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A Monthly Newsletter to Inform and Entertain Our Clients

Dive In To a Great Summer Vacation!



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Travel Tip: Scan Your Important Travel Documents

Losing your wallet – or even worse, your passport – while traveling can be a major headache and having copies of the original documents or cards can make them a lot easier to replace.



Before your trip, scan all of your important documents, including your passport, birth certificate, driver license, credit cards (front and back), health insurance card, medicine/eye glass prescriptions, any travel/medical evacuation policies, and, if you're a diver, your certification card. Then store all these online, as PDFs, so you're able to access them while you're traveling. An easy way to do this is to simply email yourself the documents.

A Safe Haven When You Travel

When you're traveling, whether on business or vacation, your hotel should be a safe sanctuary. But thieves can rob you of your security along with your valuables unless you're careful. Take these simple precautions to prevent your trip or vacation from becoming a nightmare:

- Pick the safest room. Generally, higher rooms are safer from thieves and criminals. Though if you're nervous about fires or other possible emergencies, you may want to be closer to the ground where rescue is more practical.
- Check your security. Make sure the doors are secure and self-closing, and lock automatically. Deadbolts should have at least a one-inch bolt. Make sure your windows close and lock firmly, and that any balconies can't be accessed from the room next door. Don't be afraid to ask for another room if necessary.
- Don't open the door for strangers. A surprise visit from a maid or a room service delivery you aren't expecting could be trouble. If you're at all uncertain, contact the front desk to question whether the person outside is really a hotel employee.
- Watch your valuables. Before leaving on your trip, photocopy your credit cards and other documents, and take pictures of any jewelry or valuables you're bringing with you (if you must bring them at all). This will come in handy if they're lost or stolen. Don't let your luggage out of your sight. Take your laptop or other important items with you when you leave the room, or lock them in the hotel safe.
- Know where you are. Pick up a few business cards in the lobby when you check in, and keep them with you at all times. Leave one near your room phone as well. A large city may have more than one Westin or Sheraton, and if you get lost or need to tell someone where you are, you want to have accurate information readily available.



Tips to Avoid Jet Lag

People who fly across the world on a regular basis, understand jet lag – and how to avoid it. For those embarking on a lengthy flight, there are a few tips you can follow to stave off the dreaded jet lag.

One is to act as though you have already arrived at your destination. Eat and sleep in accordance with your new time zone as much as possible before you actually get there. It's quite surprising how much your mind's adjustment to the change can help the body do so as well.

Another tip is to take Arnica, a natural supplement that helps relax the muscles and can make you more comfortable both during and after long flights, which makes adjusting to the new time zone much easier.

Travel Humor

Actual stories provided by travel agents...

- I had someone ask for an aisle seat so that their hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.

- A client called in inquiring about a package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

- A man called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that is not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, "Don't lie to me. I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state."

...comments made by Flight Attendants...

- "Your seat cushions can be used for flotation, and in the event of an emergency water landing, please take them with our compliments."

- "Smoking in the lavatories is prohibited. Any person caught smoking in the lavatories will be asked to leave the plane immediately."

...and Pilots

- An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady, walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no Ma'am," said the pilot, "what is it?" The little old lady asked, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

Monthly Quotes

"You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there."

– Yogi Berra

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

– St. Augustine

"I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them."

– Mark Twain

THE 10 BEST BEACH DESTINATIONS IN THE U.S. ACCORDING TO TRIPADVISOR.COM

1. ST. PETE BEACH, FL
2. MIAMI BEACH, FL
3. MYRTLE BEACH, SC
4. VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
5. HONOLULU, HI
6. DAYTONA BEACH, FL
7. FT. LAUDERDALE, FL
8. LAHAINA, HI
9. KEY WEST, FL

MARK YOUR JULY CALENDAR ...

July 4 Independence Day

July 5 Bikini Day

July 15 National Ice Cream Day

Be Nice to New Jersey

Week – **July 1 - 7**

National Ventriloquism

Week – **July 18 - 22**

National Ice Cream Month

National Hot Dog Month

Family Golf Month

National Blueberry Month

Who Is Protecting Your HOME While You Are Away on That Dream Vacation?

For years, I have been telling you our line of **Avtech RoomAlert** environment monitors are the perfect solution for protecting IT areas from unseen threats. **RoomAlert** units are used in data centers, both large and small, as well as network closets, remote sites and other areas to monitor temperature, humidity, water leaks, air flow, power loss, room entries and other conditions.

They're inexpensive, simple to install, provide immediate alerting to staff by email, SMS and SNMP, and include a very powerful and unique piece of management software called **Device Manager**. It is the most widely used line of IT environment monitoring devices in the world! In fact, many of you reading this newsletter are using one or more **Avtech** devices right now.

Protect Your Biggest Investment From Threats Like These

I am sure you recognize the importance of protecting your data center. But, do you also recognize the importance of protecting your **HOME**? Hey, it's your **single biggest investment!** Yet, most people have no way of knowing exactly what is happening inside their home while they are away.

I'm talking about things like furnace failures which lead to freezing temperatures, ruptured plumbing and flooding throughout the house. Or, leaks in water heaters, washers, dishwashers or other equipment resulting in water damage. It might even be something as simple as a power outage that allows food to spoil in a refrigerator or freezer...to name just a few.

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What a Way to Ruin a Great Vacation!

Chances are things like this have greeted you upon your return from a relaxing vacation. They have for me and a lot of other people I know. This is why I want to suggest our **Avtech** monitors for your house, condo, and vacation home or anyplace you own that is sometimes unoccupied for extended periods.

Don't Wait Until It's Too Late

Being alerted to a developing problem the moment it occurs can save you a lot of **money and time**. And, while the cost of repairs might be covered by insurance, the months it can take for repairs to be completed can be a huge disruption. Our **RoomAlert** devices allow you to respond before the problem becomes severe, saving you time, money...and aggravation.

In practical terms, our **Avtech** devices provide **peace-of-mind**, allowing you to relax anytime you're away with the knowledge that everything at home is OK. I have one in my house, and for just a few hundred dollars, you can, too.

How Can RoomAlert Help You?

While you're at it, consider using a **RoomAlert** device to monitor other places such as exotic fish tanks, boats, out-buildings on your property and wine cellars. You may have your own ideas.

Call me now for some empty house "horror" stories and to allow me to design a system to protect your home for pennies a day.

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