



# The 6th Dimension

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WE HOPE YOUR  
*Christmas was Merry* and *New Year Happy*

**2011  
Reunion  
June  
9 thru 12**



Wyndham Garden Hotel Oklahoma City Airport  
2101 S Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73108  
1-800-622-7666

## *New Members*

David 'Dave' Guenther  
Delmar 'Joe' Scannell

Lee 'Robbie' Robbins  
Joseph 'Joe' Thomas

*Welcome*

## **6WSAA** Contributes To **Holiday Packages for Deployed Wx Troops**

November 29, 2010—Our 6WSAA Treasurer sent a check for \$100 to Lt Col Sabrina Tajeron, the AWA appointed POC for the Holiday Packages for Deployed Weather Troops. This is the 2nd year 6WSAA has participated in this ROWF sponsored annual project.

Our member, Ted Lungwitz, who is also a member of ROWF notified the Chair of the project and suggested 6WSAA participate. The Chair contacted all BOD members who approved our participation.

As a result of our participation in 2009, it was reported that packages were sent to over 60 weather units around the world and they were well received and thoroughly appreciated by our deployed troops.

## **6WSAA Receives Generous Donation From Member**

**O**ctober, 2010—our member, Jay Hartz had been thinking for some time about his days in the 6th MOB, and his membership in our Association that he so dearly loves—as does many of our members. It was during some of his recent thoughts when it occurred to him that when our weather-warriors deployed on those extended TDYs back in he day, the wives and kids were left behind to manage things at home. Jay's main thought was; those family members were the real warriors who had never been recognized for being the Glue to the family. He wanted to somehow recognize the wives and made a generous donation toward making that a reality on the advice of his good friend Shirley E. The BOD on behalf of the entire 6WSAA thanks Jay for the great idea and the donation. We'll establish a tribute to the Mob spouses as a legacy to Jay Hartz.

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**Board Of Directors ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ASSEMBLY NEARLY COMPLETE**

**As** of press-time, some members contacted by the appointed Chair, Shirley Eldringhoff, to serve on this committee have yet to respond. She reported earlier that four of the seven she had contacted responded with an affirmative that they will serve on the committee; however, three have not yet provided neither a positive nor negative response as to whether they will serve. In her invitation message, she stated, "I hope that you would continue to participate in this committee. However, if you should choose to not be a part of the committee any longer, please let me know. The experience and input from all of you is what makes this type of committee an asset to the board." The Chair urges those who have not yet responded to please contact her by phone, or drop her a reply email.

**Fund Balance as of 10/22/10**

<b>Bank Balance</b>		<b>\$ 4350.00</b>

**1099R Available**

electronic 1099R for 2010 is available on myPay at

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx?flps=99R~RCPS>

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) implemented the myPay web-based system in March 2000. myPay delivers pay information and lets you process pay-related transactions timely, safely and securely. The Web-based system protects against identity theft and is faster and more secure than regular mail by allowing members to access electronic 1099R, RAS and other financial information. myPay matches industry standards for the highest level of encryption and security to protect myPay users.

If you do not have a Password for accessing myPay, you can obtain one by clicking on the New Password button on the myPay website at the web address shown above to receive a temporary Password.

If you have any questions concerning myPay, please call our contact center toll free at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411. If you have any questions regarding the information on your 1099R, call 1-800-321-1080.

**WARNING TO ALL VETERANS**

Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.

[Websites with the name "vaservices" immediately after the "www" ARE NOT part of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Government agency. Do not go to them or if approached or called, do not offer them any information concerning yourself or data on other veterans. Keep in mind that the real VA website ends in.gov. Also, be aware that the Department of Veterans Affairs does not randomly call veterans, nor does it ask veterans for information which it does not already have--like Social Security Numbers. In particular, if you have not dealt with the VA previously--and in person--and all of a sudden, you receive a call from someone saying they are with the VA or something similar sounding, hang up the phone. Also, do not respond to emails which suggest that they are from the VA. The VA never conducts official business nor asks for personal information by email. Mike]

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

*Did You Know?*

**When a Primary  
Member Passes**

**Away . . .**

**The Spouse  
Automatically  
Becomes A  
Honorary Member**



**6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) Alumni Association  
2011 Reunion**

will be held Thursday through Sunday, 8—12 June 2011 at the

Wyndham Garden Hotel, Oklahoma City Airport  
2101 South Meridian Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73108

(405) 685-4000      1-800-622-7666      Confirmation # \_\_\_\_\_

Blocked Room Rates are \$79 Single/Double/Triple/Quad, plus Tax

(Rates available Wednesday—Sunday, Check-in 3:00 pm, Check-out 12:00 Noon)

**Reservations may be made via the telephone numbers above; cut off date is 25 May 2011**



## 2011 6WSAA Reunion Registration Form



\*\*\*\*\* Complete and return this registration form not later than 1 Jun 2011 \*\*\*\*\*

Registration fee is \$40.00 per person—includes all Hospitality and Saturday Banquet Dinner  
**(Registration fee cannot be refunded after 1 June 2011)**

**Please list the names of persons attending;**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Number Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Annual Dues; number of years \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable to: 6WSAA**      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mail To: P.O. Box 7642, Oklahoma City, OK 73133-1642**

**Please indicate How you will be Traveling?**

Air \_\_\_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be staying at the Hotel?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your Arrival Date?**

Wed, 8 Jun \_\_\_\_\_ Thu, 9 Jun \_\_\_\_\_ Fri, 10 Jun \_\_\_\_\_ Sat, 11 Jun \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate your Tour/Activity of interest: (To help plan, Send Your Response Early; by Phone, Email, or Note to Chuck Miller [see member list]—if your registration will be mailed later)**

Tinker \_\_\_\_\_ National Severe Storms Lab (NSSL/WFO) \_\_\_\_\_ Casino \_\_\_\_\_ \*Local Area \_\_\_\_\_

\* Brick Town Restaurants, Canal, Bass Pro, National Memorial, Western Heritage Museum (Formerly, Cowboy Hall of Fame)  
All may be visited on your own via Metro Trolley that runs on a regular schedule from a stop by the Hotel.

**Disclaimer:** The reunion has been arranged for the sole enjoyment of 6WSAA members and guests. The 6WSAA, its Directors and reunion organizers are not liable for any damage, injuries or inconveniences incurred to reunion attendees. Over indulgence of alcoholic beverages causing impaired motor responses or navigational ability will be cause for terminating use of Bar facilities. The Association's Directors encourage responsible drinking and the use of a designated driver.

When you sign and return this registration, you agree to have read and understand these terms and assume personal responsibility for any damages or injuries resulting from your, or your spouse and/or guests' actions.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# 6<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron (MOB) Alumni Association Tentative Schedule of Events



2011 Reunion  
8 - 12 June 2011

Wednesday Early Bird Arrivals - Meet & Greet  
6 pm - Close: Registration - Hospitality Room Area

Thursday Breakfast - On your own  
8 am - Close: Refreshments - Hospitality Room  
3 pm - 8 pm Registration - Hospitality Room Area  
11:00 am - Front of Hotel; Car Caravan to Tinker AFB  
Lunch - SE 29<sup>th</sup> St (Variety of Restaurants offering Varying Menus)  
FREE Tour - 1:00 pm Tour Tinker AFB  
(See Tinker Main Base & former South 40 Areas)  
3:00 pm approx, Car Caravan Return to Hotel  
Dinner - On your own

- Visit Oklahoma City / Brick Town / National Memorial / Casino - On your own

Friday Breakfast - On your own  
8 am - Close: Refreshments - Hospitality Room  
3 pm - 5 pm & 8 pm - Close: Registration - Hospitality Room Area  
8:00 am - Front of Hotel; Car Caravan to Norman, NSSL & WFO  
FREE Tour - 9 am National Severe Storms Laboratory & Weather Forecast Office  
11:30 am - Lunch (pay as you go) TBD  
11:00 am - Front of Hotel; Car Caravan (for those not on the NSSL & WFO tour)  
11:30 am - Lunch (pay as you go) TBD (Join those from NSSL/WFO Tour)  
FREE Tour - 1:00 pm OKC Metro Area Attractions; TBD  
4:00 pm approx, All Car Caravans Return to Hotel  
Dinner - On your own (or Arrange for Group)

- Visit Oklahoma City / Brick Town / National Memorial / Casino - On your own  
Time TBD - BOD Advisory Committee Meeting - Shirley Eltringhoff  
Time TBD - Informal Group Activity TBA

Saturday Breakfast - On your own  
8:00 am - 5:30 pm & 9:00 pm - Close: Refreshments - Hospitality Room  
9:00 - 10:00 am **General Membership Meeting - TBD**  
Lunch - On your own

- Visit Oklahoma City / Brick Town / National Memorial / Casino - On your own  
**6:00 pm - Banquet Room TBA; Dinner & Program**

Sunday Breakfast - On your own  
8 am - 11:00 am Refreshments - Hospitality Room  
<<\*\*\* Farewell Farewell\*\*\*>>

- Trolley/Bus Stop near Front of Hotel (Time & information available near registration area)

**NOTE:** (On your own; a local member may be willing to participate/transport)

TBD = To Be Determined  
TBA = To Be Announced



# Key-Chain Coin-holder

**N**ew! Now available, a key-chain that is also a coin holder. Thanks to BOD member Ted Lungwitz, these nifty coin companions add portability and allow members to carry their coin along for ready/instant display to one & all. \$6.00, Please allow 2-weeks to process.



# Fewer Coins Remain



We still have a few 20th-yr commemorative Coins on hand. They are available on a first order basis. See PO form to order.



**H**istory CDs are still available for members to order. There are eighteen CDs that contain 6WSq history artifacts transferred from books and records retained/secured from the Squadron Deactivation and from some of our members. They are **\$1.50 each—includes postage**. You may order one, two or all 18 of the CDs **direct** from;

**Shirley Eldringhoff, Historian**  
521 W Ring Factory Rd  
Bel Air, MD 21015

Please allow two weeks for processing.



## The original 6th Weather Sq. Patch is Available

If you have not ordered a Patch, we still have them available for you to purchase at **only \$2.50/each, includes postage**. To receive your Patch (s), complete the order form and mail to;  
**6WSAA**  
P O Box 7642  
Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642  
Allow 2-weeks for processing.  
**Many Available**



The **6WSAA Decal** is available for members to order. This is a window decal that is **transparent** in the white area around the eagle & outside the Logo, and is 4" X 6" in size. The **price is only \$5.00 includes postage**. Complete the order form mail to;  
**6 WSAA**  
P O Box 7642  
Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642  
Allow 2-weeks for processing.  
**Many On Hand**



## "Original Storm Chasers" Unique Cap

It is Royal Blue with White Lettering and White Trim, un-dated. Really nice and available.

Complete and submit the Order Form with your check.

# Full Color Logo Polo Type Shirt

Complete the order form to get yours now!

### PURCHASE ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Description	Size	Qty	Cost \$	Total
6WSAA Decal	Adhesive backed decal	6" X 4"		5.00	
6WS(MOE) Patch	Embroidered patch	6" X 4"		2.50	
Coin (Less than 10 remain)	20th Anniv Commemorative			15.00	
Key-Chain Coin Holder	See Image in Newsletter			6.00	
" " Shirt(50% Cotton & 50% Polyester)	White Polo with 6WSAA Color Logo above left pocket	S, M, LQ, XL		13.00	
" "	" "	2X		15.00	
" "	" "	3X		17.00	
Baseball Cap (Blue, White Letters, Trim)	Original Storm Chaser	Adjustable	WSAA Logo Embroid	10.00 Post 5.00	
" " Shirts	Postage—Per Shirt		ADD	4.00	
				<b>TOTAL</b>	

Enclose a check or money order for the TOTAL payable to 6WSAA.

Mail to: 6th WEATHER SQUADRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
 P.O. Box 7642  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642

Thank you for your order. Please allow 2 to 4 weeks after receipt for delivery by USPS.



### NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership categories are:

**Primary Members:** Former members of the USAF 6<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron (Mobile) or any of its predecessor units including civilian employees. Annual dues are required to remain Active.

**Associate Members:** Current or former members of any organization that provided direct service to 6<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron (Mobile). Civilian employees, spouses or other immediate family of this group may become Associate Members. Annual dues are required to remain active. *Spouses of Primary Members in good standing hold Associate Membership and are exempt from dues.* Voting privileges are not enjoyed by Associate Members.

**Honorary Members:** Persons who must be nominated for Honorary Membership by a Primary Member and who must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Widows and widowers of Primary Members are deemed Honorary Members by relationship. Honorary Members are exempt from dues. Voting privileges are not enjoyed by Honorary Members.

\*YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_ NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Type Membership Applying For:** Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Honorary \_\_\_\_\_

\*Widow/Widower of alumni member - Enter the deceased Member's name, rank, and year in which deceased:

Deceased Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address:

STREET/P.O. BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Office phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 6<sup>th</sup> WS (MOB) (ex. 60-64): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if not 6<sup>th</sup> MOB): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a check or money order for \$10.00/year payable to 6WSAA.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for (# years) \_\_\_\_\_ Dues.

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## Final Launch



**Boyce Martin**, age 81 passed away 30 August 10 in Van Buren, AR. On 13 Sep 10, we received an email from Melvin Martin, retired Navy as well as retired OKC Police Department and brother of Boyce, notifying us that Boyce was a former **6th Weather** member. He reported Boyce "...worked with the Tornado Detail that formed the 1st Tornado Forecast in 1951." We weren't able to corroborate the assertion with our current members. However, our Historian found a **Personnel Action Memorandum, dated 5 Jan 53**, assigning SSgt. Boyce E. Martin as Chief Observer, Severe Storm Warning Center. We sincerely thank Melvin for informing us of Boyce, another comrade lost.

Ken was an instructor at the weather electronic school at Chanute AFB. **Ken was assigned to 6th Weather in 51, 60-62 & regularly attended 6WSAA reunions.** He retired from the Air Force after 20 years as a SMSgt. He bought out his father's half of the grocery store and became a partner with his brother, Gordon. The two operated 4 stores and was a partner in the River Inn of Wisconsin Dells. Ken was a master craftsman in woodworking and electronics. He always had the time when someone needed a hand. Ken is survived by his wife, Jeannine, a daughter, Debra, a son, Daniel, 2 grandsons, and two great grand-daughters, a brother, Donald, and sister, Carolyn Murphy. He was preceded in death by his parents & brother, Gordon. We'll surely miss Ken.

**Kenneth R. Zinke**, 81 of Wisconsin Dells, died Friday, August 20, 2010 at the Golden Living Center in Wisconsin Dells. Funeral services were Monday, Aug. 23, at 11:30 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Dells and Burial was at Newport Lutheran Church Cemetery. Military rites were provided by the Harold B. Larkin American Legion Post 187, Wisconsin Dells. Ken was born on April 24, 1929 in Wisconsin Dells, the son of Fred and Emma Nelson Zinke. On Nov. 25, 1951 he married



Jeannine Lambkin of La Crosse. As a young man, he helped his father in Zinke's City Market until he joined the Merchant Marines sailing to West Africa, Trinidad and South America. Ken enlisted in the USAF where among his many assignments were the Berlin Air Lift in Germany, the Dew Line early warning radar system at Barter Island and Rocketsonde at Point Barrow, AK; nuclear bomb tests at Johnson Island; installed radar stations across the Pacific Ocean to identify the Gemini and Apollo space capsules landing zones. He helped setup the AF's 1<sup>st</sup> weather tracking satellite system.



Matt Weiner

While Matt was in tech school at Keesler AFB, MS, (2005) he was approached to go to the "executive fleet" based on a recommendation by the school commander. At that time he couldn't since he wasn't 21. Now 5 years later they had AF2 at Tinker, gave him a preliminary interview and a tour of the AC. They asked him to submit his packet. He got a call the next week to get tickets for DC. Last Friday in Washington, D.C., Matthew was interviewed by the board and was selected as a member of the United States Air Force Presidential Executive Fleet. Formal confirmation will follow shortly. He returned to Tinker Saturday after 3 days of interviews and meetings at Andrews AFB, Md. He will be transferred to the D.C. area. At his request, he will serve primarily on the new specially equipped GulfStream C37-B pictured below, rather than Air Force-1. It is a special equipped C-37B which serves as VIP transport including the President.

**Congrats Matt.**



**THE WEINERS — 2010 REFLECTIONS by Dave Weiner:** Still teaching, we've all had another exciting year here in Indiana, we had Christmas last year in the midst of what we thought was a long and dreary winter. To combat that I started plants early in the utility room with mixed success. I delivered a potato plant to Betty in late January, she rolled it to the patio door every day and enjoyed the plant...planted it in her garden in late March...much to our surprise we had some baby potatoes growing well!!

Our Grandson Henry Robert Weiner was born on 2 Feb. in Oklahoma City to our son Matthew and his wife Danielle, we all made the trek to meet him for his Baptism in March. We had the whole family together again and had a most enjoyable time welcoming Henry, our first grandchild into the family. It goes without saying that he is the most attractive, gifted and advanced child that God ever created. They visited us this fall after Matt returned from his 3<sup>rd</sup> deployment...we had a ball with Henry. Matt helped me get inspired, starting the shed project and taking down the TV antenna tower.

We, Ginnie, Betty and I spent a good share of the weekends this summer attending Steam and Power, and Antique shows enjoying a good relaxing time. We attended 12 shows, a record for us. A first for us this year was attending as exhibitors for the first time...definitely discovered that there is a learning curve!

Ginnie and I had an 11 day vacation this year...our son Dave (D.J.) and his wife Erin invited us to visit them in San Antonio for Thanksgiving...it worked perfectly, I had fall break at collage, Dave and his crew at Boeing had just finished a plane rebuild and had a few days until they began the next. Erin's work and school schedule was abbreviated for the holiday. Both of them are working full time and attending college too! I'm glad we don't have their schedule. We enjoyed our time together, just a fantastic experience, we had a lot of time to just hang out together, and managed some sightseeing as well as time on the range shooting. Thanksgiving Day was the first time I had shot my SKS...the kids had bought me assault rifle accessories over the years, Dave did the conversion, I drank coffee!! It was a real different experience, being waited on...all we were allowed to do for Thanksgiving Dinner was set the table. Grandma and Betsy held down the fort here and had Thanksgiving together. Betsy is working at Menard's...in the paint and wall covering dept. She was selected "employee of the month" in October. She continues to attend college full time and is doing well and still finds time to enjoy life. We're proud!!!



# Winter-proof your car

Winter's getting colder—and who wants to deal with dangerous, icy road conditions, or a car that looks like a Popsicle when you're already late for work? Luckily, there are some easy tricks to get your car running (safely!) even in the coldest temperatures!

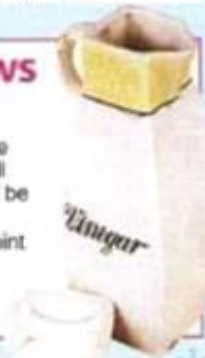
## Keep your headlights clear with car wax!



That wintry mix of slush, snow and road salt can really do a number on your headlights. And if the stuff sticks, it can dangerously reduce your visibility. But there's an easy fix: Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights, so you'll be able to get wherever you need to go this winter safely. And the protection will last for weeks!

## Ice-proof your windows with vinegar!

Frost on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water and spritz it on all your car windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess! How does it work? Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water—preventing water from freezing! Wake up to an already frozen car? Just spray the mixture on your windows and watch it melt!



## Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol!

Windshield wipers squeaking, or leaving streaks that make it hard to see? Wipe them with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. "These are solvents that can cut the buildup of grease and grime, the main culprit that prevents wipers from working properly," says Sinclair. "This one trick can make badly streaking wipers change to near-perfect clarity!"



## Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray!

Spritz cooking spray on the rubber seals around car doors and rub it in with a paper towel. "Doors freeze when snow melts into the seals during the day, and then freezes at night," says Robert Sinclair Jr. of AAA. But the oils in cooking spray prevent water from melting into the rubber in the first place!



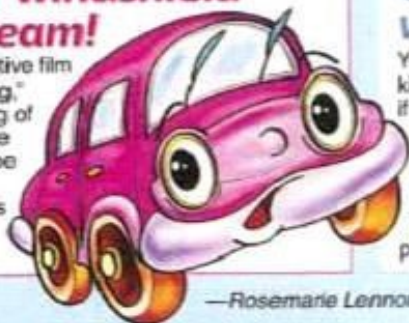
## De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer!

Can't get your key in the lock on a frozen morning? Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key and the lock, and the problem's solved! Why? Because hand sanitizers contain alcohol, the main ingredient in most commercial de-icers! Just make sure you carry a sanitizer that's at least 60% alcohol. Sanitizers with less alcohol won't work (and guess what: They won't sanitize your hands, either!).



## Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream!

"Shaving cream creates a protective film on the glass that prevents fogging," explains Ricardo Rodriguez-Long of Uniroyal Tire. "Spray some on the inside of your windshield and wipe it off with paper towels." Why does it work? Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.



—Rosemarie Lennon

## Get unstuck from the snow with your floor mat!

You've no doubt heard you should keep a bag of kitty litter or sand in your trunk to use for traction if you get stuck on ice. But don't panic if you forgot to buy any, assures Amy Marentic, Ford Motors car expert. "Just turn off the car, and stick the rubber side of one of your floor mats under the spinning tire," she says. "Turn the car back on, put your foot on the gas, and it will provide the grip you need to get going!"

