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FEBRUARY NIRG EVENTS

8 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30pm

11 NIRG Brunch at the Milk Pail in East Dundee hosted by Ron Dopke

20 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00pm



OTHER FEBRUARY EVENTS OF INTEREST

9 - 18 2007 Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, \$10 adult, \$5 seniors 62 and older

18 19th Annual Winter Parts Swap Meet, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL, 7am - 2:30pm, Sponsored by Illinois Region Model A Restorers Club, \$5 donation per person.

25 Skip's 21st Annual Car/Truck Parts Swap Meet, Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL, 8am - 2pm, Admission \$7.

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Attention Members

Due to ongoing renovation of the Wheeling Township Building, the first floor meeting room may not be available for several months; therefore, all Director and regular Monthly Meetings may be held on the lower level until construction is completed.

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MEETINGS

8:00 pm on the third

Tuesday of the month at
the Wheeling Township
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Arlington Heights, IL

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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by Secretary Mike Heatherly**

President Dan Pudelek called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Treasurer George Zulas reported a bank balance after expenses of \$2,664.15

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds announced that there are 67 paid up members for 2007. Twelve people have not yet renewed, but some are still expected to.

A potential new member from Palatine was introduced. His name is Steve O'Neill. He is heading to the East Coast to pick up a 1941 Tudor Sedan, and hopes it is as good as it shows in the pictures. He also has two Model A's.

Membership Chairman Stan Stack related that Rich and Judy Doligale are doing well and attended the banquet. The Alfinis are getting along ok and continue to operate their business from the house.

Joe Novak is the tour chairman for this year.

An open discussion took place with several suggestions for club outings in 2007.

- Ron Blum can arrange an outing to the Hawthorne Race Track the 3rd or 4th weekend in March.
- Plan a trip to the Crystal Lake Museum site of the former OAK MFG Company.
- Pizza Meeting in April
- Ken Bounds spent a few minutes sharing his thoughts on the Eastern and Central National meets to be held in Fairfax, Virginia and Winona, Minnesota. Look to future Road Chatter issues for more details.
- It was suggested to plan a shakedown cruise in May traveling through McHenry County.
- The Algonquin Hill Climb will be held in June.
- Club Members could plan a day trip to visit Marty Duling and the new Lincoln Museum.
- Have a picnic tentatively scheduled for August 12
- There is a Good Guy's event in Joliet this September
- The Lake Geneva Cancer Rally - September 28 - 30.
- Plan another event in observance of Veteran's Day.

Your attendance at future meetings would be greatly appreciated to fine tune this list.

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NIRG VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH

AT
THE MILK PAIL

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Sunday, February 11th at 11:00a.m. (Please be prompt)

The NIRG is holding a Sunday Brunch at the Milk Pail Restaurant on February 11th. We will be seated in the main dining room where we will enjoy the music of the West Side Jazz Band.

Since Valentine's Day is only 3 days after the brunch, the ladies attending will be given a corsage to help celebrate the occasion.

If interested, please call Ron Dopke IMMEDIATELY. We must give the restaurant a firm, final headcount by Thursday, February 8th.

Price is \$24/person. Price includes meal, tax, and tip. Be sure to sign up for their Birthday Club.

Please join us for good food and a very good time.

Call Ron Dopke (ASAP) 815-344-1335

P.S. We will be held responsible for the reservations made. Any non-shows will likely be charged.



NIRG**Early V-8 Ford Club****Presents****“A Day At The Races”****At Hawthorne Race Course****Sunday March 25, 2007****Parking, Admission, Race Program, Buffet,****Race dedication, Photo, Tax and Gratuity****\$19.50 per person****12:00 noon Buffet****1:10 pm Post Time****Hosted by Ron Blum**

Save the Date!
More information
in the March
Road Chatter.

JANUARY MINUTES CONTINUED

Ken Bounds brought in a 6 Volt Power Inverter to convert to 12 Volt. Please review his earlier technical article if you are interested in it.

Jim Ondracek presented a tech talk on repairing clocks.

Alan Wall presented awards to members that did not attend the Installation Banquet.

The club wishes to thank Carolyn Bounds, she again baked cookies for the meeting.

In Attendance:

Rich Anderson, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, George Cech, Joe Dispensa, Ron Dopke, Don Drews, Lloyd Duzell, Jimmy Guido, Mike Heatherly, Earl Heintz, Sam Iusi, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Nagode, Jack Nikolich, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Steve O'Neill, Jim Ondracek, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, Stan Stack, Ron Vaughan, Len Vinyard, Alan Wall, Tom Young, and George Zulas
Guests: Ralph Olson, Jim Terpstra

My Story – 1950 Ford Convertible

As told to John Judge

Hi. On April 28, 1950, I was born in Chicago and went to Hill Ford of Oak Park, Illinois. There I stayed until September 8th and a nice man named Frank Madrigali brought me home. He tried to put me in his garage, but I would not fit. So, back to Hill Ford where they took off my outside spare tire, and now I would fit.

I stayed with Frank and was taken out just now and then, Sunday mostly. In 1961 I was going from one place to another and just sitting. Well, I was looking for some-



one to take me home. Frank's nephew, John Judge, said come home with me. OK and I sat around some more until John Witthoeft saw John's name in the V-8 Times. In 1986 he came and told John about a real nice club called Northern Illinois Early Ford V-8 Club.

In 1987 John joined the club and I got to see the day light. I am happy that I now have two brothers, a 1951 Ford and a 1952 F2 Tow Truck.

P.S. "Ken, yes my top does go down."



Editors Note: John has been a member of the NIRG for 20 years this month! We thank John for submitting the article and pictures about his car and the interesting angle to the story. We need your story too! Please submit an article about your car, yourself, or your involvement in the club so we can publish it in a future issue.

Installation Banquet Hosted by Ron & Sue Dopke

On January 6, we held our annual NIRG installation banquet at the Wellington of Arlington Heights. The dinner was a big success with 53 members and guests in attendance. Our thanks go out to Ron & Sue Dopke for hosting the event and to our very talented member Ron Vaughan for again providing the musical entertainment.

Attending were: Rich & Mary Anderson, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Don & Elaine Braun, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, George & Betty Cech & Guests Wes & Flo Steffen, Rich & Judy Doligale, Ron & Sue Dopke, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, Mike



Heatherly, Earl & Gene Heintz, John Judge, Frank & Margaret Koeder, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Paul & Joanne Linzer, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Neil & Julie McManus, Joey Novak, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell, Jim & Barb Pope, Dan & Diane Pudelek, Joe & Delice Serritella, Stan & Jo Anne Stack, Ron & Edie Vaughan, Len & Irene Vinyard, Alan & Lois Wall, and George & Dawn Zulas.

Upon arrival to our private room, the ladies were treated to corsages while everyone enjoyed cocktail hour to the piano stylings of

Ron Vaughan. After a delicious dinner, our emcee for the night, Ron Dopke, conducted the program consisting of introduction of the new officers, presentation of service awards, and awarding of door prizes for everyone.

After Ron passed the gavel to incoming president Dan Pudelek, awards were presented for outstanding service to the NIRG during 2006.





These included: Ron Dopke: President, Hudson Lake tour, B-17 tour, Christmas Luncheon; Ed Fontana (not present): Vice-President, 2006 Installation Dinner; George Zulas: Treasurer, Club Apparel; Mike Heatherly: Secretary; Ken & Carolyn Bounds: Road Chatter Editors, Membership Chairman, Eastern National Meet, Lake Geneva Tour, Picnic Auctioneer, Veteran's Day Luncheon, Various Videos; Alan Wall: Tour Chairman, 2005 Service Awards; Frank Madrigali: Board of Directors; Tom O'Donnell: Board of Directors, Roscoe tour, Picnic Auctioneer, Auburn Motorfest 2, Fall Color Tour; Ron

Blum: Board of Directors, Videos; Stan Stack: Board of Directors, Health & Welfare, Refreshments; Ron Vaughan: 2006 Installation Dinner Entertainment; Norm Miller (not present): Road Chatter contributions; Joe Serritella: Tech Talk - Distributors; Bob Paladino (not present): Pizza Meeting; Don & Elaine Braun: Picnic; Joey Novak: Frankenmuth Tour; Earl & Gene Heintz: Lake Geneva; Doug & Gail Leicht (not present): Ford Bungalow Tour; and Dan Pudelek: Video Presentation and write-up of Ford Bungalow Tour.



The club extends thanks to all the mem-



bers who generously donated door prizes. This added a lot of fun to the evening. We also want to specially thank several businesses for their contributions and encourage our members to patronize them whenever possible. These include: Arlen Olson of Olson design, who again donated three collector prints (why are these always the first items claimed?); Antique Auto Battery – discount coupon; C&G

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Early Ford Parts - \$25 gift certificate; Collectible Automobile – two hardbound books, Ford Truck Chronicle; Dennis Carpenter Reproductions – two \$25 gift certificates; Gold Eagle Company – discount coupons; Hemmings Motor News – diecast truck; Mac's Antique Auto Parts – cap and t-shirt; Mothers Polishes and Waxes – wax kit; Optima Batteries – gift certificate; and Ray Marler of Shoebox Ford Parts – NOS bug screen for '50 Ford.

It was a great evening of food, drinks, entertainment, and conversation. Thanks again to Ron & Sue Dopke, Ron Vaughan, the Wellington, and all members who attended and make this dinner a resounding success.



Dan: "Did I really take this job?"



New Member

NIRG welcomes new member Steve O'Neill. Steve contacted us through our web site and also knew Alan Wall through the Model A club. Steve attended our January meeting where he joined the NIRG as well as the Early Ford V-8 Club.

Steve brought along pictures of the '41 Ford Tudor Sedan that he had just purchased in South Carolina after a two-year search for the right car. Steve's contact information will be included in the new roster, available this month. Welcome Steve!



2007 Membership Rosters will be available at the February club meeting. Please come to the February meeting to pick up your Roster!!

FROM THE TOUR CHAIRMAN

Long-time member and past President Joey Novak is your new Tour Chairman for 2007. Our NIRG By-Laws provide the position of Tour Chairman to "track and coordinate tours". So what does this mean to you?

While the Tour Chairman may suggest tours and might occasionally run one, his primary function is to act as a resource to you in developing and planning tours and to provide a status report at club meetings. We count on you, our NIRG members to suggest tours and to run them when possible. If you have never run a tour, the Tour Chairman is there to give you advice and assistance in planning a tour.



If you have an idea for an outing, a driving tour, an overnighter, etc., please contact Joey at a club function or at 708-923-9953. Your input is important!



Look what we found online!

Proof that Ken and Carolyn Bounds really took part in the 2006 Algonquin Hill Climb. Here was the caption.

From 2006 Algonquin Hill Climb. The 36 Ford really hit the gas up the hill. You can see the car leaning as he takes this corner - and, of course, the compulsory smiles. June 10, 2006.

The club is planning a tour to the 2007 Algonquin Hill Climb. Watch the Road Chatter for more details.

Did you know?



Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David; Clubs - Alexander the Great; Hearts - Charlemagne; and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

<http://www.mineofuseless.info/trivia/History/?p=3>



Go Bears!!!!





TECH CORNER



Decorative Chrome Plating

Decorative chrome plating is sometimes called nickel-chrome plating because it always involves electroplating nickel onto the object before plating the chrome (it sometimes involves electroplating copper on the object before the nickel, too). The nickel plating provides the smoothness, much of the corrosion resistance, and most of the reflectivity. The chrome plating is exceptionally thin, measured in millionths of an inch rather than in thousandths.

When you look at a decorative chromium plated surface, such as a chrome plated wheel or truck bumper, most of what you are seeing is actually the effects of the nickel plating. The chrome adds a bluish cast (compared to the somewhat yellowish cast of nickel), protects the nickel against tarnish, minimizes scratching, and symbiotically contributes to corrosion resistance. But the point is, without the brilliant leveled nickel undercoating, you would not have a reflective, decorative surface.

"Triple Chrome Plating", "Quadruple Plating", "Double Nickel-Chrome"

As mentioned, decorative chrome plating always involves at least two layers of plating--a layer of nickel and a layer of chrome. But high quality plating requires a minimum of two layers of nickel. (There may also be a layer or two of copper underneath the nickel. If the parts are plastic, there will be a layer of electroless nickel under that. If the parts are aluminum, there will be a zincate layer first, etc.)

The most important issue for quality chrome plating (for outdoor exposure such as on a vehicle) is that it **MUST** have at least two layers of nickel plating before the chrome: namely semi-bright nickel followed by bright nickel. The reason for this involves galvanic corrosion issues. The bright nickel is anodic to the semi-bright nickel, sacrificially protecting it, spreading corrosion forces laterally instead of allowing them to penetrate to the steel. OEMs require very close control of this factor, and there is a test (the Chrysler developed STEP test) which large shops run daily to insure the right potentials. Control of this issue is probably the principal reason that today's chromium plating greatly outlasts the chrome plating of earlier times.

Chrome plating is hardly a matter of dipping an article into a tank, it is a long involved process that often starts with tedious polishing and buffing, then cleaning and acid dipping, zincating (if the part is aluminum), and copper plating. This may be followed by buffing of the copper for top reflectivity, cleaning and acid dipping again, and plating more copper, then two or three different types of nickel plating, all before the chrome plating is done. Rinsing is required between every step.

Restoration Work

When an item needs "rechroming", understand what is really involved: stripping the chrome, stripping the nickel (and the copper if applicable), then polishing out all of the scratches and blemishes (they can't be plated over), then plating with copper and "mush buffing" to fill all the tiny pits with copper, then starting the whole process described above.

Unfortunately, simply replating an old piece may cost several times what a replacement would cost. It's the old story of labor cost. The new item requires far less prep work, and an operator or machine can handle dozens of identical parts at the same time whereas a mix of old parts cannot be processed simultaneously, but must be processed one item at a time. If a plater has to spend a whole day on your parts, don't expect it to cost less than what a plumber or mechanic would have to charge for a day of their time.

Source: <http://www.finishing.com>



10 Years Ago This Month – February 1997

Membership chairman Lin Stacey reported that the NIRG had 76 paid-up members. The Road Chatter published an interesting story, including pictures and documents, about Norm Miller's 1938 Ford, but unfortunately passed along the news that Norm had broken his leg & was out of commission for 6 to 8 weeks. On February 23rd Tom O'Donnell hosted a tour to the Beller Museum.

20 Years Ago This Month – February 1987

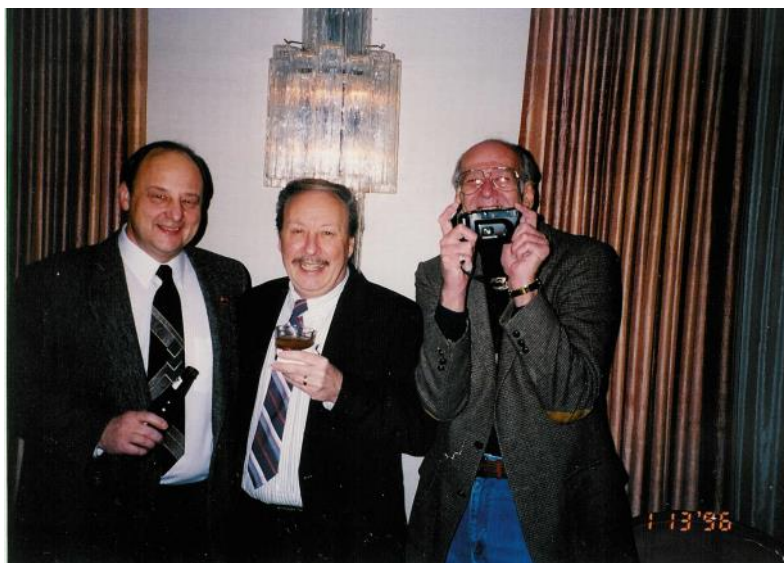
Treasurer Earl Heintz reported \$7,512.38 in the bank account! Ron Vaughan won the 50/50 raffle for the second or third time in a row. Marty Duling presented a letter received from National President Lou Mraz thanking the NIRG for the great Central National Meet we hosted in 1986.

30 Years Ago This Month – February 1977

New officers took over: President Ray Tognarelli, Vice President Chuck Wrobel, and Secretary-Treasurer Larry Maas. Ron Dopke continued as newsletter editor. Scott Megerle advertised a '36 5-Window Coupe for sale for \$1,200. Chuck & Diane Wrobel hosted the first meeting of the NIRG Gourmet Club at Lee & Mary's Lakeside Inn in Lakemoor on February 20. It was a huge success with 33 adults and 18 youngsters attending.

35 Years Ago This Month – February 1972

A request went out for NIRG members to renew their memberships, since the Treasury stood at \$55.59. The membership form was provided by the Puget Sound group [note: we still exchange newsletters with the Puget Sound group to this day]. It was suggested that we try to get 6 or 8 cars for an "Early Ford V-8 Club" display at Grayslake in May. President Len O'Connor suggested that we start including stories about members' cars in the newsletter.



Joe Novak, Len Vinyard and Howie Bischoff in 1996.



V-8 Gals

The true History of Valentines Day

by Mani Niall

<http://www.pastrywiz.com/valentine/valentines.htm>

Mid February was traditionally the time of the Lupercian festival, an ode to the God of fertility and a celebration of sensual pleasure, a time to meet and court a prospective mate. In AD 496, Pope Gelasius outlawed the pagan festival. But he was clever to replace it with a similar celebration, although one deemed morally suitable. He needed a "lovers" saint to replace the pagan deity Lupercus.

The martyred Bishop Valentine was chosen as the patron saint of the new festival.

Saint Valentine had been beheaded for helping young lovers marry against the wishes of the mad emperor Claudius. Before execution, Valentine himself had fallen in love with his jailer's daughter. He signed his final note to her, "From Your Valentine", a phrase that has lasted through the centuries.

Pope Gelasius didn't get everything he wanted. The pagan festival died out, it is true, but he had further hoped people would emulate the lives of saints. Instead they latched onto the more romantic aspect of Saint Valentines religious life. While not immediately as popular as the more passionate pagan festival, eventually the concept of celebrating true love became known as Valentine's Day.



You've just spent the last hour cleaning your kitchen. Everything is clean and shiny. Did you ever think about cleaning your kitchen sponge? Your kitchen sponge could be the dirtiest thing in your kitchen. In a recent study published by the *Journal of Environmental Health*, researchers discovered that putting kitchen sponges in the microwave for two minutes at full power all but eliminated the living germs and bacterial spores on the sponge, including E. coli.

Researchers offered the following advice before nuking your sponges.

- Microwave only sponges or plastic scrubbers that do not contain steel or other metals.
- Make sure the sponge or scrubber is wet, not dry.
- Two minutes should be enough to kill most disease-causing germs.
- Be careful in removing the sponge from the microwave because it will be hot and should not be handled immediately after zapping.

One thing that I would add is to keep an eye on your microwave if you give this a try. You know what they say....microwave times may vary.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

January 6 Installation Dinner 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	February 8 Board Meeting 11 NIRG Brunch at the Milk Pail 20 Member Meeting	March 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 25 "A Day at the Races"	April 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting— Pizza Meeting
May 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 30 Eastern National Meet, Fairfax, VA	June 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	July 12 Board Meeting 15 - 20 Central National Meet, Winona, MN 17 Member Meeting 26 - 28 Auburn Motorfest	August 9 Board Meeting 12 NIRG Picnic— Hosted by the Brauns 21 Member Meeting
September 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 28 - 30 Lake Geneva Cancer Rally	October 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting— Officer Nominations	November 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting— Officer Elections	December No Meetings 9 Christmas Luncheon



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
NELL KOZMIC (2/8), PAT STACEY (2/12), FRANK MADRIGALI (2/21), LEN
VINYARD (2/14) & BOB PALADINO (2/26)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
GEORGE & SHRILEY BASTUNES (2/8), STAN & JO ANNE STACK (2/14) &
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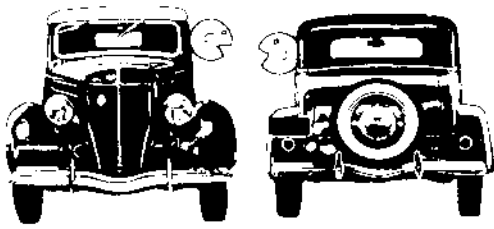
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John Judge's 1950 Ford Convertible