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## IN THE NEWS

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### Power Grid Propels Plug-Ins

The existing electric power grid in the U.S. could support as many as 180 million electric cars, according to a Department of Energy study. The report indicates that the current cost of electricity to power a plug-in electric car is about one-third of the cost of a tank of gasoline.

General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner recently said during the L.A. Auto Show that GM's "sustainable mobility" strategy includes plans to build a plug-in Saturn. Other automakers are planning similar ventures.

The study, conducted by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, is the first federal review of the grid's capacity to handle demands of future plug-in hybrids, according to The Wall Street Journal. The report estimates that plug-ins, made in mass-market numbers, each would cost between \$6,000 and \$10,000 more than current conventionally powered vehicles, due to the cost of larger battery packs. However, the study estimates that since electricity is cheaper than gasoline, car buyers would recover the additional cost in five to eight years, depending on the price of gasoline.

If the majority of the nation's light-vehicle fleet were to rely on electricity for fuel, there would be a reduction in CO2 emissions, which may contribute to global warming, the study indicates. However, the trade-off is that sulfur dioxide, which causes acid rain, would increase in areas with coal-burning power plants. The U.S. gets about half its electricity from coal-burning plants.

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## Advent Welcomes



**F**rom Southern California we are pleased to welcome **Miller Honda of Culver City** and **Miller Toyota Scion of Culver City**. The Miller stores are powerhouse dealerships and Advent is proud they have joined our client family.

Advent is also pleased to welcome **Hammer Lane Volkswagen**, located in the historic central California city of Stockton.

Advent looks forward to a profitable new year with our new members and all our client partners.

## Power User of the Month

*Peter Perez*  
General Sales Manager  
Hammer Lane  
Volkswagen



**T**he Power User award this month is really deserved by the entire sales staff at Hammer Lane Volkswagen. General Sales Manager **Peter Perez** and his team really made an outstanding contribution in energy and effort to make sure that their install went as smoothly as possible.

When clients bring such skills and dedication to the project, success is guaranteed.

Advent sends a big thank you to all the staff at Hammer Lane VW. The genuine reception we received was a big part of the installation success. With partners like you, we are assured of a happy and successful partnership.



## Creative Thinking

*Deserves a Pass*

**T**hree men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates. "In honour of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "you must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. It represents a candle, he said.

You may pass through the pearly gates Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said you may pass through the pearly gates.

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's panties. St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?"


The man replied, "These are Carols."


And So The Holiday Season begins  
...Cheers.


## Critical Information


*Write these down. You'll go to a party, you'll need conversational gambits. It's the holidays.*





 The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for blood plasma.


 No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times. (Oh go ahead...I'll wait.)


 Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.


 You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.


 Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.


 The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.


 The King of Hearts is the only king without a moustache.


 American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first-class.


 Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

 Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

 Pearls will melt in vinegar.

 A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

 Richard Millhouse Nixon was the first U.S. president whose name contains all the letters from the word "criminal." The second? William Jefferson Clinton.

 Turtles can breathe through their rear end (*You'll meet some people at the party like this. Trust me. It's the holidays, I keep telling you.*)

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## A Winter's Tale *From True North*

*Did you hear about the two duck hunters from Prince Albert? Evidently an absolutely true story heard on a Saskatoon radio station reporting on the incident.*

A guy buys a new Lincoln Navigator from Merlin Motors in Saskatoon for \$42,500.00 (with monthly payments of \$560.00). He and a friend go duck hunting at Tobin Lake in mid-October; and of course the lake is frozen. These two guys go on a lake with their GUNS, a DOG, and of course the New NAVIGATOR.

They decide they want to make a natural looking water area for the ducks, something for the decoys to float on. Now making a hole in the ice large enough to invite a passing duck, is going to take a little more power than the average drill auger can produce.

So, out of the back of the new Navigator comes a stick of dynamite with a short 40 second-fuse. Now our two Rocket Scientists, afraid they might slip on the ice while trying to run away after lighting the fuse (and becoming toast, along with the Navigator), decide on the following course of action: they light the 40 second fuse; then, with a mighty thrust, they throw the stick of dynamite as far away as possible.

Remember a couple of paragraphs back when I mentioned the NAVIGATOR, the GUNS, and the DOG...???

Let's talk about the dog: A highly trained Black Lab used specifically for RETRIEVING!!! Especially things thrown by the owner. You guessed it: the dog takes off across the ice at a high rate of speed and grabs the stick of dynamite, with the burning 40-second fuse, just as it hits the ice.

The two men swallow, blink, start waving their arms and, with veins in their necks swelling to resemble stalks of rhubarb, scream and holler at the dog to stop. The dog, now apparently cheered on by his master, keeps coming. One hunter panics, grabs the shotgun and shoots the dog.!

The shotgun is loaded with #8 bird shot, hardly big enough to stop a Black Lab. The dog stops for a moment, slightly confused then continues on.

Another shot, and this time the dog, still standing, becomes really confused and of course terrified, thinks these two geniuses have gone insane. The dog takes off to find cover, under the brand new Navigator.

The men continue to scream as they run for it. The red hot exhaust pipe on the truck touches the dogs rear end, he yelps, drops the dynamite under the truck and takes off after his master.

Then **BOOM!!!!**

The truck is blown to bits and sinks to the bottom of the lake, leaving the two idiots standing there with a forlorn, "I can't believe this just happened" looks on their faces.

The insurance company says that sinking a vehicle in a lake by illegal use of explosives is NOT COVERED by the policy. Even colder comfort: the owner still had yet to make the first of those \$560.00 monthly payments.

Is it the cold? The close proximity to the North Pole? Too much ice hockey?

This cautionary tale has one bit of good news, eh?: the dog is okay.



*Advent Resources wishes  
the happiest of holidays  
and the merriest of New Year's  
to our members, their families and friends*



