

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**February 14** Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**February 19** Member Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8 pm.

**February 24** Eggs 'n' 8s. See Page 3 for more details.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**February 8 - 17** 2008 Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, \$10 adult, \$5 seniors 62 and older.

**February 17** 24th Annual Winter Parts Swap Meet, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL. 7 am - 1 pm. \$5 donation per person.

**February 24th 25** Skip's 21st Annual Car/Truck Parts Swap Meet, Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL, 8 am - 3 pm, Admission \$7.

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**2008 Membership Rosters will be available at the February club meeting. Please come to the meeting to pick up your Roster!!**

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**Newsletter**

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Tom O'Donnell

Stan Stack

**MEETINGS**~~8:00 pm on the third~~

Tuesday of the month at  
the Wheeling Township  
Service Center, 1616 N.  
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Arlington Heights, IL

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**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT**

On January 12 the V-8 club had its annual installation dinner at Finleys Grill Room. The food was good the service was excellent; there were a few snafus but nothing that can't be corrected if we have the dinner there next year. After talking with the members that attended the dinner I believe everyone had a good time. I know that everyone went home with a door prize or two, thanks to our friends and the vendors that donated the door prizes.

The first general meeting of the year was held the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and it was well attended; we even welcomed in two new members. At the meeting we talked mostly about what we plan to do as a club this year. The officers and board members are doing their best to keep us busy and I think they came up with some good ideas. The hard part is getting the members to volunteer. It seems to me the same people volunteer time and time again year after year and I am most grateful. I would like to see the members that haven't hosted a tour take a shot at running an outing or putting together some sort of tour. The definition of a club is to unite or combine for a common cause, and that cause is to have fun with our old Fords and Mercurys. We as a club need your help to keep things rolling. We need you to get more involved. At our February meeting, I would like more suggestions and ideas for tours and outings and PEOPLE to RUN them.

Thank You

President, Daniel Pudelek

**From The Tour Chairman**

Now is the time for all V-8 members to come to the aid of their club. Its already 2008 and the club needs everyone's input for the current driving year. We need input for any and every place you would like to go. Please let me know. Thanks, Joe Novak.

**Warning! Indiana Toll Road Rate Hike**

The Indiana Toll Road will increase its rates significantly when the new electronic toll collection system, i-Zoom, is implemented in April. The cash toll for crossing the state from Illinois to Ohio will increase from the current \$4.65 to \$8.00. But if you have an I-Pass, never fear! The Indiana Toll Road will continue to charge the current rate if you use the i-Zoom OR the I-Pass.

Remember, your I-Pass is currently accepted on Illinois tollways, the Chicago Skyway, and all locations in the East which use E-ZPass. The Ohio Turnpike plans to convert to an electronic toll collection system beginning in 2009. Even the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is considering acceptance of the I-Pass.

## Eggs 'n' 8s - Sunday, February 24

Tom Buscaglia is hosting a Sunday breakfast get-together. This is just an informal, relaxed way to join your fellow NIRG V-8ers for breakfast. Also a great opportunity for new members to come out and meet the families.

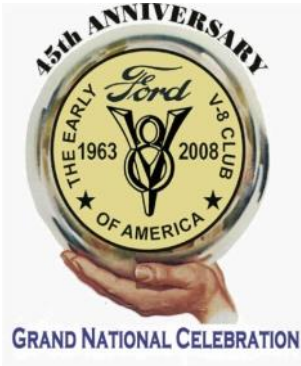


The February Eggs 'n' 8s will be held Sunday, February 24, at 9:00 a.m. at Egg Harbor Café, 477 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in historic Geneva. After breakfast there is plenty of opportunity for shopping in over 100 specialty shops nestled in historic storefronts and charming Victorian style homes.

Egg Harbor Café is located in downtown Geneva just three blocks west of the Fox River, five blocks south of State Street (IL Route 38, or Roosevelt Rd).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Tom Buscaglia 630-584-8573.

## Grand National Meet Update



The 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand National Meet will be held in Dearborn July 14-19, 2008. The agenda for the meet has been posted on the club web site. We will provide details later, but basically registration begins on Monday, various motor coach tours will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, the welcome party will be Tuesday, concourse Thursday, and the awards banquet Friday. It will be a busy week!

If you want to stay at the meet hotel, the Dearborn Hyatt, you must complete and submit a registration form, available on the club web site (or you can contact Ken Bounds if you need a copy). After you have received confirmation of your meet registration, 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. 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 their 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 last year's trip to Winona, so we hope to have a large turnout. If you do not want to stay at the meet hotel, Tom O'Donnell has arranged a rate of \$99 at the nearby Hampton Inn, as long as he can get commitments for 10 rooms. Please contact Tom if you want to stay at the Hampton Inn. 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.

## Installation Banquet

### By Ken Bounds

Finleys Grill Room in Downers Grove was the site for our annual NIRG installation banquet on January 12. This restaurant was a new location for us and the 41 members and guests in attendance agreed that the food was excellent and the service was outstanding. Our thanks go out to Dan & Diane Pudelek for hosting the event and to our very talented member Ron Vaughan for again providing the musical entertainment.

Attending were: President and First Lady Dan & Diane Pudelek, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Don & Elaine Braun, George & Betty Cech with their guests, Don Drews, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, Stan Gaynor, Earl & Gene Heintz, John Judge, Gary & Joan Kelly, Frank & Margaret Koeder, Joe & Nell



**Ron Vaughan on piano**

Kozmic, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Joey Novak, Art Russell, Stan & Jo Anne Stack, Ron & Edie Vaughan, Len & Irene Vinyard, Alan & Lois Wall, Larry & Jerry Webb, and George & Dawn Zulas.

After a terrific dinner, President Dan thanked the outgoing officers for their service to the club in 2007 and welcomed the new officers for 2008, including incoming Vice-President Frank Madrigali. With the able assistance of Alan Wall, Dan presented service awards to those members who provided notable contributions to the club in 2007. These included: Dan Pudelek: President, Christmas Brunch; Tom Buscaglia: Vice-President, Eggs-n-8's; George Zulas: Treasurer, Club Ap-



parel; Mike Heatherly: Secretary, Video Presentation; Ken & Carolyn Bounds: Road Chatter Editors, Membership Chairman, Eastern National Meet, Central National Meet, Lake Geneva Tour, Veteran's Day Luncheon; Joey Novak: Tour Chairman; Ron Blum: Board of Directors, Day at the Races, Central National Meet video; Ron Dopke: Board of Directors, 2007 Installation Dinner, Valentine's Day Tour, McHenry County Tour, Sanfilippo Tour; Tom



**Nell Kozmic, Elaine Braun, Art Russell  
and Stan Gaynor**





O'Donnell: Board of Directors; Joe Seritella: Board of Directors; Stan Stack: Health & Welfare, Ladies Night Out; Ron Vaughan: 2007 Installation Dinner Entertainment; Alan Wall: 2006 Service Awards; Jim Ondracek: Tech Talk on Clocks; Bob Paladino: Pizza Meeting; Jack Nikolich: Crystal Lake Tour; Cliff Dixon: Winona Planning Meeting, American Legion Car Show; George Cech: Volo Show, 40th Anniversary Cruise; Don & Elaine Braun: Picnic; Rich Doligale: Picnic Auctioneer; Len Vinyard: Picnic Auctioneer; and Earl Heintz: Veterans Day Luncheon.

The club extends thanks to all the members 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; George Folchi of Ampco Lubrication who donated an Ampco Lubricator kit; Antique Auto Battery – \$30 gift certificate; Dennis Carpenter Reproductions – four \$25 gift certificates; LeBaron-Bonney - \$25 gift certificate; Gold Eagle Company – discount coupons; Hemmings Motor News – diecast truck; Mac's Antique Auto Parts – two t-shirts; Red's Headers – gift certificate; Griot's Garage – Speed Shine; Turtle Wax (Marvel Oil Company) – Marvel Mystery Oil and t-shirts; Summit Industries – Vinylex quick wipes, Lexol leather cleaner and car care kit; 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 Dan & Diane Pudelek, Ron Vaughan, the staff of Finleys Grill Room, and all members who attended and made this dinner a success. Can Spring be that far away?



**Don Drews and his mystery date.**



**Frank and Margaret Koeder**

**JANUARY 15TH MEETING MINUTES****Submitted by Secretary Mike Heatherly**

President Dan Pudelek called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

Treasurer George Zulas reported a December balance of \$2,428.38 and a January balance of \$2,598.54.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds stated that club membership now stands at 72. Twelve individuals have not renewed. Club members were asked to follow up with individuals they know well to clarify their status. Ken introduced new members Dave Benck and Roger and Betty Meness. Dave is a BMW salesman, with a 1936 5 Window Coupe. Roger and Betty Meness came as guests and joined the club that evening. Roger and Betty have a 1951 Ford 2 Dr sedan.

Health and Welfare Chairman Stan Stack reported that Sue Dopke has been ill for the past several months. Joe Serritella was in attendance at the meeting. He is continuing to heal from Achilles tendon surgery. He had a heal spur that broke off and caused other complications. His healing is a slow steady process, with an overall excellent prognosis. Karyn Obecny is at home recovering from back surgery.

As usual for most January meetings a discussion was held regarding the activity calendar for 2008. Primary discussion focused on the Grand National meet being held at Dearborn Michigan July 13<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Other ideas floated: (no final decisions)

- Theatre Night Out Blue Man Group
- Long Grove Strawberry Festival
- Spring shake down tour
- Event at Volo
- Gears and Ears Car show June 14th
- Illinois Railway Museum event in August
- Club picnic tentatively at Lloyd Duzell's house
- Auburn Motorfest August 23 -26

Look to the Road Chatter every month for details on upcoming tours and events.

Tom O'Donnell is still boxing up the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum collection presently held at the Jordan Beller Museum in Downers Grove. I asked if a donation could be made to the Foundation (say \$20.00) for the opportunity to photocopy articles related to an individual's antique car. If you log onto the V-8 times web site, click on the Index of Articles, you can use the find function from your Internet browser to list all the articles related to your car. There were twenty references related to a 1941 Mercury. The index was compiled by Chuck Waller. It covers 228 issues of the V-8 times from 1964 through 2001. This is a floated idea no one has agreed to it or knows if it would be allowed.

If members searched through the index maybe we could determine how much interest exists. One of course would also owe the Foundation the copying costs.

Joe Seritella won \$24.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

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## Welcome New NIRG Members

The Northern Illinois Regional Group welcomes Roger & Betty Meness to the club. They own an original 1951 Ford 2 door coupe, as well as a 1964 Ford XL 500 convertible. They live in Waukegan – their contact information will be included in the 2008 roster, due out this month. Roger and Betty ran into us at the Lake Geneva Cancer Rally last September and we apparently did not frighten them away. They attended the January meeting and joined the club at that time. Great to have you!



We are also pleased to welcome Dave Benck of Chicago to the NIRG. Dave is a national V-8 Club member and learned of our group through our web site, [www.nirgv8.org](http://www.nirgv8.org). Dave also joined at our January meeting where he introduced himself and told us about his 1936 Ford 5 Window Coupe. Welcome aboard Dave – we hope to see that '36 on the road soon!

## CARS FOR MOVIES

provided by Jordan Beller



From time to time movies and TV shows require period correct vehicles for a production.

If you are interested in seeing your car or truck on the screen in this type of project, here are two names for you to contact.

You would need to submit five photos of your vehicle, front, back, both sides and interior. Also a brief description (MODEL, Make, Year) of your car. Need more information???

Call P.E. Productions LLC: 773-854-2405 contact: Howard Or Anne Stuart: 312-330-1017

They have an upcoming (in March) movie from Universal Films, titled Public Enemies, to be filmed in Chicago.

## JANUARY MINUTES CONTINUED

In Attendance:

Dave Benck, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, George Cech, Sam Dix, Don Drews, Lloyd Duzell, Scott Gilday, Jerry Gunderson, Mike Heatherly, Earl Heinz, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Charles R. Kaiser, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Roger & Betty Meness, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, Collin Sprau, Stan Stack, Ron Vaughan, Len Vinyard, Alan Wall and George Zulas.



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For several months now, no topic has raised so much controversy in antique/collector car circles as the trend toward reduction of Zinc dialkyl dithio phosphate (ZDDP, ZnDTP, or ZDP) in motor oils. If you visit any internet forum in the hobby you will see this subject discussed. It has appeared in the V-8 Times as well as in several regional V-8 Club newsletters. This month we wanted to present the views of a respected expert in the area to help you draw your own conclusions. The following article appeared in the September 2007 issue of *The Rotunda Times*, the official monthly publication of the Ford & Mercury Restorer's Club of America. We are grateful to their editor, Steve Rohde, for granting us permission to reproduce the article here.

### Engine Oil Mythology By Bob Olree

Myths are ill-founded beliefs held uncritically by interested groups. Over the years there has been an overabundance of engine oil myths. One was that the only good oils were oils made from "Pure Pennsylvania Crude Oil." This one got started before the Second World War when engine oil was crude oil with very minimal refining, and crude oil from Pennsylvania made better engine oil than Texas or California crude. With modern refining, almost any crude can be made into good engine oil.



The next myth was that "modern" detergent engine oils were bad for older engines. This one got started after the Second World War, when the government no longer needed all the detergent oil for the war effort, and it hit the market as Heavy-Duty oil. These new detergent oils gave the pre-war cars, which had been driven way past their normal life and were full of sludge and deposits, a massive enema. In some cases bad things happened such as increased oil consumption – the piston rings were completely worn out and the massive piston deposits were the only thing standing between merely high and horrendous oil consumption. If detergent oils had been available to the public during the war, this myth never would have started.

Amazingly there are still a few people today, 60 years later, who believe that they need to use non-detergent oil in their older cars. Apparently it takes about 75 years for an oil myth to die.

Then there is the myth that new engines will not break-in on synthetic oils. Apparently there was an aircraft engine manufacturer who once put out a bulletin to this effect. Clearly the thousands and thousands of cars filled with Mobil 1 as factory-fill, which have been broken-in quite well, should have put this one to rest. However this one is only 40 years old, so it has another 35 years to live.

All of these myths have a common theme: newer oils are bad. And this brings us to the latest myth – new "Starburst"/ API SM engine oils are bad for older cars because the amount of anti-wear





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additive in them has been reduced. This one has gotten big play in the antique and collector car press lately. The anti-wear additive being discussed is zinc dithiophosphate (ZDP). Before debunking this myth we need to look at the history of ZDP usage in engine oil.

ZDP has been used for over 60 years as an additive in engine oils to provide wear protection and oxidation stability. Unfortunately, ZDP contains phosphorus, and phosphorus is a poison for automotive catalyts. For this reason ZDP levels have been reduced by about 35% over the last 10-15 years down to a maximum of 0.08% for “Starburst”/API SM oils.

Zinc dithiophosphate was first added to engine oil to control copper/ lead bearing corrosion. Starting in 1942, a Chevrolet Stovebolt engine with aftermarket copper/lead insert bearing connecting rods was the standard oil test. The insert bearings were weighed before and after test for weight loss due to corrosion. The phosphorus levels of oils that passed the test were in the 0.03% range.

In the mid 1950s Oldsmobile got in a horsepower war with its Rocket engine against the Chrysler Hemi. Both companies went to high-lift camshafts and both got into camshaft scuffing and wear problems very fast. There were three solutions. Better camshaft and lifter metallurgy, phosphating the camshaft, and increasing the phosphorus level from ZDP up to the 0.08% range. Another outcome was a battery of industry wide “Sequence” oil tests. Two of these tests were valve-train scuffing/wear tests.

Knowing that this higher level of ZDP was good for flat-tappet valvetrain scuffing and wear, some oil companies dumped even more in thinking that they were offering the customer even more protection. However, it was soon learned that while going above something like 0.14% phosphorus might decrease break-in scuffing, it increased longer term wear. At about 0.20% phosphorus the ZDP started attacking the grain boundaries in the iron, resulting in camshaft spalling.

Later in the 1970s, the ZDP level was pushed up to the 0.10% phosphorus range as it was a cheap and effective antioxidant, and increased antioxidantancy was needed to protect the oil in Cadillacs pulling Airstream trailers from thickening to the point of not pumping. Recently, the need for this higher level of ZDP for protecting the oil from thickening has been greatly reduced with the introduction of more modern ashless antioxidants that contain no phosphorus.

Enough history, now getting back to the myth that “Starburst”/API SM oils are no good for older cars. The argument put forth by the myth believers is that while these oils work perfectly well in modern gasoline engines equipped with roller camshafts, they will cause catastrophic wear in older engines equipped with flat-tappet camshafts.



The “Starburst”/API SM oil standards were developed by a group of OEM, oil additive company,



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and oil company experts. When developing any new engine oil standard the issue of “backward compatibility” always comes up, and indeed the group of experts spent a lot of time researching this issue. Various oil and additive companies ran “no harm” tests on older cars with the new oils. No problems were uncovered.

The new specification contains two valve-train wear tests. One is the Sequence IVA Test which tests for camshaft scuffing and wear using a 2.4L Nissan single overhead camshaft engine with slider finger followers. The wear limits were tightened from the previous oil specification which contained a phosphorus limit of 0.10%. The second is the Sequence IIIG Test which evaluates cam and lifter wear. A current production GM Powertrain 3.8L engine with the valve train replaced with a flat tappet system similar to those used in the 1980s is used. The only reason that this test engine uses this older valve train design is to insure that older engines are protected. All “Starburst”/API SM oil formulations must pass these two tests.

In addition to the protection offered by these two valvetrain wear tests and the new testing which was conducted on the formulations containing lower levels of ZDP, a review of the knowledge gained over the years in developing previous categories also indicates that no problem should be expected. The new “Starburst”/ API SM oils contain about the same percentage of ZDP as the oils that solved the camshaft scuffing and wear issues back in the 1950s. They do contain less ZDP than the oils that solved the oil thickening issues in the 1960s, but that is because they now contain high levels of ashless antioxidants that were not commercially available in the 1960s.

The oil’s ZDP level is only one factor in determining the life of an older camshaft or a new aftermarket camshaft. Most of the anecdotal reports of camshaft failures attributed to the newer oils appear to be with aftermarket camshafts. Breaking in extremely aggressive aftermarket camshafts has always been problem. The legendary Smokey Yunick wrote that his solution to the problem was to buy multiple camshafts and simply try breaking them in until he found one that survived break-in without scuffing.

Despite the pains taken in developing special flat tappet camshaft wear tests that these new oils must pass and the fact that the ZDP level of these new oils is comparable to the level found necessary to protect flat tappet camshafts in the past, there will still be those who want to believe the myth that “new oils will wear out older engines.” Like other myths before it, history teaches us that it will take about 75 years for this one to die also.

Bob Olree is Chairman of the ILSAC Oil Committee. ILSAC is the International Lubricant Standardization and Approval Committee, composed of automobile manufacturers, that sets standards for passenger car motor oil quality. ILSAC uses a starburst symbol that illustrates APIs (American Petroleum Institute) service classification, SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) grade, and energy conserving level.



### 10 Years Ago This Month – February 1998

The Road Chatter advised that Rich Adams had joined the NIRG. The February issue featured a story from Ron Vaughan about his 1946 Ford which he had driven for about 10 years in the 80's and 90's. At the February 17 meeting, Membership Chairman Lin Stacey advised we had 78 members and introduced new members Colin Sprau and Tom Skrobot. Also present were old member Howie Bischoff and Ken Bounds' guest Carolyn O'Hare. What ever became of her?

### 20 Years Ago This Month – February 1988

Dave & Judy French hosted the February 6 installation dinner at The Back Door in West Chicago, attended by 87 members and guests! At the February 9 meeting, President Rich Doligale welcomed new member Larry Webb. Charlie Kaiser presented movies he had taken at Jack Groot's farm in 1975 and 1976. Marty Duling provided a slide presentation showing various museums and car shows, including the Harrah's collection and the old Highland Park Auto Museum.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – February 1978

Forty-seven members, family, and friends attended the NIRG gourmet night at Hong Chow in Island Lake, hosted by Chuck and Diane Wrobel. Prospective member Lloyd Duzell was a guest of Marty Duling at the February 14 meeting. Marty presented an interesting tech talk on the history of auto radios and on Early Ford V-8 radios in particular. Twenty-four couples had a great time at the candlelight bowling event on February 25.

### 35 Years Ago This Month – February 1973

The newsletter welcomed 14 new members who had joined the NIRG since October, including Don Braun, Tom Young, Howie Bischoff, and Don Schuh. Seventeen members had indicated their intention to attend the first Grand National Meet in Dearborn, including Don Braun, George Cech, Ron Dopke, Sam Iusi, Chester Lawrence, Alan Wall, and Roy Warshawsky. Yep – Roy was a NIRG member.



Can anyone identify this couple?

## Valentine's Day Trivia



- ♥ 15% of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
- ♥ 73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.
- ♥ About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year. That's the second largest seasonal card-sending occasion of the year, next to Christmas.
- ♥ About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.
- ♥ Hallmark has over 1330 different cards specifically for Valentine's Day.
- ♥ In the United States, 64 percent of men do not make plans in advance for a romantic Valentine's Day with their sweethearts.
- ♥ Only the U.S., Canada, Mexico, France, Australia and the U.K. celebrate Valentine's Day.
- ♥ 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period.
- ♥ In 1866, candy manufacturer NECCO made the first "Conversation Hearts" — then called "Motto Hearts." According to NECCO, eight billion of these little candies are sold between January 1 and February 14.

<http://www.theromantic.com/valentinesday/trivia.htm>

### HERSHEY'S HUGS & KISSES Crescents

1 package (8 oz.) refrigerated quick crescent dinner rolls  
 24 HERSHEY'S KISSES Brand Milk Chocolates or HERSHEY'S HUGS Brand Chocolates  
 Powdered sugar



1. Heat oven to 375 F. Separate dough into 8 triangles. Remove wrappers from chocolates.
2. Place 2 chocolates at wide end of each triangle; place an additional chocolate on top of other two pieces. Starting at wide end, roll to opposite point; pinch edges to seal. Place rolls, pointed side down, on ungreased cookie sheet. Curve into crescent shape.
3. Bake 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly; sift with powdered sugar. Serve warm. 8 crescents.

Note: Leftover crescents can be reheated in microwave for a few seconds.

<http://www.hersheys.com/recipes>



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>January</b> 10 Board Meeting 12 Installation Dinner 15 Member Meeting	<b>February</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 24 Eggs 'n' 8s - Hosted by Tom Buscaglia	<b>March</b> 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	<b>April</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting - Pizza Meeting
<b>May</b> 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting	<b>June</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	<b>July</b> 10 Board Meeting 14 - 19 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI 15 Member Meeting	<b>August</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 23- 26 Auburn Motorfest
<b>September</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 26 - 28 Lake Geneva Cancer Rally	<b>October</b> 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations	<b>November</b> 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	<b>December</b> No Meetings



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**NELL KOZMIC (2/8), TERRY HERZOG (2/9), DENNIS ROBERTS (2/10),**  
**PAT STACEY (2/12), FRANK MADRIGALI (2/21), LEN VINYARD (2/14), BOB**  
**PALADINO (2/26) & ERNIE HERZOG (2/27)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**GEORGE & SHRILEY BASTUNES (2/8), STAN & JO ANNE STACK (2/14) &**  
**DON & BETH DREWS (2/20)**



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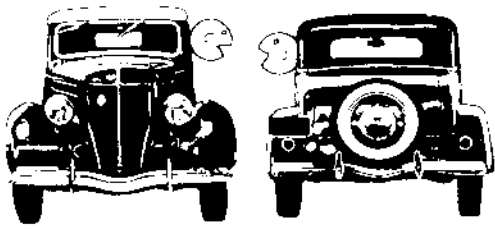


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