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Dave's Editorial

This month, I am pleased to announce that the website has been revitalized to make it more informative and user friendly. The creative mind behind this revitalization is *Irene Gaudet of Vitrak Creative Services*. I think that Irene has done an outstanding job. I highly recommend her services if you need to address a website issue. The website will be continually changing as new workshops, seminars, and services come on board. To view the new website click <http://www.daverodwell.com>

You will notice I now have an articles page, where you can download and print security articles, that either I have prepared or that I have found on my travels. If you have any security articles that can be posted with the author's permission that would be of interest to my readers please forward me a copy.

This month I have entered into an agreement with an associate company, to allow my customers to obtain consensual **Police and Credit Bureau** checks, when they are doing their due diligence in the hiring of employees. It has been my experience that companies who have employee problems, most often are in a rush to hire, and do not do a through background check which should include a police and credit bureau check. We can now offer that service to you, at a reasonable price. If your company or business is in need of this type of service, contact me.

If you would like me to write you a check for \$200.00 each month, I can now make that happen. You don't have to buy anything, you don't have to work for it, you simply on your travels, have to give something away. If I have piqued your interest, give me a phone call 780-460-3028.

Security Tips

I have always wanted to have some kind of magic switch; I could flip when I run into one of those road warriors that think he/she owns the road. When I flip my switch, their vehicle would disappear and they would be receiving a major case of road rash, as they slid down the road on their backside! Fortunately, I don't have such a switch, and I control my frustration when I drive. But we are more often reading about individuals that somehow manage to flip the switch to their brain, and turn their road rage into violence.

I have on my commutes between St. Albert and Edmonton, often played a game where as I get on the road, I spot the impatient driver, who is switching from lane to lane trying to get that edge on of the rest of us. I count the number of lane changes they make between St. Albert and Edmonton. The usual average about 35 to 40, but my highest is 87 for a 10 kilometre drive. I usually drive in the middle or curb lane, and rarely switch lanes and most often when I reach the next traffic light, I am sitting beside them, seeing signs of frustration in their faces. I would like to get out of my car, and give them a flyer to my next workshop on time management, but I don't think that would be an appropriate time. Do you see yourself or someone you know in the above scenario? If so read on!

Here are some tips to use to help control your emotions and deal with those that don't.

- Leave yourself enough time to get to your destination; avoid the temptation to speed and "make time" on the road, which puts stress on you and the drivers around you.
- Don't take traffic problems personally
- Avoid eye contact with an aggressive driver
- Don't make obscene gestures, which can "make you a player" and escalate the incident
- Don't tailgate
- Use your horn sparingly (the polite honk can be misinterpreted)
- Don't block the passing lane (some drivers think you're aggressively holding them back when you do this)
- Don't block the right-hand turn lane
- Create a relaxing and comfortable environment in your car that will help you stay calm
- Report aggressive drivers to the police
- If you believe another driver is attempting to start a fight, immediately get help. Do not get out of your car and do not go home. Instead, proceed to the nearest police station or, if one is not nearby, to a public place
- Don't overreact to every mistake on the roadway. Downplay the event and it will fade away

Sources: drivers.com and Alberta Motor Association



Schedule of Upcoming Workshops and Speaking Engagements

Nov 16th 8:00 am to 9:30 pm

All About Shoplifting

Northern Alberta Business Incubator
13 Mission Ave., St. Alberta

Nov 24th 8:00 am to 9:30 pm

All About Shoplifting

Northern Alberta Business Incubator
13 Mission Ave., St. Alberta

Nov 27th evening

All about Shoplifting

Private Corporation.

Nov 30th 6:30pm to 7:30 pm

The Importance of Corporate Security

Tele-seminar for Retail Alberta
Call me if you would like to dial in

Jan 12th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Developing a Corporate Security Plan

Northern Alberta Business Incubator
13 Mission Ave., St. Alberta

Jan 17th 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Time Management

Northern Alberta Business Incubator
13 Mission Ave., St. Alberta

Jan 19th 8:00 am to 9:30 pm

All About Shoplifting

Northern Alberta Business Incubator
13 Mission Ave., St. Alberta

More listed on website www.daverodwell.com

If you would like to attend one of the sessions, to book your place by calling 460-3028 or email to dave@daverodwell.com

A bit of Humour

Shirley's Makeover

A woman named Shirley was from Beverly Hills. One day, she had a heart attack and was taken to Cedars Sinai hospital. While on the operating table, she had a near-death experience. She saw God and asked, "Is this it?" God said, "No, you have another 30 to 40 years to live." Upon her recovery, she decided to stay in the hospital and have collagen shots, cheek implants, and a face lift, liposuction and breast augmentation. She even had someone dye her hair. She figured since she had another 30 to 40 years, she might as well make the most of it. She walked out of Cedars Sinai lobby after the last operation and was killed by an ambulance speeding up to the hospital. She arrived in front of God and said, "I thought you said I had another 30 to 40 years?" God replied, "Shirley! I didn't recognize you!"

Cigars for the Judge

A defendant in a lawsuit involving large sums of money was talking to his lawyer. "If I lose this case, I'll be ruined." "It's in the judge's hands now," said the lawyer. "Would it help if I sent the judge a box of cigars?" "Oh no! This judge is a stickler for ethical behaviour. A stunt like that would prejudice him against you. He might even hold you in contempt of court. In fact, you shouldn't even smile at the judge." Within the course of time, the judge rendered a decision in favour of the defendant. As the defendant left the courthouse, he said to his lawyer, "Thanks for the tip about the cigars. It worked!" "I'm sure we would have lost the case if you'd sent them." "But, I did send them." "What? You did?" said the lawyer, incredulously. "Yes. That's how

we won the case." "I don't understand," said the lawyer. "It's easy. I sent the cigars to the judge, but enclosed the plaintiff's business card."

College Grad's Starting Salary

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Person asked a young engineer who was fresh out of MIT, "What starting salary were you thinking about?" The Engineer said, "In the neighbourhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5 weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a red Corvette?" The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."

Slow Down

One day a policeman stopped a motorist who had just gone through a four way stop sign and was about to give him a ticket when the motorist said. "Officer you can't give me a ticket for that!" "Why not?" said the officer. "Because although I did not stop I slowed right down and it's almost the same." "But you did not stop" replied the officer, "and the sign says STOP". "But the way was clear and it was safe" replied the motorist. The officer then pulls out his baton and starts hitting the motorist. "What are you doing" yells the motorist in surprise. "Do you want me to slow down or stop?" asks the officer.

Jail Mail

A prisoner in jail receives a letter from his wife: "Dear Husband, I have decided to plant some lettuce in the back garden. When is the best time to plant them?" The prisoner, knowing that the prison guards read all mail, replied in a letter: "Dear Wife, whatever you do, do not touch the back garden. That is where I hid all the money." A week or so later, he received another letter from his wife: "Dear Husband, You wouldn't believe what happened, some men came with shovels to the house, and dug up the entire back garden." The prisoner wrote another letter back: "Dear wife, now is the best time to plant the lettuce."

"Diplomacy is the art of saying 'Nice doggie' until you can find a rock."
Will Rogers

Have a great month!