

Winter can take its toll

The Hamilton Auto Club wants to make sure that all motorists have their car checked over following the brutal winter and are offering suggestions that will help reduce future repairs.

This winter's extreme weather condition

creates additional abuse on vehicles: potholes, cold temperatures and road salt can all be extremely damag-

With the help of a qualified technician, following the Hamilton Auto Club suggestions will help all vehicles run smoothly into summer.

Check suspension system - for damage to springs and shocks.

Steering components - check to

ensure that there are no bent linkages as a result of rough rides over potholes and broken pavement.

Wheel Rims - have them thoroughly checked for dents and cracks.

Tire condition - have tires examined for

excessive wear and cuts; it's a good idea to have your spare examined as well.

Clean the exterior of your car - thoroughly clean the outside of your vehicle to remove corrosive road salt which builds up on your car. Special attention should be paid to the

underside of your vehicle including the wheel wells.

Engine Shampoo removes the road salt which builds up in the engine compartment.

plete once over have a technician check the condiof tion your muffler brakes, system and exterior lights for winter damage.

Clean the interior of your car dirt, mud and road

salt tracked into your vehicle can also be damaging. Clean your floor mats, rugs and seats thoroughly.

Change your oil - a complete oil and lubrication job should be done regularly to your manufacturer's specification.

Protect your investment

Each year an increasing amount of cars are stolen and the Hamilton Auto Club has some suggestions for a car owner that may protect their investment.

The first step is common sense; do not leave your car unlocked. A surprising number of thefts occur when the owner carelessly leaves their keys in the ignition.

At night, park in well lit areas and keep valuables out of sight. Apply the parking brake and turn the wheels towards the curb to make the car more difficult to tow away.

One relatively inexpensive deterrent is a bar lock that clamps onto the steering wheel to prevent it from turning. This highly visible device may discourage theft, but it is not foolproof.

Even sophisticated factory or dealer-

installed alarm systems carry no guarantee against theft. A loud alarm may draw attention to a crime, but false alarms are common, and many people have become desensitized. A thief may take an extra moment to silence the alarm and steal the car anyway.

A better anti-theft system includes an ignition, starter or fuel cutoff to disable the engine. Some new cars feature this added protection, which temporarily incapacitates the car if a thief attempts to hot-wire the ignition.

As another deterrent, police officials recommend etching the vehicle identification number onto windows and other major car components

If you encounter someone breaking into your vehicle, do not intervene. Call the police.

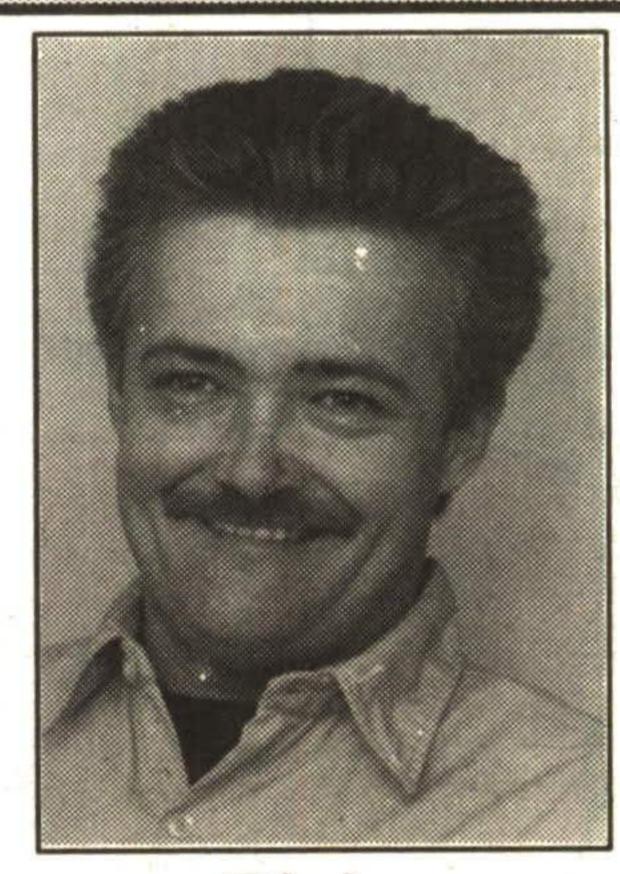


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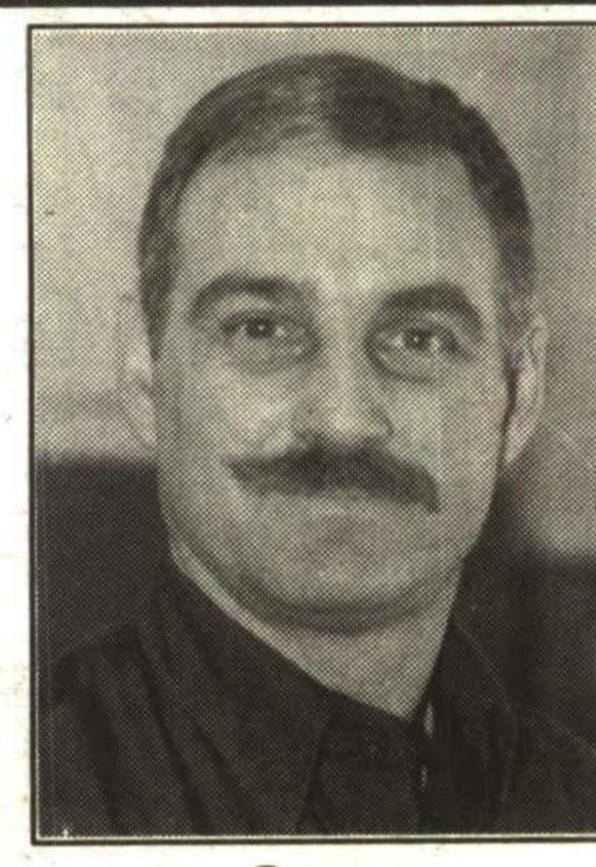
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