



West Plains Car Club

February 2019

NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the West Plains Car Club will be February 7th 2019. The place for the meeting will be TJ's Hickory House on west Hwy 160, 2.5 miles past Walmart. Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. with the meeting starting at 7:00 P.M.

Other Activities

February is when we start having the Car Show committee meetings. We can use all the help and advice we can get, so please show up to help. This is your opportunity to have some input on the car show. A list of committee meeting times and locations will be available at the February meeting.

Tilman's Tips

Applied Technology: Tire Pressure Sensors

Some of the newer cars have been equipped with the tire pressure sensors for a number of years now.

The sensors are in essence, a transmitter/pressure gauge that sends data to the car's computer. They are not cheap, priced at between \$75 and \$150 each.

The projected life expectancy is 10 years of the built in battery life but some are known to have failed in as little as 4 years. The batteries cannot be taken out and replaced so the whole unit has to be replaced.

As if this is not bad enough, some of the sensor units are made of aluminium and break easily as a person tries to remove them in order to add more air into the tire. They are not repairable so a new sensor needs to be installed. It can be presumed that many motorists will consider the sensors as a bit of frivolous equipment but nowadays, the cars that are equipped with them are considered to have them built in as part of the safety system and operating a vehicle with one sensor missing is considered as circumventing the safety system. Not a good idea as viewed by law enforcement and the insurance underwriters.

In the case of a motorist deciding to purchase a new set of wheels for the winter tires, he would need to purchase sensors for each of the tires.

Apparently, a motorist did want to purchase a new set of tires and wheels for his car that was equipped with the sensors and did not want to purchase the sensors. The shop had the customer sign a liability waiver form. The car was later, involved in an accident and still, despite the motorist having signed the liability waiver, the court decided that the tire shop, operating as a business professional, should have known not to have equipped the wheels without the sensors and thereby circumventing the built in safety feature. It is said that the tire shop had to pay a hefty amount to satisfy the claim in court.

Tilman

February Birthdays

Megan Saddoris	2-2	Jan Jamtgaard	2-6
Bill Harrill	2-11	Thomas Howerton	2-13
Don Johnson	2-14	Aggie Thompson	2-14
Judith Thompson	2-14	Wyatt Madison	2-19
Katie Hoverson	2-26		

February Anniversaries

Edward & Hazel Gleason	2-13
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