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Six More Weeks Of Winter? Some True Facts About Groundhogs

In honor of Groundhog Day on Feb. 2nd, here are a few fun facts about groundhogs gleaned from the official site of the Punxsutawney groundhog club, groundhog.org, which celebrates the world's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil:

- The average groundhog is 20 inches long and normally weighs from 12 to 15 pounds. (Punxsutawney Phil weighs about 20 pounds and is 22 inches long.)
- Groundhogs are covered with coarse grayish hairs (fur) tipped with brown or sometimes dull red. They have short ears, a short tail, short legs, and are surprisingly quick. Their jaws are exceptionally strong.
- A groundhog's diet consists of lots of greens, fruits, and vegetables and very little water. Most of their liquids come from dew on leaves.
- A groundhog can whistle when it is alarmed. Groundhogs also whistle in the spring when they begin courting.
- Insects do not bother groundhogs and germs pretty much leave them alone. They are resistant to the plagues that periodically wipe out large numbers of wild animals. One reason for this is their cleanliness.
- Groundhogs are one of the few animals that really hibernate. Hibernation is not just a deep sleep. It is actually a deep coma, where the body temperature drops to a few degrees above freezing, the heart barely beats, the blood scarcely flows, and breathing nearly stops.
- Young groundhogs are usually born in mid-April or May, and by July they are able to go out on their own. The size of the litter is four to nine. A baby groundhog is called a kit or a cub.
- A groundhog's life span is normally six to eight years. Phil receives a drink of a magical punch every summer during the annual Groundhog Picnic, which is said to give him seven more years of life.

February Events

February 2nd Ground Hog Day February 9th Super Bowl Sunday

Dump Your "Significant Jerk" Week February 2-8th

February 14th Valentine's Day February 17th President's Day February 1-28th American Heart Month

February 1-28th National Black History Month

Don't Let One Binge Derail Your Diet

Despite the best intentions, most dieters fall off the wagon before reaching their goal. But, says Olympic track coach Richard Brown, don't let a big meal or a heavy eating day derail your efforts.

"It's the number of calories you have for the week, not at one meal or day, that affects your weight," he says. "If you're planning on splurging at a new restaurant, eat lighter during the day or sometime during the week."



Cell Phones Don't Give Us The Whole Story

"Can you hear me now?" may be more than a cell phone company slogan. Research by the Acoustical Society of America indicates that one reason cell phone chats can be so frustrating is that our phones cut out the voice's higher frequencies.

The energy of the human voice is measured in hertz. Most of the information in our voices is transmitted at frequencies below 5,000 hertz, leading scientists to believe that higher frequencies aren't really necessary to understanding. Most cell phones transmit sound at 3,500 hertz and below, but tests of recordings that filtered out any sonic information below 5,000 hertz found that people pick up a significant amount of sound in that higher range.

Thus, our brains have to work harder to Understand information that doesn't include higher-pitched sound.

Time for an upgrade?

Do You Have A Question About Car Maintenance That You Want Answered?

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our monthly newsletter. If you have a question about anything related to your vehicle, feel free to give us a call at 713-623-4418.autoworld@swbell.net

February usually is the coldest month of the year. Does your heater do its job on these chilly mornings? When the engine doesn't warm up the way it should, you may not be the only one that is suffering from the cold. The engine suffers, too, and the reason could be a faulty thermostat. Running to cold, or to hot, can damage the engine. It can hurt gas mileage, too, so be car care aware.

What Does Love Mean?

These are truisms that only kids can express. A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined.

- "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." -Rebecca, age 8
- "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." -Karl, age 5
- "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs." -Chrissy, age 6
- "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." -Terri, age 4
- "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK." -Danny, age 7
- "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday." -Noelle, age 7
- "During my piano recital, I was on a stage and scared. I looked at all the people watching me, and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore." -Cindy, age 8
- "My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."

-Clare, age 5

- "Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken." -Elaine, age 5
- "Love is when mommy sees daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." -Chris, age 8
- "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." -Mary Ann, age 4
- "I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." -Lauren, age 4
- "I let my big sister pick on me because my Mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. So I pick on my baby sister because I love her." -Bethany, age 4
- "When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." -Karen, age 7
- "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." -Jessica, age 8

I am now a man with the ability to dial a telephone number and, while the phone is ringing, forget whom he is calling.

-- Me

How the Super Bowl got started

How did the name "Super Bowl" get started? Originally, many suggested it be titled, "The Big One" or "The Final Game." But a Texas financier and owner of the Kansas City Chiefs, Lamar Hunt, came up with the idea of calling it "The Super Bowl" after watching his daughter play with a Super Ball - a small, highbouncing ball very popular at that time. Ironic, that it's a woman that was responsible for naming this wellloved, beloved male annual event!

The games have been identified with Roman numerals rather than numbers since 1971.

It wasn't until Super Bowl IV in 1970 that the title, "Super Bowl" actually appeared on tickets. However, on June 4, 2014, it was announced that in 2016, Superbowl L will not be in Roman numerals. They didn't like the L as 50. As a result, they broke from tradition

for one year and using "50" in the logo. However, for 2017, they returned to the Roman numerals and use LI to represent 51 once again.

A Lesson In Frustration

A little girl asked her father to explain the difference between irritation, aggravation, and frustration. The dad, feeling mischievous, picked up the phone and dialed a number at random.

When he got an answer, he asked, "Hi, can I speak to Frank, please?"

The person on the other end of the line said, "No, there's no Frank here," and hung up.

"That's irritation," the father said. He dialed the number again.

"Hi, is Frank there?" he asked when the second call was answered.

"No! There's no one named Frank here! Stop calling me!" And the phone was slammed down.

"That's aggravation." The father smiled. "And now ..." He dialed, waited, and when the phone was picked up a third time the father said, "Hi, this is Frank. Are there any messages for me?"



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Joshua Sanchez Mary Reyes

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If your vehicle is registered in Harris County, you still need to get a state inspection to renew your registration.