

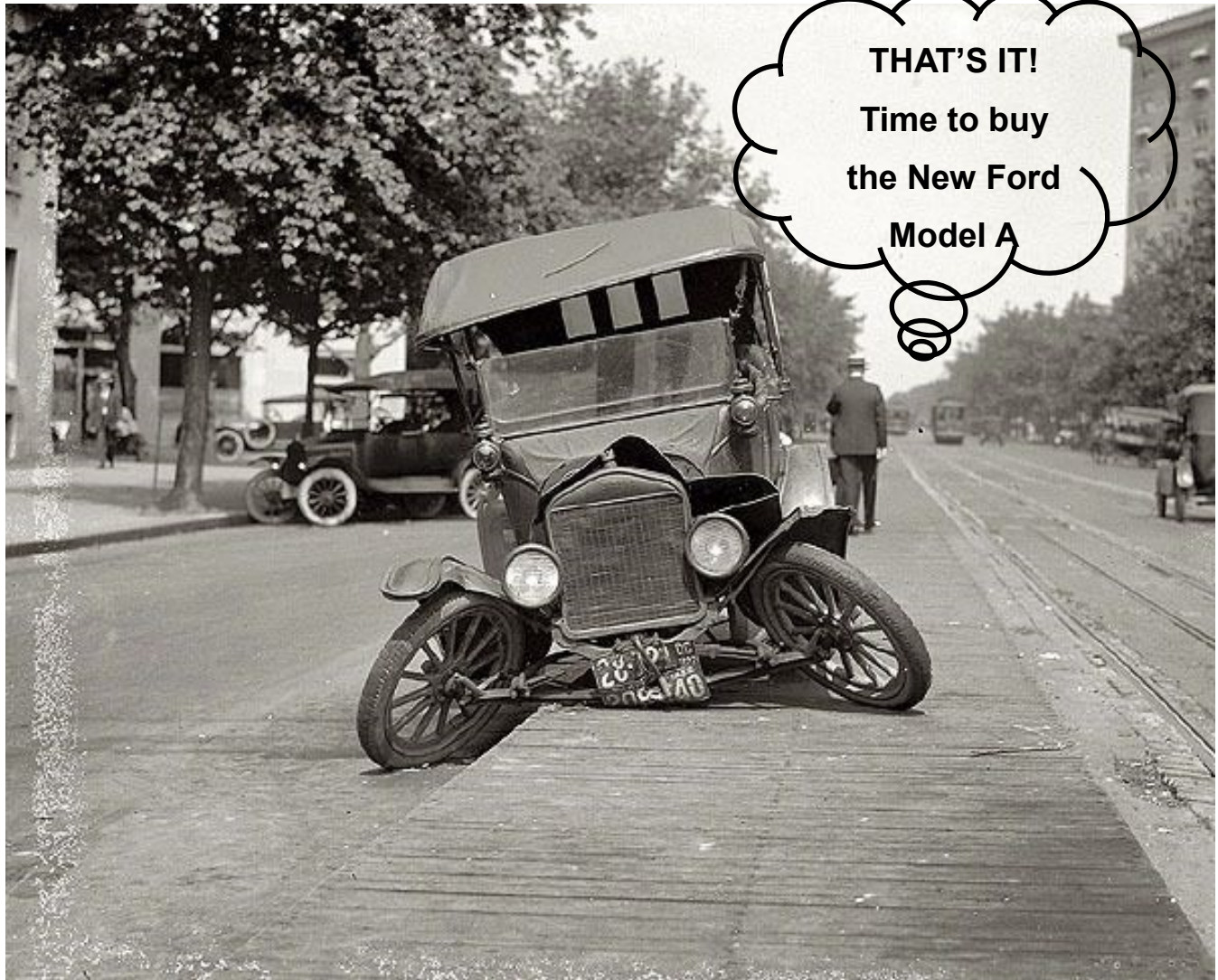


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Club Mission Statement

It is the intent of the Wisconsin Chapter to serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information, and materials for admirers of the Model A Ford and Model A era fashions; to help those admirers become better acquainted; and to maintain among its members the spirit of good fellowship and sociality through sponsored activities including the use of the Model A and family participation.

Advanced Timing Events for 2023	
Feb. 12	1:30 p.m. Indoor meeting - Karen Schmiechen Laura Ingalls Wilder re-enactor visit
March 12	1:30 p.m. Indoor meeting - Mark Ackermann - History of WI filling stations
April	Outdoor - Host Needed
May	Outdoor - Host Needed
June 17	Tour of the John Deere Historic Site - Hostess Chloe Rozman
July 4	Greendale 4th of July parade - Dave & Linda Huenink
July 28-30	61st WI Rapids Model A Reunion-
August	Annual Picnic - Chris & Kate Rozman
September 17	Tour- The Hueninks
October	Outdoor - Host Needed
November	1:30 p.m. Indoor meeting - Host Needed
December	Waukesha Christmas Parade - Dave & Linda Huenink
December	Christmas Party - Sue Quam

**Remember All Indoor Meetings Will Be At:
Greenfield Park Lutheran Church
1236 S. 115th Street
West Allis, Wisconsin, 53214**

February Meeting, February 12th, 2023

Guest Performer



Jessica Michna will be our guest speaker at our February meeting. After a career in teaching and healthcare, Ms. Michna turned to her first loves, American history and teaching. As a result she began her business called "First Impressions." For the past 20 years she has used her acting and teaching skills to recreate notable women of history. Jessica can portray Presidential First Ladies and twelve notable women. She has also released a woman's suffrage program and received the Presidential Service Center's Distinguished Service Award. At our February meeting

Ms. Michna will portray Laura Ingalls Wilder for us.

You may know Laura Ingalls Wilder from the long running TV show in the '70's and '80's called Little House on the Prairie. Or perhaps you know about her life by reading the book by the same title or "Little House in the Big Woods," or "On the Banks of Plum Creek." We look forward to Ms. Michna's portrayal of this acclaimed woman and her warm, simple but picturesque, life.

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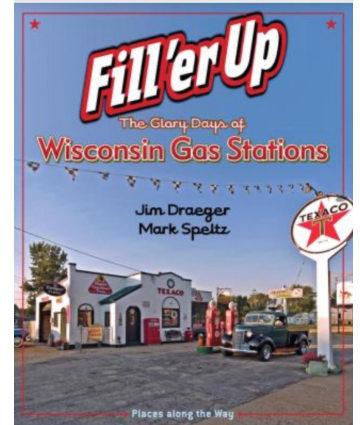
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MARCH 12, 1:30 P.M.
INDOOR MEETING
“FILL’ER UP”

Host Mark Ackermann

Join Historian Jim Draeger and step back in time when a visit to a gas station meant service with a smile, a wash of the windshield and the famous question, “Fill’er Up?” Our presentation will feature the Glory Days of Wisconsin Gas Stations.




SUNSHINE REPORT


Nothing to Report.

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Swap Meet Helpers Needed

Looking to do something on February 26th? Come join us at Washington County fairgrounds for the 56th annual swap meet and lend a hand. Various jobs need filling and we can use your help. Contact Dennis Cooper at 262-366-4488 to sign up.

Please leave a message if I don't answer my phone.



As of January 1, 2024 the monthly newsletter and the roster will be delivered by email only. With the cost of printing and the continued rising cost of postage, the member dues no longer cover the cost of the newsletter. The club has been absorbing the costs and the board has decided to make the change to all email. Please make sure the secretary has your correct email address. The newsletter can also be looked at and printed from the website, as well as they roster under "members only section".





Greenfield Park Church collects non-perishable food for the West Allis Food Panty. If attending the next club meeting feel free to bring along a donation.

2023 MODEL A FORD - DRIFTLESS OVERNIGHTER

May 19th thru May 22nd

We will be discovering and touring the natural beauty that is the Driftless region of Wisconsin located at the southwest area of the state. The Driftless region is the area of the state that was never covered in ice during the last ice age. The area features a steep rugged landscape, scenic outlooks and the largest concentration of cold water streams found in the world.....in other words great Model A Ford touring!



We will be departing on the morning of Friday May 19th and arriving home Monday May 22nd in the afternoon. More details will follow in up coming issues of the Wheeling the A.

I recommend making your room reservation ASAP for best room selection. We will be staying 3 nights at the Americinn by Wyndham in Boscobel Wisconsin. If you have physical difficulties with stairs (no elevator), please tell the desk clerk you need a first floor room.

For room reservations call 1-608-375-8000. tell the desk clerk you are with the "Model A Ford Club Group". The cost will be \$109.99 per night plus applicable taxes.

The motel includes an indoor pool and whirlpool, fitness center, free breakfast, free WiFi and more.

You're co-chairpersons are: Dave and Carol Rozman (414-333-9705) or drozman1@wi.rr.com , Eddie and Lorrain Schultz, Mike and Sandy Yokofich and Jan Olsen.

We hope to see you there!

Notes from the President...

Hello Everyone,

Well it sure was a sweet start to the New Year with our January custard social. Thank you to Leon's Custard for supplying all the ingredients for a great start to the year. We have two more indoor events scheduled before the cars come out and the touring season starts again. There are still a few months available during the summer if you're interested in running an event, if so contact Mark Ackermann.

At the January board meeting we discussed the rising costs associated with the club newsletter, and the board has decided to move the club forward and effective January 1, 2024 the newsletter will be delivered via email to all members. As always it will still be available on the club website www.wichaptermafca.com where it can be viewed, downloaded and printed should you choose to do that.

I will not be at the February meeting as Sue & I will be snowbirds for the month. That's all for this month see you in March.

-Mike



MAFCA Wisconsin Chapter General Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2023



Board Members Present: Mike Quam, Dave Huenink, Karen Schmiechen, Robert Strutzen, Tony Koconis, Steve Lewis, Mark Ackermann

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M.

President – Mike -The club received a reciprocating newsletter from the Badger A's. There were also several new members present.

Vice President – Karen – Nothing to report. The new member packets were sent out.

Secretary – Dave – A motion was made by Linda Huenink and seconded by Dave Boucher to accept the December 13th, 2022, meeting minutes as written. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried. One hundred thirty-four members have renewed their membership for 2023. Thirty-three have not.

Treasurer – Steve – A report of the revenue and expenses from last month was given. A motion was made by Steve Gapko and seconded by Ed Schultz to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried. Vicki Cooper turned in income. Steve asked for volunteers to do the financial audit at the March indoor meeting. Jan Olsen and Eli Gapko volunteered.

Indoor– Robert – There are hosts for the indoor meetings for 2023. Sue Quam is hosting the Christmas party December 10th, 2023.

Outdoor – Mark – Hosts are needed for April, July and October outdoor touring season.

Sunshine – Tony – Nothing to report.

Old Business – The swap meet has seventy-seven vendor spots available. It was discussed having the bicycle vendors moving into the main

building from the second building to utilize the empty spots. Vicki will check and see if we can cancel the use of the second building and get a refund on the unused space.

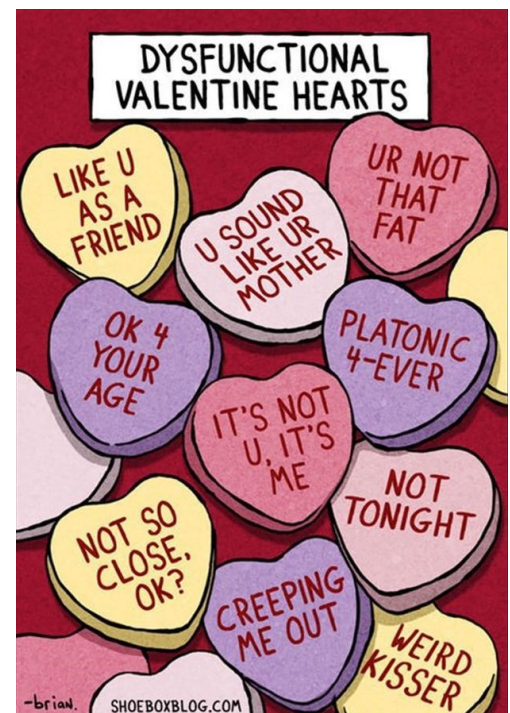
New Business – As of January 2024, the club newsletter and roster will be sent to the membership electronically and not through the postal service. The club is subsidizing the mailing of the newsletter at a cost of \$451.00 annually. Dave Rozman and Ed Schultz will be hosting the overnighter in May. More details will be coming.

A motion was made by Dave Boucher and seconded by Dennis Cooper to adjourn the meeting. The motion was put to a vote, and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 12th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Huenink
MAFCA – Wisconsin Chapter Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the membership.



2023 Wisconsin Rapids Model A Reunion Registration

July 28th, 29th, 30th

Name: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address _____

<p>Member of which Model A Club?</p> <p>____ Central Wisconsin MARC/MAFCA</p> <p>____ Nickle A Region MARC</p> <p>____ Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA</p> <p>____ Wisconsin Region MARC</p> <p>____ No Club/Other</p> <p>(if other, please write club's name below)</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Family*:Adults____ Children:____</p> <p>Guests**:Adults____ Children:____</p> <p>Are you Camping: YES or NO</p> <p> If YES, do you need electric? YES or NO</p> <p><small>*Your immediate family is your spouse and unmarried children who live with you.</small></p> <p><small>**A Guest is anyone who is not an immediate member of your family, which includes married children.</small></p> <p><small>Guests must be registered with a Registered Participant.</small></p>
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Member of a participating club cannot register as a Guest.

Participation Ribbons will be issued upon finalizing registration at the registration table. It must be worn at ALL times to enjoy the free drinks and meals over the weekend. We also ask that you wear your club's name badge!

Pre-Register by July 1st for only \$10 and save \$5 on the weekend!!!

- Club Member:** Family and one Model A For participants not pre-registered.....\$45
- Each additional Model A\$10
- Non-Club Member:** Family and one Model A For participants not pre-registered.....\$50
- Each additional Model A.....\$10
- Guest Fees:** Each Adult, 21 and older.....\$20
- Each Child, ages 6-20.....\$15
- Children under 5 are free, but must be registered
- Camping fees** per site: \$20/weekend Use of additional campsites will be charged per site.....\$20
- Electric hookup:**.....\$20
- Day Pass:**.....\$15

This is the cost for a day pass for one person. Early registration discount does not apply towards Day Passes. Day Pass registrants are not able to participate in the Hubley Derby, Car Games, Kids Games, Rolling Pin Toss and any other award issuing events

<p>Send pre-registration form and \$10 fee by July 1st</p> <p>Laura Smith N114W15447 Gettysburg Dr Germantown, WI 53022 reunionreg2831@gmail.com</p> <p>Checks can be made out to Laura Smith or Electronic payments can be sent via PayPal or Venmo to reunionreg2831@gmail.com (use friends and family option to avoid additional charges)</p>

'A' Look Back to a Love of a Different Kind



Us guys (and gals), us members, -- the Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA,-- we pride ourselves on keeping our cars as original as possible. We spit-shine our cars, and talk about the original motor and the spoke-wheeled tires. We want nothing to do with the souped up versions of the Old Gal. Ah, but we forget that we have replaced the reflective glass with current shatter-proof glass. We have added overdrive so it climbs the hills with less chugging, added directional lights, outside mirrors, and remodeled the insides for more comfortable seats. But it is still "original."

The below article takes a look at the love of making an 'A' into a "gow job." A love of a different kind. From the November 18, 2021 New York Times by Paul Stenquist (edited for space):

Dominic Palazzolo occasionally shows up at car shows and cruise-ins, but he's far from a typical enthusiast. The hopped-up 1930 Ford Model A he drives is a "gow job," a hot rod from before the term "hot rod" was coined: a car built almost exclusively with 1930s mechanical components, yet capable of besting a lot of modern automobiles at a stoplight.



Dominic Palazzolo's car

"Gow" was once a term for opium, which was used to improve the performance of racehorses in the early 20th century. Thus, in 1930 — long before hot rodding went mainstream after World War II — a hopped-up car was a gow job. Roughly 20 years later, automotive enthusiasts would coin the word "hot rod." But the seeds of America's high-performance hobby were planted on the dry lake beds of California in the late 1920s.

What made our grandfathers want to soup up their

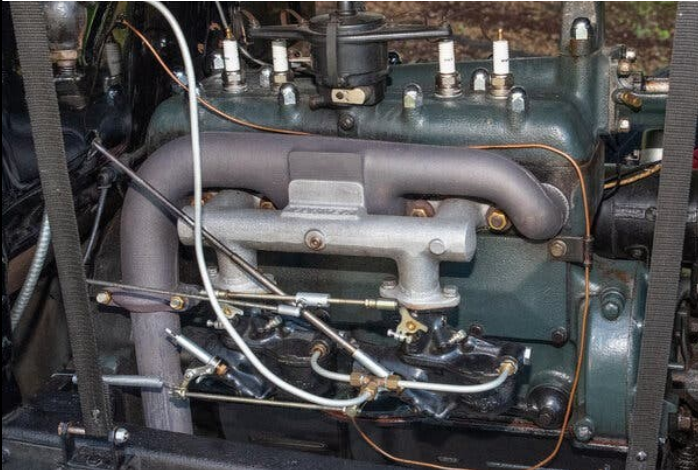
cars? History suggests that we humans have always wanted to know whose machine was fastest. We're wired to compete. Chariot racing became a part of the ancient Olympic Games in 680 B.C. Neighbors in horse-drawn carriages have challenged one another since their buggies first ruled the road. Less than 10 years after the first automobile rumbled to life in 1886, rudimentary cars were raced on two continents. Some of America's earliest informal auto-racing events took place at Muroc Dry Lake in California in the 1920s. The vast expanse of the lake bed allowed ample room for acceleration. (A fact not lost on the U.S. military, which sited what is now Edwards Air Force Base at Muroc in 1938.) But in the years preceding the military takeover, many young daredevils pushed their Ford Model T's and Model A's to speeds they were never meant to achieve on the lakebed's hard, sunbaked surface. Most of the cars were stripped of unnecessary parts like fenders and interior trim to reduce their weight, and the engines were modified to produce quite a bit more horsepower than Henry Ford had endowed them with.

Many of the early entries were Ford Model T's, but when the Detroit automaker introduced the Model A for the 1928 model year, those with a taste for speed recognized its potential. One of the earliest dry lake events for which records exist was held in 1931. The winner was Ike Trone, driving a 1929 Model A roadster that had been fitted with a Riley cylinder head and various other performance parts bought from nascent garage-based entrepreneurs who would eventually become part of a huge California automotive performance industry.

It was that type of machine — a throwback Model A Lakester — that Mr. Palazzolo, 65, acquired when he bought a 1930 Model A from Keith and Judy Allen. The car had been modified the old-school way by the Allens. Both Allens are purists, devotees of traditional hot rodding.

When the Allens built the car half a dozen years ago or so, it was a masterpiece of the scavenging art: Find the parts here, there and everywhere, make them whole again and assemble a car from the ground up.

Mr. Allen found some pristine Model A body parts in a garage in the Irish Hills area of Michigan and took them to a prewar Ford sheet metal expert who assembled them using original Model A rivets.



A hot “banger” as in four-banger. The Model A engine features a hot cam, twin carbs, a shaved head, increased displacement and more -- enough to take a Model A to about 80 mph.

A chassis, bought separately, was fitted with rebuilt but original equipment: brakes, steering and drivetrain parts, along with a used but serviceable Model A engine. Mrs. Allen, who works shoulder to shoulder with her husband, found a set of somewhat wider 1935-style tires at a swap meet, and she mounted them on Ford wheels of the same vintage — just as prewar enthusiasts would have done. The Allens drove the car for a while but blew the worn engine.

The couple saw that as an opportunity to fit the car with the kind of “banger” engine that a modified Model A of the mid-30s — one of the cars that first raced on the dry lakes — might have had.

The 3.3-liter engine as delivered from the Ford factory puts out about 40 horsepower. To give it considerably more punch, Mr. Allen applied age-old engine modifications, including increasing the engine’s compression ratio and its displacement. Both were achieved by machining engine parts. The single carburetor and intake manifold that Henry Ford had specified for his engine were replaced with two carburetors on an aftermarket-supplied intake manifold that is an exact reproduction of those available in the 1930s. To help the engine draw in air and expel exhaust more efficiently, a camshaft with a bit more lift and duration was assigned the task of opening and closing the engine’s valves. All parts were available to 1930s enthusiasts. The transmission and rear end were rebuilt using Model A

parts. Thus, the transmission is without the synchronizers that smooth gearshifts in modern manual transmissions, so operating it requires practice and skill.

So when Mr. Palazzolo bought the car it was agreed it would never be equipped with a V-8 and no changes to its configuration. He revamped the interior with seats from a Model A Tudor sedan. Model A roadsters were originally equipped with a bench seat, but Mr. Palazzolo preferred the individual seats of the Tudor. Today, most would call them bucket seats, but in the ’30s they were known as jump seats, because to move from one seat to the other, a jump of sorts was required.

Mr. Palazzolo added a folding canvas top, which would have been considered an unnecessary luxury by Jazz Age Model A racers, but it shields the driver and passenger a bit when the weather gets nasty. Lakester racers who owned a top undoubtedly would have removed it for speed runs, as extra weight and aerodynamic impediments were a liability when maximum speed was the goal.

Mr. Palazzolo has had the car up to 70 miles an hour on rare occasions and says it’s probably capable of 80 or more, but the narrow bias-ply tires deliver a less-than-reassuring ride at high speed. The dry-lake racers were daredevils, but Mr. Palazzolo doesn’t see himself in that role. However, he is a longtime automotive enthusiast with mechanical skills who enjoys working on the car as needed, and he considers himself a grateful student of the Allens.

“I think of Keith as my stepbrother,” he said. “My wife, Dody, and I are good friends of Keith and Judy Allen and spend a lot of time with them. Their respect for history and tradition made me want to own, wrench and drive this car. I love it. It’s different. It’s something few others have.”

A Hot Rod Before Its Time: Ford’s Model A, With a Boost - The New York Times ([nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com))

We are historically, Bob and Karen Schmiechen

CUSTARD SOCIAL

January 15th was our famous Custard aka Ice Cream Social. I'd like to say "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped me put on the 2023 Custard Social. Especially Deb Lewis for all her help, Leon's Frozen Custard for providing our delicious treat, and everyone else who helped me out with set up, serving custard, and teardown.

We had a healthy official attendance of 55 people this year and a wonderful time socializing over sundaes and banana splits"

- Robert Sturtzen



Bobby and dad Robert Sturtzen





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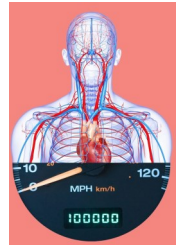
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INTERESTING FACTS:

If a child's entire circulatory system—we're talking veins, arteries, and capillaries—were laid out flat, it would stretch for more than 60,000 miles, according to the Franklin Institute. By the time we reach adulthood, our bodies have become home to approximately 100,000 miles of blood vessels.



Turns out, there's quite a bit of gold on—or, really, in—our planet: 99 percent of the precious metal can be found in the Earth's core, Discover Magazine reports. How much is there? Enough to coat the entire surface of the Earth in 1.5 feet of gold.

There's only one letter that doesn't appear in any U.S. state name. Can you guess the answer to this random fun fact? You'll find a Z (Arizona), a J (New Jersey), and even two X's (New Mexico and Texas)—but not a single Q.

Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves. Teeth are coated in enamel which is not a living tissue.

Wisconsin Chapter Model A Ford Club of America

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- Dues paid only include membership in the Wisconsin Chapter MAFCA until the end of the current calendar year.

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