

# Al Huss' Auto

## “Under the Hood”

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Greetings! Spring has finally sprung! The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming and warm weather is trying to stay. Good news for us warm weather fans, the end of another season for the winter sports fans. With warm weather we will be thinking of heading out on family road trips, hitching up the boats or trailers and just getting outside to enjoy the beauty of our area. With the skyrocketing prices of gas, we must also keep in mind the health of our vehicles. A well running, well maintained vehicle is going to be more fuel efficient than one that is out of alignment, has poorly inflated or worn tires or an engine that is in need of a tune-up or maintenance. We want you to think of our shop like you would a well run dental office—visiting us for regular maintenance and staying healthy, versus an emergency room where you are coming in bleeding and crying. Remember: neglect is expensive, maintenance is easy. So, along with raking the lawn and cleaning out the flower beds, consider getting your vehicle in for a little “spring cleaning”, your wallet will thank you every time you pull in to the fuel pump!

### Making sure gas cap is tightened Can save money

If you own a 1996 or newer car, make sure your gas cap is tightened all the way. Failing to do so will cause the “check engine” light to go on. We will then need to reset your car’s computer which can cost between \$30 to \$55. All of this can be avoided by making sure your gas cap is on correctly. Also, turn off your car when fueling! If you don’t this could cause the check engine light to come on too!



### What’s Inside

- Tires, keep them inflated
- Some car humor
- What’s in a “Full Service” oil change
- Super Summer Specials!

### Tire Replacement Advice

When your tires wear out, you have to decide how you’re going to replace them. Often it’s not just a simple matter of buying the exact tires that come with the car, they may have been discontinued, may cost a lot more than a comparable brand, or may not fit your driving style. Don’t skimp on your tire purchase if you care about your car’s ride and handling.

Conversely, if you only drive sedately and your car’s expensive low-profile performance tires have worn out, don’t break the bank to replace them if a lesser tire will fit. When you buy tires, buy a name brand. Low quality is the reason why unknown brands remain unknown. At Al Huss’ Auto we specialize in **Cooper** tires. Whatever kind of tires you choose to put on your vehicle, we want you and your family to be safe.



## What's in a "Full Service" Oil Change?

Most vehicles on the road today should have their oil changed every **3 months** or **3,000 miles**. Why? Even though an engine isn't running, heat and cooling from sitting still attracts moisture into the crankcase. Moisture is acidic. If the engine isn't run long enough to boil off this accumulated moisture, the acid compounds become damaging. So, the oil may need to be change at the time, rather than the mileage interval.

The benefits of having your oil changed at Al Huss' Auto are many, first of which is our 22 point confidence inspection. (A standard procedure in our full service oil change – the only kind we do!) At some quick lube centers you will get speed, but you may not have a guarantee of quick

accuracy. We take pride in inspecting your car thoroughly, looking at the belts, hoses checking air pressure and tread depth on tires, front brakes, (rear brakes also during a tire rotation), topping off fluids, grease the chassis, check exhaust system, ball joints, tie rod ends and even check for burnt out light bulbs. After our inspection, we tell you everything we found, letting you make an educated decision about what to do to keep your vehicle properly maintained. Our oil changes may take a few minutes longer, but we feel that you are getting a great value for your money because we care!

*It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.*

*-Mother Teresa*



A man and his wife were driving through the country on their way from New York to California. Looking at his fuel gauge, he decided to stop at the next gas station and fill up. About 15 minutes later he spots a gas station and pulls over to the high octane pump. "What can I do for y'all?" asks the attendant. "Fill 'er up with high test," replies the driver. While the attendant is filling up the tank, he's looking the car up and down. "What kinda car is this?" he asks. "I never seen one like it before." "Well," responds the driver, his chest swelling up with pride, "this, my boy is the latest Cadillac DeVille." "What all's it got in it?" asks the attendant. "Well," says the driver, "it has everything. It's loaded with power steering, power seats, power sun roof, power mirrors, AM/FM radio with a 10 deck CD player in the trunk with 100 watts per channel, 8 speaker stereo, rack and pinion steering, disk breaks all around, leather interior, digital instrument package, and best of all, an 8.8 liter V12 engine." "Wow," says the attendant, "that's really something!" "How much do I owe you for the gas?" asks the driver. "That'll be \$30.17," says the attendant. The driver pulls out his money clip and peels off a \$20 and a \$10. He goes into his other pocket and pulls out a handful of change. Mixed up with the change are a few golf tees. "What are those little wooden things?" asks the attendant. "That's what I put my balls on when I drive," says the driver. "Wow," says the attendant, "those Cadillac people think of everything!"



## This is taken from a brochure for Oil & Oil Filter Service Options

### How do we compare?

#### Option 1—\$19.95

##### Economy Oil Change

- Oil Change (up to 4.5 qts)
- Silverline oil filter
- Lubricate Chassis (if applicable)
- Adjust tire pressure
- Check all fluid levels
- Inspect steering
- Inspect suspension
- Inspect Exhaust System
- Inspect Belts
- Inspect Hoses

#### Option 2—\$27.95


##### Standard Oil Change

- Oil Change (up to 4.5 qts)
- Goldline oil filter
- Lubricate Chassis
- Adjust tire pressure
- Check and top off all fluids
- Inspect Steering
- Inspect Suspension
- Inspect Exhaust System
- Inspect Belts
- Inspect Hoses
- Inspect Exterior Lights
- Test Battery

#### Option 3—\$49.95

##### Level 1 Premium Oil Change

- Oil Change (up to 4.5 qts)
- Goldline filter
- Lubricate Chassis
- Adjust tire pressure
- Check and top off all fluids
- Inspect Steering
- Inspect Suspension
- Inspect Exhaust System
- Inspect Belts
- Inspect Hoses
- Inspect Exterior Lights
- Test Battery
- Test Starter
- Test Alternator
- Check Spare Tire
- Road Test Vehicle
- Inspect Wiper Blades
- Check Heating and A/C controls
- FREE Car Wash

Short of the car wash, we do **EVERYTHING** on this “premium” oil change for the everyday price of \$24.95—*what a value!* 

### Proper tire inflation tips

Correct tire inflation pressure is critical for good fuel economy, safety, maximum tire life, and proper vehicle handling performance. For the small amount of time it takes, checking the inflation at least once a month is one of the best investments you can make to get the maximum life out of your tires. Proper inflation can also improve gas mileage by more than 3%, when maintained regularly. Keep this in mind: Under-inflated tires can lower gas mileage by 0.4 percent of every 1 psi drop in pressure of all tires. While you’re at it, don’t forget to check the spare. There’s nothing more annoying than a flat spare when you have a flat tire!

**FYI:** We offer **FREE** shuttle service! If you need a ride home or to work, or if you need us to pick you up, just ask!

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**Full Service Oil  
Change**

- Change engine oil (up to 5 qts)
- Change oil filter
- Lube chassis
- 22 point confidence inspection
- Consultation about your vehicle
- Rotate tires (as needed)

**\$68.04      \$22.95**  
**Value      Special Price**

Most cars and light trucks  
Offer expires 7/30/05  
Call **788-3308** to schedule an appointment

**Tune-Up Special**

- Change plugs, wires, PCV valve, fuel filter, air filter
- 22 point confidence inspection
- Consultation about your vehicle

Save **\$10.00** off  
the regular price!\*\*

\*\*Prices may vary according to your vehicle and if a cap & rotor are needed.

Offer expires 7/30/05

Call **788-3308** to schedule an appointment

**Motor Vac Carbon  
Clean Service**

- Motor Vac Carbon Clean fuel system service, including Motor Vac solution and fuel
- 22 point confidence inspection
- Most cars and light trucks

**\$129.95 Regular Price**  
**\$99.95 Special Price**

Offer expires 7/30/05

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