

TAKE A ROAD TRIP WITH DEIDTRA MONTGOMERY

BY HEATHER GREEN

We are excited to spotlight one of our employees in our monthly feature Take a Road Trip. For March, we are taking a road trip with Deidtra Montgomery.

Deidtra joined MRTW in the fall of 2020 and is part of our critical dispatch team!

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT TO DATE?

Getting through the mornings! Coming to MRTW has been a complete schedule change and learning experience for me!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR AND WHY? Green. It looks good against my skin. LOL

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE KIND OF MUSIC? 90's R & B

FAVORITE BAND: The Jackson 5 and specifically Michael Jackson! It was my first album and I had it on vinyl!

WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME? I love to cook – Thanksgiving and soul food are my jam!

PERSONAL MOTTO – Well, I have already done it before, so you can do it again!



IF YOU COULD BE ANYONE FOR A DAY, WHO WOULD IT BE? A Hippie! I would like to be someone without any worries and the ability to travel!

WHAT IS YOUR GUILTY PLEASURE? Chocolate cookies! Yummy!

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB? Interacting with everyone.

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB? Owning a business – I would love to own a bunch of soup carts... not a food truck but small carts!

FAVORITE THING ABOUT MRTW? Assisting all of the drivers and making sure they have a good day! It truly is fun!



EARN \$500

MRTW IS HIRING AND WE WANT MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOU!

Do you have friends, family or past co-workers that would be a great fit at MRTW! We are hiring and we have an ongoing referral program! You can earn \$500 for every referral that we hire!

Need more information, talk to your supervisor or manager for more information!



HAVE YOU SEEN NEW FACES AROUND THE YARD?

We would like to welcome all of the new team members to MRTW! This month, we are welcoming **LISA COLLINS, JANIRA PELMORE AND KRISTEN ALARCON-HERNANDEZ!** If you see a new face around, introduce yourself and let them know we are happy to have them on the team!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND WORK ANNIVERSARIES

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| Maria Dele Trinidad Magallan | 3/22 |
| Luther Dupree | 3/29 |
| Craig Pena | 3/30 |
| Craig Shank | 1 year |
| Jack Scherbert | 2 years |
| Randy Mayzes | 1 year |
| Ed Trammel | 1 year |
| Maurice Washington | 4 years |
| Susan McElroy | 3 Years |

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- RENO HOME AND GARDEN SHOW - 3/26 through 3/28 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center
- RENO - POPS ORCHESTRA SOLO & CONCERT - 3/13
- RENO RIPPER, OUTDOOR MURDER MYSTERY - 3/8 more info and tickets online
- 30TH ANNUAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN OYSTER FRY, 3/13 in Virginia City

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

BY TERESA AQUILA, FLEET MANAGER

DOES TIRE CURBING CAUSE DAMAGE?

Tires are the one part of a vehicle that touches the road, and because of this, they take a lot of abuse. When you understand common causes of tire damage, you can prevent unnecessary harm and prolong the life of your tires.

Bumping into a curb usually doesn't carry the same impact that hitting a pothole on the highway can, but curb damage can also be severe because of where it affects the tire.

When a tire bumps into a curb, the sidewall of the tire is rubbed against the curb. While sidewalls can sustain some impact, they aren't built for the impact that the threaded part of the tire takes. Thus, a relatively light bump might cause some damage.

Even minor damage from a curb can weaken a sidewall enough to impact how a tire rides. If the sidewall's integrity is compromised, it won't support the vehicle as well. The added pressure on it and reduced strength will only get worse with time.

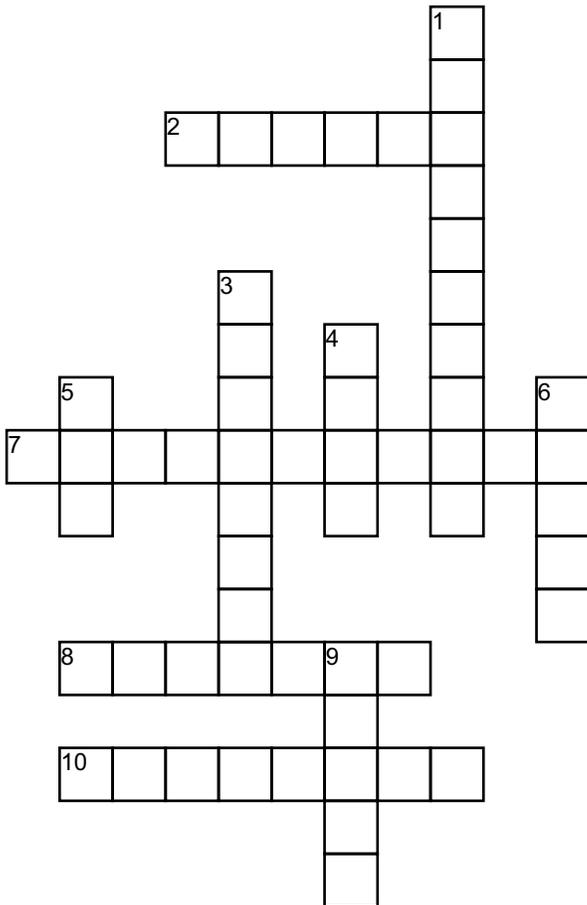
While this is a potential hazard for anyone driving, it's a particular concern for drivers who regularly parallel park. Even though parallel parking is done at slow speeds and you can quickly stop if you hit the curb, repeated rubbing over the life of a tire could eventually impact the tire's integrity.

How to Prevent Tire Curbing

First, do your best to avoid hitting curbs in the first place. Leave a safe distance between your vehicle and the curb. Drive in the center of your lane. When icy or slick conditions exist, slow down. Avoid taking turns and curves quickly, as you can easily slide out of control in winter weather.

Tire curbing is evident by the scuff marks or curb paint left behind on the tire. So please, do your best to help keep the integrity of the bus's tires, by eliminating tire curbing. Happy motoring and drive carefully!

ROAD SAFETY crossword



Across

2. You should turn these on for safety
7. The indicator of how quickly you are traveling
8. This is required by law to drive
10. A lifesaving restraint

Down

1. In situations of fog, rain, smoke, bad light or sun in your eyes ---- may be poor
3. Emotions to keep under control while driving
4. At high speed you have less ---- to react to hazards
5. A digital aid in navigating
6. You apply this to stop your vehicle
9. Always Obey the _____ limit to be safe

*Need a little help you with the answers, the dispatch office has the answer key!

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