

Winter Icy Roads Can Be Dangerous

WASHINGTON, D.C.—When asked recently for his views on the 55 mile an hour speed limit, a national enforcement authority came up with both a "yes" and a "no" answer.

The authority was Glen D. King, executive director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. From his association viewpoint, he has this reaction to the "double nicker" speed limit.

"We strongly endorse the nationwide 55 mph limit because it has contributed to substantial reductions in traffic fatalities and to energy conservation. IACP is urging stricter enforcement of the 55 mph limit."

King is also a director of

the Safe Winter Driving League, headquartered in Chicago. From this perspective, he has a qualified view of the 55 mph limit.

"The 55 mph limit is intended for ideal road conditions," King pointed out. "But this limit is entirely too fast during winter conditions that result in slick pavements and poor visibility."

King's contention is that many motorists evidence little or no concept of the extremely poor stopping ability on a snowy or icy pavement. He cited these comparisons:

At the legal speed of 55 mph, the braking distance for the average car is approximately 150 feet under ideal road conditions. In contrast, National Safety Council Committee on Winter

Driving Hazards test figures show a braking distance of 149 feet on glare ice at a speed of only 20 mph!

"In other words," King emphasized, "for equal stopping ability, speeds on glare ice should be no more than 1/4 of those on bare, dry pavement!"

King also reviewed personal winter driving techniques recommended in NSC winter test reports and also endorsed by IACP:

- Get the "feel" of the road whenever there is any question as to how slippery the pavement is. By gunning the engine or jabbing the brake pedal you can determine how much traction is available. Reduce your speed and increase your following distance accordingly.
- When slowing or stopping on slippery pavements, "pump" your brakes. An intermittent pumping action keeps your wheels rolling and helps maintain steering control. Locked wheels are sure to

throw your car into a skid. King concluded with this final advice:

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HOW TO APPLY TIRE CHAINS... THE EASY WAY

With a little "know-how" and practice, it can be done in 6 minutes, without a jack and without getting your clothes dirty.

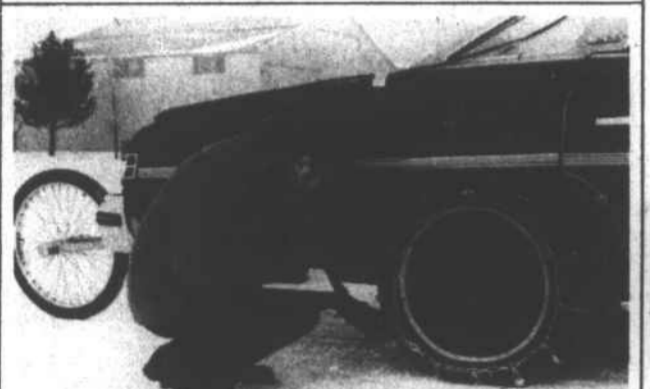
STEP NO. 1 Spread the chains on the ground behind the rear wheels to remove tangles. Hooks should be to the rear. If you use reinforced chains, the projecting teeth or cleats should be facing up.

STEP NO. 2 Gather the chains behind the tire so they won't catch the fender, and attach the end links to the "chain applicator," a simple spring steel wire that is easily slipped onto the tire.

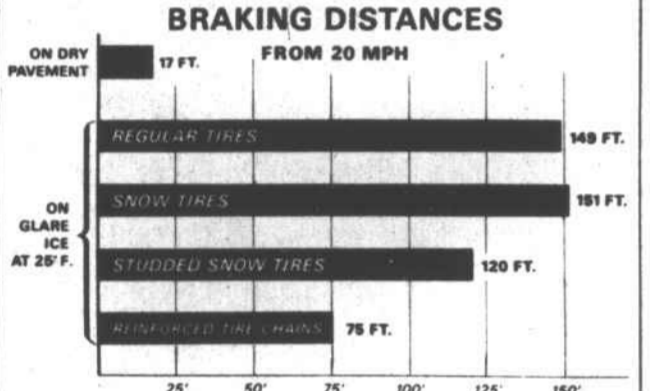
STEP NO. 3 Drive the car forward about one wheel revolution, so that the applicator carries the chains around the tire. Then remove the applicator, and you are ready for the hook-up.

STEP NO. 4 Fasten the inside hook first, then the outside hook. With a little practice the inner hook can be fastened by "feel" without getting under the car.

SKIDDING FOR SAFETY

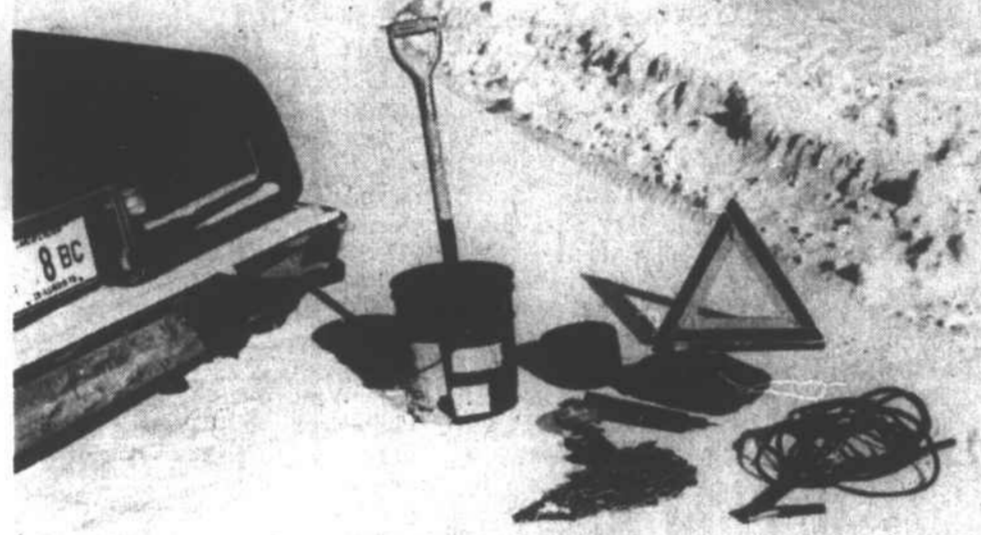


Test engineer inspects tire chains during the National Safety Council's winter driving tests at Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The annual testing program has evaluated vehicles, tires, tire chains and other equipment under extreme weather conditions.



As shown in the above chart prepared by the Safe Winter Driving League, these tests show that stopping on glare ice can take close to nine times the distance required on a normal, dry pavement. The tests have shown that snow tires are of no help in stopping on ice. Studded tires cut braking distance by 19 percent; reinforced tire chains by 50 percent.

SAFETY CHECK YOUR TRUNK FOR WINTER



Before starting out on a trip this winter, be prepared for the worst that winter may have to offer. At the least, your trunk should contain a bucket of sand or rock-salt, a shovel, battery booster cables, tire chains, traction mats, a tow chain or strap, safety flares or reflectors, and auxiliary lighting equipment.

People In The News

Miss Judy Long has returned to her home in Raleigh after spending last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Horton, Jr. and daughters of St. Petersburg, Fla. have returned home after spending the holidays with Mrs. Lloyd Horton, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whedbee and children, Lesley, India, and Charlie, of Washington, D.C. were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Whedbee.

Miss Bea Skipsey of Nags Head spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Britt.

Miss Karen Haskett of Winston-Salem spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Haskett.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Yeates is a guest of relatives in Hampton, Va.

Miss Sheila Perry and Miss Gwendolyn Perry spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gregory in Franklin, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Woodard and family of Priceton were holiday guests of Mrs. Helen Woodard.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Brinn, Jr. and family of Greenville were holiday guests of Mrs. Jack Brinn.

Mrs. Herman Ward and Miss Ann Ward of Winston-Salem were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ward.

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These changes have been initiated as a result of problems caused by people fraudulently obtaining Social Security cards for identification, to illegally obtain jobs, and other illegal purposes.

When a person applies for a Social Security card, he or she is asked to give certain personal information. The application requires the person's present name, name at birth, date of birth, sex, parent's names, mailing address, and signature.

This information is used to identify the person. Recent changes have been made to insure that a person's Social Security record is maintained accurately and that no other person can misuse the record.

Anyone who applies for a Social Security card now must show proof of age, U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status, and proof of identity. The best proof of age and citizenship is a birth certificate. Applicants not born in the U.S. should show proof

of U.S. citizenship or lawful admittance into the United States. Proof of identity would have identifying information such as a picture or physical description of the person or the person's signature.

Proof of identity for young children can be recent school records or medical records.

People over age 18 must apply for their Social Security card in person. People requesting a change on their Social Security record must show proof of identity and evidence relative to the change.

For example, a woman who has married and wishes to change her name on her Social Security record should show her marriage certificate.

All evidence shown with an application for a Social Security card must be the original documents or certified copies, not photocopies.

All evidence submitted is subject to review by the agency that first issued the document.

These new requirements will assure that Social Security records are correct, which in turn will allow correct payments of Social Security retirement, disability, and survivors benefits, and medical insurance.

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TO VICTORIA B. McPHERSON, DEFENDANT: TACK NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action, wherein the plaintiff is seeking an absolute divorce based on the grounds of a one year separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days following Thursday, December 21st, 1978, and upon failure to do so, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

James D. Singletary Attorney for the Plaintiff 152 North Church Street P.O. Box 653 Hertford, North Carolina 27944 Telephone: 919/426-8234

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Almira Layden Riddick, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Route 1, Box 354 Belvidere, N.C. on or before the 8th day of June 1979 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 27th day of December 1978 Archie Riddick Administrator of Almira Layden Riddick, Dec'd Jan. 14, 11, 18, 25

People in the News

Mrs. Mary Porter is visiting relatives in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilder and Mrs. Beulah Sawyer spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wilder at Nashville.

Mrs. Eldon Winslow and Miss Thelma Elliott were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Godwin, Jr. in Williamston on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Eley of Virginia Beach were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Eley on Friday.

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