

Pressure monitoring devices integral to vehicle tires would be great, especially since pressure can be a safety factor. However, I believe NHTSA could use it's "bully pulpit" to encourage gasoline stations to get on the safety bandwagon, take a good-neighbor step back in time, and make available "for free" a free commodity, i.e., air.

Automobile manufacturers, I'm loath to say this, are getting stuck with this one because I believe the problem goes to whomever thought up the lame-brained idea of charging to put air in ones tires. It's not the 50 cents required to get the air, it's the mere idea and the anxiety caused by having to pump-up and check ones tires within a limited timeframe.

If NHSTA can't promote such a "public service" (i.e., free air at all gas stations)perhaps the tire and automobile manufacturers could initiate such a safety promotion.