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Hagin's Automotive celebrates 14 years in business



While following in the footsteps of his father, a technician of 25 years who later became an automotive teacher, Andy Hagin, owner of Hagin's Automotive, started his automotive career at the ripe young age of 15.

At the age of 35, Andy opened Hagin's Automotive for business on October 1, 1998 on Pacheco Blvd. He ran an ad in the *Martinez News Gazette* announcing the grand opening (original add below). Hagin's operated at that location for five and a half years. Hagin's outgrew that facility and

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needed a bigger shop. Andy purchased a larger building and on June 1, 2004, moved operations to 3725 Alhambra Ave (pictured top left). On October 1st 2012 Hagin's Automotive celebrated 14 years in business.

Next year will be Hagin's Automotive's 15th anniversary. We are throwing around the idea of having a barbeque and car show, and would like to know what you think. You can post ideas on our Facebook page or let us know the next time you visit the shop.



Original Hagin's Automotive Grand Opening Ad

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Red Lentil Soup Recipe



2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 1 onion, chopped
 3 shallots, chopped
 1/2 teaspoon red-pepper flakes

6 cups vegetable stock (or water)
 1 1/3 cup red lentils, picked over and rinsed
 1/2 cup brown rice, picked over and rinsed
 sea salt to taste

black oil cured olives, chopped
 avocado, chopped

In a large pot, over medium heat, combine the olive oil, onion, shallots, and red pepper flakes. Let them brown and caramelize a bit, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the broth, bring to a boil, then stir in the lentils and rice. Simmer for about 30 minutes or until the rice is very tender. By this time, the lentils will have collapsed into a thick consistency. If you need to add more water/broth at any point do so a splash at a time, until the soup thins out to the point you prefer.

Add salt to taste. Serve each bowl topped with avocado, olives, and a slight drizzle of olive oil.

Serves 4 - 6.
 Prep time: 10 min
 Cook time: 30 min

Hagin's Headlight Restoration

Finally, the perfect solution that will restore cloudy, discolored, yellowed or oxidized plastic headlight lenses and other plastic lenses. A Hagin's Automotive headlight restoration service will eliminate the need for expensive plastic replacements by restoring them at a fraction of the cost.



- Dramatically improves your driving visibility and increases you and your passenger's safety.
- Significantly increases the strength and distance of your head, tail and safety lights.
- Enhances the appearance of your lenses and the look of your vehicle.
- Considerably increases your vehicle's return investment and resale value.
- Your lenses will have that showroom finish shine again...in as little as one hour!
- UV protective coating that offers maximum resistance to cracking, peeling and fading.

Importance of Timing Belt Replacement

Timing belts must be replaced at the manufacturer's recommended mileage or time period. Failure to replace the belt can result in complete breakdown or catastrophic engine failure. The owner's manual maintenance schedule is the source of timing belt replacement intervals, typically every 60,000 to 105,000 miles. If it is not listed in your owner's manual or you no longer have your owner's manual, give us a call and we will look it up for you. It is common to replace the water pump, timing belt tensioner, timing belt



A broken valve that stuck in a piston when a timing belt broke.



This is a timing belt display that features a typical four cylinder timing belt and components.

tensioner bearing, timing belt idler bearing, camshaft oil seals, crankshaft oil seal and drive belts at the same time that the timing belt is replaced.

The usual failure modes of timing belts are either stripped teeth (which leaves a smooth section of belt where the drive cog will slip), de-lamination

and unraveling of the fiber cores or breakage of the belt. Correct belt tension is critical. If it is too loose, the belt will whip; if it is too tight, it will whine and put excess strain on the bearings of the cogs. In either case, belt life will be drastically shortened. Aside from the belt itself, also common is a failure of the tensioner, water pump and various other bearings the belt runs on, causing the belt to derail.



A piston top with a hole in it and other damage that resulted from a broken timing belt.



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