



# Annie G's Mountain Musings November 2007

Welcome to the new look of my monthly newsletter. I have incorporated your suggestions in my format and content. Let me know what else you'd like to see. In addition, I've attached my "Ask Mother Nature" column from the Middle Park Times for your children, grandkids, young at heart. Enjoy!

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IN A  
VILLAIN'S WEB**  
OR  
**WEAVE ME A LOAN**  
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## Gut(ter) Check

For most homeowners, cleaning the gutters is near the bottom of the proverbial to-do list. But keeping your gutters clean can really save you a lot of headaches; overflowing gutters can damage roofs and wreak havoc on your foundation. Keeping the water flowing properly isn't as big a deal as you might think. And if you clean your gutters every six months, you'll save yourself time and money.

According to hgtv.com, you can tell if a gutter needs cleaning by looking up at the gutter's top, outside rim. If it is discolored, there's a buildup and water is not flowing as it should.

- ✂ To clean the gutters, use a ladder. Make sure to be safe and cautious around power lines. If you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, hire a professional
- ✂ There are several ways to clean gutters. One is to simply put on a pair of gloves and dig the debris you by hand and rinse it with your hose. Or you can use barbecue tongs or make a scoop by cutting a plastic, two-liter soda bottle.
- ✂ To dispose of the debris, hang a bucket on the ladder with a

## Top 9 Gas Saving Tips

1. **Perform Maintenance Tasks** - Watch inflation and **wheel** alignment--you won't get optimal mileage otherwise.
  2. **Maintain Good Aerodynamics** - Bed covers and roof racks on trucks can be a source of drag that can increase gas consumption.
  3. **Keep it Steady** - Continuous up and down acceleration and braking lowers your gas mileage. Use cruise control.
  4. **Turn it Off** - Don't sit and idle. Stuck in traffic? Turn the vehicle off.
  5. **Use the Right Gas** - Read the owners manual and use gas with detergent additives that keep the system clean, but don't buy premium if regular is recommended.
  6. **Plan your Trips** - Try to plan trips to avoid congested, high-traffic areas.
  7. **Use less Air Condition** - AC makes the vehicle use more gas, so turn it off when you don't need it and try the vents instead.
  8. **Combine Trips** - Try to combine errands so you can get everything during one trip.
  9. **Don't Haul what you Don't Need** - You'll improve your gas mileage if you lighten up the load. Remove unnecessary items in the truck bed or cargo area.
- Dale Wickell, Nationwide on your Side

## Grand Dates >>>>>>>

- November**
- 23-24 Kauffman Housed Open House
  - 23-25 Old Fashioned Craft Bazaar
  - 24 ISC Holiday Gala
- December**
- 15 Christmas Music Festival
  - 26-31 Melodrama (Boo/hiss)
  - 31 Diamonds in the Sky

## Brain Teaser >>>>>>>

The answers to last month's Brain Teaser In the Middle...  
1.Place; 2. Bird; 3. Stone

### Out of Place

Complete the names of world cities by answering the clues in ( ) and writing the correct answers onto the blanks.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ APORE (Warble)
- 2. C \_\_\_\_\_ O (Broadcast)
- 3. S \_\_\_\_\_ HAI (Suspend)
- 4. A \_\_\_\_\_ S (At that time)
- 5. S \_\_\_\_\_ AGO (Opponent)

- ✂ Bungee cord or lay a tarp on the ground to catch the falling debris. When you're done, roll up the tarp and empty it into the trash.