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CAR BUYERS' WORST MISTAKES

HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU THINK EDUCATED CAR BUYERS CAN SAVE OVER UNEDUCATED BUYERS WHEN BUYING THE SAME CAR? WOULD \$5,000 GET YOUR ATTENTION? WHILE YOU MAY NOT SAVE AS MUCH AS \$5,000, YOU'LL SAVE A BUNCH IF YOU AVOID THESE CLASSIC CAR-BUYING ERRORS.

- 1. Showing enthusiasm. If you act excited, the sellers know they have a unique product you want. The price goes up instantly. Keep that enthusiasm in check until you've driven home. Sneer a little if you like the car.
- 2. Buying in a hurry. If you buy on your first visit to a dealership, you don't have time to compare. Take your time. Be willing to walk away. The price at most dealerships falls quickly if you move slowly.
- 3. Giving deposits before the dealer approves your offer on a vehicle. Feel free to give a deposit, if you really want a vehicle. But don't give it until the boss has said "yes." Some dealerships use deposits to keep you there while they try to convince you to pay more. And you can't leave if they have your deposit—money, a credit card, a driver's license, or your kids.
- 4. Being switched to leasing without doing your homework. Because dealerships make a much larger profit if they lease rather than sell, even the best dealership may try to "switch" you. They'll try to convince you leasing is cheaper than buying. In most instances, it isn't. If you want to lease, fine. Just don't do it on the spur of the moment.
- 5. Trading in your old car without knowing its value in advance. A dealership has the right to give you the least you will take for your old car. But you have a right to get the most your car is worth. To know that value, simply clean it up, and try to sell it to several used car departments. The highest amount you're offered for it is your car's real value right now. Don't accept less than that in trade.
- 6. When financing at the dealership, ask for Telco Community Credit Union financing and get the same low rate!

Big mistakes, big bucks out the window. We like to help you preserve your money—that's what credit unions are all about. Avoid these mistakes, and put that money to work rather than throwing it away.



* Certain Restrictions May Apply

Teach Your Little Owls to Fly With Money Talks

THE FIRST STEP TO TEACHING YOUR KIDS ABOUT MONEY IS TALKING ABOUT MONEY.

"The most effective way to teach is by having frequent discussions and don't ever lecture," said Ted

Beck, president and chief executive of the National Endowment for Financial Education, in a recent Wall Street Journal article. "Look for teachable moments and always be willing to answer questions." Unfortunately, this can also be the hardest.

A 2015 T. Rowe Price survey found that 72% of parents experienced at least some reluctance to talk to their kids about financial matters, and 18% were either very or extremely reluctant. The most common reasons given were that the parents didn't want them to worry about financial matters or thought they were too young to understand.

But on his blog, the personal-finance guru and radio host Dave Ramsey encourages parents to be more open with their kids about money, even their failures. Parents' biggest regrets are often not saving enough or going into too much debt, wrote Ramsey. Being honest about that in an age-appropriate way, he stated, can be a powerful lesson.

So how to start the talk?

- Ask questions. If you're going out to eat, talk about the price difference between the options, and ask them which they would choose. If they select the more expensive, talk through what you might have to give up later in the week.
- Make them part of your budgeting. If you're doing any kind of financial planning for the year, solicit input from your kids. Enlist them in your saving goals—no one watches you more closely than your kids, so they're natural accountability partners! If you're uncomfortable revealing too much of your financial picture, you can keep the discussions high level, but involving them makes money less abstract.
- Open a youth savings account at Telco Community Credit Union. This is the best way to help them to learn to save for what they find meaningful in life. A lifetime of good savings habits can start now!



What Is "GAP" And Why Should You Care?

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A wrecked vehicle can wreck your finances... if you owe more on your loan than your insurance will pay.

Guaranteed Asset Protection "GAP" is like an airbag for your vehicle loan. It can help fill the gap between what your vehicle insurance will pay and what you owe on your loan, to cushion you against sudden out-of-pocket expenses if your vehicle is totaled.

The second you drive your new vehicle off the lot it drops in value. It can drop as much as 50% in 5 years. This can create a GAP in coverage.

Fair market insurance value isn't always fair.

There may be a GAP.



TIP: Getting your GAP protection from Telco is usually a much better deal than purchasing it from a dealer.

Telco members have access to Members Choice GAP protection.



Branch Locations & Business Hours

Asheville - Leicester Branch

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1141 Smokey Park Highway Candler, NC 28715 828.633.6604

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34 Northcrest Road Weaverville, NC 28787 828.645.6003

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1452 7th Avenue East Hendersonville, NC 28792 828.595.9841

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127 West Parker Road Morganton, NC 28655 828.433.0016

Hickory Branch

355 US Highway 70 SW Hickory, NC 28602 828.322.8566

Branch Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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TCCU BRANCH SPOTLIGHT

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The Candler Team recently sponsored a diaper drive to assist B.E.A.R. Closet (Baby Equipment And Resources). The diapers collected by the team will be donated to B.E.A.R Closet to help stock their shelves with critically needed diapers and wipes



for the neighborhood children. A wonderful organization that meets with 25 to 45 moms, dads or grandparents each time that they are open. Along with the diaper drive the Candler Team is supporting the community in many other ways through the local schools. Keep up the great work Candler!

JOIN THE THIRD **ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF** TOURNAMENT

WESTERN CHAPTER OF THE CAROLINAS CREDIT UNION NETWORK

Spend an enjoyable day on the course while raising much needed fund in support of Meals on Wheels!

When: Friday May 12, 2017

Where: Cummings Cove Golf Course Time: Sign-in starts @ 11:30 am

Shotgun start @ 12:30 pm

Cost: \$320.00 per team or \$80.00 per player

Register NOW to reserve your team's slot! Deadline to register is Friday, May 5, 2017.

To register please visit your branch today and ask for a registration form.

Hole-in-one prizes available on every Par-3!

Hole 10: 24-Month Lease on a 2017 Chevrolet Colorado

Hole 2 & 16: 4 day/3 night Resort Golf Vacation

Hole 5 & 13: Travis Mathew Golf Outfit + \$500 shopping Spree

Hole 8: TaylorMade Speedblade HL Irons 4-SW

Not a golfer but would still like to support Meals on Wheels, visit a branch to purchase tickets for a chance to win a Yeti Cooler, all proceeds will go to Meals on Wheels.





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