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[With All the Hype About Hybrid Automobiles Here are some interesting facts showing just how In-Efficient and Environmentally Positive these Vehicles really are...](#)

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[The New GM Volt ...](#)

Well, you've got to hand it to GM (now better known as Government Motors) for their newest attempt-to-save-the-world-by-going-green car: the electric Volt. Problem is it's not completely electric like the GM commercial implies-the one with Lance Armstrong riding his bike behind it saying "No exhaust". According to the official GM web site the new Volt gets a whopping 40 miles on battery power, but that is only under perfect conditions.

Put hills, traffic, headlights, radio, even humidity and temp fluctuations and your 40 miles on electricity goes right out the tail pipe. No, really! Because after you have used up your battery power the gas powered engine kicks in and begins to pollute the air like any other vehicle on the road today. If you're still impressed by the Volt then maybe the \$40K price tag might change your mind.

Here are some more things you should think about when considering purchasing one of these "green" cars. What is

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the cost to replace the battery if it goes bad? What happens if you get in an accident and the battery is busted open and gets acid on you or worse, your child? If the battery goes bad, how is it disposed of, and is it really safe for the environment?

And why are electric-powered cars considered green anyway? Ask yourself this question: when you plug your car in to charge it, where does the power come from? Most electricity comes from coal-fired power plants. The more people that plug electric cars into the power grid, the more coal the electricity plants throw onto the fire, sending more pollutants into the air. So please tell me how this helps the environment. I realize that alternatives to coal such as wind and solar are slowly becoming available, but until we replace coal with these alternatives (if indeed we can), introducing electric cars at this point is putting the cart before the horse.

What I would like to know is why haven't the car companies introduced cars that get better gas mileage like 80 to 100 miles per gallon? The technology has been there for a long time. Eighty years ago Henry Fords Model T was getting 25 to 30 mpg. Just look it up on the internet. There are already people doing things to there vehicles to get very high mileage.

I know we can't introduce a car that gets 100 miles per gallon overnight or we would bankrupt the world, but from 1920's to now we still have vehicles that get, on average, the same 25 miles per gallon. That's ridiculous. If this country were allowed to introduce vehicles that get much better gas mileage, we would never have to purchase a single barrel of oil from anyone else. Not only that, oil would last this world for generations to come. By getting more miles per gallon you are cutting "harmful emissions", plain and simple. We don't need to change the way we do everything. We can make a few easy changes that will make a huge difference.

GM, is this really the best you all can come up with in the 21st century? In the 60's we put men on the moon in a spacecraft that had less computer power than a Texas Instruments calculator. If this is the best you can do then I would suggest renaming the Volt to something more fitting, like the Resistor. As I see it, this car is getting Americans nowhere fast.

Grover Norquist Says mosque Controversy Is Bad For Republicans:

Could all the sound and fury over a proposed mosque near Ground Zero actually be good for Republicans?

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General Motors files for an IPO:

General Motors filed to become a public company and let the federal government begin selling down it's share.

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THE HOUSING MARKET MAY "HAVE THE BOTTOM FALL OUT"

Excellent inside look at the weak housing data with Michael Feder, CEO of Radar Logic Inc. Feder says the busy season has been substantially weaker than he expected and now believes the market could see the "bottom fall out" as we enter the seasonally weaker period.

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Idiot of the Day...

One more round mate!

28-year-old Peter Savage from the UK had his drivers license previously suspended for three years and was jailed for 3 months due to drunk driving.



Forward of the Day...

Hidden Cameras Reveal Border Remains Porous

In its latest hidden camera video release, the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) shows the continuing porousness of America's southern border. As CIS notes: The hidden camera footage, acquired from a variety of sources, indicates that there is an unfortunate lack of federal law enforcement presence on Arizona's federal land on the border in Nogales, in the Coronado National Forest (15 miles inside the border), and the Casa Grande Sector (80 miles inside the border). Also significant to the story are responses received as part of Freedom of Information Act requests made by Janice Kephart, the Center's Director of National Security Studies, in August 2009. Featured in the film is a 2004 federal government PowerPoint showing the near-complete devastation of a borderland national park due to illegal-alien activity, highlighting the disconnect between the situation on the ground in Arizona and Washington rhetoric. Instead of spending valuable resources trying to intimidate states from enacting laws to control illegal immigration within their borders, the federal government would better spend its resources satisfying the promise it has made to the American people that it would secure the border. As stated in "Time to Stop the Rush for 'Amnesty' Immigration Reform," instead of fighting with the states, "federal authorities need to cooperate and collaborate more with state and local law enforcement." By focusing on appeasing interest groups, the federal government undermines its very own aim to solve the illegal immigration problem, as the American people will not entertain reforms measures until the border is really secure. The CIS video is another timely reminder that our border security remains a glaring problem. After all, if illegal immigrant workers can so easily come across the border, so can terrorists.

Well like any idiot celebrating the end of a suspension Peter went out for a night out celebrating with his friends, during which he had drunk four pints of lager.

Just 15 minutes after his 1,095 day suspension ended Peter was stopped by traffic officers as he tried to drive back home with an alcohol level twice the drink/drive limit.

The court heard later that after being pulled to the side of the road, Peter tried to give a false name and address to the arresting officer to avoid another (maybe permanent) suspension.

Not really surprising having spent a significant amount of time with the British!

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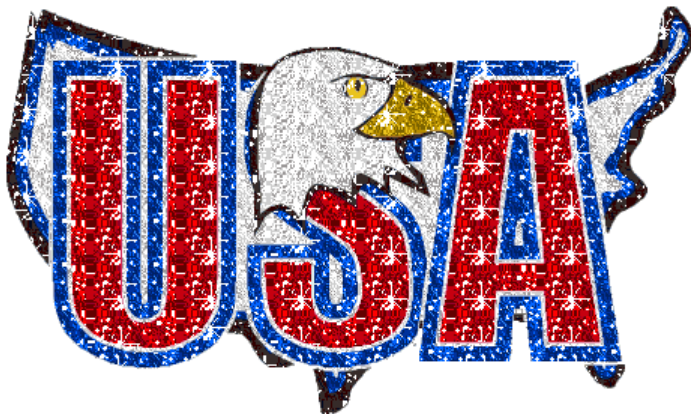
Shown here is a graphic photo taken as a British Soldier exits a burning tank in Basra, Iraq . This is an often forgotten reminder of how deadly the war has been not only to U.S. Forces but our allies as well. And by far, our leading allie is the British!



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Today's Military Tribute...

Shown above: Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, left, awards the Distinguished Service Medal to Gen. Stanley McChrystal as he is honored at a retirement ceremony at Fort McNair in Washington, Friday, July 23, 2010. His wife Annie stands at right. McChrystal's illustrious career came to an abrupt end when he resigned as the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan after he and his staff were quoted in a Rolling Stone magazine article criticizing and mocking key Obama Administration officials.

WASHINGTON – After 34 years in the Army, Gen. Stanley McChrystal left behind legions of admirers and the prospect his reputation as a ferocious fighter would one day eclipse the costly comments that appeared in Rolling Stone.

"Over the past decade, arguably no single American has inflicted more fear, more loss of freedom and more loss of life on our country's most vicious and violent enemies than Stan McChrystal," U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said during an emotional retirement ceremony Friday, marking the end of the general's career. Before a crowd of a few hundred friends, family and colleagues on the Fort McNair parade grounds under an oppressively hot July sun, McChrystal said his service didn't end as he hoped. But he regretted few decisions he had made on the battlefield, cherished his life as a soldier and was optimistic about his future. "There are misconceptions about the loyalty and service of some dedicated professionals that will likely take some time, but I believe will be corrected," he said. McChrystal, the former commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, was fired last month after the magazine published an article titled "The Runaway General" that quoted scathing remarks he and his aides made about their civilian bosses. McChrystal

complained President Barack Obama had handed him "an unsellable position" on the war. The general's closest advisers mocked other government officials, including Vice President Joseph Biden, as fools who were ignorant of the complexities of war. "Biden? Did you say, 'Bite me?'" one aide is quoted saying.

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