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A Better World Club Newsletter

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## AAA Watch

**Trump received an award from the AAA!**

**Meanwhile, His Hotels Face Environmental Fines**

**Guess Better World Club won't be giving him an award anytime soon...**

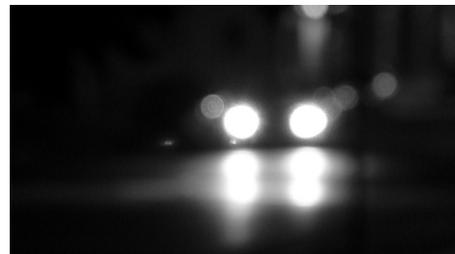
In 2011, Donald Trump received AAA's Five Diamonds for Trump Central Park in New York City. Today, President Trump's reluctance to address climate change is set to cost his business empire millions of dollars in fines levied by New York City due to the amount of pollution emitted by Trump-owned buildings.

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## Blinded by the Light?

**New Headlights Are More Powerful!**

**Too Powerful? We want your opinion.**



In the article below, we're putting a member in the "spotlight".

But not all spotlights are created equal.

You may have noticed the headlights when you are driving at night seem to be getting brighter LED and HID (high density discharge) lamps are replacing halogens on many new cars.

There is an upside—and a potential downside—to lamps that are 225% brighter than your typical halogen bulb.

We want to know your thoughts:

How blinding are the new bulbs to you?

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Sorry, voting is closed.

Do you notice being able to see motorists and pedestrians a greater distance ahead of you?

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

The National Highway Traffic Administration is now looking at this issue. It is sponsoring university research to assess eye sensitivity to these new headlamps and the subsequent effect on driver vision. NHTSA will then be in a better position to determine what changes to the lighting standard may be needed to ensure the appropriate balance between visibility and glare. Some of this recent effort may be viewed at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov) by searching for "glare".

We need your input to inform NHTSA.

"Should Better World Club advocate the regulation of the brighter headlights?"

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

## The Member Spotlight

### David Macpherson & The Lake Erie Initiative.

#### He's Not Going to Sing, Is He?

*We are introducing a new feature of Kicking Asphalt: The Member Spotlight.*

*Kicking Asphalt is sent to tens of thousands of our members--and is featured on Facebook as well.*

***Now we want to feature you! Send us information on something you are working on...or achieved. We want more people to know about it.***

Our first member in the spotlight: David Macpherson of Toledo, Ohio.

David was among a group of Toledo residents who were fed up with the amount of pollution tainting Lake Erie. So, they came up with an idea that they were able to have considered in a special election--and Toledo voters approved giving Lake Erie legal rights! Citizens are now able to sue on behalf of the lake when it is threatened environmentally.

You can read more about this effort here:

<https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2019/2/26/18241904/lake-erie-legal-rights-personhood-nature-environment-toledo-ohio>

Do any Kicking Asphalt readers want to do the same in your state? Please let us know.

And let us know when you would like to be in...The Member Spotlight.



## Travel Alert

### **Boy, the Sky Looks Green Today!**

**Green Skies, Smiling at Me  
Nothing but Green Skies Do I See!**



Flying “in tune” with the environment means buying carbon offsets. Better World Club donates to projects that reduce the impact of carbon emissions—which airplanes produce (as you may have heard).

You can offset your flight with Better World Club for \$11.00. Feel free to call us to set up your offset (1.866.238.1137)

Meanwhile, the 2017 Atmosfair Airline index reflects which airline is most carbon-efficient. A number of British airlines outpaced the U.S. airline industry. No airline in the world was given an A rating.

See how your preferred airline does here:

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## Earth Day Photos

### 5 Stunning Nature Photos Prove Why We Need to Protect The Earth!

Check out Good Magazine's Slideshow!



They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but internationally acclaimed photographer Paul Nicklen's nature photos speak volumes more.

On Saturday April 22, in celebration of Earth Day, Nicklen will open his first-ever fine art gallery, Paul Nicklen Gallery, featuring his life's work of iconic images taken at the ends of the earth.

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## Recall Update

### Latest Safety Recalls from CARFAX, a Better World Club Partner

**"We told you to buy a hybrid, not a Minivan..."**

Did you know that 1 in 5 cars have an open safety recall? According to research from Better World Club partner CARFAX, over 47 million cars on the road today have an open safety recall. Minivans are at the greatest risk with 1 in 4 subject to open recalls. SUVs and sedans face a similar threat, with 1 in 5 of each vehicle type facing open recalls.

Want to check your car for open recalls and be alerted if one is issued on your vehicle? Check for FREE with myCARFAX! (And obtain a Better World Club discount if you purchase a CARFAX report on a specific vehicle.)

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