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From: "Lynda Staub" <lstaub@hotmail.com>
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Sent: Sunday, January 07, 2001 1:17 AM
Subject: Re: Post Season relaxation.....

Hi Marlene:

I have been driving Mom's Buick Somerset and have put in alot of repairs over the past 3 years' - lots.. including new air/conditioning - tires, alternator, digital dash (\$\$), transmission in July (more \$\$\$), new heads on top-of engine (\$\$) - enough that I could have bought a new car over the past 3 years! We use it alot as girls jump into it and drive it to work the minute I get home every night so it is to be expected in this -40 weather

that something else would go - the engine went before NewYear as Michelle was heading to her boyfriends' house - luckily she had the car phone to call us. Our mechanic recommended a new rebuilt engine with a warranty for a total job of \$3,200.00 but no guarantee something else would go and our mastercard is MAXED out with repairs so.....

after thinking about it for a week - I talked to Mom and she said it is probably best to put that money into a new vehicle - at least we get a 3 year bumper to bumper warranty so.. with all the Year end car dealership promotions (0% for 48 months or 1.9% for 60 months) on year 2000 model cars we signed for the very last "Ford Focus SE" in Canada and have to wait for it to be shipped to Winnipeg on the 10th. Mom told me to call Robert's son Chris as he is a mechanic and he said they were very reliable cars sold at the dealership where he works - Parkside Ford in Winnipeg - and they get excellent mileage.

I feel totally sick about spending \$18,500 & 14% on a car but we were stuck - more repairs forever or bite the bullet and at least the money goes towards a car with 3 year bumper to bumper warranty. I can't remember ever being so stressed out - even car salesman noticed bob and I did not smile once during the purchase and I haven't been able to sleep for a week! oh well - at least we are getting good financing so now must decide by Monday to go for 1.9% and make \$376.00 monthly payments (60 Mths) or take 0% - \$444.44 for 48 months and save the interest of \$1200.00. If it were not for girls at home we would defintely not bought a car - bob and I could have carpooled to work every day but then we dont get home till late and girls would not be able to get to their jobs. The worse part is I look after all the bills in the house and don't usually bother to tell bob about how bad our m/c has been getting and he almost passed out when he asked to see everything before we signed. 90% of it was car repairs.. yuk!!

so..... Marlene - can you please immediately stop the \$50.00 withdrawals for the girls mutual funds. Also - please call me as soon as you get this message - after 7 Winnipeg Time at home - I want to talk to you about the possibility of withdrawing all girls funds to bring down our mastercard. Also - it took me 20 minutes to get onto server for hotmail so it is so popular that service is extremely slow. It is now 330 am and hoped it would be faster to get on but not by much - so I only check message every 2 weeks or so.. even the girls hardly get on any more.

Again - very happy that sheldon called home. Nice to hear that he is ok. Hope you are well rested. I will wait for your call.

Love Lynn