Posted by D-unit on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 21:34:00 GMT

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"chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote in message

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This is a biggie. If everyone would do this, there's no telling how much energy we'll save. I hardly ever go out and not spot someone with underinflated tires.

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This too is a biggie. No sense in air conditioning the outdoors. Eveyone should check around doors, windows for leaks and install weather stripping.

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Posted by Dedric Terry on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 22:00:37 GMT

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But John, multiply that by 300,000,000 (just in the US).... pretty big numbers then.

Add that to more humanity, fewer wars, less greed, and we might just get somewhere.

"John" <no@no.com> wrote in message news:47a8d977\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by Carl Amburn on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 22:07:01 GMT

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I've replaced all my lightbulbs, and installed motion lights as well as light-sensored I.e.d. nightlights (0.3 watt!). My old '77 van is a gas-guzzler, but I work mostly at home and I make a point to ride my motorcycles as much as possible. Regardless of the global warming issues - I do save money, and I \*really\* appreciate that the lightbulbs don't generate very much heat, especially in the summer.

rock on,

-Carl

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Posted by Jamie K on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 22:19:47 GMT

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# Good topic, Chuck. For me:

- -Work at home.
- -Drive less, walk more.
- -Walk to stores, post office, parks.
- -Efficient car (40-50mpg).
- -CF bulbs.
- -Energy star appliances.
- -Recycle.
- -Wind power electric subscriber.
- -Relatively efficient house.

# Cheers.

-Jamie

www.JamieKrutz.com

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Subject: Re: SNR Posted by Don Nafe on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 22:22:47 GMT

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nope, not that smart Chuck

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Subject: Re: SNR
Posted by Don Nafe on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 22:24:43 GMT
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Speaking of Al Gore's private jet
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Subject: Re: SNR
Posted by Deej [5] on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 22:24:55 GMT
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"Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote in message news:47a8dfdf$1@linux...
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 somewhere.

Wait......more humanity???..... fewer war/less greed?

Isn't that an oxycontin?

;0)

Subject: SNR

Posted by chuck duffy on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 22:26:45 GMT

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by John [1] on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 22:47:35 GMT

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John

Posted by Neil on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 23:11:32 GMT

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>lifetime.

Please use a more in-context example, such as: "just one big\ Al Gore-chartered jet flight...."

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by chuck duffy on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 23:13:22 GMT

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Posted by chuck duffy on Tue, 05 Feb 2008 23:14:11 GMT

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Posted by TCB on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 00:07:54 GMT

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#### **TCB**

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by Neil on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 00:35:20 GMT

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"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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Actually that would increase your carbon footprint, since, as carbon-based lifeforms, we start decaying as soon as we die, thereby gradually sloughing off all our carbon back into the environment. And don't even get me started on if your family decides to have you cremated!

lol

Posted by chuck duffy on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 01:07:52 GMT

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Thad,

My post wasn't directly about reducing my carbon footprint, or global warming, but to how to reduce monthly expenditures.

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by Jamie K on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 04:31:07 GMT

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#### Kim wrote:

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> http://www.greenspeed.us/bionx\_montague\_swiss\_bike.htm

Looks very cool, Kim! I've been tempted by a bionx setup as well, although on a different frame. Let us know what you think if you get it...

Cheers.

-Jamie

www.JamieKrutz.com

Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by Kim on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 05:37:07 GMT

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Nice idea Chuck. If we're moving into politics mode we might as well try and make a positive difference rather than focus on our own differences of opinion.

- \* Things I'm Doing \*
- (\*) House now on full green power (wind I think or solar)
- (\*) Most of my most used light bulbs are now low energy fluros
- (\*) Taking a bus or riding to work instead of driving
- (\*) Generally put serious thought in before using the car
- (\*) Car and home gas emissions compensated through tree planting
- (\*) Started a compost bin to reduce landfill and retain fertilizer.
- (\*) The main form of house heating is firewood, which is the lowest C02 emitter so long as it is regrown.
- (\*) Car converted to LPG which is 40% lower on CO2 emissions.

In theory with the house on green power and my other emissions compensated my actual CO2 emissions should be very low, though I do believe we need people who are able to be doing "better than zero" emissions and indeed I'm yet to compensate for my emissions up to age 34 or so, so I've got much work to do.; o)

- \* Things I plan on doing \*
- (\*) Buying an electric assisted push bike. Close to no emissions and very convenient (the one I want folds up!)
- \* Things I would like to do but am struggling with \*
- (\*) The house insulation thing is troublesome as I live in a rented place.
- (\*) As above it's hard to install local solar power in a rented house.
- (\*) I'd like to further reduce my landfill which tends to be higher than ideal due in part to the single person's "buy take away" thing plus not paying enough attention to landfill when making purchases
- (\*) Generally buy less stuff and/or sell stuff I'm not using so that the effort and resources invested in the items in my house are not just sitting idle.

It can be both a struggle and rewarding to take action on things like this. When I look at the above I know I'm doing better than many, but worse than I need to. It can be tough to manage your own habits as well, and I often find of a night that I'll have too many lights on simply because of bad habits. I'm increasingly trying to use a fairly low light setup based around the low wattage bulbs but still regularly find I've left lights on unnecessarily.

I have worked hard on actually turning around the way I look at driving though. I own a 29yo car, which doesn't sound very enviro of me, but what it does is that it ensures I consider driving to be a privilege rather than an expectation. I love my car, and love to drive, but I only drive when I have a reason. Sometimes I have things to transport, or a time limit, or whatever, and on occasion I'll just "splash out" and drive for fun, but the thing is that I do think of it that way. I rarely if ever get in the car without acknowledging what I'm doing in terms of both pollution and resource use. The car is big, loud, and heavy. It's hard to forget that exhaust is coming out when the exhaust is so loud, but I think that's good. It's on LPG (40% less CO2), has had electronic ignition added (probably another 5-10% reduction) and the engine is quite new. It probably only pollutes the same as a newly purchased large car, but being so big and old it reminds me that cars aren't real good for our planet.

And it's also worth noting that the process of building a new car creates about 1-2 years of normal driving pollution. By maintaining an old car rather than buying new, and then driving only rarely, it will likely be 5 to 10 years before my car emissions are equal to simply building a new car. So if you're careful about it and minimize driving an old car can be a wise environmental choice.

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by Neil on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 07:29:28 GMT

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Me:

- 1.) Live close to work... still drive, but very short commute.
- 2.) I use bright white halogen lights in the living & kitchen areas of the house sorry, can't stand those farkin' flourescents (not to mention, I don't want the mercury outgassing), but with the pure white light from the halogens, I need less overall wattage.
- 3.) I have refrigeraged air, not evaporative cooling (which is popular here due to the dry climate); while refrigerated a/c uses more electricity, it uses ZERO water, which is a big concern here, as we're in the desert (environmental impact varies from region to region, dunnit?).
- 4.) I have no grass in my yard... it's all Xeriscaped, using almost 100% native plants that require very little water.
- 5.) Double-pane, argon-filled windows in most of the house; solar glass on the windows that aren't in the above category.
- 6.) Cellular blinds on the big south-facing bay window (cellulars help keep the heat or cold in or out, as appropriate for the season); cellulars about to be ordered for the solar-glass 18-foot "window wall" in the studio.
- 7.) Energy-Star certified washer, dryer, fridge, and hot water heater.
- 8.) Passive Solar roof panels for heating the pool, as opposed to a gas heater.

And, most importantly...

10.) Try not take take three massive SUV's full of people everywhere I go, and especially when I go to the airport to get on board my private/chartered jet, which belches out more carbon-based exhaust each trip than any 50 American households combine to emit in a year, while on the way to a speech in a hall that requires 20 or 30 households' worth of annualized heating or air-conditioning - depending on the season - for each one of my appearances, along with about 45,000 watts of combined lighting & PA power for the duration of my speech; and then go back to my ginormous, energy-inneficient home that's so old & leaky it has an "R" factor of like "0.2"... oh wait, that's not me - that's Al Gore, evironmental hero.

:D

Neil

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Posted by Jamie K on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 08:02:43 GMT

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Good for you, Neil. I think even your arch nemesis Al Gore would approve of most of that.

Cheers,

-Jamie

www.JamieKrutz.com

## Neil wrote:

- > Me:
- > 1.) Live close to work... still drive, but very short commute.
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- > areas of the house sorry, can't stand those farkin'
- > flourescents (not to mention, I don't want the mercury
- > outgassing), but with the pure white light from the halogens, I
- > need less overall wattage.

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Posted by Sarah on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 09:00:52 GMT

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by steve the artguy on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 09:18:57 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

"chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:
>
>Don,
>
>Nothing bothers me, I was actually interested in what other folks are doing.
>
>Chuck
>

oh. Ok. Here's what I've been doing for years.

- 1) Only turn on the heat when I get sick. Went two years without it on a while back. Other years waited until January or February. Of course, I don't live in the snow like you guys do.
- 1a) Ignore the fact that I have an air conditioner. Not easy.
- 2) Buckets in the shower. Catch all the water you can when you take a shower. Use it to flush the toilets.
- 3) Only use cars that get more than 30 mpg.
- 4) Speaking of water, lawns are useless relics of English gardens or African veldt or some such. Not needed.

- 5) Car gets washed each time it rains. Other than that, who cares
- 6) Never buy anything new that I can get used

Things I haven't done yet, because I'm too lazy or cheap:

- 1) replace my computers with laptops
- 2) replace my monitors with flat screens

I'm sure there's piles of others things...

-steve

Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by rick on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 10:02:48 GMT

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when i built my studio (1600sq') i made the exterior wall 14" thick and the attic has 30" of insulation. though the price of fuel has trippled i still spend about \$15.00 per month to heat and cool it.

On 6 Feb 2008 08:26:45 +1000, "chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:

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Posted by Kim on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 10:33:52 GMT

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I think it's a reference to the music vs non-music posts...

Cheers, Kim.

Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by John [1] on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 13:27:01 GMT

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hahah, and John Edwards has a 30,000 sq ft house and Al Gore has a \$2000 electric bill every month. What a bunch of hypocrites.

Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by John [1] on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 13:27:55 GMT

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by chuck duffy on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 14:01:44 GMT

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

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#### Chuck

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Posted by TCB on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 15:16:33 GMT

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I realize that, there are ways to reduce your carbon footprint and even save money. Just trying to add a little levity to the discussion. I'll bow out now.

#### **TCB**

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"chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:
>Thad,
>My post wasn't directly about reducing my carbon footprint, or global warming,
>but to how to reduce monthly expenditures.
>Chuck
>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
>>Could be either.
>>Your ideas are good ones, I do a fair number of them myself and I walk
to
>>work. Of course I'm a carbon emitter myself, so by walking I slightly increase
>>carbon output but my only car is a 1966 Ford Thunderbird that gets about
>>12 MPG so I'm to the good.
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>>That said, the military is a spectacular waster of energy and burns staggering
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>>>So is it because you are printing money in the basement, or because you
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>>>Chuck
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Posted by Jamie K on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 17:24:41 GMT

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www.JamieKrutz.com

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Posted by neil[1] on Wed, 06 Feb 2008 19:21:30 GMT

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Neil

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Subject: Re: SNR

# Posted by Erling on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 09:21:40 GMT

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erlilo

On 7 Feb 2008 00:01:44 +1000, "chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:

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Posted by Deej [5] on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 21:29:52 GMT

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"erlilo" <erling.lovik@lyse.net> wrote in message news:d4jlq3d1jjd6gqm04243tgnp6pqpim6inv@4ax.com...

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Raises hand

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Subject: Re: SNR

Posted by Deej [5] on Thu, 07 Feb 2008 21:32:06 GMT

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How have you been BTW?

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Posted by Aaron Allen on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 00:22:27 GMT

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Late for work While she was "flying" down the road yesterday (20 miles over the limit), a woman passed over a bridge only to find a cop with a radar gun on the other side lying in wait. The cop pulled her over, walked up to the car, and with that classic patronizing smirk we all know and love(?), asked, "What's your hurry?" To which she replied, "I'm late for work." "Oh yeah," said the cop, what is it you do? "I'm a rectum stretcher," she responded. The cop stammered, "A what? A rectum stretcher? And just what does a rectum stretcher do?" "Well," she said, "I start by inserting one finger, then I work my way up to two fingers, then three, then four, then with my whole hand in. I work from side to side until I can get both hands in, and then I slowly but surely stretch, until it's about 6 feet wide." "And just what is it that you do with a 6 foot asshole?" he asked. "You give him a radar gun and park him behind a bridge..."

Traffic Ticket: \$105.00 Court Costs: \$45.00

Look on Cop's Face: PRICELESS

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