

Travel Tips

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What was the WEAC-Fox Valley Travel Committee has met for the past nine years. Committee membership is open to all active and retired members. During the year, we will be meeting at Appleton's Mary's North (Richmond St. off 41) the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. As the years have gone by, this group has also discussed topics of interest such as WEA-Trust / Benefits, Wisconsin Retirement System (fixed and variable), Medicare, Medicare supplements, investment tips, and WEAC.

The *Modern Woodmen of America Newsletter* has an excellent article on purchasing a new and/or used vehicle:

1. Now is an excellent time to get a deal on a new vehicle, because many new models are now being released
2. If going through a dealer, you will find dealers are more willing to negotiate a price at the end of the month or quarter or on the last day of the year.
3. If your vehicle is not working well or you are coming to the end of a lease agreement, you will have less flexibility on the purchase price.
4. Many experts agree that it is best to avoid negotiating on weekends when dealers are the busiest. Mondays and towards the end of the day are the best times, because sales people are less inclined to spend time haggling.
5. You may get an excellent bargain if the new vehicle is from the previous model year – especially if the newer model has undergone substantial changes.
6. Best time to buy is after you have done comparison-shopping online and in-person at the dealership.
7. Always remember that your budget ultimately determines what you afford and what features are critical to your decision.

Money magazine listed six ways to save travel money:

1. Momondo is the best place to find the cheapest airfare. Skyscanner came in second. Frommer's site also mentioned that [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com/) came out on top for travelers looking for city-centered spots under \$200 a night.
2. It is a waste of money to purchase business class or first class, as you are only in the air a couple of hours.
3. If you do not want to be a slave to your suitcase, bring only carry-on luggage.
4. Find the lowest ticket prices on weekends and purchased more than 21 days in advance.
5. Sightseeing is what you are there to do on vacations. Do not be too quick to rule out a sight/adventure because of the fee.
6. A study published in the journal *Applied Research in Quality of Life* showed that people were happier when planning and anticipating a trip than actually on it.