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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

December 9 Christmas Brunch. See Page 3 for details.

December 21 Deadline to RSVP for Installation Dinner. See Page 5 for details.

January 12 Installation Dinner. See Page 5 for details.

No regular meetings



Happy
Holidays



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Back Cover – Our Photo of the Month: The gang at the George S. Clayson House tour.

Reminder: there are no monthly meetings in December

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

As 2007 comes to a close I would like to wish all the members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I can't believe how fast this year as President has flown by - it seems like just yesterday that I was elected and here it is time to start my second term as President. I would like to thank all the officers and board members of the club for making the job of President run smoothly and easier than I thought it was going to be; you deserve all the credit for your hard work.

The Christmas Brunch at Drury Lane in Oak Brook is coming up soon. This is our last get together of the year as a club and I hope to see most of the members there, it's a wonderful place to meet and mingle with your friends.

After the New Year we'll be getting together once more for our annual Installation Dinner. As you know it's hard to find a restaurant that makes everyone happy. This year we'll be having our banquet at the Finley Grill in Downers Grove, the food is very good and I think it will be a pleasant change. At the dinner you will have the opportunity to meet the new board members and officers so come and have a good time with your friends. As always we will have some door prizes to give away. Ron Vaughan once more will bring his talented fingers and keyboard to the dinner for our listening pleasure.

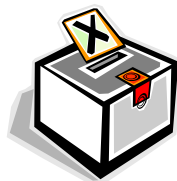
I hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

President

Daniel Pudelek

Congratulations to the newly elected 2008 Officers

President:	Dan Pudelek
Secretary:	Mike Heatherly
Treasurer:	George Zulas
Board of Directors:	Ron Blum Tom O'Donnell
	Don Drews Stan Stack
	Joe Novak



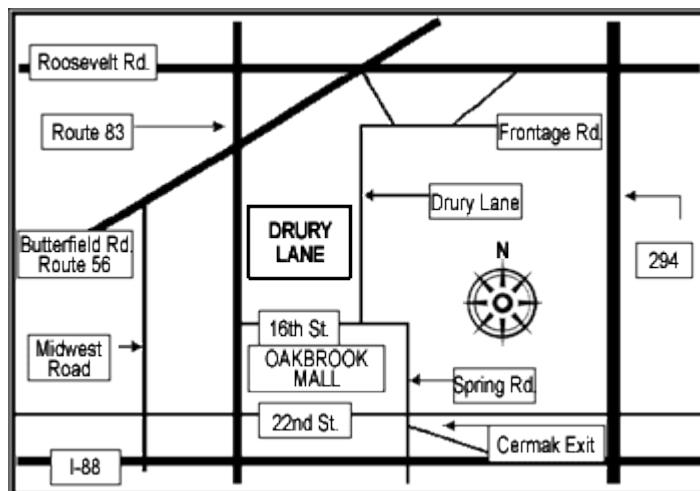


ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Date: Sunday, December 9, 2007

Time: 10:30 a.m.

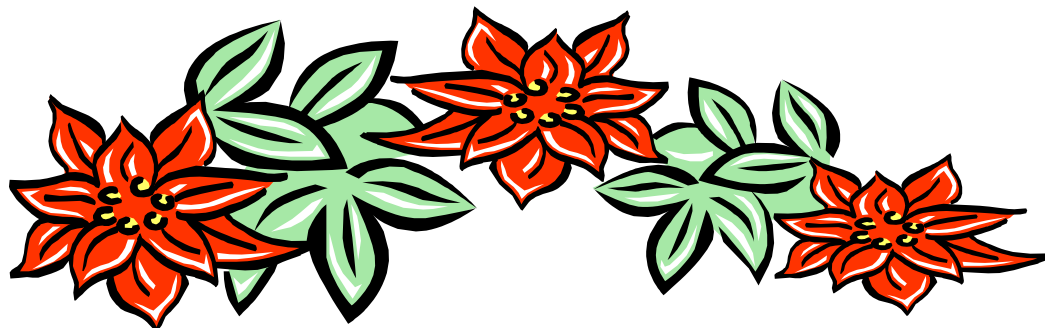
Place: Drury Lane
100 Drury Lane
Oakbrook Terrace
630-530-8300



Cost: \$23.95 plus tax and tip per person. Includes a fabulous all you can eat Champagne brunch buffet. At the end of the brunch, each table will receive a check that will be settled with the server.

R.S.V.P: Dan or Diane Pudelek 630-969-2459 no later than December 4th

Come join us for a morning of good cheer and great food.



V-8's & Veterans – Luncheon and Tour

By Ken Bounds

We held our second annual Veterans Day luncheon and tour on Saturday, November 10, to honor our members who have served in the armed forces. Our thanks go out again this year to Earl Heintz for making the arrangements at Sam's of Arlington.

Twenty-seven NIRG members and family attended the luncheon. The food, drinks, and service were excellent once again. There was a short program to say a big "Thank You" to those who have served their country in the military. There were a number of door prizes awarded to several lucky winners. Thank you to those who donated the prizes and congratulations to the winners. Even though it is late in the year, the O'Donnell's '40 Mercury and the Buscaglia's '51 Tudor made appearances in the parking lot.

Members in attendance included President and First Lady Dan & Diane Pudelek, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, George & Betty Cech, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, Stan Gaynor, Earl & Gene Heintz with daughter Donna, John Judge, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Joey Novak, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell, Art Russell, and Stan & Jo Anne Stack.

After the luncheon, Tom O'Donnell led a group to the nearby George S. Clayson House museum in Palatine. This house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1873 and has been restored to its appearance from 1890-1900. The house is rare in that it was built in the Second Empire style, yet is only a modest house – not a mansion which is typical of this style. Our



knowledgeable tour guide took us on a detailed tour of the house which was filled with period items and also contains an extensive library of historical books, photographs, and other records from and about Palatine.

Our thanks to all the members who attended and made this an enjoyable event.



Thank you to our Veterans!

2008 Installation Dinner

January 12, 2008



Place: Finley Grille, 3131 Finley Rd., Downers Grove

Time: 6:30-7:30 PM Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar

7:30-8:30 PM Dinner

8:30-????? Program & Awards

Cost: \$37.50 per person includes dinner, open bar, entertainment, and gratuity.

Music by Ron Vaughan

RSVP with checks made payable to NIRG to Dan Pudelek by December 21st.

See the January Road Chatter for more details.

NOVEMBER 20TH MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by Secretary Mike Heatherly**

President Dan Pudelek called the meeting to order at 8:12 pm.

Treasurer George Zulas reported a balance of \$2,034.38.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds was unable to attend the meeting and informed President Dan Pudelek that club membership now stands at 84 members. 44 members have paid 2008 dues to date with several additional checks collected this evening.

Health and Welfare Chairman Stan Stack updated us on the status of several members. Stan reported that Dick Alfini recently got a pacemaker. Earl Heintz recently suffered a minor stroke and was in the hospital for observation. He was suppose to be released this evening 11/20/07. Frank Madrigali was at the meeting this evening having had some minor surgery a few days earlier. Joe Serritella recently had surgery to repair an Achilles tendon. Ken Bounds was out of town looking after his sister. She was severely injured in an auto accident recently. She had been in critical condition for several days and was having a delicate surgical procedure on her back.

Keep everyone in your prayers may they all be returned to health for 2008.

Welcome to new members and guest.

Gerald Kelly (32 Ford Deluxe Roadster and 48 GMC Pickup), Scott Gilday (41 Ford Super Deluxe Convertible and 69 Mustang) and guest Paul Adams (39 Convertible).

Upcoming Outings

- Christmas Brunch - December 9 at Drury Lane
- Installation Dinner - January 12 at Finley Grille. Please look to the Road chatter for more details on the installation dinner. Dan Pudelek has a December 21st cutoff. He needs to give the restaurant a final headcount. To keep costs down to \$75.00 per couple there will be a Cash Bar only. If you will be attending by yourself it costs \$37.50.
- Grand National Meet - Dan spent a few minutes going over the Grand National Meet being held in Dearborn Michigan July 13th to 19th 2008. (Held in Dearborn every 5 years). Tom O'Donnell said he would look into reserving a block of rooms at a hotel a short distance from the Host facility if people were interested. Please call him. Look to the write up in the Road Chatter for further details.

A short discussion was held regarding our club's interest in holding a Central National Meet in 2009. A commitment will need to be made very early in 2008 if the club wants to pursue it.

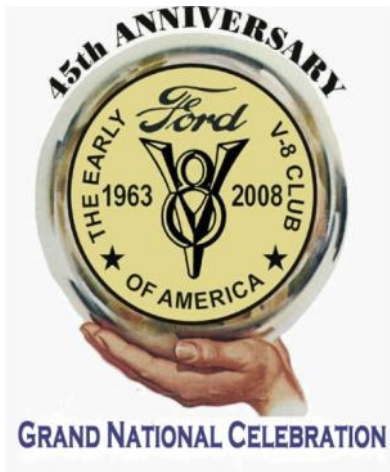
Tom O'Donnell will be boxing up the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum collection presently held at the Jordan Beller Museum in Downers Grove. He could use help on Wednesdays December 5th and 12th to box up fragile items. On Saturdays December 8th and 15th he will be boxing up literature. Please contact him at 847-991-6976 to offer your help.

Results of Officer Elections:

President: Dan Pudelek
Secretary: Mike Heatherly
Treasurer: George Zulas

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Grand National Meet Update



The 45th Anniversary Grand National Meet will be held in Dearborn July 14-18, 2008. More details will be coming out soon. Tentatively, registration will begin on Monday, July 14. Event functions including the indoor swap meet, displays, and meetings will begin Tuesday. Stay tuned for news about a special speaker at the Tuesday welcome party. The concourse will be held Thursday and the awards dinner will be Friday. There are plans for a Rouge tour during the week.

It is not too early to register for the meet if you are thinking about going, especially if you want to stay at the meet hotel, the Dearborn Hyatt. V-8 Club President Craig Gorris advised that he has already received over 150 registrations. Contact Ken Bounds if you need a registration form; it is also available on-line at the Early Ford V-8 Club site. Once you send in your registration, you should receive a letter back from Craig acknowledging your registration. After you have received this letter

(several of you already have) you can call the Hyatt to reserve your room.

The rate is \$122 plus tax, the same as the 2003 rate. Please be aware that the hotel will charge your credit card for the first night when you make your reservation. Reservations cannot be cancelled after June 15, 2008. If you do not cancel prior to June 15 you will forfeit your deposit. Unfortunately the club needed to enforce restrictions like these when unexpected cancellations cost the club \$9,000 in 2003.

Call the hotel directly at (313)593-1234 and ask for reservations. It is best not to use the 800 number. Tell the reservation person that you are staying with the Early Ford V-8 Club group AND that you have registered for the Grand National Meet. They will explain the cancellation and advance deposit requirements. The group rate is available for the dates Sunday, July 13 to Saturday, July 19. However, you do not need to stay all week. Several of us who have discussed driving together have made our reservations for Monday, July 14 for 5 nights, checking out on Saturday morning. At upcoming meetings we will have more discussion of the plans to caravan together in our V-8's. It is about the same distance as this year's trip to Winona, so we hope to have a large turnout. Of course you are not required to stay at the meet hotel if you can find alternate accommodations – there has been talk of some folks staying at another hotel. Also, you may wish to travel on different dates to spend less time in Dearborn. Whichever way you choose to participate, this will be a highlight of 2008 and we hope many NIRG members can attend.

NOVEMBER MINUTES CONTINUED

Board Members: Ron Blum, Don Drews, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Stan Stack

Frank Madrigali volunteered to be Vice President.

Frank Koeder won the 50/50 raffle; Gerald Kelly won one of the Thanksgiving Turkey gift certificates

In Attendance: Bill Balogh, Don Drews, Lloyd Duzell, Scott Gilday, Jimmy Guido, Jerry Gunderson, Mike Heatherly, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Gerald Kelly, Frank Koeder, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Frank Nagode, Jack Nikolich, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, Stan Stack, Ron Vaughan and George Zulas.

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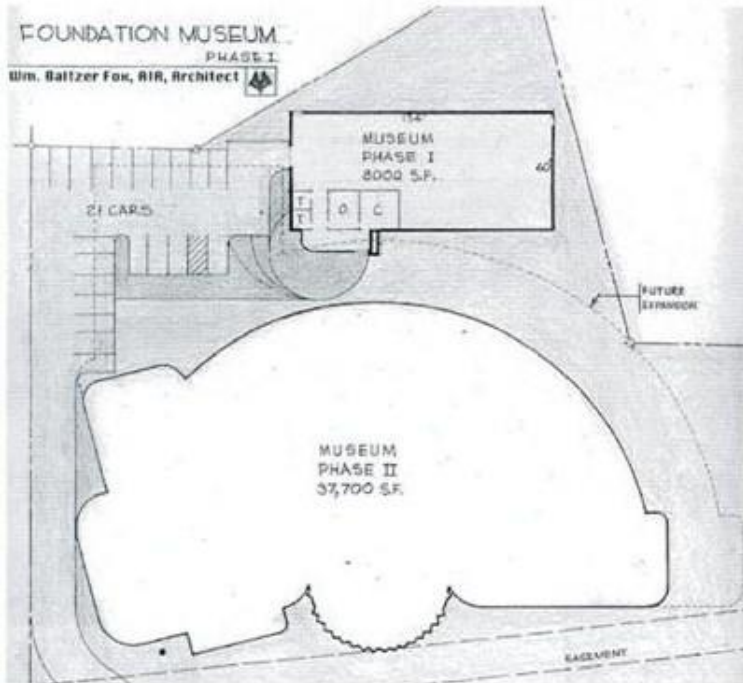
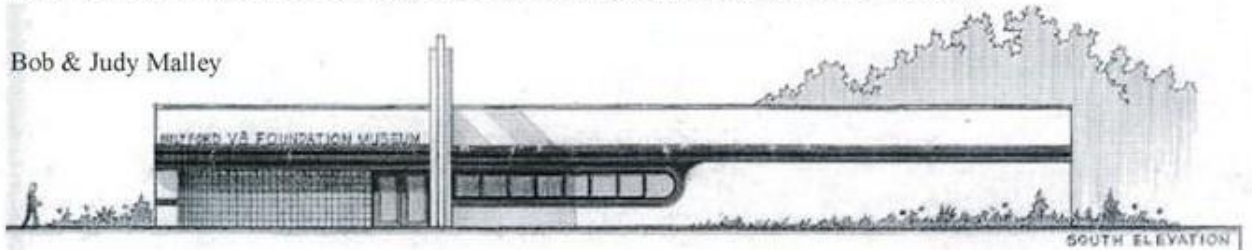
THE EARLY FORD V8 FOUNDATION

The Early Ford V8 Foundation had a very successful 3rd Autofest held in Auburn, Indiana in September of this year. These are very exciting times for the Foundation because much is being done to bring building phase 1 to fruition. We on the building committee are very confident that we will have the first building up by this time next year! We are fortunate to have a very dynamic and dedicated head of the building committee, Jerry Vincentini. He is a mover & shaker, who is responsible for the progress the foundation has made on the museum so far.

Having our first building up by the Fall of 08 will not be any too soon! The foundation has been notified by the Beller Museum (they are storing a truck load of memorabilia for the Foundation), that it wants our items out by this Christmas. We have memorabilia in three other museums that have also indicated that it will be necessary to remove that memorabilia in the very near future. The Foundation estimates it possesses over one million dollars worth of Ford artifacts.

So folks, if you aren't a member of the Foundation, I encourage you to join and become a partner in preserving the history of the Early Ford V8. If every member of the national Early Ford V8 Club donated just \$50, we could easily fund this museum project. Is there a Ford museum in your future? You bet!

Bob & Judy Malley

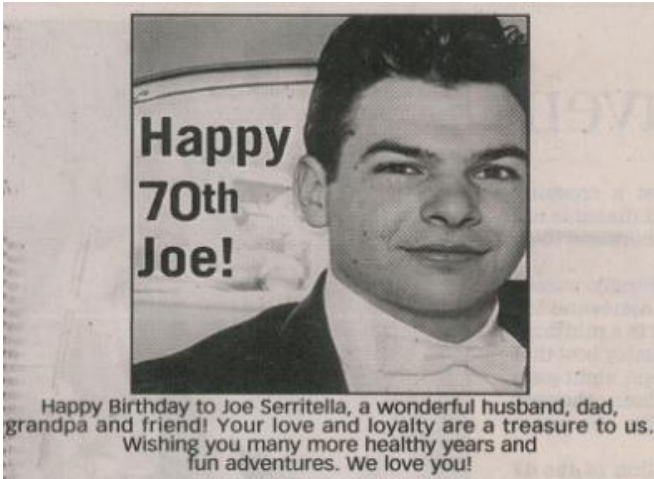


NIRG NEWS

Congratulations to President and First Lady Dan & Diane Pudelek on the birth of their latest grandchild. Isabella Grace Pauley was born to their daughter Katherine and her husband John at 12:12 p.m. on Monday, November 26. Isabella, who weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. joins her brother Jack. She, mom, dad, and proud grandparents are doing well.



We are pleased to report that our Oklahoma members Rick & Marissa Claybaugh have found their latest V-8. Rick reports that he tracked down a partially restored '34 Fordor on the Internet over Labor Day weekend and brought it home from Duluth, MN, on September 27. Maybe we will see it at Dearborn next July!



Who the heck is this good-looking guy? Why it is none other than NIRG Board member Joe Serritella, whose picture showed up in a local paper on his birthday in October. We won't reveal which birthday, but if you look real close you can figure it out.

National V-8 Club Director's Election

I want to thank the many folks out there from the NIRG and around the country who supported me in the recent election. Although it was reported that I "garnered a large number of votes", our incumbent director John McBurney of the Kansas City group was re-elected to another three-year term as Mid-west Region Director. Congratulations to John. Just like the Cubs, we now have to wait until next year. ...actually, that is we wait until 2010.

Ken



Just a reminder that 2008 dues are due. If you have not already renewed, please submit your renewal form and payment to the Membership Chairman by the end of the year so you don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter and to ensure that your information is published in the 2008 roster. A reminder appears to the left of your name on the back cover if we have not received your renewal.



TECH CORNER



Our tech corner this month is based on an article from Skinned Knuckles magazine that Norm Miller sent us last year. Rather than reproduce the Skinned Knuckles article, we have gone back to the source, a press release from DuPont that appeared in the Fall 2005 edition of the DuPont Refinisher News. Thanks Norm!

DuPont Refinish Offers Free 80-Year Color Library Online

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 21, 2005 - DuPont Refinish has established a free online library of virtually every color chip DuPont Refinish has produced over the last 80 years.

Located in the Color section of the DPC website www.performancecoatings.dupont.com, the DuPont Refinish Historical Color Library is a searchable application that allows the user to view, print or download a scanned image of every automotive and truck color chip DuPont has produced since the company introduced Duco nitrocellulose lacquer in 1924.

Although scanned images of chips, or even chips themselves, are not exact reproductions of the original colors, the images will give the user all of the text information related to the year and vehicle manufacturer, as well as approximate visuals of the colors.

“This is a real breakthrough for refinishers everywhere,” said Dan Benton, DPC Color marketing manager. “We’re happy to provide this information free and online as a service to the entire industry. DuPont has been in the automotive paint business since 1924, longer than any other paint manufacturer, so our library is the most extensive in the business. Now, anyone can access it.” Benton estimates the library contains more than 50,000 colors. The database goes through 2004, and it will be updated with the new model years on an ongoing basis.

Skinned Knuckles added the following editorial comment: *We owe a debt of gratitude to DuPont Refinishing for their extensive efforts in helping to preserve a very important part of automotive history. With this new, on-line color library, thousands of formulae of paint are at our fingertips, allowing a perfect match in the restoration of automobiles going back to 1924.*

Accessing the on-line library is easy. In your browser, type in pc.dupont.com/hcl. This takes you to DuPont’s Historical Color Library. You can then either type in key words, like 1936 Ford, or use the Browse selection to choose the car type (e.g. domestic automobiles) and the make, then click the Browse button. Click on the ID of the chart at the left and the selected chart will be displayed. There are multiple charts for some years, such as when Spring colors were introduced during the year.

The colors on these charts may or may not be a good match for the original paint because of their age at the time they were scanned into the library. They are, however, a great historical record of these period paints and the formula may be of some value when trying to reproduce the original. One nice feature of this site is that you are allowed to print or save the color charts as displayed, features that may be blocked on some other paint chip sites.

For the record, we should note that other companies provide color chips on line. One you may want to check out is the Auto Color Library at <http://www.tcpglobal.com/autocolorlibrary/>. At this site, choose the make of car, then select the year to see available chip charts from various paint companies, including some charts reproduced from Early Ford V-8 Club restoration books.



10 Years Ago This Month – December 1997

On December 7, Norm & Dolly Collins hosted the 9th annual Christmas Brunch in Long Grove. About 40 members, family, and friends were in attendance. The Buscaglias donated a gingerbread house which was raffled off. The December Road Chatter contained an article and several pictures from Ace Roving Reporter Norm Miller.

20 Years Ago This Month – December 1987

Thirty people enjoyed a “Christmas in St. Charles” hosted by Rich & Judy Doligale on December 6, featuring brunch at the Baker Hotel, touring, and shopping. Future member Larry Webb was a guest at the December 8 meeting. Membership Chairman Neil McManus reported 45 paid-up members and requested prompt renewals so the roster could be completed. Election of officers for 1988 took place with the members voting in Rich Doligale as President and Joe Novak as Vice-President. The November/December V-8 Times included an article by Marty Duling recapping the Around the Lake NIRG tour in August.

30 Years Ago This Month – December 1977

The December newsletter included a membership renewal form for 1978 as well as an extensive calendar of proposed tours/outings for the upcoming year. A considerable amount of time was spent at the December monthly meeting discussing the events calendar proposed by President-Elect Chuck Wrobel. Len Vinyard advised that door prizes were coming in well for the January installation dinner.

35 Years Ago This Month – December 1972

On December 8, 49 members, family, and friends enjoyed the most successful NIRG Christmas party to date. Films and slides were shown of the 1972 Hershey meet. Bob Mengler won the men’s door prize, a one-year subscription to Ford Life magazine; Connie Blietz won the ladies’ door prize, an Avon rose candle.



**Frank Koeder's '39 Convertible at the 1987
Central National Meet in Brainerd**
Source: November/December 1987 V-8 Times

V-8 Gals

All I Need To Know I Learned From Santa

1. Encourage people to believe in you.
2. Always remember who's naughty and who's nice.
3. Don't pout.
4. It's as much fun to give as it is to receive.
5. Some days it's ok to feel a little chubby.
6. Make your presents known.
7. Always ask for a little bit more than what you really want.
8. Bright red can make anyone look good.
9. Wear a wide belt and no-one will notice how many pounds you've gained.
10. If you only show up once a year, everyone will think you're very important.
11. Whenever you're at a loss for words, say "HO, HO, HO!"



EGGNOG Cookies

2 1/2 cups all purpose flour	3/4 cup butter; salted; softened
1 teaspoon baking powder	1/2 cup eggnog
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg	2 large egg yolks
1 1/4 cup sugar	1 tablespoon ground nutmeg, for sprinkling

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300F. In a medium bowl combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix well with a wire whisk and set aside. In a large bowl cream sugar and butter with an electric mixer to form a grainy paste. Add eggnog, vanilla and egg yolks and beat at medium speed until smooth. Add the flour mixture and beat at low speed just until combined. Do not overmix. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets, 1 inch apart. Sprinkle lightly with nutmeg. Bake for 23-25 minutes or until bottoms turn light brown. Transfer to cool, flat surface immediately with spatula.

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

September	October	November	December
5 - 8 Auburn Motorfest 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 28 - 30 Lake Geneva Cancer Rally	7 Ladies Night Out 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting— Officer Nominations	8 Board Meeting 10 Veterans Day Luncheon 20 Member Meeting— Officer Elections	No Meetings 9 Christmas Brunch
January	February	March	April
10 Board Meeting 12 Installation Dinner 15 Member Meeting	14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

KATHY SPRAU (12/2), FRANK NAGODE (12/3) MARY ANDERSON (12/4), LEAH DULING (12/10), DAN PUDELEK (12/10), GERALD KELLY (12/11), JULIE KUPSTYS (12/17), RICHARD ALFINI (12/21), CAROLYN GRAMS (12/23), MARGARET KOEDER (12/24), KEN BOUNDS (12/26), DON BRAUN (12/26), JOHN KUPSTYS (12/26), TOM SKROBOT (12/29) & RICHARD ANDERSON (12/31)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS (12/6), BOB & ANGIE PALADINO (12/11), TOM & JANE SKROBOT (12/17), MARTY & LEAH DULING (12/21), JERRY & ALEXANDRIA GUNDERSEN (12/22) & TOM & MADELEINE O'DONNELL (12/27)

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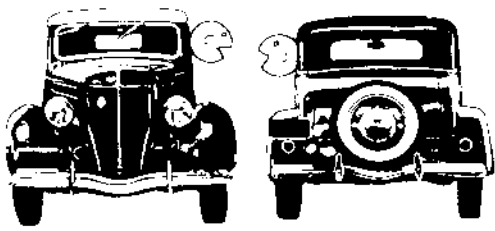
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