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Smi)e... It's SUMMER! ▶▶▶

Let's have some fun in the sun!

Thank you for tuning into our Summer Newsletter. In this issue, we share a little history on a living legend—Porsche, offer up some fun facts about the Fourth of July, get a little serious considering Texas' ban on texting and driving, and, finally, we have a couple unique corn dog recipes for you to try. Happy reading, and please let us know if there's anything you'd like to see in a future newsletter.



Hi everyone!

If any time of year is about living the good life, it's summer. But the "good life" is different for everyone, right? Maybe it's an awesome vacation, or maybe it's spending time with family and friends. Whatever your good life is, we hope you're living it this summer!

- Robert & Lynda Archer



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Porsche Boxster

You Auto Know ▶▶▶

About Porsche

Imagine cruising around in a Porsche 911 convertible this summer, top down, radio playing... if we could all be so lucky! We've had the honor to work on a few Porsches at Aardvark Automotive, and let us tell you they are beautiful and powerful machines. So, why not take a moment to learn a little more about the legendary Porsche?

It Began with a Beetle... Yes, that Beetle

Ferdinand Porsche founded the original Porsche company in 1931 in Stuttgart, Germany. At first, Porsche only offered motor vehicle development work and consulting, but did not build any cars under its own name. One of the new company's first assignments came from the German government to design a car for the people—that is “Volkswagen.” This resulted in the Volkswagen Beetle, one of the most successful car designs of all time, and, in fact, the Porsche 64 was developed in 1939 using many components from the original Beetle.

After World War II, the Porsche company had to regroup and rebuild, which it did with its own car this time—the 356—which became road-certified in 1948. Porsche's signature designs continued to feature air-cooled rear-engine configurations (like the Beetle), rare for other car manufacturers, but producing very well-balanced vehicles. In 1964, after some success in motor-racing with models like the 550 Spyder, and with the 356 needing a major redesign, the company launched Porsche 911 and an icon was born. Today, Porsche's lineup includes the 911, 718 Boxster/Cayman, Panamera, Macan, and Cayenne.

Fun Facts

About the Fourth

Every American knows the 4th of July marks the birthday of the United States, but here are some fun facts you may not know about this patriotic day.

Contrary to popular belief, only two founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Most signed on August 2, 1776.

To wit, the Fourth does not celebrate the *signing* of the Declaration. It celebrates the *adoption* of the Declaration.

And, the original draft of the Declaration of Independence was lost.

However, the back of the (redrafted) Declaration of Independence says “Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776.”

In a now-famous letter to his wife, Abigail, dated July 3, 1776, John Adams predicted the second day of July would be celebrated as American Independence Day because Congress had actually voted to sever ties with Great Britain the day before.

As it was, Independence Day—eventually designated as July 4th—didn't become a federal holiday until 1870.

Texas Banned Texting Behind the Wheel

But drivers aren't getting the message

Last year (and late to the game if you ask lots of people), Texas became the 47th state in the country to ban texting while driving. You can still use your phone to talk hands-free, play music, operate a GPS, report a crime, or seek emergency help, but any form of written communication (outside of an emergency) is against the law.

But It Seems the Law's Not Working

Strong, well-enforced traffic laws have been highly effective in reducing some risky driving behaviors, like drunk driving; however, it doesn't seem like texting and driving bans are working (yet, anyway). According to the Texas Department of Transportation, distracted driving and cell phone use continues to be a problem in Texas, despite the new law, with one in five crashes caused by distracted driving—a ratio that hasn't changed in the last three years. So, why aren't drivers getting the [text] message?



Dress up everyday objects in your home

Summer Recipe ▶▶▶

Two Unique Takes on Corn Dogs

Did you know corn dogs are a Texas invention? That's right, the original corn dogs, known as "corny dogs," debuted in 1942 at the Texas State Fair. Here are two unique takes on this summertime classic.

Root Beer Dogs

Ingredients:

- 2 cups pancake mix
- 1 cup root beer soda (makes the batter lighter and more flavorful)
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 8 hot dogs, cut into chunks

What to do:

1. In a large bowl, combine pancake mix and soda, mix well
2. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil
3. Dip hot dog chunks into batter, coating evenly then place in skillet and cook 2 to 3 minutes, or until golden on all sides. Place on a paper towel-lined plate and repeat with remaining hot dog chunks

Mini Veggie Dogs

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour, 2/3 cup cornmeal, 1 tbsp brown sugar, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp baking soda, 1 egg, and 1 cup beer for batter
- 2 large carrots, cut into chunks
- 4 large broccoli stocks, cut into chunks
- Corn oil (for frying)

What to do:

1. Combine all dry batter ingredients, and then whisk in egg and beer
2. Boil the carrot and broccoli chunks for about 2 minutes, allow to dry
3. Slide the veggies onto skewers
4. Heat oil to 375, dip the "dogs" into the batter, and fry until golden brown

From Our Blog

Adios Apple Maps...

Google Maps is becoming available for use with Apple Car Play

We've talked before about how dangerous it is to use a cell phone while driving, whether you're talking or texting. (Texas finally banned texting and driving last year.) One way automakers have made it easier for drivers to avoid cell phone use behind the wheel is by integrating cell phones into vehicle operating and entertainment systems. Today, just about every major auto brand has Apple CarPlay and/or Android Auto on their vehicles, and those that don't are working to make the feature available.

Apple CarPlay and Android Auto allow drivers to use the interface from their cell phones on their car's center screen. Not all phone apps are compatible, but generally the most important ones are. You can play music on your phone through your vehicle's speakers and send messages using the car's voice control system. As far as navigation, with CarPlay or Android Auto, you don't have to spring for the automaker's built-in navigation system, which often isn't as good as a cell phone navigation app.

But for those who have Apple CarPlay, a common complaint is being forced to use Apple Maps rather than Google Maps, Waze, or any other preferred third-party application. Well, those annoying days are gone...

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