

BWC is Phasing in Recycled Plastic Membership Cards

It's Not Fair Trade Pumpkin Spice Coffee, But it Sure Hits the Spot.

Many of you have requested the switch, and we are happy to announce the arrival of our new membership cards! New member cards will be valid for as long as you are a member, and they are made from 100% recycled plastic and are 100% recyclable, so if you lose them, please do so in a plastics recycling bin.

When will I get my cards?
We will phase in the recyclable plastic membership cards as you renew your membership.

Do I have to use plastic?
Nope. Same as always, you are welcome to continue printing paper cards yourself- or go completely paperless.

Other Questions?
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AAA WATCH

AAA Calls D.C.'s Moves to Update Zoning Regulations a "War on Cars"

Fox News Sues for Copyright Infringement.

Few (if any) residents of Washington, D.C. would say the city's 50-years old, car-centric, zoning regulations are "fine as-is"; however, proposed changes to zoning regulations have stirred up conflict. The Zoning Commission of Washington, D.C. is planning to eliminate the mandated minimum number of parking spaces built with new development in transit-rich corridors and in downtown Washington. To AAA Mid Atlantic, this is tantamount to a "War on cars".

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With Our Spiffy Booking Engine

IN THE NEWS

BWC Name Dropped in the Washington Post during Recent Zoning Debates in Washington, D.C.

We were talked about in the op ed piece critiquing AAA and their lobbying efforts in D.C. surrounding zoning regulations. These efforts are also spotlighted in this edition of AAA Watch.

Herb Caudill said in his article, "If you prefer your roadside assistance without a side order of retrograde lobbying, there are lots of options out there. Do a web search for "AAA alternatives." My family has switched to Better World Club."

Thanks Herb, for being engaged and for the rather blunt encouragement of thoughtful consumerism.

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"Thank you Noah/Better World Club Team!! My husband Marc and I share your vision as well, living a green lifestyle (own/drive a Prius and a Leaf). Looking forward to another year - Green On!!" - Linda

IN THE NEWS

Recent Heat Spike the Hottest in 11,000 Years

That's Hot, But Not as Hot as Betty White!

By Seth Borenstein

A new study looking at 11,000 years of climate temperatures shows the world in the middle of a dramatic U-turn, lurching from near-record cooling to a heat spike.

Scientists say this is further evidence that modern-day global warming isn't natural, but the result of rising carbon dioxide emissions that have rapidly grown since the Industrial Revolution began roughly 250 years ago.

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IN THE NEWS

Inside the Military's Green Revolution

Nuclear Weapons to be Replaced by Alternative Energy Weapons???

By Frank Stockton

Damn the deniers, the doubters, and the do-nothing Congress. The Pentagon is moving full green ahead. The military is moving forward with a \$510 million energy reform effort in conjunction with the departments of Agriculture and Energy as part of a larger push to change the way the US military sails, flies, marches, and thinks.

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Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

Buyer Beware-Your Fish May Be Something Else Entirely

I Ordered the Tuna But Really Wanted Polyester. Guess This Was My Lucky Day...

By Bryan Walsh

You probably know what you had for dinner last night-but if it was sushi, or just about any fish dish you didn't catch yourself, maybe you shouldn't be so sure. A new study shows mislabeling fish for profit is much more common than you might think.

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WASHINGTON WATCH

Carbon Tax Proposal Might Benefit Environment and Economy

Yes, Pigs Can Fly. You Just Have to Shove Them Into the Airplane.

Four Democrats are crafting what could be a new take on carbon taxation. The proposals are aimed at taxing carbon emissions from direct, large-scale producers of carbon emissions (power plants) and producers of carbon fuel resources (coal and oil refineries) and would be linked to existing emissions reporting standards by the EPA.

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IN THE NEWS

Teen driving related deaths are on the rise

By Tanya Mohn

In the last decade, we have seen teen death rates from driving drop to historic lows, but those rates are reported to be rising again. Fatalities for teen drivers rose 19% on the national average. If the trend persisted, it would be the second year of death rate increases... [continue reading.](#)

To learn more about risk factors as well as what you and your teen can do to improve your teen's driving habits, check out [driveithome.org](#) or the [National Safety Council](#).

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SITE OF THE MONTH

Public Transportation is One Key to a Sustainable Future

Maybe It's Not the Polar Express, but a Club Can Dream, Right?

Have you ever wondered what your public transportation options are or how you can promote the development of better public transit systems in your area? Either way, [Publictransportation.org](#) is a great place to start. Find transit options in your state, become an advocate, a community organizer, or just learn about the benefits of public transportation. Also, check out this "[Best Bus Stop Video EVER!](#)" It made us smile.

Share your [favorite public transportation story](#). We'll post them in next month's Kicking Asphalt.

[Learn more.](#) 

IN THE NEWS

Chevy Volt and Cadillac ELR could get downsized 3-cylinder engines

by Michael Graham Richard



Originally, the Chevrolet Volt's gasoline range-extender was supposed to be a 1-liter, 3-cylinder engine. That didn't happen, and the current production model has a 4-cylinder with 1.4-liter of displacement. But apparently, GM engineers haven't given up and the next revision of the Volt (likely in 2015) could have a 3-cylinder engine to help reduce weight and further improve fuel-economy.)

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