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ARE WE READY FOR SELF-DRIVING CARS? WHO'S LIABLE IN AN ACCIDENT WITH A SELF-DRIVING CAR?

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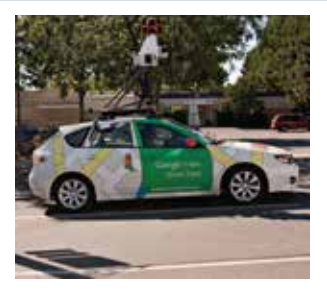
90% OF ALL DRIVING ACCIDENTS are caused by operator error. Automating vehicles through onboard computers would reduce injuries, deaths and related costs by staggering amounts, according to a study released by the non-profit Eno Center for Transportation.

Distracted driving, alcohol, drugs, speeding, wet roads can all contribute to causing an accident. According to the Eno study if computers controlled vehicles, they could sense and anticipate road conditions and objects around them, helping to avoid accidents, the study showed.

Eno estimates that if just 10% of all vehicles in the U.S. were self-driving, the number of accidents each year would be cut by 211,000; 1,100 lives would be saved; and economic costs would be cut by \$22.7B. If 90% of vehicles in the U.S. were self-driving, as many as 4.2 million accidents could be avoided, saving 21,700 lives and \$450 billion in related costs.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 40% of fatal crashes are the result of alcohol or drug use, driver distraction and/or fatigue. Since computers don't drink or do drugs and they don't become distracted or tired, their use in vehicles would dramatically reduce fatalities, the Eno study concluded.

But what happens if there is an



accident with a self-driving car? In the event of a normal car accident, an individual driver is usually determined to be the at-fault. If you're in an accident, you exchange information with the other involved party. If the parties through their insurance companies are not able to come to an amicable conclusion (like, insurance company low balls you or refuses to accept 100% liability), the legal process (hire Max!) determines who was at fault and how compensation is distributed.

However, when a self-driving vehicle enters the situation, it removes the possibility of human error from one party. The question then becomes how do we determine liability (fault) if one driver is a computer? Will the owner of the self-driving car be liable for the car despite not actually driving it? Will the human driver be liable or will the legal system (police & insurance companies) have a misplaced bias towards finding the human driver at fault? Or will car manufacturers have some sort of liability? If the manufacturer is

liable, what about the companies that make the parts of the automation system, are they partially liable too?

What if a car doesn't have the owner in it at all? What then? It is not yet clear how the laws of the road will change when this technology is launched. Simply because automated vehicles are designed to be safer drivers than humans and reduce the number of car accidents doesn't mean that accidents will never happen, and the law must take this into account.

This technology isn't that far away. Google and Toyota are leading the pack and many think we may see self-driving cars for sale to public by 2020. The legal system often is much slower than technology so I predict there will be a period of time (years) where new laws will be developed and modified to account for all the crazy things that may happen that were not expected. Hopefully new laws will take shape before the self-driving cars are in the hands of everyone. If not accidents in Washington could get complicated with many parties pointing the finger at each other while an injury victims is left trying to sort it out.

Call me old fashioned, but I'll stick with my human driven car.

Eno Center for Transportation study: www.enotrans.org/wp-content/uploads/wpsc/downloadables/AV-paper.pdf

BEST *Haunted Houses* IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Halloween is right around the corner. Shelly and I love Halloween so much we decorate more for Halloween than Christmas! There's nothing more fun than a Haunted House at Halloween. Here are our top picks...



Georgetown Morgue 🦇

OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 3

Thursdays - 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Fridays & Saturdays - 6:00pm - midnight
Sundays - 6:00pm - 10:00pm

5000 East Marginal Way S Seattle, WA 98134
<http://www.seattlehaunts.com/georgetown-morgue>

The Georgetown Morgue of Seattle is a facility for tragic stories of death. The morgue has a history of thousands of funeral preparations, cremations, and the processing of animal carcasses. The morgue holds what is considered to be the most horrifying unsolved crime in Seattle history. **Nine of their staff were forced into the crematorium chamber. There were no surviving witnesses, nor were suspects ever identified. Come take a tour!**

Nightmare on 9 🦇

OCTOBER 4 - 28

Thursdays & Sundays 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Fridays & Saturdays 7:00pm - Midnight

Thomas Family Farm

9010 Marsh Road Snohomish, WA 98296
360.568.6945
<http://www.thomasfamilyfarm.com>

The Snohomish Slaughter & Rendering Plant was built in 1935 by the Thomas brothers, Sam and Dean. It was closed in 1975 when one of the brothers was tragically torn in half by one of the meat grinders. **There is still speculation as to whether Sam tripped or was shoved to his gruesome death.** What was left of his upper body was never found. **Take a tour this Fall, if you dare.**

Nightmare at Beaver Lake 🦇

OCTOBER 19 - 31

Nightly Family Scare - 7:00pm - 7:45pm
Sunday through Thursday Full Scare - 8:00pm - 10:00pm
Friday and Saturday Full Scare - 8:00pm - 11:00pm

244th Avenue SE and SE 24th Street Sammamish, WA 98075
<http://www.nightmareatbeaverlake.com>

There's something disturbing in the woods of Sammamish. A hunger that is never satisfied. A howling that never silences. A fear that grows larger with every heartbeat. Every year at the end of October a fearsome shadow falls over Beaver Lake Park. A group of demented, dedicated volunteers crawls out to assemble an event that will leave you screaming. Benefits Rotary Club of Sammamish.

The Hillbilly Haunt 🦇

OCTOBER 4 - NOVEMBER 1

Check website for specific nights - 7:00pm - 12:00am

2302 Fawcett Ave. Tacoma, WA 98402
<http://www.thehillbillyhaunt.com>

You **MUST** be 18+ to enter this haunted place! Expect to be touched by ghosts, zombies and ghouls! You might get wet, or squirted by a little blood. **But don't worry, a little blood never hurt anybody... Or did it?**



The Pierce County Asylum Haunted House

OCTOBER 5 - 31

Fridays & Saturdays - 7:00pm - 11:00pm
Sundays - 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Cheney Stadium

2502 South Tyler Street Tacoma, WA 98405
<http://www.tacomahauntedhouse.com>

Now in its 7th year, the asylum and haunted house are a must-do for Halloween. Plus, proceeds benefit the Fisher House Foundation.



Charity spotlight

www.stripchurchseattle.com

For many woman the adult entertainment business is a trap that can be exceedingly difficult to escape. The money can be fast and seemingly easy. However, the cost to a woman's self-esteem and the way she views the world can be less than enough to truly make her happy.

Workers in the entertainment business often never receive empathy or understanding from the religious establishment. Strip Church Seattle is not a church per se but a group of women dedicated to reaching out to those in the adult entertainment business in hopes of showing them that local Christians can provide love and understanding without judging them in the process.

Strip Church Seattle's "mission is to provide non-judgmental support, mentorship, spiritual encouragement, and resources. We won't ask you for a single thing. We won't judge, condemn, compare, or manipulate you. We simply want to love and support you right where you are at."

Strip Church Seattle is another charity that Max helped obtain 501c3 tax exempt status with the IRS. 100% of the donations are tax deductible. Giving back to the community is important and we at Max Meyers Law fully recommend and support Strip Church Seattle. If you can, please volunteer or donate at www.stripchurchseattle.com.

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We greatly value the kind words from our clients and people we have worked with. If you would like to be featured on our website, we would LOVE to have you. You can do so in two ways.



VIDEO TESTIMONIAL

Come by our office and let us ask you some questions about your experience with us on camera. We will edit that video into something short and sweet, then put it on our YouTube, Facebook, and our main website, www.maxmeyerslaw.com.

On top of that, we will shower you with beverages, snacks, and free parking.

WRITTEN TESTIMONIAL

Fill out one of our client evaluation sheets (which we will send to you) and let us know how we did! We would love to hear your honest opinion and are always striving to do better. Then, we will type out and feature it in the "What Clients Say" section of our website.

If you're interested in doing either of these two testimonials, please send us an email at info@maxmeyerslaw.com, comment on our Facebook or Google+ pages, or give us a call at 425-242-5595.

Referrals from family, friends, and clients are the highest compliment we can receive. We thank you for trusting us with your closest friends and loved ones. This month, we want to recognize the following friends for their referrals:

- Danielle Cuevas
- Dan & Stacy Galovic
- Rod & Linda Dunshee
- Dr. Neno Pribic
- (at Juanita Collision Center)

SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

GREAT PUMPKIN BEER FEST

October 3 - 4

Elysian Brewing in Georgetown
www.elysianbrewing.com/great-pumpkin-beer-fest

Enjoy 80 pumpkin beers, a marching band, DJ, food trucks and a giant pumpkin filled with beer.

SEATTLE HOME SHOW

October 3 - 5

CenturyLink Field
www.seattlehomeshow.com/about/about-us

The Seattle Home Show has exhibits about building, remodeling, decorating, and landscaping homes.

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

October 3 - 5

Bell Harbor International Conference Center, Bell Harbor Pier Seattle
www.nwchocolate.com

Sample fine artisan chocolate and desserts, visit the beer and wine room, or attend workshops on chocolate making and cooking.

LEAVENWORTH OKTOBERFEST

October 3 - 18 (Fridays & Saturdays)

Leavenworth, WA
www.leavenworthoktoberfest.com

Free shuttles in town, live music, German food, family activities, arts and crafts and beer!

BRICKCON EXHIBITION

October 4 - 5

LEGO building convention at Seattle Center Exhibition Hall
www.brickcon.org

Four day event for LEGO builders, buy a ticket to view their creations.

ISSAQUAH SALMON DAYS

October 4 - 5

Downtown Issaquah
www.salmondays.org

Celebrate the salmon's return with arts and crafts, a kids play area, food and entertainment for free.

HALLOWEEN AT THE ZOO

October 25 - 26

Woodland Park Zoo
www.zoo.org/halloween

Enjoy treats and watch animals play with pumpkins. One child 12 years and under in costume is free per paid adult.



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BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP WITH APPLE & BACON

- 8 slices bacon, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch strips
- 2-1/2 lb. butternut squash (about 1 medium), peeled, seeded, and cut into 1/2-inch dice (to yield about 6 cups)
- 1 small Granny Smith or other tart-sweet apple, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/2-inch dice (to yield about 1 cup)
- 1-1/2 Tbs. finely chopped fresh sage leaves
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cups homemade or low-salt chicken or vegetable broth



DIRECTIONS

In a 5-quart or larger stockpot set over medium heat, cook the bacon, stirring occasionally, until crisp and golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the bacon to a plate lined with paper towels.

Increase heat to medium high. Add the squash to the pot with the bacon fat and cook until lightly browned, 4 to 6 minutes (resist the urge to stir it too often or it won't brown). Stir in the apple, sage, salt, and pepper and cook for about 4 minutes (you'll see more browning occur on the bottom of

the pot than on the vegetables). Add the broth, scraping up any browned bits in the pot with a wooden spoon. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce the heat to maintain a simmer, and cook until the squash and apples are very soft, 6 to 8 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool somewhat.

Add about half the bacon to the soup and purée, using a stand or immersion blender (you'll need to work in batches if using a stand blender). Taste and add more salt and pepper if needed. Reheat the soup and garnish each serving with the remaining bacon. Serves 6 - 7.

Yields about 6-1/2 to 7 cups.