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## SPRING is here ▶▶▶

*Welcome to all the new beginnings!*

And welcome to our Spring Newsletter! In this issue, we'll take a peek into the history of BMW, check-in with modern car technology, share some info on cabin air filters and vehicle air vent cleaning (great for those with allergies), and offer up a fun springtime project for the kiddos that's perfect for Mother's Day.

*Easter tastes better than Halloween, and you don't have to ring any doorbells!*



*There's no better time than Spring to take a deep breath and appreciate the little things, like open windows, pretty flowers, and budding trees. Here at the shop, we're looking forward to brighter, warmer days, and we're sure you are, too!*

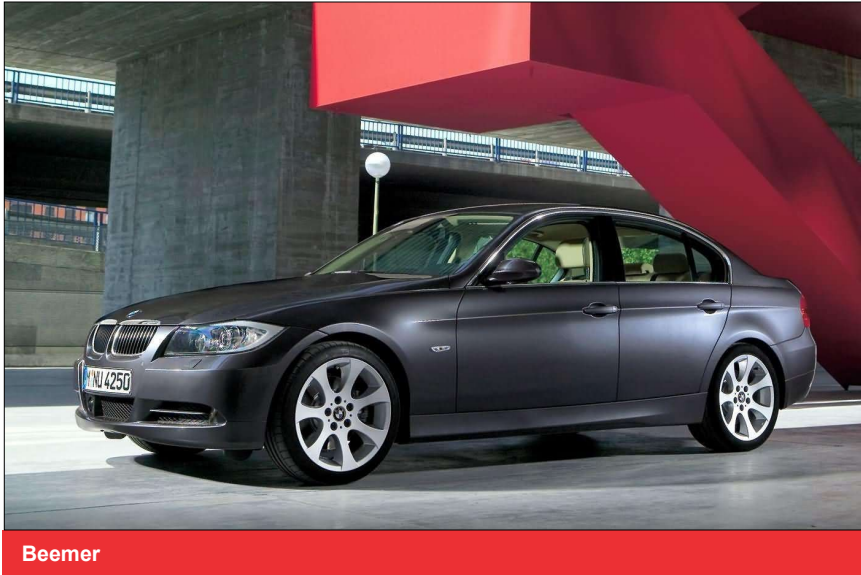
*- Robert & Lynda*



Family Enjoying the Season

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## More Computer than Car?

We're all hearing about self-driving cars as the way of the future. Stunning new prototypes are appearing in the media on a regular basis, tantalizing us with promises of hassle-free driving and eased congestion on the roads.

While it may still be awhile before we regularly see self-driving vehicles on the roads, the truth is that these days your car is more computer than you probably realize.

Gone are the days of popping the hood and tinkering with the carburetor yourself!

To stay on the cutting-edge of automotive computer systems, we invest in specialized diagnostic tools and resources. It's essential to accurately repair everything from Chevys to Mercedes!

## You Auto Know ▶▶▶

### *About BMW*

The company we now know as BMW originated in 1916 with the merger of three other manufacturing companies (with very complicated German names)—Rapp Motorenwerke, Bayerische Flugzeugwerke, and Fahrzeugfabrik Eisenach. BMW became an automobile manufacturer in 1929 when it purchased Fahrzeugfabrik Eisenach, which built Austin Sevens. BMW's team of engineers progressively developed their cars from small Seven-based cars into six-cylinder luxury cars, and, in 1936, began production of the BMW 328 sports car.

### *Pots, pans, and bicycles?*

Aircraft engines, motorcycles, and automobiles would be BMW's main products until WWII. But during the war (against the wishes of its director), BMW concentrated on aircraft engine production, with motorcycles as a sideline, and automobile manufacture stopped altogether. After the war, BMW survived by making pots, pans, and bicycles until 1948.

### *Starting over...*

The first BMW vehicle to take to the road after WWII ended was the R 24 motorcycle, followed by the 501 "saloon" car in 1952. As a luxury car, the BMW 501 was not a commercial success, but it nevertheless restored BMW's status as a manufacturer of high-quality, technically exciting cars.



System Check

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**CHOO!**

Spring is in the air, with all the joys of longer days, warmer weather, and beautiful flowers in bloom. But for allergy sufferers, it also heralds a season of itchy eyes, sniffy noses, and stuffy headaches.

If this is you or one of your loved ones, your car's cabin air filter is a line of defense against asthma and allergies in your car.

Cabin air filters are found in most cars, and are designed to catch small particles of dust, pollen, and other contaminants before they enter your vehicle. However, like any filter, they are prone to clogging, and should be changed at regular service intervals to make sure the air inside your car is as clean as it can be to protect you and your family.

At Aardvark Automotive, we also offer Evaporative Housing Antibacterial Clean Out Service, which cleans dirt and pollen from your vehicle's air vents. This service is another great help for people with springtime allergies.



Happy Spring Time!

## Spring Project ▶▶▶

### *Mother's Day Flower Pot Craft for the Kiddos*

#### What you'll need...

1. Plastic milk or juice jugs
2. Fabric or scrapbook paper
3. Scissors
4. White craft glue
5. Paintbrush
6. Potted Flower



#### How to...

Cut off the top of the plastic jug, just under the handle. Then, turn the jug upside down and poke four small drain holes in the bottom.

Cut fabric or tear paper into 1 inch squares, and then mix 2 parts glue and 1 part water in a bowl. Paint the glue mixture onto the outside of the jug. Decoupage the fabric or paper all over the jug, and (optional) glue a strip of complimentary fabric or paper around the top of the jug.

Add a handful of gravel to the bottom of the jug and some soil. Finally, add your potted flower!

## From Our Blog

*Talking Tech—*

*Good Communication Makes Auto Repair Easier*

We know—an unexpected, budget-busting auto repair is stressful. In fact, one of the worst parts of our job is to confront drivers with bad news about their vehicles. And while we strive to explain necessary auto repairs as delicately and sensitively as possible, we understand you may still feel upset when we present you with a poor diagnosis. We believe—just like in any relationship—good communication is an excellent antidote for conflict. Here are some suggestions for talking tech, and getting the most from your auto repair experience.

**Be specific when describing a problem with your vehicle.** For example, “I’m hearing a high-pitched squeal between 50 and 60 miles an hour that seems to come from the left-rear wheel is much more helpful than, “The wheel is making funny noises.” Mention all your observations, even if you don’t know if they’re relevant.

**Don’t self-diagnose.** Targeting and accurately identifying problems in complex modern vehicles is a specialized skill best left to an auto repair technician, not Google. Automakers have established procedures to determine the cause of most vehicle issues, which must be followed before undertaking repairs.

For more, check out our blog at [aardvarkautorepair.wordpress.com](http://aardvarkautorepair.wordpress.com).

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