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Although April Fools' Day,

also
called All Fools' Day,
has been celebrated for
several centuries by dif-
ferent cultures, its exact
origins remain a mys-
tery.



Some historians specu-
late that April Fools' Day
dates back to 1582,
when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gre-
gorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in
1563.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recog-
nize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1
and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March
through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

These pranks included having paper fish placed on their
backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April
fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a
gullible person.

There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to
the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern
Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with
changing, unpredictable weather.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th
century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event,
starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were
sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a
symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which in-
volved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning
fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to cre-
ate elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio
and TV stations and Web sites have participated in the
April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims
that have fooled their audiences.

In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped
people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Phila-
delphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco
Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-
Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested
the fake sandwich.

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From Our Kitchen to Yours

Baked Mini Corn Dogs

Ingredients

1 cup reduced-fat milk
1 package active dry yeast
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for greasing
2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
1 cup fine yellow cornmeal
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting and kneading
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper or paprika
9 reduced-fat hot dogs, halved crosswise
1 large egg, beaten
1 tablespoon black sesame seeds (optional)



Directions

1. Warm the milk to about 110 degrees in a saucepan; pour into a medium bowl. Sprinkle in the yeast and let soften for about 2 minutes. Stir in the olive oil, brown sugar and cornmeal with a wooden spoon. Add the flour, salt, baking soda and cayenne pepper; stir to make a sticky dough.
2. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead, adding more flour if needed, until smooth but still slightly tacky, about 5 minutes. Shape the dough into a ball, place in a lightly oiled bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Let rise in a warm spot until doubled in size, 45 minutes to 1 hour. Meanwhile, insert a wooden stick or small skewer into each hot dog half, about 1 inch deep; set aside.
3. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees and lightly oil a large baking sheet. Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface; divide into 18 pieces. With your palms, roll each piece into a 10-inch length. Wrap each piece around a hot dog half, tucking and pressing the edges to seal; place on the baking sheet.
4. Brush the dough-wrapped dogs with the beaten egg; sprinkle with sesame seeds, if desired. Bake until golden, 15 minutes.



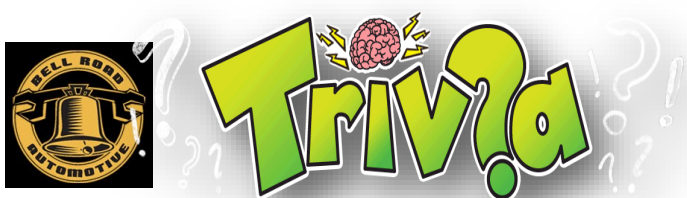
“Darkness must pass. A new day will come. And when the sun shines it will shine out the clearer.”
~ J.R.R. Tolkien

April National Car Care Month Maintenance Tips

- Check the oil, filters and fluids. Oil should be checked at every fill-up and changed per the owner’s manual recommended intervals. Brake, transmission, power steering, coolant and windshield washer fluids should also be checked regularly. Your car’s filters, including those for the transmission, fuel system and interior ventilation, need regular inspection and replacement.
- Inspect hoses at each oil change and have them replaced when leaking, brittle, cracked, rusted, swollen or restricted. Check V-belts and serpentine belts for looseness and condition, and have them replaced when cracked, frayed, glazed or showing signs of excessive wear. Typically replace the timing belt between 60,000 and 90,000 miles or the interval specified in the owner’s manual to avoid a breakdown or serious engine damage.
- Check the engine brake system every year and have the brake linings, rotors and drums inspected at each oil change.
- Check that the battery connection is clean, tight and corrosion-free. The battery should be securely mounted. If it is three years old or more, the battery should be tested and replaced if necessary.
- Inspect the exhaust system for leaks, damage and broken supports or hangers if there is an unusual noise. Exhaust leaks can be dangerous and must be corrected without delay.
- Schedule a tune-up that will help the engine deliver the best balance of power and fuel economy and produce the lowest level of emissions.
- Check the car’s heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system as proper heating and cooling performance is critical for interior comfort and for safety reasons, such as defrosting.
- Inspect the steering and suspension system annually, including shock absorbers and struts, and chassis parts, such as ball joints, tie rod ends and other related components.
- Check the pressure of all tires, including the spare, at least once a month. Check the tread for uneven or irregular wear and cuts and bruises along the sidewalls. Have your car’s alignment checked at least annually to reduce tire wear and improve fuel economy and handling.
- Test exterior and interior lights and have bulbs that are not working checked immediately. Replace windshield wiper blades every six months or when cracked, cut, torn, streaking or chattering for optimum wiping performance and safety.

National Car Care Month in April is the time of year to give your car some extra attention. Basic maintenance can go a long way toward improving the safety and dependability of your vehicle, plus it helps avoid costly repairs down the road.

Neglected vehicle care almost always means much higher costs down the line in the form of more extensive repairs or lost resale value. Chances are if you own a car, it needs some work. National Car Care Month in April is the perfect time to focus on your vehicle’s maintenance needs.



APRIL TRIVIA

- April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.
- The name for the month of April originally came from *Aprilis* which means to open.
- The birthstone for April is the diamond.
- The zodiac signs are Aries (March 21 - April 19) and Taurus (April 20 - May 20).
- The birth flowers for the month of April are the sweet pea and the daisy.
- 1561 - UFO’s were reported flying over Nuremberg, Germany
- 1775 - The American Revolution began in Lexington, Massachusetts
- 1789 - In New York City, George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States.
- 1800 - The Library of Congress was established
- 1818 - Noah Webster published his American Dictionary of the English Language
- 1860 - The Pony Express began service, between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California
- 1876 - The first ever National League baseball game is played in Philadelphia. Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Stockings. Boston won the game 6-5.
- 1881 - In Dodge City, Kansas, gunslinger Bat Masterson fought his last gun battle. He paid an \$8 fine and retired.
- 1882 - Tombstone reads, “Jesse W. James, Died April 3, 1882, Aged 34 years, 6 months, 28 days. Murdered by a traitor and a coward whose name is not worthy to appear here.” Jesse James was shot and killed by frenemy Robert Ford for the reward money. There was a \$5,000 bounty on the bank-robber, but they gave Ford \$500 and then arrested him.
- 1901 - New York became the first U.S. state to require automobile license plates.
- 1934 - The strongest surface wind gust ever recorded on Earth, at 231 mph, was measured on the summit of Mount Washington, New Hampshire.
- 1937 - Daffy Duck’s first appearance was in Porky’s Duck Hunt.
- 1964 - The Ford Mustang was introduced to the North American market.
- 1973 - The first portable cell phone call was placed in New York City.



APRIL FOOLS

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The phone rings at the FBI headquarters.
"Hello?"
"Hello, is this FBI?"
"Yes. What do you want?"
"I'm calling to report my neighbor Tom. He is hiding marijuana in his firewood."
"This will be noted."

Next day, the FBI comes over to Tom's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept, break every piece of wood, find no marijuana, swear at Tom and leave.
The phone rings at Tom's house. "Hey, Tom! Did the FBI come?" "Yeah!" "Did they chop your firewood?" "Yeah they did." "Okay, now it's your turn to call. I need my garden plowed."

