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Whose Speeding Here?

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Good morning and welcome to another article of great and wondrous tidbits, ideas, and trivia concerning just about everything but worth practically nothing... except maybe to bring a smile to your face.

I've found that my friends are becoming more and more closed mouth when they are around me because they are afraid I'll whip out my small notebook and pen to start writing down what they've just said to use in a future article. I tell them I'm just trying to make them famous but they're not buying that story. But folks, we all know that true life is much funnier than fiction ... take for instance a recent conversation between husband and wife.

Several of us were talking about driving fast, speed traps in various towns, and speeding tickets resulting in large fines. I won't mention names here but these are true stories that not even yours truly could make up, however, I might have paraphrased their comments somewhat.

One husband who was born to speed said whenever a policeman stops him for speeding he doesn't talk back or smile or anything other than to tell the cop, "Okay, I know I was speeding and you caught me... so give me a ticket so I can pay the fine." If the policeman tries to take the time to chastise our friend he replies, "Sir, I appreciate you trying to reform me but I've got a special fund set aside just for speeding tickets, so just give me the ticket, already." The policeman takes umbrage at this attitude so he begins to talk slower and does everything in his power to make this a long and painful ordeal for my friend, so my friend says, "Okay, you want to do it by the book... we'll do it by the book." The policeman gave him the ticket and before my friend would sign it he told the policeman that he was going to read every single word on the form... which he did... and many minutes later he signed the ticket and thanked the officer for being so diligent.

My friend then told about a small town that he said, "This place was the worse speed trap in the state... the last time I went through there they stopped me and were really put out that I was going through their town. They were nothing but a speed trap." At that remark my friend's wife spoke up and said, "Honey, you were going 85 mph!"

Several of the ladies told of their experiences and how they had found the way to make sure they didn't get a ticket... to immediately apologize and admit wrongdoing and thanking the officer for doing his job. They said they rarely got a ticket when they did that. One said a policeman told her that one thing that will guarantee a ticket is if a lady cries when stopped for speeding... another

lady spoke up and said, “That’s why I always get a ticket. I wondered why everyone else got off and I didn’t.”

One lady said she had three speeding tickets in the last three years and had been very apologetic to the police which resulted in them telling her they wouldn’t give her any points toward her license. Her husband then chimed in saying, “No, they don’t give her points... they just automatically added points to my license when I married her.”

I know many of you receive e-mails, as I do, from everyone all over the world, about everything in the world. Most of them I automatically delete without opening but some I really enjoy and save so I can pass them on to all you non-technical people out there who don’t have a computer, or are so non-technical minded that you just now purchased your first microwave for your home. I think you will get a smile out of these.

Judy and I will be traveling more and more, Lord willing, as time goes by and I’m always interested in hearing what some of the stewardesses say to the passengers... here’s a few.

While explaining the operation of oxygen masks a Southwest Airlines attendant is purported to have said, “In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite.” Another one, “Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we’ll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and in the event of an emergency water landing please feel free to paddle to shore and take them with our compliments.” And though I’ve probably used this before, it bears repeating... from the pilot during his welcome message, “Delta Airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight.”

Remember folks, if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck... it could be a chicken with a serious genetic abnormality. See you next week.

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