

WINTER SURVIVAL

Enjoy the great outdoors. But....

People who are outside in low temperatures and strong winds tire easily and, because of rapid cooling of exposed surfaces, become more and more susceptible to frostbite. A strong wind, combined with a temperature slightly below freezing, can have the same effect as a still-air temperature about 35 degrees lower.

by Cindy Robinette

by Ed Teckman



To determine how much protection you really need, refer to the wind-chill table below. Remember, at wind-chill equivalent temperatures below -25° F, exposed skin can freeze within one minute.

Wind-Chill Equivalent Temperatures (°F)

Calm air	At 15 mph	At 30 mph	At 40 mph and over
30	9	- 2	- 6
20	- 5	-18	-22
10	-18	-33	-38
0	-31	-49	-54
-10	-45	-64	-70
-20	-58	-78	-87
-30	-72	-93	-101
-40	-85	-109	-116

Winter is here and with it comes winter driving. In Alpena one just shuts off the air conditioning and turns on the heat and he's all set for winter driving.

The morning of the first snow fall, roads were snow-covered and slippery. The morning wake-up men at the local radio stations were sending out travelers advisories. Alpena residents, too stubborn to change their ways, left the usual five minutes late. Cars slid into ditches on both sides of the road as the local 4-wheel drivers whizzed by at a creeping 60 m.p.h., sending the rookie drivers to join the crowd.

Intersections became derby grounds as drivers slammed on their brakes to make the stop signs.

It was an opportune day to practice donuts as most soon found out. Last years rookies turned into this years hellians, and took pride in doing donuts. The pride was a feeling short lived though, as an oncoming car would lose control causing the two cars to collide.

For those few who did take heed, for whatever reason, winter driving still proved to be hazardous. They were either being forced off the roads by other cars, or blown off the roads by big semi's and trucks courageous enough to pass.

Winter is here and we haven't seen the worst of it yet. Snow and ice storms are still in store. Maybe a few conscientious drivers will slow down and leave early, but the rest will keep up with old habits. After all, who wants to get up early, when one can sleep in and have fun skidding around on the roads.

Winter is once again upon us. The show will fly and temperatures will drop!

In traveling you will see beautiful winter scenes that will even make Grandma Moses envious. Peaceful as these scenes may be they can also be deadly.

There are several things you can do to ensure your survival through the cold winter:

1. Keep YOUR car tuned up.
2. Dress for the weather conditions.
3. Carry survival equipment in your car (2 to 3 candles, candy bars, blankets, matches, etc.)
4. NEVER BUT NEVER LEAVE YOUR STALLED CAR!

Now that you have the basic winter survival rules I would like to expand on them somewhat.

A well tuned car not only runs better but will start better in cold weather. It also will give YOU better gas mileage, as well as emit less of that killer gas "CARBON MON-OXIDE"!

Dress for winter! Remember a two piece bikini isn't much protection at 20 below zero. One article of clothing so often over looked in the winter is shoes. How much protection from the cold do YOU get from "tennie runners"? Not much. The chill factor we hear so much about is for YOUR unprotected skin! Save YOURS, dress warm.

Survival equipment can save YOUR life! Did you know one candle burning in a car will keep YOU from freezing to death? Granted it won't keep your car at 75 degrees, but YOU won't freeze!

First and foremost rule: "NEVER BUT NEVER LEAVE YOUR STALLED CAR"! In North Dakota, an Air Force Officer stayed with his truck in 40 below zero temperatures with 40 knots of wind for 36 hours and survived. He used his survival equipment and stayed put! The same winter, in milder temperatures and wind conditions, an eighteen year old man left his car during a storm and was found three quarters of a mile north of his car. YOU got it. He was dead and the sad part was his car was ONLY 1,000 feet from a farm house. HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE WINTER.

Blood Drive At Wilson Dorm

by Deb Ferriter

The Bloodmobile held at the dorm on Friday, December 4, was a success thanks to RHA organizers and to many student donors.

Twenty-eight pints of blood were collected between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., despite the number of students unable to donate due to colds or recent sore throats.

A few weeks before the Bloodmobile, the RHA put up posters advertising the drive and encouraging participation. They also boosted turn out by staging a competition between dorm residents from different floors. Residents on the first floor won \$25 to be used for Christmas decorations.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST CHRISTMAS DANCE

December 18th a Christmas Dance will be held at the Alpena Armory and put on by the Residence Hall Association beginning at 9:00 and lasting until 2:00. The band featured will be Savage.

PREDICTIONS FOR 1982

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7. Mediterranean fruitflies will infest Milwaukee, resulting in a quarantine on beer and Gary Marshall series. President Reagan will react by blockading Cuba.

8. In an exemplary show of goodwill towards our nation's economy, Japan will begin building American cars for sale here. Lee Iococca responds by reintroducing the 1956 DeSoto.

9. Popular expressions like "How're ya' doin'?" "How goes it?" "Catch ya' later," and "Have a good one" will be eradicated from public usage. By mid-April, a new dialect will emerge utilizing the phrases "Armidillo-Tuna" and "Come sordid."

10. Our beloved ACC campus will

be covered with a 2½ inch layer of Canadian Goose droppings by Thanksgiving Day. Giant mushrooms, some over six feet tall, will grow amok making further academic functions impossible. That's it-the future at your fingertips! Best of luck to you in '82.

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