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Covering McLeod, southern Wright, western Carver, and eastern Meeker counties
Weber’s lifelong ‘tinkering’ came in handy with his Model T

By Julie Yurek

When Charles Weber of Winsted brought home his latest purchase seven years ago, his wife, Rosemary, was not angry in the least, considering it was an unplanned buy.

The purchase was a 1921 Ford Model T, which Weber bought at an auction at Fred Radde and Sons in New Germany earlier that day.

Weber and his son, Mike, went to the auction to look at a tractor and loader, Weber said.

But when that black Model T was rolled out, Weber knew he wanted it. However, he figured it would go for a lot of money.

He threw in a bid, and only one other man bid against him, allowing Weber to purchase the truck for well below what he thought it would go for, he said.

The truck wasn’t listed on the auction list advertisement, so that’s probably why there weren’t more bidders present, he said.

“Rosemary liked it right away – it ran, which helped,” Weber said. “It ran beautifully. We fell in love with it.”

For three years, Weber, his sons, and some of his brothers worked on restoring the truck until it was finished.

Weber has always had a “thing” for anything mechanical, he said. He likes to tinker with things, he added.

“I’ve always done my own repairs,” he said.

Today, the Webers drive in the Winsted Festival Parade in Augusta and can be seen tootling around the countryside or to church in the Model T during good weather.

The four-cylinder, 20 horsepower semi-automatic Model T only goes about 25-miles-per-hour, so they probably won’t be traveling on any highways anytime soon.

Although the engine was in great shape when Weber bought it, it was a different story with the body. When Weber took out the bench seat in the cab, the whole cab leaned over. Termites had “done a number” to the wooden frame, Weber said. The seat acted as a brace.

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Weber started the restoration by stripping the truck down to the frame, cleaning and wire brushing the remaining usable parts, repainting the frame, building a new firewall out of plywood, rebuilding the cab, putting in an exhaust and mufflers, installing windows, upholstering and finishing the inside of the cab, and rebuilding the box.

The box required a lot of labor. The wood had to be planed, tongued, grooved, and sanded. When it was all done, it took all five of Weber’s sons to put the box on the truck, he said.

The original box was an enclosed grain box, but the Webers wanted it open with the intent of driving it in parades, Weber said.

Finding some of the parts was a scavenger hunt. It took a year to find the right size tires, however, part of that time commitment was due to the way the tires are sized.

It says “33 inches by five” on the tire. Weber thought that the size of the rim was $33 \times 5$, he said.

It turned out that 33 was the length of the tire from top to bottom, and to figure out the rim size, five inches needed to be subtracted from both the top and bottom, leaving a rim size of 23 inches.

Another part that forced Weber to get creative was the brake shoes. He took a 1963 brake shoe and narrowed it down a quarter inch. “It fit perfectly,” he said.

Weber had difficulty finding an original starter and generator for the truck, but his search ended with a fellow in Young America who’s hobby is Model Ts, Weber said.
A man from Howard Lake painted the license plate, which turned out to be a more difficult project than was intended. It was very hard to mix the right blue. Finally, upon Weber’s suggestion, a little silver was added and the original blue was created.

He also replaced the windows with safety glass, and the upholstery was done by a lady near Hutchinson.

The few items that Weber changed from the original, besides the glass and upholstery, was the dashboard. The original dash was “crude looking,” he said. Instead, Weber made a curved dash to give it a nicer look.

To make the wood bend, he put it into boiling water and formed it after he took it out of the water. “It was a challenge, but not hard to do. It took time,” Weber said.

The cab is made almost entirely of wood, except the door panel, which is metal, he said.

Although Weber tried to keep the vehicle as original as possible, he did differ from the original paint scheme when it came time to paint the truck. He kept the engine and cab black, but decided to leave the box and a panel on each side of the cab wood.

His brother, Mark, who lives near Belgrade, painted the truck. “I don’t know how he does it,” Weber said about his brother.

Mark is a perfectionist when it comes to autobody painting, Weber said. He did a great job, he added.

Weber may also replace the writing that was on the doors of the cab when he bought it, “Valley City Produce.”

Weber kept the kerosene lights on the truck, giving it a nostalgic feel. He’s never used them. The truck also has electric lights.

Even though there are hours and hours of labor invested into the truck, it was enjoyable, Weber said.
After the Fire

Balow’s is rebuilding out of the ashes

By Troy Feltmann

After a devastating fire in February, Balow’s Highway 7 Auto Salvage of Lester Prairie is nearly back to business as usual.

The fire started when a spark from a torch got into the back seat of a mini van. The fire quickly spread, destroying the shop and office.

Jeff and Terri Balow have owned the auto salvage yard since December 1996. The yard has been there since 1973.

How it has been going since the fire?

“Stressful! Yeah! Very stressful! Trying to run a business and putting together a new building has been very stressful for Terri and I. This is some-

Jeff and Terri Balow, owners of Balow’s Highway 7 Auto Salvage, have owned the yard since 1996.

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thing I hope I never have to go through again,” Jeff Balow said.

There was never any doubt that the business was going to re-open after the fire.

“After the initial shock, it was pretty amazing how fast we got back up and running,” he said. “We got the computers running and the phones switched over into the new location so we could serve our customers again.”

“There are a lot of people who rely on us. We never had any thoughts of folding. If it happens again, you might find a race track in this location,” Balow joked.

The Balows originally worked for Hollander Yard Management Systems selling and installing inventory control systems to salvage yards.

The Hollander system is the same one used for inventory at Balows.

“When Terri and I started a family, it was time for me to get off the road. We found the business out here in Lester Prairie,” Balow said.

“We sell used, rebuilt, new parts. We do some service work, but not a lot. We sell a lot of new and used tires,” Balow said.

Balow’s recently received its dealer’s license for selling used cars.

“We buy repairables. We fix and sell the car or we sell the repairable outright. We also sell used cars,” Balow said.

If Balow’s doesn’t have the part needed, it can locate the part in minutes on its locating service network. Balow’s is connected to 3,500 other salvage yards.

“We can find just about anything our customer’s need,” Balow said.

Balow’s has more than 1,000 cars in inventory to get parts from.

Tires are the biggest seller at Balow’s.

“We sell a lot of the maintenance parts – starters, alternators, drive axles master cylinders. Those are the most popular parts,” Balow said.

Price is the biggest reason for buying used parts.

“You will find that a lot of starters and alternators you buy from us are rebuilt. The part will have a remanufactured sticker on the it. You are getting a remanufactured part for a used price,” Balow said.

Balow’s offers a 60-day warranty on all the parts it sells.

“You get a warranty when you buy new parts and you get a warranty when you buy used parts at Balow’s. If there is a problem with a part and we don’t have one, we will locate another one,” Balow said.

The Balows are members of the Minnesota Auto Recyclers. They recycle antifreeze, utilize the oil they drain from cars to heat their shop, and are also certified to recycled freon.

Balow’s sponsor a half dozen racers at Raceway Park in Shakopee.

“We give them half price on parts and in return they put our name on the car,” Balow said.

“I also race my own car at Raceway Park. I run in the Euduro class,” Balow said.

If you want to do an inventory search, check out www.balowshwy7auto.com.

After a hard and stressful year, the Balows are just about finished with the new building. The building should be ready soon. ■
Machemehls enjoy ‘Jeepster’

By Ryan Gueningsman

The Jeepster was only made from 1948 to 1950, and there are about 450 left in circulation. Ralph and Donna Machemehl of Lester Prairie own one of those.

Jeep made the vehicles after World War II, and according to Ralph, “no two were made alike. They just used extra parts off the shelf.”

During that era, Jeep thought that was “the way to go,” when it came to making cars for the future,” he said. “Ford came out with a better overall car, and the Jeepster concept wasn’t acceptable anymore.”

The Machemehls bought their Jeepster from Reggie (Hausie) Hausladen’s widow Helen in 1992. Up until that point, the Hausladens had put 1,200 miles on it in 30 years.

There are now about 62,000 total miles on the vehicle now, Ralph said.

“That car has been in Lester Prairie since 1962,” Ralph said.

One of the main differences between a Jeepster and other cars of the era are the windows, which sit in place, rather than roll up and down. Ralph still has the original case for his windows.

When the vehicle gets to 30 miles per hour, it shifts into another gear that lowers the RPMs.

Members of the Jeepster Association

In addition to owning their Jeepster, Ralph and Donna are also members of the Jeepster Association.

“We’ve been members for quite awhile, but we went to our first rally this spring,” Donna said. The rally took place in Nebraska.

People came with their Jeepsters from all across the country. Not all members of the association bring their cars to the rally; some just come to look at other people’s cars and enjoy the fellowship.

The Machemehls put their Jeepster in a trailer and drove it down there with their truck, rather than driving the Jeepster the whole way down to Nebraska.

“Before the rally, it had never been driven more than 20 miles to Hutch,” Ralph said. The trip to Nebraska was also the first time that the Jeepster was out in the rain.

“We were visiting Pioneer Village, and were on the way back. We got about five miles out and it started pouring,” Ralph said. “We quick stopped and put the top on. It wasn’t too bad, but it did get wet.”

While at the rally, the group also took a tour of a Case and Holland plant and visited the first Cabela’s store.

“It’s not a young group either,” Ralph said. “People don’t always have time for these things.”

The next Jeepster rally was Sept. 19 through 21, but the Machemehls were unable to attend because they were in Germany at the time.

Ralph and Donna Machemehl pose with fellow Jeepster owners Janet and Jack Witkowski and Nancy and Curt Robinson, who are also from Minnesota.

Photo by Ryan Gueningsman
Ralph and Donna have also asked to sponsor a rally here in Minnesota, but the rallies are booked through 2006.

**It’s a true original**

It wasn’t until the couple was at the rally that they realized how “original” their Jeepster was.

“The motor has been overhauled, but the top, seats, and even the floor mats are original,” he said.

There is one panel by the driver’s door that looks like it had been replaced at some point, Ralph said.

While in the Machemehls’ possession, the couple has used the Jeepster primarily for parades in connection with the business they operated and for country driving. Ralph and Donna owned and operated the Mobile Station in Lester Prairie for 28 years.

“It’s a lot of fun and a great conversation piece,” Ralph said.

While at the rally, Ralph and Donna met a man who had traveled the famed Route 66, as well as taken a road trip all the way up to Alaska.

“So that’s what we’re going to do too,” Donna said with a smile.

“Not with the one that I’ve got,” Ralph said back with a laugh.

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Ralph Machemehl polishes his 1950 Jeepster at his home in Lester Prairie.

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Howard Lake business owner gives attention to detail

By Julie Yurek

Mark Wurzburger sees every little thing.

He sees the stain under the seat, the hair on the ceiling, and the grime on the engine. It’s all part of the business – the auto detailing business in Howard Lake, that is.

Wurzburger is the owner of Mark Wurzburger’s Auto Detailing located along Highway 12. The business opened in August.

Wurzburger has 10 years of experience in the auto detailing industry, before opening his shop on Highway 12 in Howard Lake. Previously, he worked at Country Chevrolet in Annandale, where he lives.

Wurzburger is not only the owner, he is also the sole staff. He does plan on eventually hiring employees, he said.

Business is good. Summer and fall are the busier times of the year, but he has year round business.

He details cars, trucks, sport utility vehicles, boats, snowmobiles, motorcycles, and classic cars.

His detailing business is the cleaning of vehicles, not adding pinstriping, he said.

When a vehicle is detailed, it means Wurzburger washes the whole vehicle, waxes and buffs it, vacuums and shampoos the interior, washes the tires and rims, and cleans the engine. He also cleans leather seats.

To get better access, Wurzburger may also take out the seats, he said.

There is no limit to the age or make of vehicles that he will clean, he said.

He can detail between two and three vehicles a day, depending on the size, he said.

The cost starts at $99.95 for a car and goes up, Wurzburger said.

He does charge more for tar and excessive animal hair removal. It is nearly impossible to get all cat or dog hair out if there is an abundance of it, which he explains to the owner before he starts a job. If it’s a small amount of hair, Wurzburger may not charge more, he said.

He has cleaned some grimy cars in his time.

He must take precautions to ensure the safety of his own health. He wears gloves to clean under the seat because he has found items that can cut or stick him, he said.

He has also detailed vehicles that had a person die in them, from a heart attack for example, he added.

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"Just A Little Over Cost"
Winsted state trooper gives out more than 3,000 traffic tickets

By Ryan Gueningsman

Minnesota State Trooper Alan Thompson of Winsted handed out about 3,200 tickets in 2001 – the most citations of all Minnesota State Troopers. That does not mean that he doesn’t give out warnings as well.

“They say they want us to go out there and do our job, and that’s what I do,” Thompson said.

Thompson has been a Minnesota State Trooper since 1999. He works Carver and Scott counties, and his primary role is traffic enforcement and taking accident reports.

Before becoming a trooper, Thompson worked as a Renville County Sheriff’s deputy for eight years.

Not sure what he wanted to do

Thompson graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1978, and following graduation, he said he “still wasn’t sure what I wanted to do.”

He worked at Lester’s Inc. and Jerry’s Transmission in Lester Prairie.

“I joined the fire department while working at Jerry’s,” Thompson said. “I realized that work interested me.”

He began taking classes at Normandale, took his skills training at Alexandria Technical College, and became a licensed peace officer in Minnesota.

While still in college, Thompson knew the officers who worked in Winsted and Lester Prairie, and joined both of those departments part time.

Upon his graduation, he took a job in Renville County – where he went on to work for eight years as a sheriff’s deputy. While at Renville, he handled calls that are common to police departments here – domestics, driving complaints etc. Traffic enforcement took second string.

“Renville County was tenth in the nation for population/miles traveled and fatalities,” Thompson said. “By the time I left, we were off of the top 100. That shows you that working traffic does affect that fatality rate.”

Realizing that he liked dealing with the traffic enforcement aspect of the job rather than handling other calls, Thompson tested for the Minnesota State Patrol in 1999.

After enduring 16 weeks of military boot camp style training, learning Minnesota state statutes, defense techniques, and squad car driving, Thompson made the cut.

He was assigned to patrol Carver and Scott counties. At that time, Thompson and his family moved back to their hometown of Winsted. His wife Debra is an emergency medical technician for Ridgeview, his son Scott works for the FBI in Chicago, and his daughter Katie is in college. His parents are Roger and Diana Thompson, who both work in Winsted.

Since going on duty with the state patrol, a majority of the tickets Thompson hands out are for speeding, as well as seat belt violations. A big pet peeve of his is people not wearing seat belts.

“It was early spring on Highway 169, and there was a F-350 thinking it was invincible,” Thompson said. “It got loose, rolled over, and the people that were in it were laying on 169. The passenger compartment was intact. They would have survived that crash if they had seat belts on.

“I’ve seen a lot of crashes where if people would have had their seat belts on, they would have survived.”

A low percentage of rollover crashes involve a high percentage of fatalities, Thompson said.

Excuses, excuses

In his years of being an officer, Thompson figures that he has heard about every excuse in the book for speeding and not wearing seat belts. During the day that the Herald Journal rode with him, several notable ones were heard, including:

• “I always set my cruise at 65.” This was heard in a 55 miles per hour zone.

• “That cigarette is biodegradable.” This was heard after a woman dropped a cigarette out of her window upon being pulled over. She was issued a citation for littering.

• “Now, most of the excuses go in one ear and one the other,” Thompson said.

Within the patrol

In the Minnesota State Patrol, there are various special assignments or trainings that one can receive.

The unit has drug recognition experts (DRE), accident reconstructionists, safety education officers who go to schools and teach in classrooms, an investigative unit, and auto theft unit.

“There are really so many different fields within the state patrol,” Thompson said. “There’s a lot of different branches
and a lot of things you can get into.”

In the trooper’s squad car is a high tech I-mobil program that is used to run license plates, all traffic stops, as well as uses a global positioning system to give dispatch in Roseville an exact location of the car, Thompson said.

A laptop computer is mounted in the car. Also in the squad car is a video/audio camera which records every traffic stop that is made.

“That helps keep us on the straight and level,” he said with a smile.

There are three different types of police vehicles that departments across the state use, Thompson said.

He drives a class C, or unmarked vehicle. There is also class B cars which are fully marked, but do not have the light bar on top of the roof, and there are class A cars, which have the light bars.

There are also specialist vehicles such as sport utility vehicles that accident reconstructionists drive.

Thompson feels that the state patrol is lacking in numbers when it comes to the number of troopers on the roads.

“There was a trooper who just retired,” Thompson said. “He started in 1974, and from then until now, there have been just 17 troopers added in those years.”

Minnesota currently is 47th out of the 49 states that have state patrols as far as the population/trooper ratio. Hawaii is the one state that does not have a state patrol.

“If the state patrol was to add another 200 members, that would bring us up to 42nd,” he said. “We definitely need more numbers.”
Have questions about your auto insurance claim?

From the Minn. Dept. of Commerce

Winter driving in Minnesota has its hazards, and despite using caution and good sense, the best of drivers can end up with a crumpled fender or other auto damage requiring a trip to the repair shop.

When drivers file an insurance claim to help pay for repairs, they often have questions about what is required of them and the insurance company. The Minnesota Department of Commerce, which regulates the state’s insurance industry, responds to requests for information or assistance through the Department’s Consumer Response Team (CRT).

Nancy Link, who heads the CRT, says that among the first questions drivers ask are:

Can I take my car to the repair shop of my choice and must I obtain more than one estimate?

“Your insurance company cannot require you to have your vehicle repaired at a specific shop, but it may require you to obtain more than one estimate,” Link said. “Therefore you can take the car to a shop of your choice, but if you are required to get more than one estimate and the shop of your choice is not the low bidder, you may be responsible for paying the difference.”

Link points out that if the insurance company requires more than two estimates, it must pay for them.

Other questions commonly directed to the CRT, and answers from the Commerce CRT, are provided by Link. They include:

Does my insurance company have the right to inspect my vehicle?

While your insurance company does have a right to inspect your vehicle, it is not required to do so. If your insurer chooses to perform an inspection, it cannot require you to drive your vehicle to one of its “drive-in” claims center or other similar facility solely under control of the insurance company.

The inspection may be performed, however, by one of the company’s “preferred” repair shops. Your insurer can require you to travel a reasonable distance to complete its inspection. If your vehicle can be safely driven, they must complete the inspection within 15 days after you notify them of your claim.
If your vehicle cannot be safely driven, your insurer must inspect the vehicle within five business days after you notify them of the claim.

**Can the repair shop I select adjust its estimates and charges to absorb the deductible required by my insurance company?**

The repair shop cannot change the cost of repairs to help you pay your deductible. Misrepresentation of these facts would constitute fraud.

**Can I have my vehicle repaired with original equipment parts – and will the insurance company pay for them?**

If parts are being replaced on your damaged vehicle, your insurance company is required to pay for original equipment parts, unless you agree to after market parts (parts not made by your vehicle’s manufacturer).

However, your insurance company is only responsible for restoring your vehicle to the way it was before it was damaged. If your vehicle was not new at the time of the loss, the insurer does not have to pay for new original equipment parts.

They must pay for parts of “like kind and quality” (original equipment parts of comparable age and condition). If you request new original equipment parts on an older vehicle, you may have to pay the difference.

**What is the difference between “betterment” and “depreciation?” Can my insurance company reduce my settlement based on either?**

Betterment means that your vehicle is better than it was before it was damaged. Your insurance company may only reduce your settlement if your vehicle’s resale value has increased over what it was before the accident.

Generally, an insurer will deduct the difference between the cost of a used part (appropriate for the age and condition of the vehicle) and the cost of the new part.

Betterment is only considered for major parts such as transmissions, blocks, etc. Items such as fenders and tires do not generally increase the overall resale value of the vehicle enough to merit a betterment reduction.

Depreciation refers to a reduction in your settlement based on the age or use of a part that is to be replaced. Certain parts on your vehicle have a “life expectancy” and your insurance company may take this into consideration.

For example, if a tire on your vehicle is expected to last 60,000 miles, but it was used for 30,000 miles at the time of the accident, your insurance company may elect to pay only 50 percent for a new tire.

**If I do not agree with my insurance company about the amount of damage, is there something I can do?**

Because your insurance company is required (by the terms of your policy) to return your vehicle to the condition it was in before it was damaged, they may offer one of two options:

1. The insurance company may assume all costs to satisfactorily repair your vehicle, including all obvious and hidden damage caused by the claim incident.
2. The insurance company may offer a cash settlement sufficient to pay for the satisfactory repair of your vehicle, including all obvious and hidden damage caused by the claim incident.

**What if I cannot resolve a problem with my insurance company?**

Speak first to the adjuster assigned to your claim, or his or her supervisor. If you still can’t resolve the issue, contact the Department of Commerce CRT.

Call (651) 296-2488 in the Twin Cities area, or toll free 800-657-3602 from elsewhere in Minnesota. The CRT helps consumers with insurance questions and complaints.

If there is a dispute with a company or person licensed by the Department of Commerce, the CRT will attempt to resolve the matter informally.

If the issue cannot be resolved in this way, you may be asked to send a letter to the Department of Commerce in order to begin a formal investigation.

If you disagree with the insurance company about whether they have met their requirements under the law, contact the Department of Commerce. You also may have the ability to pursue action in small claims court or arbitration as outlined in your policy.

**After an accident, will my insurance rates increase, even if the accident was not my fault?**

You will probably pay more for your auto insurance for the next three years. Most insurance companies will “surcharge” your policy – meaning an increase in premium based upon an accident or a traffic violation. The surcharge is imposed as a result of the claim payment and not based on who was at fault. (Read your surcharge disclosure sheet provided with your policy).
See better, drive safer in winter

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You may winterize your car, but do you winterize your windshield? With two simple steps, you can improve your driving visibility in rain and snow, and drive safer in foul weather.

1. Install a new set of wiper blades. If you live in a climate with a great deal of precipitation, consider heavy-duty winter blades designed to prevent snow build-up.

2. Have rain-repellent glass treatment applied to your windshield by your automotive service professional. Today’s advanced glass treatments, such as Aquapel Glass Treatment from PPG Industries, repel rain and snow from auto glass and reduce glare during wet conditions, especially at night.

The result is a clearer view, and that leads to improved response time when it counts. “A vehicle traveling just 40 mph travels the distance of a football field in five seconds, so even one or two seconds of blurred visibility can pose a real danger,” notes Bob Howard, manager of Aquapel Glass Products.

As an added benefit, the treatment eases the removal of snow, sleet, and ice from your windshield, helping to clear the way for safer winter driving. It can be applied quickly and inexpensively at your local fast-lube or automotive service center. One application generally lasts through up to six months of normal driving and car washing.

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How to refinance your auto loan and save big money

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Almost everyone knows that they can save big money by refinancing their home mortgage, but most people don’t realize that they can save hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars by refinancing their auto loan.

If you’re an owner of one of the 50 million new vehicles that have been sold in the last three years with an interest rate greater than 6.5 percent, you’re a prime candidate to refinance your auto loan. Even if you only slightly lower your interest rate, the savings can be substantial.

For example, a typical interest rate in December 2000 was 9.26 percent for a $20,000 auto loan. By refinancing and reducing that interest rate to 6.59 percent, you could save more than $1,500 over the life of the loan.

You can easily determine how much money you may be able to save by using online calculators like the one available at www.eloan.com. With E-LOAN’s calculator, you don’t have to enter any personally identifiable information to get a rate quote.

Unlike many other financial transactions, there’s not a lot of rigamarole associated with the process. You don’t have to worry about dealing with appointments, appraisals or mounds of documents to sign. And the easiest way to do it is online, so you never have to leave your home or office desk. By doing it online, you’ll save yourself time and money, too. In addition to exceptionally low rates, online lenders such as E-LOAN have an application that only takes a few minutes to fill out and they e-mail your approval decision within an hour.

There are no hidden costs or fees with E-LOAN, so you’re never surprised by a list of unexpected charges at the end of the transaction. Since you pay only the cost of the title transfer - usually $30 or less - it’s easier to evaluate the true cost of refinancing and reap the rewards of lower payments for the remaining life of the loan.

Now that you know there’s another way to take advantage of low interest rates and put money back in your pocket, the key is not to wait. There are a variety of economic and market factors that can affect auto loan rates, so they probably won’t stay this low forever. Procrastination can be expensive, so take a few minutes to visit www.eloan.com to see how much money you can save by refinancing your car loan with a new low rate.

Is your car in jeopardy of a major breakdown?

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The last thing a motorist wants to hear is the sound of an engine grinding to a halt. Yet, more than 20 percent of all consumers neglect key parts like belts and hoses, placing their cars in danger for major repairs.

When it comes to keeping your car in fine running shape, prevention is key. The parts that cause your car to die suddenly and strand you are things like belts, hoses, fuel pumps, water pumps and alternators, among other things.

A timing belt failure, for example, can be a serious problem, not only because it strands the motorist, but also because of the engine damage it can cause. Timing belts synchronize the critical rotation of the camshaft and crankshaft. On some engines, the belt also drives other components such as the oil pump, water pump, and balance shafts. If the timing belt breaks, everything in your engine stops dead. On many engines, timing belt failures may result in bent valves, damaged pistons and a very expensive repair bill.

As a general rule, most car manufacturers recommend replacing timing belts every 60,000 miles. Independent technicians agree, but to be safe, they also recommend replacing timing system idlers and pulleys, which may have a shorter operational life than the belt. Because some water pumps are driven by the timing belt, these two items should be replaced at the same time.

Does your car have a timing belt and could your engine suffer major damage if it breaks? Your local ASE certified technician in the NAPA AutoCare Network can answer that question quickly. The nation’s largest independent automotive service and repair network, the NAPA AutoCare program has some 12,000 service dealers around the country. For 75 years, NAPA has been the recognized quality leader in the auto parts and repair business.

To find the NAPA AutoCare Center near you, call 1-800-LETNAPA or log on to www.NAPAonline.com.

Preventative maintenance on your car’s timing belt can help you avoid a major breakdown.
Rules for newly licensed teens

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The following are bits of advice about newly licensed teen drivers from the Minnesota Department of Commerce, www.dps.state.mn.us.

For parents, it may be a good idea to establish rules for newly licensed teens:

- Statistics show that the leading cause of death in Minnesota’s 15 to 17 year olds is traffic crashes. The top six driving risk factors for teens are:
  - Inattentiveness - Driver inattention/distraction is the most common contributing factor in multiple vehicle crashes.
  - Excessive speed - Illegal/unsafe speed is the most common contributing factor in single vehicle crashes for drivers. Teens particularly have difficulty adjusting speed to driving conditions.
  - Failure to wear a safety belt - Properly wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury to front seat passenger occupants by 45 percent in a car and 60 percent in a light truck.
  - Fatigue - A person who has been 24 hours experiences impairment nearly equal to a blood alcohol concentration of .10 percent. And, teens often don’t get enough sleep.
  - Not checking traffic before pulling out - Most crashes involving teens occur at intersections because of their inexperience judging distance and speed.
  - Driving with other teens - The presence of passengers strongly increased crash risk. For teen drivers, the more passengers the greater the risk.

How to Instruct Your Teen Driver:

- Ask your teen’s driving instructor for advice to make effective use of your practice time.
- Plan what skills you will be working on before practice begins. Work from basic to more complex skills.
- Make sure your teen is familiar with all of the controls of the vehicle.
- Keep early lessons short, about 10-15 minutes.
- Start practicing with only you and your teen in the car—no other passengers.
- Make sure that you give directions well in advance of the maneuver you want performed.
- Let your teen practice under many different driving conditions, including driving at night.
- As your teen advances, let them do “commentary driving.” In this technique, your teen describes what s/he is observing while driving.
- Look for the positive in your teen’s driving and let them know about it.
- Set a good example with your own driving.
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Proper washing and waxing add value to vehicle

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More than one-third of car owners use damaging non-automotive products when washing their cars—products that could contain harmful detergents, abrasives and additives. And almost half of motorists don’t ever wax their vehicles.

“Waxing at least twice a year is recommended for maximum protection, yet surveys show that 48 percent of motorists don’t wax their vehicles at all,” said Jeffrey Webb, director of retail marketing at Turtle Wax, Inc. “That’s leaving money on the table at trade-in time, as a clean, well-maintained car can be worth up to 50 percent more than one in ‘fair’ condition, according to the Kelley Blue Book.”

Motorists should avoid dish detergent, which contains harsh chemicals that, intended to cut through grease, will strip away the wax finish on your car. Some are hard to rinse off and leave streaks. For best results, a formulated automotive wash is recommended, one that gently lifts the dirt and grime while protecting the finish.

Washing an automobile on a regular basis protects it from the natural elements that harm the finish. The Car Care Council recommends the following do’s and don’ts when it comes to a do-it-yourself car wash:

• Don’t wash cars in direct sunlight. Do wash cars in shade or in cooler temperatures in the early morning or late afternoon.
• Don’t use dish detergent. Do use a formulated car wash.
• Don’t fill your bucket with warm water. Do use a soft terrycloth towel or washing mitt.
• Don’t spray the car often with water. Do spray the car often with water.
• Don’t scrub the car all at once. Do complete one section at a time, rinsing repeatedly to prevent the soap from drying on the paint.
• Don’t use soft terrycloth towels or scratch-free fabric to dry the vehicle.
• Don’t neglect waxing the vehicle. Do prep the car for waxing using cleaner/polish to remove contaminants.

“The myth of not having to wax your car because you have a clear-coat finish is just that, a myth,” Webb said. “Clear-coat finish is only as thick as a piece of paper and can become damaged from the effects of sunlight, UV radiation, acid rain, salt, dirt and air pollution.”

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the “Be Car Care Aware” campaign, educating consumers about the benefits of regular car maintenance and repair. For more information, visit www.carcare.org.

Washing and waxing your car regularly can help retain the vehicle’s value over the years.

Top 10 scenic drives in the US

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Some of the most beautiful scenery in the world can be viewed driving around North America.

Test drivers from American Suzuki, who drive thousands of miles a year on a variety of roads in the U.S., have listed the following scenic drive tours that motorists can enjoy at their own pace.

1. The list begins with the Blue Ridge Parkway from Virginia to Tennessee. This scenic highway offers over 450 miles of numerous varieties of trees, lush valleys and wildlife.
2. Whether you’re traveling along Route 7, or taking the many back roads and byways, Vermont is likely to please with its spectacular display of color and nature.
3. Take Route 169, the Norwich-Woodstock Turnpike in Connecticut to pass through many small historic towns of the state and view buildings, homes and churches from the mid-1800s.
4. Lancaster County, Penn., via US-30, provides visitors with a glimpse of the intriguing Amish, Mennonite and Brethren cultures. Visitors get a taste not only of gorgeous countryside, but of a different way of life.
5. The Florida Keys Scenic Highway, US 1, is great for those looking to enjoy warm temperatures and spectacular sunrises and sunsets.
6. The Midwest’s best travel routes include the Historic National Road in Illinois along US 40. This road is known as the “Main Street of America” because of its many historic towns and buildings.
7. The Bear Lake-Caribou Scenic Byway stretches across the borders of Utah and Idaho and offers visitors the chance to enjoy camping, fishing, boating and amazing scenery.
8. The western United States also provides fantastic roads for travelers. Begin in Northern California and continue north through the coast of Oregon up to the Olympic Peninsula of Washington, Highway 101.
9. Highway 1, through Southern California, appeals to anyone who enjoys warm sunny beaches. Starting in San Diego and going all the way along the coast to San Francisco, this drive gives travelers a taste of some of the best sites the state has to offer.
10. The Historic Columbia River Highway in Oregon, referred to by some as the “King of the Roads,” provides many trails for bikers and hikers and is a favorite among outdoor enthusiasts.

This list is just a sample of the best places to visit in the country, offered by the experts at American Suzuki, which has an entire line of vehicles including the new Verona sedan, that make the drive a great part of the adventure.

A scenic drive can be a great way for your family to get together by getting away from it all.
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