

BARTEL'S AUTO CLINIC, YOUR DEALERSHIP ALTERNATIVE

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The history behind Bartel's Auto Clinic goes back more than half a century. Family owned and operated, it all began in 1958 when Robert Bartel returned from the Korean War and began working with his father-in-law at a Standard gas station in Villa Park. After his father-in-law's death, Robert took over the business which he ran successfully until 1965 when a tornado demolished the building. The next year, in a new building, he opened an Amoco station which stood the test of time for more than 30 years, then branched out and opened a second location in Carol Stream in 1979 and a third in Lombard in 1983 named Bartel's Auto Depot. Son Patrick had joined his father after graduating from college with a degree in Business Administration.

In 1991, the family opened a 16 pump station accompanied by a 3500 sq ft convenience store called Bartel's Classic Fuel Mart, one of the first multi-pump stations in the area. 2003 was the year the first Bartel's Auto Clinic, devoted exclusively to auto repair and maintenance, opened in Carol Stream. Within three years, Robert and Patrick had sold all the gasoline stations and began the expansion of their auto service business with a new location in Oswego (2015 Wiesbrook Drive, 630/897-4217.



In 2012, the third Bartel's Auto Clinic opened in Plainfield. Even though Robert passed away the previous year, his legacy lives on. A customer once said, "Bob was a good businessman and a man of integrity. Besides that, he was a great mechanic." Adam Bartel, who also graduated with a degree in Business Administration joined the company in 2004, representing the third generation of the family. Today, Patrick, Amy and Adam are responsible for the day to day operation of their family's business, and work alongside a friendly, responsive and professional staff of ASE Certified Technicians.

They confidentially state, "We fix everything!" That includes: Air Conditioning, Heat and Cooling System repairs; proper system maintenance is an essential part of keeping your car running smoothly and imperative for your personal comfort. Regular maintenance involves replacing antifreeze regularly to prevent corrosion and help maintain optimal engine temperatures regardless of outside temperatures; Brake Repair to keep you safe on the road. If brakes are beginning to fail and showing signs of wear, you need to have them fixed immediately. Bartel's offers quick (often same day), dependable brake repair services that you cannot ignore at reasonable rates; Auto Suspension is an intricate network of parts designed to provide a smooth, stable ride. Unfortunately, suspension is where most road abuse occurs; Routine Automotive Service at Bartel's is treated with the same respect they would give their own cars. No matter how big or small the problem, you can expect the best results at the best possible prices. Technicians have the expertise to diagnose the problem and deliver a cost-effective solution. They recommend customers do not neglect important preventative maintenance services as well. Their long track record of servicing cars, trucks and hybrids is outstanding. Whether you need a simple oil change, a quick repair or a new transmission, they will take care of it; Bartel's is your destination for quick Battery repair and they will assess whether it needs fixing or replacing.

Check out the Oil Change Five Pack with complementary Maintenance Inspection to save \$70 off regular oil change prices. Take advantage of coupons at www.bartelsauto.com.

Bartel's AUTO CLINIC QUICK LUBE

We Fix Everything!
At Bartel's Auto Clinic we're working hard to become your neighborhood auto repair/service center.

- Amazing Store Hours** • We are here to serve you Monday through Friday from 7am to 7pm and Saturday 8am to 4 pm. Now that's amazing!
- Instant Credit** • 90 days interest free same as cash program. If you need it, we have it with our CarCareOne credit card.
- Same Day Service** • It's right! On most jobs, we will have your car back the same day. Now that's service!
- Convenient Customer Shuttle** • If you need to be picked up or dropped off at your home or office, call us - we'll make it happen. Plus we offer free pick up and delivery. Now that's convenient!

- We're Certified** • Bartel's Auto Clinic is staffed with ASE certified, trained technicians. They are well versed in the latest computerized equipment in our shop to repair your car.
- Emergency Road Side Rescue and Towing** • We take our service on the road for you. Your car doesn't always wait until you get home to break down. So we come to you. Flat tire, out of gas, or your car just won't go. Give us a call.
- Nationwide Warranty** • In town or from out of town, we offer a 12 month/12,000 mile nationwide warranty on all parts and labor performed at our shop.
- Authorized Extended Warranty Repair Center** • We accept most extended warranty plans. We are your dealership alternative.
- Factory Maintenance Program** • We have a complete online profile of all import and domestic vehicle mileage maintenance schedule service. We can help you meet all manufacturer requirements.
- National and Fleet Accounts** • We offer priority service to our fleet and commercial accounts. You go to the front of the line because we understand down time costs you money.

We fix everything

- Air Conditioning
- Battery Service
- Bearings & Seals
- Belts & Hoses
- Brake Systems
- Charging Systems
- Computerized Engine Controls
- Cooling Systems
- Drive Train Systems
- Emission Control Systems
- Engine Overhaul
- Computerized Engine Tune-Up
- Fuel Systems
- Fuel Injection Systems
- Gasket Installation
- Lighting System
- Mounts, Engine/Transmission
- Oil Change & Lube
- Suspension System
- Tire Balance, Repair & Rotation
- Transmission Repair & Overhaul
- Wheel Alignment Service

... and everything else you can think of!

Bartel's offers a 12 month, 12,000 mile nationwide warranty on repairs they perform on all makes and models of domestic and import vehicles. Instant credit (90 days interest free same as cash) and Warranty Protection are both available as well as free shuttle service, pickup and delivery and 24-hour on call Towing within the area.

Open hours are Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 7 PM, Saturday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

Be sure to tell Bartel's you read about them in the Fox Valley News Shopper when you stop in!