

# SOUTH TRAIL TIMES

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## **AUGUST EDITION:**

### **Beat the heat with these summer tips**

- **Make Sure Your Car Doesn't Turn into a Sauna**

When parking in the summertime, we're not always lucky enough to find a spot in the shade. This can cause your car to sit in direct sunlight for hours on end, resulting in a sweltering cabin temperature, scalding-hot steering wheel, untouchable seat belts, and faded seat upholstery.

Leaving your windows cracked (rolled down ever so slightly) will help allow a little bit of airflow into and through the car's cabin. Just be sure you don't open them too far, that way your vehicle stays safe from potential intruders. Another way to keep the interior cool is using a sun shade for your windshield. By repelling the sunshine, this simple solution can drastically reduce the temperature inside of the car. Having your windows tinted has the same effect, but because it's applied to more of the windows, it increases the effectiveness.

Lastly, if you have the time, open all the doors (or windows) for a few minutes before getting into the vehicle. This should allow some fresh airflow to make the cabin more comfortable.

- **Optimize the Use of Your Air Conditioner**

One of the more understandable car maintenance tips for summer is to regularly service your air conditioner. If it doesn't seem to do the job of cooling you down, there may be something wrong with it.

- **Check Up on Your Coolant Levels**

In car maintenance 101, you learn to always keep an eye on your vehicle's fluid levels. This applies doubly so to the coolant levels in summertime. Whenever the temperature rises, your vehicle's cooling system needs to work extra hard to keep the motor from overheating.

Coolant typically needs to be changed once a year. If you don't want to pay a mechanic to do it for you, and your coolant tank needs refilling, carefully open the cap – but only when the engine is cool. Attempting to open the cap while the engine is still hot can result in scalding coolant to shoot out of the pressurized tank. For maximum efficiency, use a 50/50 mixture of distilled water and coolant in the tank.

As the recommended coolant change frequency as well as mixture may vary, be sure to check your vehicle's owner's manual for more specific details pertaining to your particular car.

- **Keep Your Eyes on Tire Pressure**

Tires are what take the most abuse from the road on a vehicle. Another great summer car maintenance tip is to ensure that your tires have the proper pressure. High temperatures add to the stresses endured by your tires.

If your tires are underinflated, there is more friction between them and the road. Friction creates heat, and if it's already hot outside, this can be a recipe for failure. On the other side, if your tires are overinflated, keep in mind that air expands with heat. Overinflated tires can lead to uneven tire wear as well as a higher risk for a flat tire, caused by a blowout.

Buy a tire gauge and check the owner's manual for the recommended tire pressure for your specific vehicle. This number is often times listed on the inside of the driver's side door as well.

## • Avert Potential Battery Meltdowns

For those interested in performing car maintenance on your own vehicle, it's important to note that battery problems can occur at any time of the year. Some special problems can arise in the summertime, though. For example, it is possible for battery fluid to evaporate due to extreme temperatures. This can result in the charging system malfunctioning or failing altogether.

It's important to be very careful when performing any car maintenance involving your battery. With this in mind, if the battery caps are removable, you can check the fluid level of the battery. Additionally, scraping any corrosion from the posts and cable connections as well as ensuring the connections are tight can help keep your battery lasting longer.

If you're uncomfortable maintaining the battery yourself, take your car to a professional for their assistance and car maintenance advice.

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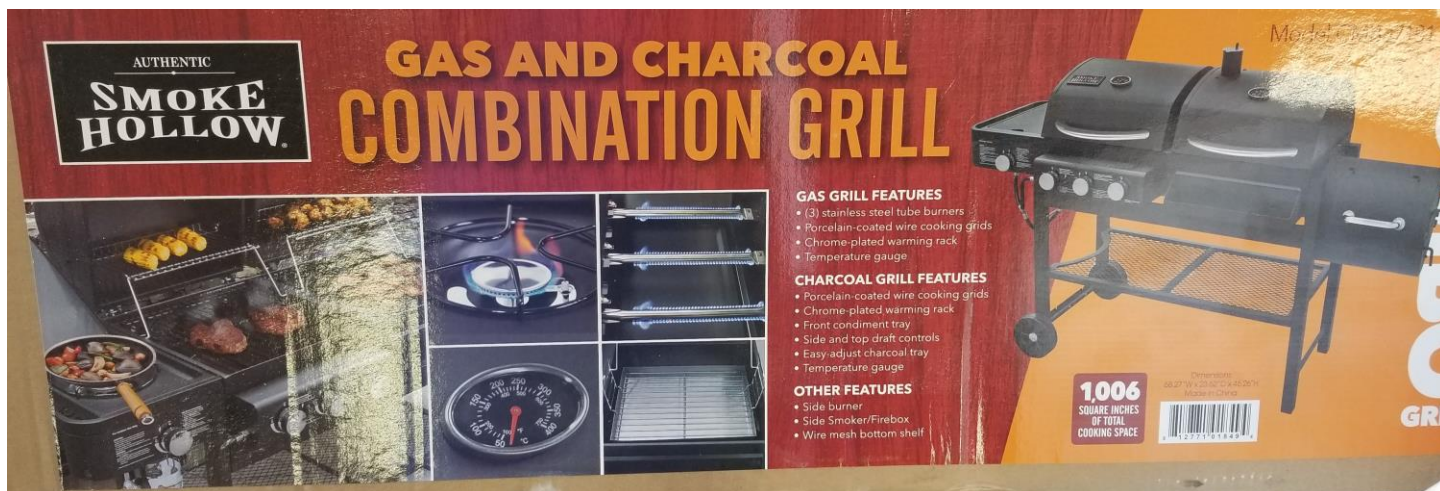
Please remember with school starting to give yourself extra time in the morning and afternoons with the added traffic also watch for the children walking to and from school!

Don't forget to like us on Facebook for more savings and current promotions, contests & coupons  
@<https://www.facebook.com/southtrailtireandauto>

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## SALES:

Our Labor Day raffle is starting July 9<sup>th</sup> until August 24<sup>th</sup> for every service done you will get a ticket to be entered in the raffle to win a duel charcoal/propane grill.




## Rules are as follows...

- For any service, repair, tire order you will be giving one ticket and addition to that you will get 1 additional ticket Per \$100.00 increments.
- We will be drawing the winner the end of business day August 24<sup>th</sup>, you will be notified by phone to pick up the Grill.
- You will be required to come into the office and take a picture with us and your new GRILL!!

\*Some restrictions apply: Previous services do not count to be entered in **must have car serviced Between July 9 & August 24, 2018** and paid for in full for entry.



# Vacation Time



**John will be out of the office and the country  
leaving August 29th and Returning September 7th, 2018**

**Do NOT call, text or email JOHN he will be in Normandy, France  
& Italy he will not be able to assist you at all.**

**During this time if you need assistance contact Mitch or Melissa  
in the office at 239-433-4241.**

**Thank you for your cooperation - South Trail Tire & Auto Repair**



**Mitch & Melissa will be out of the office  
Friday September 7th & Monday September 10th**

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**CAR TIPS:** Here are some tips for maximizing the effectiveness of your air conditioner:

- Dry climates with low humidity: Using the so-called “fresh air” setting on your air conditioner, which brings in air from outside of the car, will allow the air conditioner to work more efficiently.
- Areas with high humidity: If you live in a place with a lot of moisture in the air, using the “recirculate” function of your air conditioner helps it to more efficiently keep things cooler.

## Shop News:

**We are still having our Veterans Clothing Drive!!**

## WE WOULD LIKE ALL YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

We will have a drop box in our office to **Support all Veterans**

This is a donation program please read below the acceptable donations you are welcome to bring in with you when you have your car serviced or just come in to drop them off. We are hoping this will be



a success to help out our Veterans.

They're owed a salute.

The VVA accepts many donations the **RED** ones are the donations **we will accept in our office:**

### WE ESPECIALLY NEED CLOTHING!

- **Clothing of all types & sizes (men's, ladies, children's, baby's)**
- **Clothing accessories**
- **Shoes (all kinds)**
- **Baby items**
- **House and glassware**
- **Books, small toys, bikes**
- Stereos, radios, portable TVs
- All bedding, **draperies, curtains**
- Kitchenware
- Usable small furniture & rugs
- Small appliances
- Tools (all kinds) **small tools**
- **Jewelry and unopened cosmetics**

If you would like to help out more or donate items above that are not highlighted or money you can email [Melissa@southtrailtire.com](mailto:Melissa@southtrailtire.com) for more information.

This will be an ongoing clothing drive for our veterans until further notice. We are hoping that we can give some back to the men and woman who risked it all for our freedom. So please go through your closets, cabinets, and home and start clearing out unused or cluttered items and let's give them to one amazing cause!!!!

**Show us some love by liking us on Facebook or following us on Twitter!**



**In observation of Labor day**  
**South Trail Tire & Auto Repair**  
**will be closed Monday September 3rd**

**If you will miss Mitch & Melissa too much you can see them at American Legion Post 323 Lehigh Acres, FL on Saturday September 1st they will be volunteering for the Labor day cookout/clambake. Mitch will be cooking and Melissa will be serving the food.**

**Have a safe Labor day from all of us at South Trail Tire & Auto Repair**

34 YEARS AND STILL COUNTING OF QUALITY SERVICE!!!



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**DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR SPECIALS, RAFFLES & GIVE-A-WAYS!!!!!!!**

**Back to the books**

**\$10.00 OFF any Service Over \$100**

**\$20.00 OFF any Service Over \$200**

**\$30.00 OFF any Service Over \$300**

Expires: 08/31/2018. Not valid with any other offers. Certain Conditions may apply.

Excludes tire purchases

## You worked hard all year

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**DO NOT PRINT THIS OUT AS IT IS A PROMOTION NOT A COUPON OR VOUCHER!**

**JUST CALL AND SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

## School Savings

\$49.95

Includes: Oil change and filter, lube front end, check battery & alternator operation, inspect belts & hoses, check coolant, inspect brakes, check struts, shocks, & CV joints, check lights, rotate tires and receive a **FREE** pair of wiper blades.

For most cars and light trucks (some restrictions apply) up to 5 qts of conventional oil. Some restrictions apply. Not valid with any other offer.  
**DO NOT PRINT THIS OUT AS IT IS A SPECIAL NOT A COUPON OR VOUCHER! JUST CALL AND SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.**

## Don't forget to refer a friend & receive \$25.00 GIFT CARD!!

When they come in for service: Mention you are the one that referred them and you will receive in the mail a \$25.00 GIFT CARD off your next service!!!

Offer is on valid for new customer referrals: person receiving the gift card must be an existing customer. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Gift card is only valid at South Trail Tire & Auto Repair. Some restrictions apply

**This is not a coupon or voucher you will receive that in the mail!**

Some repeat offenders may get a \$25.00 Omaha Steak gift card in appreciation for their loyalty!!