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Next meeting:
JUNE 10TH 2026



6:40 PM – NEW BERLIN LIBRARY*
15105 West Library Lane
New Berlin ~ WI 53151



JUNE PRESENTATIONS

CREATING A FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE FOR SHARING GENEALOGY WITH FAMILY *By Bob Heck*

- Bob has been sharing his family findings for many years now not just in person, but through his newsletters and his family page on Facebook.
- He will cover what all can be involved in a group page.
 - How to create the page
 - Permissions and invitations
 - Security concerns
 - Details of maintenance
 - More!
- This will give a shared platform to add details that interested family members can easily access.
- Looking forward to this next-level tool!

LOGISTICS OF PLANNING A FAMILY REUNION *By Debbie Bluett*

- Debbie has got the who, what, where, when, why and how covered for starting to get your family together!
- From inception to clean-up, she will offer insight into planning. Details such as:
 - Planning steps
 - Creating teams to help
 - Essential functions
 - Determining venue? Theme?
 - Unique invites
 - Fun activities for all
 - Food & beverages needed
 - Costs involved
 - Clean-up and next get together
- She's got a good batch of sources to find more info – can't wait to hear more!

MAY PRESENTATION RECAP

FULL-TEXT SEARCH ON FAMILY SEARCH *By Bob Heck*

- Bob did a great presentation on how AI couples so well with the latest enhancements in Family Search site.
- Refer to his handout for more details but here are some highlights:
 - This tool helps to open almost 5 billion records that were previously not indexed – in mere seconds.
 - It uses the AI to read and interpret text directly from document images.
 - Step one is to sign up for a free account or sign-in to start your searches
 - Utilize searches with keywords and filters and refine to zero in more.
- There are 4 ways to unfold this tool.
 1. Labs - Simple Search
 2. Main Menu: Search > Full Text
 3. FS Catalog: Search > Catalog
 4. FS home: All-Collections Search
- According to FS website, the list of record collections available in Full-Text Search is extensive—and growing. These collections include nearly every type of historical record imaginable, from church registers and court documents to military files, newspapers, personal letters, land deeds, and more.
- Utilizing tools like this helps build your trees and definitely can help confirm details that may have been in question.
- Tips for refining each step are also in the handout.
- One nice feature is the filter that allows name entry to allow “separated by no more than 1 word”, which allows for middle name.
- Also try the “summarize document” to get AI version of “Cliff Notes” lol. Helpful!
- Overall, this is remarkable tool and can certainly help fill in gaps or corroborate previously questionable connections.
- Fantastic job Bob explaining this advancement!

WINDOWS 11 BASICS *By Sam Colon*

- Sam cleared up a lot regarding Windows 11 and how to get it, navigate, and personalize it for your needs.
- Again, refer to his handout for lots of details and screenshots, but here are some highlights:
 - There is a large amount of security enhancements and increased focus on performance.
 - Personalization options can improve engagement and productivity.
 - Easier interface and easier to set your folders
 - Storage can go onto your Microsoft account (to the cloud) or you can use an “offline account” stored on the PC. Must have access to internet for that option.
 - You can also set up more than one “desktop” and utilize a “virtual desktop”.
 - Trusted more as it offers tested and clean apps in the Microsoft Store.
 - Constantly updates and is very secure with enhanced and built-in anti-virus with the latest updates and firewalls.
- The RUFUS Method (recommended) is acknowledged by Microsoft, and steps are in the handout. Must have PC from 2005 or newer.
- European Union made this possible and Microsoft agreed.
- To finish the Windows 11 update, ***he has 4 flash drives available for check-out at the meetings. Bring it back to the next meeting after you have successfully updated to Windows 11. WOW – what an opportunity and it is all authorized and approved.***
- Another great and super informative presentation – great job Sam!

MUSINGS & MUTTERINGS:

June is here! Bringing graduations, car shows and Father's Day!

Those plucky graduates that have their whole life ahead of them are looking at their future and the needs that come with their new life. Picking a career, now getting their starter place to live, roommate or no roommate? Seeing the chance to barely catch their breath between school ending and the swirling, fast-moving carousel that is life, it's best take a minute to regroup before the next steps. Maybe the choice becomes an extended education goal. Perhaps marriage to dive into. Grab a new car or new-to-you car. Get a puppy now that there will be time for training. Maybe it's a combination of any of this, totally different mile markers, or none at all.

Season of construction cones also remind us that the great weather goes fast here in Wisconsin. So bring out the classic cars, motorcycles, and campers. Long standing tradition for **Father's Day, in Fond du Lac that there is a car show in Lake Park.** Great times to walk around and talk to some sweet and proud families as they show off their decked-out beauties.

Talking with a friend from work who just got a new car, he said there are so many features on it compared to his prior ride he thinks there is probably an ironing board, air fryer and who-knows-what-else in there! That got me thinking about what cars have become for us and the evolution they have gone through. What cars did you have? What cars did your ancestors have? Let's explore some trivia for automobiles and pepper in some Dad-jokes for Father's Day! **Answers can be found at the end of the newsletter 😊**

1. What is the best-selling car model of all time?
2. Why do dads always bring an extra pair of socks when they play golf?
3. What is the official name of the iconic, winged hood ornament on Rolls-Royce cars?
4. Why should you never throw grandpa's false teeth at a vehicle?

5. In most cars, which musical key are car horns tuned to?
6. What did Elvis say to his landscaper?
7. What is the absolute fastest car?
8. What did the daddy broom say to the baby broom?
9. Most expensive car ever sold?
10. How did the police know that a French cheese truck was involved in an accident?

**MAY meeting attendance ...
and for those of you that play cribbage, you know that 29 is the best hand!**



**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU IN
JUNE – BRING A FRIEND!**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership in MPAFUG is open to anyone interested in learning more about computer genealogy.

\$12 – the cost per calendar year membership that covers individual and family

**RENEW NOW FOR 2026 SO YOU DON'T MISS
ANY MEMBER-ONLY BENEFITS 😊**

**Please send a check for \$12.00 made payable to
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Include: name, address, email & phone number.

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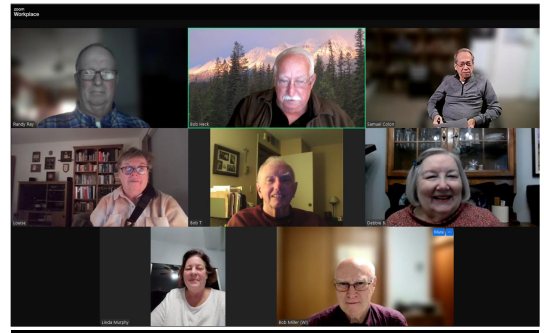
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The Family Search Center

9600 West Grange Avenue, Hales Corners
 The Family Search Center Library hours:
Tuesday: 8:30AM – 3:30PM
Wednesday: 8:30AM – 12 Noon
Thursday: 8:30AM – 3:30PM and
 6:30PM – 9:00PM
Saturday: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Enter at the main doors facing West Grange Avenue and follow the signs to the library.

On Thursday evenings, Bob Heck and Randy Ray are the volunteers on duty who will assist you in your research.

For some extra special help from May through September, Cheryl Heck is there to help you. Cheryl is LDS Mormon and is the expert in the Family Search website and LDS issues.

There are numerous portal systems available for free use at the center.

Come enjoy this resource!

MPAFUG KEY INFORMATION

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob Heck	Debbie Bluett	Randy Ray
Bob Miller	Linda Murphy	Sam Colon
Bob	Merilyn	Steve
Tatalovich	Romani	Gulgowski

Steering committee meetings are held via Zoom on the third Wednesday of the month except in December. The Steering Committee is an informal group of members who get together to plan topics for future meetings.

If you would like to make a presentation or have a suggestion for a meeting topic

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OUR WEB PAGE

<http://mpafug.org>

We invite you to visit our page, print a copy of this or last month's newsletter. You'll find a surname section where you can see who else is working on your family line.

Members of MPAFUG have access to a members-only web page which contains past newsletters and handouts from our meetings.

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Answers:

1. Toyota Corolla
2. In case they get a hole in one!
3. The Spirit of Ecstasy
4. You might denture car!
5. F
6. Thank you – thank you for the mulch!
7. The Thrust SSC, which is propelled by twin jet engines, holds the official world land-speed record at 763 mph, set by Andy Green in 1997. It is the only car to have ever broken the sound barrier
8. Time to go to sweep....
9. 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR Uhlenhaut Coupé, which was auctioned for an astonishing \$142 million at a private RM Sotheby's sale in 2022. It is one of only two prototypes ever built.
10. Cuz there was da' brie everywhere.

