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Pains, Trains, And Automobiles



Keep the car parked--experts [say](#) gridlock is harmful to mental health (that's right, another reason to visit the [eco-shrink](#)). Perhaps it is mental anguish (or the pain of high fuel costs) that's driving Americans to consider public transportation. According to [Time](#), bus and train ridership has reached record levels. Amtrak [reports](#) that its ridership has risen 12.3 percent since last year. What would it take to convince more people to embrace the train? *Sierra* [contributor](#) Bill McKibben [advocates](#) Theodore Kheel's radical proposal: charge automobile drivers entering Manhattan and use the revenue to fund free subway and bus rides for all New Yorkers.

--D.W.

Sources: [Time](#), [New York Times](#), [Plenty](#), [L.A. Times](#)

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I love my suv.I will not change my driving habits due to high gas prices. we stop spending extra money on going out such as restaurants,movies,clubs.Let the government suffer with less sales taxes.I live in New Orleans,buisness are starting to close.Broadway South will never happen because locals have no money!

Posted by: [zap Louisiana](#) | **June 14, 2008 at 01:54 PM**



p.s save energy stop the use of computers!

Posted by: [zap Louisiana](#) | **June 14, 2008 at 01:59 PM**



Going green means stealing the green from the poor mans pocket!Just like the democrats did with cigereetts and lumber!

Posted by: [zap Louisiana](#) | **June 15, 2008 at 11:09 AM**



I feel that ways to get more people to ride trains is to include benefits such as gifts and other tactics that could bring more people to go on it like reducing taxes and much more.

Posted by: [Anonymous](#) | **June 16, 2008 at 01:41 PM**



save more energy than curly light bulbs,Tax all computer use!

Posted by: [zap Louisiana](#) | **June 16, 2008 at 02:20 PM**



For much of the country riding a train is not a possibility.It is cars or nothing! Recently I drove across the US. It was an eye-opening experience in these days of 4 dollar gasoline. My ride is a 1979 242 Volvo. I have done the repairs and maintenance necessary to maximize fuel economy. I have been experimenting to find the most practical and fuel conserving driving practice. With current prevailing conditions, 60-65 mph delivered a round-trip average of 27.2 mpg for some 8200 miles. People familiar with these cars usually do not get mileage as good.

The point of this is that I was trying to drive as conservative as is practical and seeing that most drivers do not. I have also noticed that there may be fewer vehicles on the road and that some large semi-trucks seem to be traveling at lower speeds. The worst offenders seemed to be the drivers of 4x4 Dodge Ram pickup trucks pulling large trailers. These drivers must be rich or don't care. I think that a national speed limit of 65 mph such as the states of Illinois and Ohio have should be the rule for the country. A national limit of 55 like we had in the 70's would probably be resisted. 65 seems better and it would certainly lower overall fuel consumption. As I have read and observed some large trucking companies now require their drivers to slow down to conserve fuel.

This is a step that could be immediate and could really reduce fuel consumption.

Posted by: [james koger](#) | **June 18, 2008 at 09:41 AM**



I've begun taking public transportation more (when possible) particularly trolleys and light rail. They're pretty quiet, they're essentially non-polluting, and the ride is often enjoyable because the rail cars are usually restored vintage trolleys. You can park your car (for a dollar) in the suburbs, then ride downtown for the day. So if the non-green naysayers need convincing, the savings on parking and gasoline make light rail very attractive.

Posted by: [NR](#) | **September 30, 2009 at 03:05 PM**



I love this truck gives presence, engine noise when walking appears intimidating to anyone, its design the front of this truck is beautiful applause for the RAM.

Posted by: [kamagra online](#) | **April 23, 2010 at 03:28 PM**



I meet all the time people who just insist on entering with their vehicles into Manhattan and deal with traffic and parking and, of course, ignore of the infection the all do. People, if there is no real reason, go in with the trains and buses. You have a lot of time to use your cars and trucks while driving out of the city..

Posted by: [truck rental](#) | **May 02, 2010 at 11:38 AM**



amazing to know the reality that we live in Manhattan, I am very interested this theme, I like to read more about it. Any site or address for more?

Posted by: [tine capitis](#) | **May 07, 2010 at 09:16 AM**



When I was a child I used to travel for the farm with my grandfather in his truck and I enjoyed it when he saw all around me the size of the ocean and watching the horizon ate sandwiches my grandmother prepared for him and me.

Posted by: [buy sildenafil citrate](#) | **May 17, 2010 at 04:47 PM**



I parking my car in garage every day.

Posted by: [buy zolpidem](#) | **August 31, 2010 at 02:44 AM**



hehe, i would like to see that :)

Posted by: [radijas](#) | **September 29, 2010 at 10:00 AM**

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