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With rising gas prices, many drivers are becoming interested in carpooling but don't know where to start.

Those who work at companies like J.J Keller in Neenah have it easy. Nearly half its employees are signed up for the carpool program through the company.

"Certainly over the years, especially as gas prices have gone up, we've seen the program really take off," the company's Frank Bell said.

Many of the employees commute every weekday from Green Bay, Fond du Lac, or Sheboygan.

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"You find somebody that meets your hours and your location, and you give them a call and see if you can coordinate that," Bell explains.

It's working. The company estimates the program saved more than 2,300 gallons of gas last month.

"I think it's a win for the company because just the associate or employee attitude, wanting to work for a company that's concerned about this, and it's certainly a win for the community because we're saving on the emissions we're putting out, saving on the gasoline we're using in the community," said Bell.

But if you don't work for a company with a carpool program and you still want to save some cash, there are options. Just jump on the Information Superhighway.

At the web site erideshare.com, you can find a list of drivers in your area who are offering a ride.

The list details where the driver is going and then they're leaving. Those looking for a ride can contact the driver.

At Carpoolworld.com there's a list of people all over the country who need a ride and a separate list of potential drivers. The site says it's connected more than 58,000 carpools since 2000.

If gas prices keep growing like they have, expect that number to surge.



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