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JANUARY NIRG EVENTS

6 Installation Dinner,
Wellington of Arlington,
6:30pm (See Page 3)

11 Board of Directors Meet-
ing, Wheeling Township
Service Center, 7:30pm

16 Monthly Meeting,
Wheeling Township Service
Center, 8:00pm - Tech talk
on clocks by Jim Ondracek



OTHER JANUARY EVENTS OF INTEREST

14 36th Annual Super Swap
Meet, Calumet Model A
Club, Westfield Ford,
Countryside, IL, 7am-2pm,
\$4 donation

21 34th Annual Swap Meet,
Great Lakes Vintage Chevy
Club, Bill Jacobs Chevrolet,
Joliet, IL, 8am-1pm, \$4
donation

28 30th Annual Illinois Re-
gion AACA Auto Parts
Swap Meet, Don McCue
Chevrolet, St. Charles, IL,
8am-1pm, \$4 donation

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Attention Members

Due to ongoing construction of the Wheeling Township Building, the first floor meeting room will not be available for several months; therefore, all Director and regular Monthly Meetings will be held in the lower level room starting with the January 2007 meeting.

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MEETINGS

8:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Wheeling Township Service Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

First, I wish everyone a happy, healthful, and prosperous New Year.

Second, I want to thank everyone, especially our 2006 N.I.R.G. Officers, Directors, and "Civilians", for their contributions to the group. Ken and Carolyn's efforts with the Road Chatter are truly excellent. Ken's leadership in tours, as membership chairman, and video programs at our meetings are greatly appreciated by all.

Tom O'Donnell deserves recognition for all of his special contributions. Tom served as a director and as picnic co-auctioneer. He ran tours to the car museum in Roscoe, the Auburn Motorfest 2 and the Fall Color Tour to the Chicago Classic Cars establishment in Gurnee.

Stan Stack served as a director, was health & welfare chairman and provided refreshments for our meetings, often by way of home-made cookies made by wife, Jo Anne.

Don and Elaine Braun once again ran our annual picnic at their lovely home. Special thanks to the Brauns. It was a great event, as usual.

George Zulas served as treasurer and took responsibility for club apparel. Mike Heatherly did a fine job as our secretary. Frank Madrigali served as a director. Ron Blum also served as a director and provided videos for our meetings.

Bob Paladino again ran our annual Pizza Meeting. Joe Serritella gave a fine presentation on V-8 distributors. Norm Miller continued to send in interesting material for the Road Chatter.

Vice-President Ed Fontana arranged the 2006 Installation Dinner. Ron Vaughan provided the entertainment. Alan Wall was tour chairman and provided the 2005 Service Awards.

Doug and Gail Leicht ran the tour to the Ford Bungalow in Michigan. Joey Novak ran the tour to Frankenmuth, Michigan. Earl and Gene Heintz once again were generous hosts during the Lake Geneva Tour.

Thanks to Carolyn Bounds for the delicious cookies she made for our meetings.

We owe a great deal of thanks to the folks shown above for making 2006 a very enjoyable year of V-8ing for our membership. The problem with doing this, however, is that you sometimes overlook someone. Thank you to all persons for your membership and contributions.

I wish our incoming president Dan Pudelek and his officers and directors a very successful 2007. It looks like a great year for the Northern Illinois Regional Group.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your president these past two years. I thank you.

Ron Dopke

FROM THE EDITORS

As we begin our second year of producing the Road Chatter, we have made a few changes in the format. Please let us know what you think about the table of contents on Page 1 and the new "In the Rearview Mirror" column which makes its debut on Page 11. Also, we weren't real pleased with the "second fold" of the newsletter, so we hope the full-page format makes it safely to you in the mail. If your Road Chatter arrives with any damage we would like to know about it.

We really like to publish articles about our members and their cars. This month you will find an interesting article about Doug & Gail Leicht's '37. We have another article "in the hopper" that we plan to publish next month about a member's '50 Convertible. (No, it is not "casino cream"). Please keep articles like this coming! As we said last month, we are happy to receive tech tips, write-ups of club events, or other interesting articles. You can e-mail your information to us at editor@nirgv8.org, mail it to us at the return address shown on the back cover, or bring it to a club meeting or event.

Finally, we would like to say congratulations and thank you to the new officers for stepping up and serving the club. We wish you the best of luck and continued support from all the members. Happy V-8'ing in 2007!

Ken & Carolyn

2007 Installation Dinner January 6, 2007

Place: Wellington of Arlington
 Time: 6:30-7:30 PM Open Bar
 7:30-8:30 PM Dinner & Cash Bar
 8:30-????? Program & Awards
 Cost: \$30.00 per person includes dinner,
 1-hour open bar, entertainment, and
 gratuity.



Music by Ron Vaughan

Note: Door prizes will be given out at the dinner. Members are encouraged to bring additional items to be used as door prizes.

WINTER STORAGE

By Doug Leicht, Edited by Tom Tess

There is winter storage for old cars, and then there is real winter storage. Take a look at these pictures. That's Doug Leicht's '37 Ford Touring Sedan parked in the showroom of Country Ford of Lake Geneva. Free heated storage. The dealer even detailed it for Doug!

Yes, the car is for sale, and yes Doug did talk to them about trading it in on the new Ford 500. And I thought car salesmen were tough to deal with. Doug not only didn't trade it in, but he got the dealer to park it in the showroom with a for sale sign on it. Go figure!

Doug originally bought the car from an antique dealer who was handling the estate of two old maids in Oconomowoc, WI in 1964. The car had only 16,000 miles on it. It had been sitting for years and was covered with ¼" of dirt. He put a battery in it and it started but ran poorly, stuck valves and rings. On the way back to Arlington Heights Doug stopped several times to pour brake fluid into the carb to free up the valves. He got it back to Arlington Heights on its own power. At the time Doug had a 1930 Model A Ford Victoria which he sold to help cover the \$500 cost of the '37. A friend helped Doug tear down the engine to clean out the sludge. So much sludge that nothing would run out the drain plug without putting a screwdriver in the drain hole. When they took the manifold off, the whole valley was filled with sludge. The engine was rebuilt with N.O.S. Parts.

In 1969 when Doug and Gail bought the farm in Lyons, they needed money so they sold the '37 Ford for \$1,000. Doug lost track of the car, which apparently passed through several owners. In 1988, Lloyd Duzell called Doug to say a '37 Ford was for sale in Melrose Park and Lloyd thought it might be Doug's old car. Doug called the owner the same day and in the middle of a blizzard drove down to see if it might be his car. When Sam Iusi opened the garage door Doug immediately recognized the Early Ford V-8 and the Antique Auto Car stickers he had put in the car years ago. The little crease in the rear fender was still there. Even though the car now had 26,000 miles on it the car was in unbelievable condition. The original paint had not been damaged and the interior was



Doug & Gail Leicht

like new. Doug bought it back for \$10,000.



The car has won two Dearborn Awards at Early Ford V-8 Club National meets scoring around 935 points for unrestored cars. It has also won two Rouge Awards for interior and one for exterior.

Doug only drives the car about 200 miles per year, just enough to keep it running. He plans to drive it to the Central National Meet of the Early Ford V-8 Club next July, unless he sells it in the meantime. He has advertised it for sale at \$25,000. Maybe the new marketing strategy of parking it in the Ford dealer's showroom will yield a buyer. Any one got a really nice '56 Victoria for sale?

Ten Commandments For the Car Collector

By Donald Peterson for the Feb. 1979 issue of Car Collector Magazine

1. Thou shalt not read thy Hemmings on company time, lest thy employer make it impossible to continue thy car payments.
2. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's car nor his garage, nor his battery charger.
3. Thou shalt not store thy car out-of-doors except for the wife's Toyota.
4. Thou shalt not deceive thy wife into thinking that thee is taking her for a romantic Sunday drive when indeed thou art going out to look at another car.
5. Thou shalt not love thy cars more than thy wife and children.
6. Thou shalt not despise thy neighbor's Edsel, nor his DeSoto, nor even his '47 Plymouth.
7. Thou shalt not tell thy spouse the entire cost of thy latest restoration, at least not all at the same time.
8. Thou shalt not promise thy wife a new addition for the house and then use it to store cars.
9. Thou shalt not allow thy sons and daughters to get married during the car show season.
10. Thou shalt not buy thy wife a floor jack for Christmas.

Christmas in Long Grove

By Ken Bounds

Thirty-five NIRG V-8 members, family, and friends enjoyed a holiday luncheon December 10 at the historic Village Tavern of Long Grove. The recent snowfall made for a picturesque day to get together for a nice meal before an afternoon of shopping in the quaint shops of Long Grove.

As usual at this charming restaurant, we enjoyed good food and drinks as well as prompt and attentive service. In addition, we were treated to a few numbers from a roving group of carolers. After the meal, President Ron Dopke briefly addressed the group, thanking everyone for coming and encouraging attendance at the upcoming January installation dinner.

We want to express our sincere thanks to Ron for setting up this event. Everyone appeared to have a great time. Those attending included: Ron & Arlene Blum; Ken & Carolyn Bounds; Don & Elaine Braun; Tom & Judy Buscaglia; George & Betty Cech; Lloyd & Gladys Duzell with friends Guy & Betty Lou Viti; John Judge; Joe & Nell Kozmic; Frank Madrigali; Joe Novak; Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell; Jim & Barb Pope; Dan & Diane Pudelek with daughter, son-in-law, and grandson Katherine & John Pauley and Jack; Stan & Jo Anne Stack; Len & Irene Vinyard; Alan Wall; and George & Dawn Zulas.

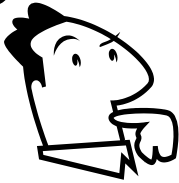




It's that time again! Time for the Barrett-Jackson Auction.

The 2007 Barrett-Jackson auction will be held from January 13—21 in Scottsdale, AZ. SPEED Channel will have 40 hours of live coverage over 6 days. Check your TV listings for exact times. If you subscribe to Hemmings Motor News you should have received a preview catalog for this auction.

Did you know?



In 1878, John Wanamaker had the first electric light installed in a commercial store.

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2007 Dues are past due! Don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter!



If your dues have not been received by the end of January, this will be your last issue of the Road Chatter and your name will be omitted from the 2007 Roster.

If we have not received your dues, there will be a red notice on the back cover of your Road Chatter saying "Last issue if dues are not paid." There will also be another membership renewal form inside your Road Chatter.

If you are unsure whether or not you have paid your dues, contact Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474.



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It Worked for Me - Diagnosing the Ford Overdrive, Part Two

By Ken Bounds

Last month I told you how the overdrive in our '50 Convertible quit working during a driving tour while attending the 2005 Western National Meet in Colorado. Bernie Sawin of the Hi-Country Regional Group helped me get home by connecting a jumper wire from ground to the "TH SW" terminal of the overdrive relay shown in the illustration below. On the next two pages are the step-by-step troubleshooting tips I followed, after returning home, from a 1950 Ford service manual provided by Bernie. I was able to trace the source of the problem to a defective kickdown switch (Item 7a). Talk about luck - this is the one component of the overdrive that is readily and inexpensively available!



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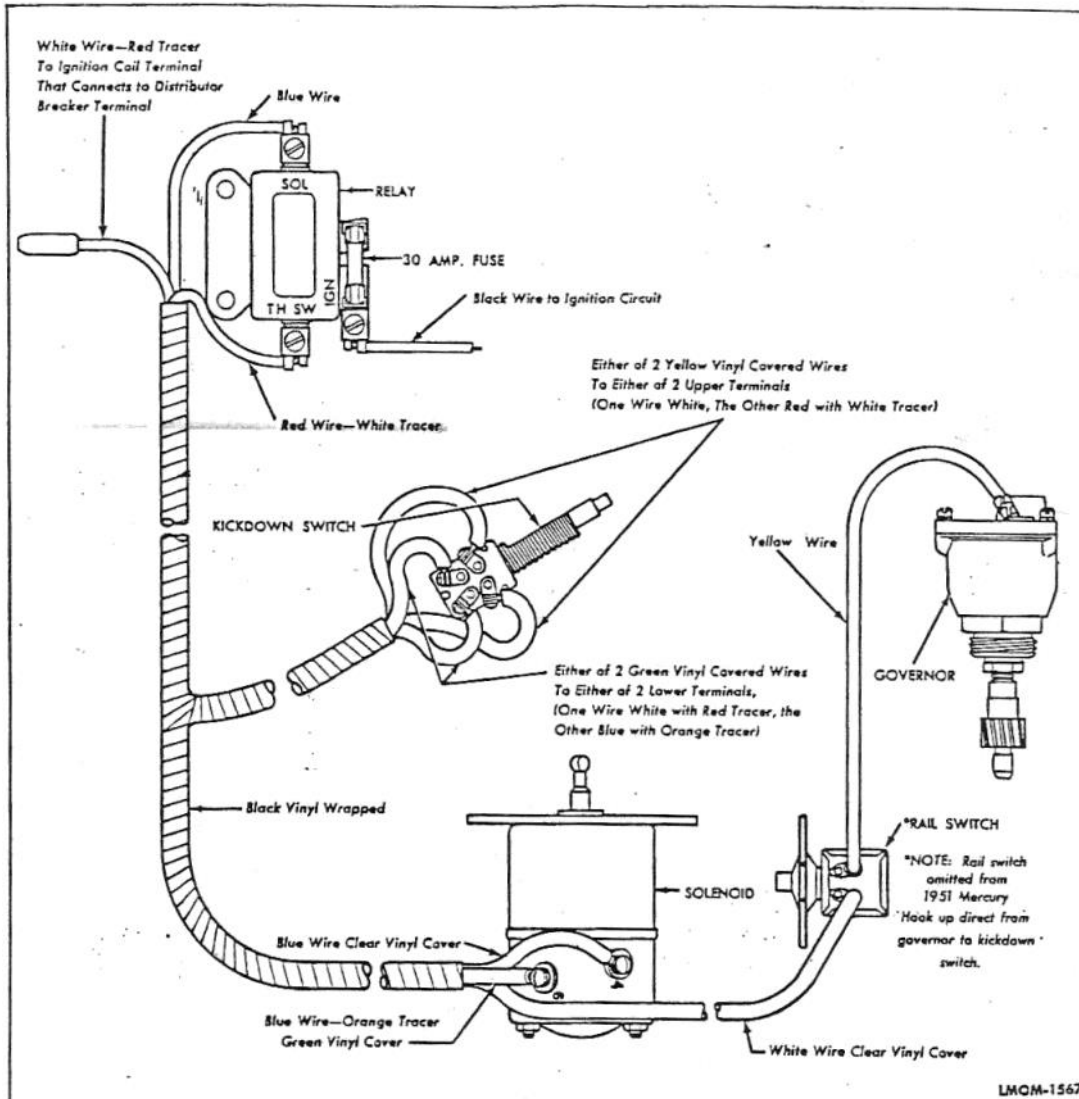


Figure 18—Wiring Diagram of Overdrive Electrical System



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OVERDRIVE 17

OVERDRIVE TROUBLE DIAGNOSIS PROCEDURE

OVERDRIVE DOES NOT ENGAGE ABOVE 26 M.P.H.

1. Check relay fuse. Note: 30 ampere fuse is required.
2. Turn on ignition switch and place manual control in overdrive position. Make sure manual control forces control lever at overdrive housing back against stop.
3. Ground the "THSW" terminal of the relay. Relay and solenoid should click.
 - a. If relay does not click, check wire from ignition circuit to the fuse terminal. If wire and connections are good, replace the relay.
 - b. If relay clicks, proceed with step 4.
4. Ground "THSW" terminal of the relay. Remove wire from "SOL" terminal. Connect 6 volt test lamp from "SOL" terminal to ground.
 - a. If lamp does not light, relay is defective. Replace relay.
 - b. If lamp lights, then the trouble will either be in the solenoid or circuit from the governor to the "THSW" terminal of the relay. To check this circuit proceed with step 5. (Remove test ground wire from "THSW" terminal and reconnect wire to "SOL" terminal before proceeding with step 5).
5. Ground the terminal on the governor. This should cause the solenoid to click.
 - a. If solenoid clicks, the governor probably has not been functioning. Remove governor using Tool 1246. Remove governor cap and inspect contact points. Note if gear pin is sheared. Repair or replace governor.
 - b. If solenoid does not function when governor terminal is grounded, proceed with step 6. In the case of the 1951 Mercury, proceed with step 7.
6. Ground terminals of rail switch. (Except 1951 Mercury).
 - a. If solenoid clicks, then the rail switch has not been functioning. Replace rail switch.
 - b. If solenoid does not click, proceed with step 7.

7. Ground upper terminals of kickdown switch.
 - a. If solenoid clicks when one terminal is grounded but not when the other is grounded, the kickdown switch is defective. Replace switch.
 - b. If solenoid does not click, the solenoid or the wire from the kickdown switch to the "THSW" terminal of the relay is defective. Check the wire. If wire is good, proceed with step 8.
8. Connect a wire from the negative terminal of the battery to the No. 4 terminal of the solenoid.
 - a. If solenoid operates, then the wire from the "SOL" terminal of the relay is defective or the relay will not carry enough amps to operate the solenoid.
 - b. If solenoid does not operate, replace solenoid.

If the electrical circuit proves to be satisfactory, the failure of the overdrive to function is within the unit. It is necessary to remove the overdrive assembly from the vehicle and disassemble to make necessary repairs.

OVERDRIVE DOES NOT RELEASE BELOW 23 M.P.H.

If the overdrive is in constant engagement, the unit will be locked up in reverse gear. Attempting to operate in reverse gear will cause serious damage.

1. Turn ignition switch on and off.
 - a. If relay clicks, some portion of the circuit from the governor through the rail switch and kickdown switch to the "THSW" terminal of the relay is grounded. Proceed with step 2.
 - b. If relay does not click, remove solenoid. With tool 6916-A check for free movement of pawl. If pawl is free, check for proper engagement of solenoid stem with the pawl. See "Proper Installation of Solenoid," page 15 of this section.



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2. Turn ignition switch on. Remove governor wire from rail switch.
 - a. If solenoid clicks (disengages), governor or governor wire is grounded.
 - b. If solenoid does not click, proceed with step 3.
3. Remove kickdown switch wire from rail switch.
 - a. If solenoid clicks (disengages), replace rail switch.
 - b. If solenoid does not click, proceed with step 4.
4. Remove wires from upper terminals of kickdown switch.
 - a. If solenoid clicks (disengages), replace kickdown switch.
 - b. If solenoid does not click, relay is grounded. Replace relay.

If the electrical circuit is found to be satisfactory, the trouble is within the overdrive assembly. Remove the assembly from the vehicle and repair.

KICKDOWN DOES NOT FUNCTION

1. Press accelerator pedal down as far as possible. Note if stem of kickdown switch is depressed. Adjust position of switch if required.
2. Ground No. 6 terminal of solenoid. Run engine at idle speed. Press on stem of kickdown switch.
 - a. Engine stops. This proves that the kickdown switch is satisfactory, therefore, the ground contact points in solenoid have been inoperative. Clean points. If the points are satisfactory, then check for solenoid engagement with the pawl. See "Proper Installation of Solenoid" page 15.
 - b. Engine does not stop. Kickdown switch or wires to distributor side of ignition coil or to No. 6 terminal of solenoid are defective. Check wires. If wires are satisfactory, replace kickdown switch.

ENGINE STOPS WHEN KICKDOWN SWITCH IS DEPRESSED

1. Run engine at idle speed and remove wire from No. 6 terminal of solenoid. Press on stem of kickdown switch.
 - a. Engine does not stop. The insulated ignition grounding contact or No. 6 terminal of solenoid is probably grounded.
 - b. Engine stops. The kickdown switch is defective or wire from kickdown switch to No. 6 terminal is grounded.

NO ACTION IN REVERSE GEAR

If the engine does not transmit power in reverse gear when the overdrive control is pushed in, then the rail assembly is not shifting the sun gear. When this condition exists the vehicle can be rolled backwards proving that the pawl is not locked into engagement.

Remove gear shift housing and check for action of the lever - Mercury CM or cam-Lincoln EH-EL that moves the rail assembly. See "Reverse Lock-Out" page 12. Replace defective parts.

ROUGH OR NOISY OVERDRIVE ENGAGEMENT

If the overdrive engagement is accompanied by a noise and a jolt is felt when the engagement is made, the balk ring tension on the gear plate is insufficient. To remedy this condition, it is necessary to remove the overdrive and disassemble the unit to a point where the balk ring-gear plate can be removed. To check the tension of the balk ring on the gear plate see step 25, pages 21 and 22. Figure 30 shows the method of checking.

REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF OVERDRIVE ASSEMBLY

The overdrive unit cannot be separated from the transmission and removed as a separate unit from the vehicle. It is necessary to remove both the transmission and overdrive assembly from the vehicle before disassembly of the unit. For the same reason it is necessary to install the overdrive and transmission as an assembly. For removal and installation procedure (Lincoln EH-EL and Mercury CM), see Transmission Section of this Manual.



10 Years Ago This Month – January 1997

The NIRG Installation dinner was held at the Atrium restaurant in Arlington Heights January 11, with Tom O'Donnell turning over the gavel to Dick Alfini as the new president. On this same date, portions of Chicago started using the new "773" area code. Lin Stacey presented a tech talk on tools at the January 21st meeting.

20 Years Ago This Month – January 1987

The NIRG Installation Dinner was held January 10 at Alice's Moravia Bohemian Restaurant in Berwyn. Officers: President – Alan Wall; Vice-President – Dave French; Treasurer – Earl Heintz; Membership Chairman – Neil McManus; Secretary – Terry Freihage; Newsletter editor – Diane Wrobel.

Bill Balogh advertised a complete set of 1951 Ford convertible top bows for \$100. (Dick – you may want to see if Bill still has them for this price!)

30 Years Ago This Month – January 1977

Outgoing club officers: President – Marty Duling (see photo); Vice-President – George Cech (I am not making this up); Secretary-Treasurer – Jack Groot; Tour Chairmen – Sam Iusi & Len Vinyard; Newsletter Editor – Ron Dopke. The installation dinner was held January 22 at Daniels Restaurant on old 53 in Addison. Mentioned in the newsletter was the 4th annual swap meet at Bill Jacobs Chevrolet in Joliet (29 years later Joey Novak found his new flathead block there and Ken Bounds found his new flathead engine). Treasurer Jack Groot announced that 1977 dues were due: \$5.00.

35 Years Ago This Month – January 1972

The January meeting was held at the Dopke home in Northbrook. A request went out for more participation in the club during 1972 and more items for the newsletter.



Outgoing President Marty Duling and Leah appear relaxed and relieved. It wasn't that tough Marty, or was it?

V-8 Gals

T'was the month after Christmas, and all through the house,
nothing would fit me, not even a blouse;
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I had to taste,
at the holiday parties had gone to my waist;

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber),
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared,
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared;

The wine and the rum balls; the bread and the cheese,
and the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt,
and prepared once again to do battle with dirt,
I said to myself, as only I can,
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So, away with the last of the sour cream dip.
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished,
'til all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore,
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

Author Unknown



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

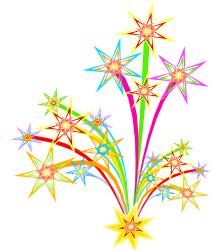
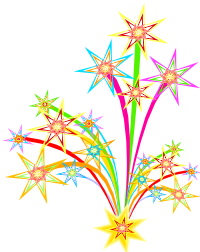
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September 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 28 - 30 Lake Geneva Cancer Rally	October 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting— Officer Nominations	November 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting— Officer Elections	December No Meetings



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 DON DREWS (1/1), GENE HEINTZ (1/3), JACK FRANK (1/4),
 JOE NOVAK (1/11), GEORGE ZULAS (1/13), RON DOPKE (1/14),
 BARB POPE (1/21), RON BLUM (1/23), JO ANNE STACK (1/23),
 EARL HEINTZ (1/28) & LARRY WEBB (1/31)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
 RON & ARLENE HAYDEN (1/9), JIMMY & HEATHER GUIDO (1/20)
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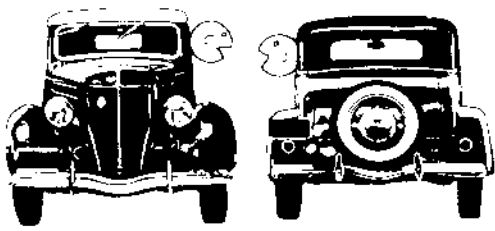
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