

# DORAN-KING GARAGE

## NEWSLETTER



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## History of Doran-King



Bill King 1946 - 2007

On April 15, 1967 at the age of 21, Bill King founded Doran-King Garage, Inc. Bill and his wife, Laurie, had two children at that time: 2-year-old, Julie and new-born, Tom.

Bill soon thereafter became the sole owner of the shop, but opted to keep the increasingly reputable Doran-King name intact.

In short time, the shop began to thrive and become a well-known business in the area. With honesty and integrity as the cornerstone of Doran-King, the good people of Highland found a shop that they could trust for unsurpassed auto repair. Bill hired two full-time mechanics and opened two more bays to accommodate the growing demand of his services.

Bill and his family resided in St. Paul's Midway area until their family of four grew to seven. So, off they moved to Forest Lake where they found more room for their active family. While the commute was quite a bit longer, Bill arrived at the shop every morning to greet his customers and stayed to close up at night.

Quite a bit has changed since 1967, but the business values and good morals instilled by Bill have not changed.

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### New era, same family values

As current owner of Doran-King Garage, Tom King continues to uphold the integrity that his father practiced every day of his life. And the good people of Highland and surrounding areas still come to Doran-King knowing that they will get quality workmanship from honest individuals. Thanks, Dad.

Tom and his wife, Nicole, reside in Eagan with their two children, Ashlyn, 10 and Adam, 5. The Kings enjoy biking in the summer, snow tubing in the winter, playing board games and watching the Minnesota Wild together. Go Wild!



*Meet the rest of the Doran-King team on Page 3*

## Tips for Safe Holiday Traveling



Don't be a victim of insufficient travel preparation. Unlike Santa, make sure your means of transportation is safe prior to travel. At Doran-King, our techs will provide a full diagnostic travel check on your vehicle (sorry, no reindeer checks) to ensure you arrive safely to your destination.

Here's what we'll do:

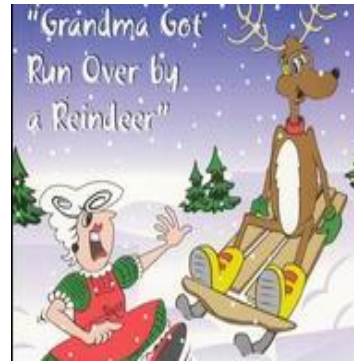
*Fluid Check:* We will check your car's fluids to ensure they are at appropriate levels for travel. This includes a check of your car's antifreeze, coolant, brake fluid, power steering fluid, transmission fluid, wiper fluid and oil.

*Exhaust & Undercarriage* - If your exhaust is not properly inspected prior to travel, you may have more than a noisy muffler to deal with. We will inspect your exhaust and undercarriage including brake lines, entire exhaust system, fuel lines, drive axles and U joints to ensure all is in proper working condition.

*Steering* - We will inspect all steering parts including tie rods, ball joints, control arms, alignment and stabilizer links.



*"Next year, I'm going to Doran-King,"*



*This could've been avoided if Santa would have stopped by Doran-King for a full diagnostic travel check.*

*Tires* - Not only will we check your tires' air pressure to ensure they are at proper levels, we will also inspect the *condition* of your tires to ensure they maintain the appropriate tread to get you and your family through the slush and snow safely.

*Brakes* - We will inspect your car's brakes to ensure they are working safely. We will do this by checking the brake lining, the drums, fluid and inspect the condition of the rotors.

*Suspension* - We will inspect your car's struts and/or shocks to make sure your ride is comfortable and smooth.

*Battery* - Your car's battery is the lifeline of your vehicle. We will check your battery to ensure it is bringing the appropriate charge to supply the electric energy to your car. The average life of a battery is 5 years; replacement may be recommended as good insurance.

*Other safety checks:* We will inspect your car's belts, hoses, lights & wipers to ensure they are all in good working condition.

At Doran-King, we take pride in knowing that your car is fully equipped to get you and your family over the river and through the snow to visit your loved ones this holiday season.

*See more Holiday Tips on Page 5*

## Car Detailing

We are proud to now offer car wash and detailing services. In response to many requests, you will now have the opportunity to get your vehicle's interior and exterior cleaned, polished, and buffed to perfection – just like the day you brought it home from the lot. Check out our services:

### Deluxe Wash

Hand wash & dry exterior  
 Door panels cleaned & treated  
 Interior and exterior glass & windows cleaned  
 Leather/vinyl seats cleaned & treated  
 Full interior vacuum, including seats, floors & floor mats  
 Air Freshener

*Price: \$25 (oversized vehicles, trucks & vans add \$5)*

### Interior Detail

Full interior vacuum  
 Carpet, floor mats & upholstered seats shampooed  
 Stains treated  
 Vents Cleaned  
 Interior windows & mirrors cleaned  
 Leather and vinyl cleaned & conditioned  
 Door jambs degreased & cleaned  
 Visors, ashtrays, foot pedals detailed  
 Dash & door panels detailed and treated  
 Air freshener

*Price: \$85 Add exterior and wash & dry for \$15.*



**Auto Detailing makes a great gift.  
 Stop in to purchase your gift  
 certificate for that special someone.**

### Exterior Detail

Hand wash & dry  
 Wheels, tires and whitewalls detailed  
 Tar, bug & sap removed  
 Buff & polish  
 Windows cleaned & treated with Rain X  
 Chrome cleaned & polished  
 All vinyl & rubber cleaned and protected  
*Price: \$85; Add basic interior clean for \$15.*

### Interior & Exterior Detail Combination

*Price: \$165*



*As owner of The Mopsters Special Edition home detailing and office cleaning, Nicole knows clean! She will whack out the grime in and out of your car – returning that brand new look & feel to your car.*

Register to win an ***Interior & Exterior Detail Combination***. Fill out the registration form below and mail, email, or drop it off at Doran-King.

Yes, enter me to win a free **Interior & Exterior Detail Combination**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

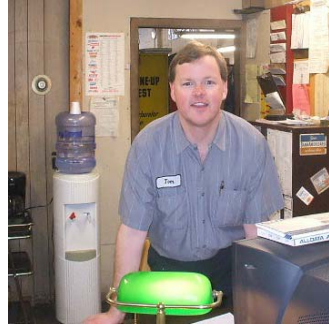
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Drawing will be held on January 5, 2009. No cash value.

Email to [doranking@hotmail.com](mailto:doranking@hotmail.com); mail to 1521 Randolph, St. Paul, MN 55121; or stop in!

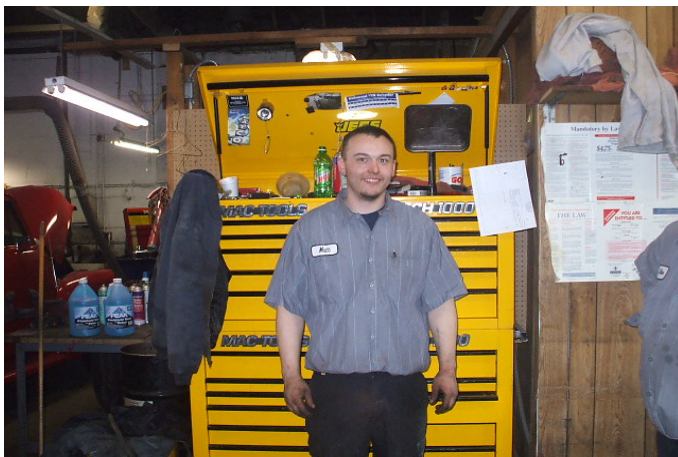
## Meet the Techs!

At Doran-King, our highly-trained technicians are committed to providing quality auto repair for you and your family. With over 40 years combined experience, our techs are qualified to help with all of your auto repair needs.



*"Because we service all makes and models, we need top-notch mechanics to go beyond basic car repair. Mike and Matt have proven their abilities time and time again," Tom King, Owner*

**Matthew Perra**



Matt joined our team in October 2007. With over ten years experience in the auto repair industry, Matt is uniquely qualified to work on a variety of vehicle types. He and his fiancé, Amber, live in Brooklyn Park with their two children, Aiden and Kaelin. Matt and Amber are planning a May 2009 wedding!



**Mike Sweitzer**



Mike has been part of the Doran-King team since 1984. As our top technician, Mike not only provides accurate diagnosis but has proven skills in order to repair your vehicle right the first time. Mike is a Highland Park graduate and continues to reside in St. Paul with his wife Molly, and their two children, Megan and Missy.

This time of year brings forth the opportunity to give thanks  
for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us.  
To all of our wonderful customers

**THANK YOU!**

We look forward to the opportunity  
to be of service to you in the future.



# Oils Well That Ends Well

## Tips for a joyous holiday season

"And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!"

Ideas to help you relax & enjoy the true meaning of Christmas

- Put together toys, removing all security wire, & place them back in the original box before wrapping
- Keep a gift drawer filled with bath balls, teas, soaps, books, etc. so when you need a quick gift, you've got a drawer full of possibilities.
- Prepare cookie dough ahead of time so that you are ready for cookie day & to have extra to whip up a quick batch
- Keep Christmas decorations in red or green boxes and store them all in the same area
- Plan pre-Christmas meals ahead of time, freezing as many meals as possible.

Find more holiday tips at [www.mopsterspecialedition.com](http://www.mopsterspecialedition.com)

## Did you know ...

- The 1<sup>st</sup> car was steered with a lever, not a steering wheel
- The NYPD used bicycles to pursue speeders in 1898
- The 1<sup>st</sup> speeding ticket was issued in 1902
- The 1<sup>st</sup> car radio was invented in 1929
- Windshield wipers were invented by a woman
- The city with the most Rolls Royce' per capita is Hong Kong
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Ford cars had Dodge engines
- The 1<sup>st</sup> gas gauge appeared in cars in 1922

## Just for Fun



- When my husband and I arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up our car, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I announced to the technician. "It's open!" To which he replied, "I know - I already got that side."
- A little girl asks her father "Daddy, before you met mommy, who told you how to drive?"
- I tell you, women drivers are a hazard to traffic. Driving to work this morning on the freeway, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a red Mustang doing 85 miles per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner! I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane. It scared me so bad I dropped my electric shaver in my coffee, and it spilled all over my cell phone!

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**Merry Christmas from  
all of us at  
Doran-King Garage**



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**See inside for details.**