

ROAD TO SAFETY

Don't Let Car Neglect Run You Off The Road

(NAPSA)—Everyone has heard of spring cleaning for their home. But, did you realize that spring is a great time to clean your car too? In fact, a thorough cleaning under your car's hood could prevent future problems from occurring.

According to the Car Care Council, an organization that has been promoting the car maintenance message for more than 30 years, car neglect is responsible for nearly 2,600 deaths, 100,000 disabling injuries and more than \$2 billion lost each year. In an effort to reduce car neglect and these staggering statistics, NAS-CAR legend Richard Petty and the Car Care Council are joining forces to educate Americans on the importance of proper engine maintenance with the "All 3 Every 3" program. Designed by Petty and his crew chiefs, the engine maintenance program recommends three steps every 3,000 miles:

(1) Change Your Oil. The additives in motor oil become depleted as oil accumulates mileage. When motor oil loses its protective additives, your engine can suffer damage to the bearings, cylinders, camshaft and valve train.

(2) Clean Your Fuel Injectors. Just as your oil gets dirty after 3,000 miles, so does your fuel intake system. However, if you clean your fuel injectors every time you change your oil, you will keep your fuel intake system clean and running efficiently.

(3) Check Your Belts, Hoses and Fluids. Check for cracks in belts and soft spots on hoses. By



There are numerous safety and financial reasons car owners need to value automobiles as an investment, rather than just a means of transportation.

not replacing belts and hoses when these conditions exist, you risk breakdowns and costly damage to your engine. Also, check fluid levels. Fluids can evaporate, leak or deteriorate and need to be checked regularly.

"People have gotten away from performing regular maintenance on their cars," said Petty.

"By partnering with Petty and supporting the All 3 Every 3 program, we have the opportunity to get our message out to an even greater audience and continue to show America that car maintenance is vital to their safety and financial well-being," says Donna Wagner, president of the Car Care Council.

To help further educate car owners about the importance of car maintenance, Petty has launched all3every3.com.