly? We bet it's both  
because that's how we're  
feeling here at Aardvark.*

*But, as they say, the only  
thing you can't stop is time,  
so let's just take it in stride.*

*- Robert & Lynda Archer*



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## New Car?

*Or not yet...*

Thinking about buying a new car? They say November is the best month to buy a new car because many dealerships are reducing the prices of their current year models to make room for next year's. But are you absolutely sure a new car is what you need?

While getting a shiny, new car may be fun and exciting, it's often not the best option financially, especially if you're considering a new car because your current car needs auto repairs or maintenance services. Buying a new car almost always costs more than simply getting your car fixed.

It may be tempting to trade your car in when the down-payment on a new model costs less than the repair you need, but it's important to remember that a new car generally comes with a monthly car payment and higher insurance rates. Also, new cars require regular maintenance just like older cars, so you're not avoiding any costs there.

If you're weighing the costs and benefits of trading in your old car for a new one, come see us! We'll give you an honest assessment of your current car's condition. If you do get a new car, we can perform the maintenance services you'll need, while maintaining your new car warranty.

## You Auto Know ▶▶▶

### *About Mazda*

Mazda vehicles are becoming increasingly popular in the United States, as a nice middle-ground between a luxury car and budget option, and they're a little bit unique—like they have been since they came on the scene almost 100 years ago. Here's the Mazda story.

### *Only three wheels but lots of potential*

The origins of Mazda date back to 1920 in Japan. In 1931, their first vehicles came out—three-wheel pickup trucks and other small vehicles for the Japanese market. In order to stay independent, Mazda was mandated to create its own technological expertise in 1961. Following licensing of the Wankel rotary engine from German automaker NSU, Mazda perfected the engine for its Cosmo 110S luxury sports coupe. The first 110S went into production in May 1967, and two made it to the U.S. as official imports of the Curtiss-Wright aviation company.

### *1970 and the rotary engine makes its mark*

In 1970, Mazda established Mazda Motor of America in Seattle, and in 1971, Mazda USA debuted the rotary-powered RX-2. In 1973, the Mazda RX-3 became the first vehicle in the world to pass strict new U.S. standards for regulating exhaust emissions. Through the 1980s and 1990s, Mazda continued to grow, introducing many popular vehicles, ranging from sports cars to pickup trucks to luxury sedans to SUVs. Today, Mazda is zoom zooming into the future with numerous well-loved and award-winning vehicles.

## How Low Can You Go?

*Before you run out of gas...*

Ever wonder how far you can drive after your low fuel warning light comes on? We advise you to never let your gas get too low, but you probably don't need to pull over in a panic. In fact, *YourMechanic* has determined just how many miles you can drive once the low fuel warning light is triggered for American's most popular vehicles. Here's a rundown of the top 15:

1. Ford F-150: 35-80 miles
2. Chevy Silverado: 25 miles
3. Ram 1500: 63-87 miles
4. Toyota Camry: 65-91 miles
5. Toyota Corolla: 60-84 miles
6. Nissan Altima: 81-114 miles
7. Honda Accord: 70-93 miles
8. Honda CR-V: 62-78 miles
9. Honda Civic: 59-80 miles
10. Ford Fusion: 35-80 miles
11. Ford Escape: 35-80 miles
12. Toyota RAV4: 57-74 miles
13. Chevy Equinox: 50 miles
14. Nissan Rogue: 78-99 miles
15. Hyundai Elantra: 30 miles



Is it ready yet?

## Fall Recipe(s) ▶▶▶

*Get cozy the Texas way*

Here's a recipe for an easy throw-everything-together-in-the-morning slow cooker stew, and when it's just about done, make the cornbread with the kiddos in the evening!

### *Texas Stew*

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can hominy, drained
- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can sliced carrots, drained
- 1 can sliced potatoes, drained
- 1 can ranch-style beans
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp beef bouillon granules
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- Chili powder to taste
- Dash Worcestershire sauce
- Dash hot pepper sauce

What to do:

In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Transfer to a

5-qt. slow cooker. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours or until heated through.

### *Cornbread with a Kick*

Ingredients:

- 1 box cornbread mix
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 tbs canned jalapeno peppers, diced and drained well
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/8 tsp salt

What to do:

Combine cornbread mix, egg, and butter in a mixing bowl. Add remaining ingredients. (Mixture will be thick.) Place cornbread in a lined muffin tin or 2-quart casserole dish. Bake at 375 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

## From Our Blog

### *Turning Water into Windshield Washer Fluid Good or bad idea?*

Lots of people have done it. You run out of windshield washer fluid, forget to buy more, and fill up the reservoir with water to use in the meantime. Then maybe you asked yourself, "Is it bad to use plain water in place of windshield washer fluid? Does it really matter?" To be honest, there are pros and cons to both water and windshield washer fluid. Read on and decide what you think is best for you and your car.

### *What is windshield washer fluid, anyway?*

Windshield washer fluid is generally a mixture of solvent, antifreeze, and detergent. Some advanced formulas may include methylated spirits, which prevent the fluid from freezing in the tubing or reservoir during the wintertime. Other windshield washer fluids are specifically formulated to remove bugs, tar, or other forms of grime.

### *So, is windshield washer fluid necessary?*

Ok, so we know what windshield washer fluid is made of. But how does plain old water compare?...

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