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From the Desk

To our customers,

Summer is right around the corner and outside activities are about to begin in our great state. While we have our great lakes to enjoy, we also have many inland lakes. We at Mid Michigan Insurance want to make sure you enjoy your summer and are protected from recreational water losses. Please take the time to stop in or call to review your policies. We all want to enjoy the summer, so let's start with ensuring we are protected against loss.

I thank you once again for your patronage.

Michael Hawkins CEO

EMERGENCY CLAIM NUMBERS

If we are not in the office, please use these numbers to contact your insurance company.

Auto Owners/Home Owners: 888-252-4626 Auto Owners Road Assistance: 888-869-2642

Foremost: 800-527-3905

Grange Insurance: 800-935-5300 Glass Claims: 877-800-2727

Hastings Mutual Insurance: 800-442-8277

Liberty Mutual: 800-225-2467

Michigan Millers Insurance: 800-888-1914

Motorists Insurance Group: 800-876-8766

Progressive: 800-274-4499 Road Service 800-776-2778

Retailers: 866-764-7705

SafeCo Insurance: 800-332-3226 Road Service 877-762-3101

Wolverine Mutual Insurance: 800-733-3320

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month



May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. With warmer weather, it's time to remind everyone to be on the alert and to share the road with motorcyclists.

Riders who have been cooped up all winter are excited to be out on the road again, but that shouldn't stop them from using caution. Both motorcyclists and motorists need to be aware of their surroundings. Checking blind spots, mirrors and using turn signals are necessary when changing lanes and when passing.

Distracted driving has been on the rise, too. Distractions during driving could mean the difference between seeing a motorcyclist or not when preparing to change lanes. Don't let one text change anyone's life forever!

Riders need to take precautions as well. Take a defensive driving course, wear protective gear and keep your bike in its best working condition. Also, be aware of any road hazards and dangerous weather conditions.

Most of all, enjoy your ride and make it home again!



Happy Corner



Two Nuns

Two nuns were driving alone out in a rural area, and ran out of gas. Fortunately, they could walk to a gas station not far away, where they asked to purchase a can of gasoline.

"I'm sorry, sister," said the attendant, "but all I have for you to carry it in is an old chamber pot." The nuns agreed that this would be fine.

They returned to the car. As they were pouring the gasoline into the tank, a man drove by, stopped his car, and said, "Oh sister, if only I had your faith."

Lost Hunter

A hunter lost his bearings and wandered around the forest in a daze. Suddenly, he spotted another man. Dropping his rifle, he threw his arms around the other's neck and screamed, "Boy am I glad to see you! I've been lost in these woods for three days!"

"Restrain yourself," cautioned the other sadly. "I've been lost here for a week."

Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Each year approximately 140 people in Michigan are hospitalized due to Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning, and 500 people die across the United States. It is known as the "Invisible Killer", because it is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless poisonous gas. CO poisons thousands of citizens each year.

CO is produced at harmful levels by the improper operation and ventilation of all fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, water heaters, ovens, fireplaces, generators, portable heaters, charcoal grills, and vehicles. Poisoning is caused by the incomplete combustion of fuels including oil, propane, natural gas, wood, coals, kerosene, gasoline and diesel.

The most common signs and symptoms CO poisoning may include:

Dull headache Shortness of breath Confusion Nausea/Vomiting

Blurred vision Loss of consciousness Weakness Dizziness

CO poisoning can be particularly dangerous for people who are sleeping or intoxicated. People may have irreversible brain damage or even die before anyone realizes there's a problem.

CO poisoning can also occur when generators are improperly used. Everyone is urged to follow all manufacturer's operating directions. This equipment as well as vehicles, power lawn equipment and snow blowers should always be operated where there is adequate ventilation, never in enclosed spaces.

Unintentional CO poisoning can occur almost anywhere – in homes, businesses, RVs, cabins, boats and ice shanties. The single best way to protect against this Invisible Killer is to install carbon monoxide detectors with audible alarms in these places, and to keep furnaces and other appliances in proper working order through annual inspections and tune-ups.

CO safety in Michigan is a top priority and residents are encouraged to learn about this poisonous gas and ensure homes, workplaces, related equipment and appliances are equipped and maintained to protect themselves and loved ones against possible poisoning;

If you think you or someone you're with may have carbon monoxide poisoning, get into fresh air and seek emergency medical care.

Camping

A loaded van pulled in to the only remaining campsite. Four children leaped from the vehicle and began feverishly unloading gear and setting up the tents.

Two of them rushed to gather firewood, while the other two and their mother set up the camp stove and cooking utensils.

A nearby camper marveled to the youngsters' father, "That, sir is some display of teamwork."

The father replied, "I have a system, no one goes to the bathroom until the camp is set up."

Kidnapped

"We have your son," said the kidnapper.

"I don't have a son," said the women.

"Then who just asked for warm milk and made us cut the crust off his sandwich?"

"Oh gosh, you have my husband."

Old Guy

An old guy was working out in the gym when he spotted an attractive young lady.

He asked a nearby trainer, "What machine should I use to impress that lady over there?"

The trainer looked him up and down and said, "I would try the ATM in the lobby."

Month in History: May

May 1st 1941 Cheerios were first introduced.



May 10th 1908 Mother's Day is observed for the first time.



May 17th 1792 The New York Stock Exchange is formed.



May 21st 1881 The American Red Cross is established by Clara Barton.



Social Media

"Hello! Is this Gordon's Pizza?" "No sir, It's Google's Pizza." "Did I dial the wrong number?"

"No sir, Google bought the pizza store."

"Oh, alright then. I'd like to place an order please." "Okay sir, do you want the usual?"

"The usual? You know what my usual is?" "According to the caller ID, the last 15 times you've ordered a 12-slice with double-cheese, sausage, and thick crust."

"Okay, that's what I want this time too." "May I suggest that this time you order an 8-slice with ricotta, arugula and tomato instead?"

"No, I hate vegetables." "But your cholesterol is not good."

"How do you know?" "Through the subscriber's guide. We have the results of your blood tests for the last 7 years."

"You know what, I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, and everyone else having all my information! I'm going to an island without internet, where there's no cellphone line and no one to spy on me!"

"I understand sir, but you may want to renew your passport...It expired 5 weeks ago."

Coffee

I sometime just make my coffee with Red Bull instead of water.

Ironically when I do, I get halfway to work before I realize I left my car at home.

May 22nd 1908 The Wright Brothers patent their aircraft.



May 29th 1848 Wisconsin is admitted as the 30th U.S. state.



May 29th 1935 Construction of Hoover Dam is completed.



May 30th 1868 Memorial Day is observed in the US for the 1st time



May 31st 1884 John Harvey Kellogg patents corn flakes.

