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INSIGHTS

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Fires at Gas Pumps



Recently the Petroleum Equipment Institute began work on a campaign to make people mindful of fires that have resulted from static electricity at gas pumps. Almost all of these cases involved women. The reason is that most of the fires occurred when the person pumping gas got back into their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When they returned to pull the nozzle out, the fire started as a result of static. Most men never return to their vehicle until the gas is completely pumped, hence the fact that most incidents involve women. These fires are the result of the connection between static charges and the vapors that come out of the gas. To avoid this from happening to you, heed this advice:

- Do not use a cell phone when pumping gas.
- Never get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If there is no way for you to avoid getting back into your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out and close the door touching the metal before you pull the nozzle out. By doing this, the static from your body will be cleared before you take the nozzle out. ■

We've Been Busy

In addition to the floor cleaners, truck and car washes, odor control and everyday dirt and grime cleaners that ChemStation delivers, here's what we've been doing lately:

- Removing bacteria from stainless steel warming units at a beverage manufacturer
- Cleaning ink off printing plates at a print shop
- Grease and oil are being removed from concrete and metal surfaces at a paper mill
- Cleaning the flour off aluminum surfaces at a bakery
- Washing eggs at an egg farm

Last month our network of Manufacturing Centers across the country delivered nearly a million gallons of soap. That's about 18,000 55-gallon drums that won't be rusting out and causing environmental problems. We're busy *Keeping it Clean!* ■



October at a Glance

New Beginnings: On October 1, 1908, Henry Ford's Model T went on sale for the first time. October 4, 1957 marks the day the Space Age began as the Soviets launched the first satellite (Sputnik I) into space. After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492. And, on October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty was dedicated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The End of Things: We end Daylight Saving Time this year on October 27 and celebrate Halloween at the end of the month on the 31st. Monthly Events: October is Fire Prevention Month; Pasta, Pizza, Seafood, Popcorn Poppin' and Pork Month. By the Week: The National Association of Professional Organizers has designated the first week in October as Get Organized Week, the second week is Fire Prevention Week and by presidential proclamation the week beginning the third Sunday in October is National Forest Products Week.



Small Business Majority

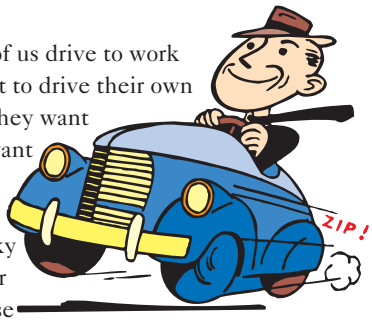


Small business continues to be the nation's employer, according to a new report issued by the Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration. Most recent data show that more than 99% of American employers are small businesses, employing more than half of the private workforce. This report also demonstrated that women own 25% of the nation's businesses, while minorities own 15%. ■

Source: Capitol Line-Up

How Long is Your Commute?

The average American's one-way commute to work is 25-1/2 minutes. Pull out the calculator and that means we're driving to and from work 51 minutes a day; 4 hours and 15 minutes a week; 19 hours and 12-1/2 minutes a month; and 229 hours a year. Punch a few more buttons on the calculator, and it seems that we spend the equivalent of nearly six work weeks in the car just trying to get to work or come home.



Nearly 76 percent of us drive to work alone. "People want to drive their own cars, decide when they want to go, where they want to go," remarks Michael Marsden, an Eastern Kentucky University professor who teaches a course in the automobile's role in society. "In some ways, the only time people are in charge are when they are in their cars, not at home or at work. It's a very psychologically satisfying thing."

Only 12 percent of Americans carpool to work; a paltry 5 percent use public transportation to commute; and only 3 percent live close enough to walk. The smartest bunch of all—telecommuters who work from home. ■

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