

**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 meet 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.

Every day there seems to be a new phone scam making the rounds. One of the latest is getting unsolicited calls where, after a brief introduction, the caller asks, "Can you hear me?" When the person answers "yes," that reply is recorded and could be used to authorize unwanted changes on bills or a stolen credit card. The Better Business Bureau says the scam could also work by asking other yes-or-no questions such as: Are you the homeowner? Are you over 18? Do you have a home computer?

To prevent this and other phone scams:

1. Do not answer calls from numbers you do not recognize.
2. If you do answer, do not reply to any questions that seem to be fishing for a quick "yes" or "no" answer.
3. If you did say "yes," keep an eye on your accounts for any unauthorized charges.
4. Never give out personal information if you do not know the caller. This applies to all unsolicited phone calls.

*Travel + Leisure* magazine had a great article about how to "maximize your road trip."

1. According to AAA, most breakdowns can be prevented by having your car serviced before you head out – about a week or so in advance.
2. While a growing number of new cars come with inflation kits, most no longer have a spare tire. You may want to consider investing in a spare tire kit, which includes a tire, jack, and lug wrench.
3. Pack an emergency kit that has distilled water, a battery charger, a first-aid kit, jumper cables, and flares or reflectors.
4. Bring an extra battery for your key fob. According to the AAA "you'd be surprised at how many car keys die when people are on the road, leaving them locked out of their cars."
5. If you are traveling on a major interstate highway, use the iExit app to get the lowdown on amenities at upcoming exits, including gas stations, grocery stores, hotels, hospitals, as well as local attractions (*iexitapp.com*).
6. Have a reusable glass or stainless-steel water bottle for each person in the car and refill it along the way. Dehydration can lead to headaches and crankiness.