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Youthful members of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets Corps 820 Chris Hadfield Squadron join with veterans for Remembrance Day ceremonies at the cemetery Friday morning. Cadets Alexander MacKenzie, Bruna Correia, Scott Freer and Flight Sgt. Cody Chan.

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During the cold weather months make sure you shut off all accessories before you shut of the ignition system. Having the wipers frozen half way up the windshield will damage the system when you restart the car in the morning. Here's another hint. When parking leave the driver's window down about 1/4" on those clear nights. It will help the car's interior air and dry out overnight.

Dear Dave:

The lease on my car is expiring this year. I understand that I'm responsible for damages that are not considered normal wear and tear. How do I know what normal wear and tear is? Is there someone I could ask before I talk to my leasing company?

Paula

Interestingly, this is always a sore point when returning a leased vehicle. I have heard stories where the people have been charged for lost owner's manuals and keys. MAACO the body shop chain offers an audit service for lease returns. According to Bob Mauro a MAACO spokesperson they handle a lot of rental car fleets and are familiar with the industry standards that are in effect. The service is free.....

Dear Dave:

I have a 2001 Honda Civic which I recently took in for service. I have heard a number of conflicting recommendations/statements about replacing brake pads, and I wanted to get your thoughts. One person said that when replacing brake pads it is preferable to replace the rotors as well rather than just machining them. This is because machining rotors makes them thinner and more prone to warping/overheating. Can you comment on these points?

Steve

I don't cut rotors because they are case hardened... Machining reduces the thickness of the hardening.

This reduces the life of the rotor... Secondly, Buy the best pad for your need... there are various types of pads available because of the variation in driver style and vehicle use. You should discuss this with your mechanic. In short ...replace the rotors if they are out of spec. not as a matter of course. Make sure you service the braking system at least twice a year... going into winter and coming out. Change brake fluid after 3 yrs use.

Dave Redinger a mechanic with over 40 years of experience operates his shop "DOCTOR H HONDA SPECIALISTS" in Toronto for the last 24 yrs. Dave can be heard every Saturday morning at 9:00 on "THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MECHANIC". Email your questions to: stikky@ca.inter.net or AM740.ca

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