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Checklist Before You Visit the Dealer . . .

This is a great time to start researching your new vehicle and have all your ducks in a row so, when you're ready to buy, your financing will be in order, your research completed and your best deal in hand.



Determine How Much You Can Spend

Create a budget. According to most financial planners, a monthly auto payment should be no more than 20% of your gross monthly income. Get your loan pre-approved at the credit union before you shop.



Research

The internet is a great resource, but we also partner with MVCP and ABCD Buyers Club for the best deals around. You can also check out the United Buyers Service (UBS) book at our office.



Set Your Price

Figure out the cost for vehicle options and subtract any rebates or incentives currently offered for a new vehicle. Used or Certified Pre-owned vehicles are also a smart option. If you have a trade-in, find out how much it's worth by checking the Kelly Blue Book value at www.kbb.com.



Negotiate

Negotiate up from invoice, not down from Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) or "sticker" price on a new vehicle. On a used vehicle, negotiate up from wholesale value, not down from retail value.



Credit Union Financing Is Usually Your Best Bet

Don't be fooled by 0% or low—interest-rate financing. Often, these rates are available to the buyer in lieu of any rebates on the vehicle. It's usually one or the other . . . not both. The general rule of thumb is to take the savings up front, because if you sell or trade in the car before the term is up,

Summer Auto Loan Sale! Our New Auto Rates to HUM About This Summer 100% financing available Flexible terms Life and disability insurance available GAP insurance available Pre-approval takes the stress out of shopping Use our MVCP partnership to get the best price See us about our great used vehicle rates or to refinance that auto loan you got somewhere else. (Saving money makes everyone hum!) Apply online at www.censusfcu.com. 3.00% 2.50% APR* 5 Years

then you haven't really maximized the full 0% savings you thought you were getting up front.



Don't ever buy a car without taking a test drive (in the vehicle you are planning to purchase), even with a new vehicle! With a used vehicle, we recommend that you request a conditioning report and have your own mechanic inspect the vehicle. Some dealers now call these conditioning reports "certification." A certified used vehicle is usually a little more expensive, but can include a warranty and special financing terms.





Verified by VISA Secures Your Credit Cards

Do you like shopping online? Now you can get an extra layer of security when you shop online.

In addition to our other ways of preventing, detecting, and resolving fraud, we offer Verified by Visa, a free, simple-to-use service that confirms your identity with an extra password when you make an online transaction.

Activate the Verified by Visa feature

It's easy and only takes a few moments to activate Verified by Visa. You can activate it on the secure Visa site at https://verified.visa.com/aam/data/ default/landing.aam, at your participating issuer's site or during the checkout process at a participating online merchant. However you do it, your information is protected.

Shop at participating online merchants

Look for the Verified by Visa symbol, and you'll know where you can shop online with extra security. For a list of participating online stores, visit the Places to Shop section at www.usa.visa.com.

Holiday Closings

Independence Day — Wednesday, July 4 **Labor Day** — Monday, September 3



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RATES

Effective July 1, 2012

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE

TERM

Please contact the credit union at 301-763-0287 or 800-343-6788 or go to www.censusfcu.com.

SIGNATURE

2 yrs. 9.50% 3 yrs. 10.50% 5 yrs. 14.50%

BALANCE

CONSOLIDATION..... 14.50% **PREMIER LINE** 9.00%

Variable Rate Loan Based on 3% over Wall

Street Journal Prime

with a 9% floor

SHARE SECURED

Up to 60 months..... 3.00%

NEW AUTOS

36 mos., 100% financing 2.50% 48 mos., 100% financing 2.75% 60 mos., 100% financing 3.00%

USED AUTOS (Model Years 2009-2012)

36 months 4.25% 48 months..... 60 months..... Percentage down does not include tax, tags or extended warranties.

Model Years 2006-2008

Up to 48 mos., 90% financing . 6.50%

MOTORCYCLES

New. 6.75% Used 7.75%

BOATS & RVs (NEW) Up to 10 yrs. 7.75%

BOATS & RVs (USED)

Up to 7 yrs. 9.00% CERTIFICATE SECURED

2.0% above face of Certificate (rate rounded up to a full percentage point)

2nd TRUST (FIXED RATE) <70% LTV 5 yrs..... 5.55% 5.79% 6.24% 10 yrs..... 5 55% 5 99% 6.74% 15 yrs..... 5.55% 6.19% 7.24%

HOME EQUITY

(variable rate tied to Prime)

Rates subject to change without notice.

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