Holiday Message December 2023
The yearend holidays are here again and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, happy Hannukah, and so much more – see the list of December holidays in the *Back Page* section below. There are more holidays than you think and more than likely some you never heard about!

Looking forward to the new year I will continue to deliver interesting and useful insurance news from around the world. As always, I am happy to consider contributions from readers like you. Sharing experiences and knowledge is good for everyone.

Here's to peace and goodwill to all of mankind in 2024.

Two Sides to Every Story
With easy access to information, it's becoming increasingly difficult to separate truth from fiction; or technically, truth from bullshit.

Take one headline in my mail feed this morning - Why EVs Aren't The GreenTech Panacea. The video narrative starts out with "When the major auto manufacturers start changing their EV plans, it's probably a sign something's not quite right. For all those who think they're better than everyone else because they drive a Tesla, this video is for you…"

With interest peaked I watched the YouTube video. The man isn't stupid and uses some big words but right off the bat he's making a straw man argument so it triggered me.

EVs are the future there's not any room for debate there. They're superior in almost every way other than requiring more resources and investment up front, so it's really like defending the cart and buggy over the car.

I mean Tesla is the world's most valuable auto maker so GM and the big boys are delaying plans for now, but I suspect that's subject to change.

Also, no serious climate activists are saying that EVs are a panacea. Riding a bike or walking is.

Defending how ICEs are in some ways better for the planet is sort of like how saying that some parts of slavery were good because southern blacks got to learn to read the Bible.

Also, all the comments on that video are just auto workers who are worried that they'll lose their living because EVs are so much more efficient to produce and manufacture.

But in reality, there's going to be whole new industries for workers – battery tech, self-driving, road maintenance, charging station infrastructure, etc. etc.

Also, to get back to the video, he said there's not enough of these minerals on earth to make all the batteries.

That’s literally not true - there is, and these minerals can be recycled from previous batteries.

What there isn’t enough of is OIL – it takes 5,000 years to make underground and we’re running out of it. Once your car burns it out of your exhaust, there’s no getting it back again.

Also, he made the point that humanity has never 10x the production of any key resource in a short period.

We literally did…… with oil itself……

Also - the charging infrastructure in our country is enormous (I thought it was tiny) but I looked into it and you can get wherever you need to go.

We need it to be even bigger though – and that means jobs jobs jobs!

No one serious is taking the other side of his argument.