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June 2008

UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

June 1 Garage Tour -
Hosted by Lloyd Duzell

June 12 Board of Directors
Meeting, Wheeling
Township Service Center,
7:30 pm.

June 17 Monthly Meeting
Wheeling Township Service
Center, 8:00 pm.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

June 15 40th Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show, Oakbrook Shopping Center, 11 am - 6 pm

June 15 Father's Day Military Festival, Volo Auto Museum, Admission \$10

June 22 Gears & Ears Car Show & Swap Meet, Kendall County Fairgrounds, 8 am, Admission \$20 to show/\$5 spectator

June 26 - 29 Bloomington Gold Corvette Show, Pheasant Run, St. Charles

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Attention Members



You didn't miss it! The Marvel Mystery Oil tech talk has been rescheduled for June 17

Roger Hunz has arranged for representatives from Turtle Wax, Inc., owners of Marvel Mystery Oil, to make a presentation at our June 17 monthly meeting. Be sure to come and hear about the benefits that MMO can provide to our flathead engines.

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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

May's meeting was somewhat of a disappointment as our guest speakers from Marvel Mystery Oil had to cancel at the last minute due to problems beyond their control. We were assured that they will be able to make our June meeting.



I guess you could say it was a good thing that the tech talk fell through as we had a very good meeting. We talked about all the upcoming tours, our Dearborn trip in July, and our picnic in August at the Duzells. We also had a very good question and answer period - something we talked about doing for some time and I'm glad we were able to have it.

The night's big topic was Ken Bounds' off the cuff discussion about his 1950 Crestliner. As you know Ken just finished restoring the Crestliner and let me say it turned out beautiful. Ken plans to take it to Dearborn and put in concourse to be judged at the National Meet. But the more he looked at the car he found things he didn't like, such as all the nuts and bolts that hold the car together that looked dirty or rusty or were the wrong ones. Ken set out to fix this problem by replacing the ones he could with the right ones and cleaning and re-plating the ones that came with the car from Ford. Ken explained what he had to do to get the nuts and bolts to look like new. It was and still is a time consuming marathon taking off and putting back after cleaning or re-plating all the nuts and bolts. Ken did mention that he couldn't believe how many different types and sizes of nuts and bolts the old car had. Knowing Ken he'll have the Crestliner all together and looking as if it just came out of the showroom.

After Ken's talk we opened the floor for discussion about tours. As you know the club has a lot of open dates on the calendar for tours. So ladies and gentleman if you have any thoughts or ideas for a tour or any kind of get-together with the cars please let Joe Novak know and put something together.

President
Daniel Pudelek

From the Editors

We are pleased to let our readers know that the Road Chatter has been honored as a recipient of the 2007 Golden Quill Award by the Editors of Old Cars Weekly. Our thanks to everyone whose contributions



to a great club make this possible.

Ken & Carolyn

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

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

Treasurer George Zulas was not able to attend the meeting, so Dan read his report for March and April, showing an ending balance of \$2,424.89.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds related there are still 79 paid up members.

Health and Welfare Chairman Stan Stack reported that Sue Dopke continues to have serious ongoing medical issues. Several members commented that Don Braun is recovering from more shoulder surgery.

Dan thanked Bob Paladino for hosting the Pizza meeting, Joe Novak and Stan Stack for setting up the Ladies Night Out, Don Drews for arranging the presentation at the Oak Park River Forest High School, and Tom O'Donnell for setting up the Spring Shake Down Tour.

He also thanked Joe Novak for arranging for Club Clothing at Embroider Me located at 905 E Rand Rd, Arlington Heights, IL. Phone 847-577-1240. You can bring your own clothing in also.

Upcoming Events:

- Ken Bounds and two other club members will be attending a Spring Fling in Nebraska City, Nebraska, Memorial Day weekend.
- The Sandwich Car Show is being held Sunday May 25.
- Lloyd Duzell discussed the Garage Tour he has set up for Sunday June 1. Club members should meet at his house at 8:30 am, leaving by 9 am. Stops are planned for two unique collections. He needs twenty people to be able to make special lunch accommodations.
- Since the car show was cancelled at the Strawberry Festival in Long Grove members are reminded that a nice alternative activity to consider would be Gears and Ears, located in Yorkville at the Kendall County Fair Grounds on Sunday June 22, 2008.
- The Grand National Meet will be held in Dearborn Michigan July 14th to the 19th. Registrations are filling fast. Club members are planning on a car caravan leaving Monday July 14. The monthly club meeting will be rescheduled for Thursday July 10 (the board meeting date) since so many club members will be attending the Grand National Meet on the normal meeting date.
- The Club Picnic will be held Sunday August 10th at the Duzell's house. Help will be needed to set up the Saturday afternoon before.

Len Vinyard spent a few moments describing the Edison car meet he attended in Florida.

The scheduled Tech Talk by representatives from Marvel Mystery Oil was postponed until the June meeting.

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Ladies Night Out – Pheasant Run Resort

By Ken Bounds

Nineteen NIRG members gathered on May 3 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles for dinner and a play. The evening began with the production of “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change.” This was a delightful romantic comedy & the laughter showed that everyone really enjoyed it. The actors did a great job and the Mainstage Theatre is an excellent venue for seeing a show with no bad seats.



After the play everyone proceeded to the Garden Atrium for a plentiful and delicious buffet in a setting with a cascading waterfall providing a dramatic backdrop. A small group provided pleasing music to add to the dining experience.



Half the group enjoying dinner. See photo of the month for those not shown here.

Enjoying the evening were our hosts Stan and JoAnne Stack, President and First Lady Dan & Diane Pudelek, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, George & Betty Cech, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Joey Novak, Tom & Madeleine O’Donnell, and George & Dawn Zulas.

Thanks to Stan and JoAnne for hosting this event and to Tour Chairman Joey Novak for making the initial arrangements.

MAY 20TH MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Ken Bounds filled in sharing his experiences utilizing an electro-plating kit. He is detailing all the bolts on his recently restored 1950 Crestliner. It turned out so nice that Ken has decided to enter it in con-course at the Grand National Meet. He is restoring the cadmium and zinc coatings on the bolts to be pe-riod correct. He will provide before and after photos at future club meetings.

Dan had a question and answer session – most of the discussion was about the reduction of zinc in motor oils.

Bob Paladino left the meeting \$21 richer after winning the 50/50 raffle.

In Attendance:

Sam Barone, Dave Benck, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Don Drews, Lloyd Duzell, Mike Heatherly, Earl Heintz, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Charles R. Kaiser, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Frank T. Nagode, Jack Nikolich, Joe Novak, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, Joe Seritella, Collin Sprau, Stan Stack, Len Vinyard, Alan Wall and Larry Webb.

Oak Park & River Forest High School V-8 Display

By Ken Bounds

Board member Don Drews came up with a great idea to try to get some younger people interested in our flathead Fords. He suggested driving to Oak Park to show our cars to Auto shop, American history, and Driver's Ed students at Oak Park & River Forest High School. This would be an opportunity to show the students what cars were like before electronics, fuel injection, power-everything, etc., and to answer questions they may have about automotive technology from an earlier time. The concept was sound and Don went out of his way to promote the event, but an untimely personnel decision at the high school likely dampened the enthusiasm.



Tom O'Donnell and Len Vinyard Ready to Answer Questions

Our enthusiasm was still strong, though. On Saturday, May 10, NIRG members and one guest drove 14 V-8's and one Harley-Davidson to Oak Park. We met at 8:00 am for a super breakfast at the Original Pancake House across the street from the display. Although we didn't see evidence of many of the students, we spent a sunny morning showing our cars to a steady stream of folks who just happened to see our cars and came by with plenty of questions and compliments. We were also happy to finally meet Beth Drews in person. Maybe Don can twist her arm to come to a few more V-8 events!

Those participating were Carolyn Bounds, '50 Convertible; Ken Bounds, '36 Roadster; Tom Buscaglia, '51 Tudor; Jimmy Guido, Harley; John Judge, '51 Victoria; Frank Koeder, '39 Convertible; Frank Madrigali, '51 Pickup; Jack & Jean Nikolich, '39 Convertible; Joey Novak, '40 Pickup; Tom O'Donnell, '40 Mercury; Dan Pudelek, '53 Victoria; Collin Sprau, '47 Ford Custom; Len Vinyard, '39 Convertible; George Zulas, '40 Tudor; and guest Dennis Bohannon, '49 Tudor



Jimmy Guido ready to hit the road on his Harley as George Zulas ('40 Tudor in background) and Don & Beth Drews say goodbye

Thanks to Don for coming up with this event and for setting up a nice breakfast. Everyone was back on the road home by noon on a gorgeous early spring day – a great opportunity to get out and enjoy our classic cars. There are plans to try this again in the future and to explore ways to ensure more student participation.

Spring Shakedown Cruise - May 18th

By Tom O'Donnell

The weather forecast for the tour had been all over the place during the previous week from a nice sunny day in the low 70's, to a rainy day in the 70's, to a rainy day in the 60's, and then to a partly cloudy day in the high 50's and finally a cloudy day with scattered showers. Sunday morning was bright and cold and as the day progressed we saw a few very black clouds, but none of them decided to ruin the pristine appearance of our trophy-winning cars. The only rain we experienced was a few drops here and there. The temperature was great for driving the flatheads and all the cars performed well.



Dan and Ron looking for rest of chopper

Ken Bounds (50 Convertible), Joe Kozmic (37 Coupe), Stan Stack and George Beck (53 Tudor), Dan and Diane Pudelek (53 Victoria), Roger Hunz and his son William (51 Tudor), John Judge (51 Victoria), Frank Madrigali (51 Pickup), Ron Blum (40 Fordor) and Len and Irene Vinyard (39 Convertible) met Madeleine and me (40 Mercury Coupe) at the Town and Country Mall. It was quite chilly as we waited until ten minutes past the meeting time for people that signed up but did not have the courtesy to call and say that they were not coming.

We drove up back roads to the Russell Military Museum and

everyone enjoyed the drive with very little traffic and country road type scenery. We arrived just before opening and were the first ones in. There were many tanks, jeeps, vertical takeoff aircraft and a couple of "Swift Boats." We left there for lunch in Kenosha. At lunch we celebrated Irene Vinyard's 21st birthday. We presented her with a card signed by the tour participants and a corsage.

After lunch we drove east, through Kenosha to the Lakefront, where we visited the Kenosha Museum. The first floor exhibits are devoted to the natural history of the Kenosha area. We viewed depictions of the discovery of the bones of the largest Mastodon found in North America. These bones were found just outside of Kenosha. There were also dioramas of Indian life and animals from prehistoric times up to recent times. The second floor was a mixture of art exhibits and natural history. There were exhibits of paintings, carved ivory, prehistoric animals from around the world and dinosaur eggs.



Mastodon bones



Waiting for the "No Shows"



Irene wearing the Birthday hat

Spring Fling 2008: “We Were Blown Away”

By Ken Bounds

Bright and early on Friday, May 23, Joe Kozmic ('37 Coupe), Joey Novak ('40 Pickup), and Ken Bounds ('50 Convertible) headed west on a little adventure to the 34th Annual Spring Fling some 500 miles away in Nebraska City, NE. We were rookies, so we didn't know what to expect; but this group of V-8ers has been holding this event in the Heartland of America since 1974, so they must have something figured out. When we left the Chicago area we were in shirtsleeves and wearing sunglasses. As we crossed Illinois, then Iowa, and finally the Missouri River into Nebraska, we were met with falling temperatures, falling rain (very heavy at times), and falling gas prices! The \$3.79 in Nebraska City sure beat the \$4.16 in Northern Illinois.

The reception from a terrific group of V-8 folks at this event could not have been warmer. I wish we could say the same thing about the weather. The first night at the outdoor welcome party was quite cold and breezy. We understand that the local Wal-Mart did a brisk business in sweatshirts for some of the people who were caught unprepared. After a long day of driving, but a pleasant time of meeting old friends and making some new ones, we settled in to the historic-looking Apple Inn for a well-deserved night's rest.



Our V-8s at the Welcome Party - It just looks cold!

Saturday morning brought the promise of a warmer day, but with the threat of severe weather in the afternoon. The day's highlight was a driving tour to the private collection of Mark Pieloch in Syracuse, about 20 miles west of Nebraska City. As the group of more than 40 V-8's began lining up for the drive, Joey noticed that his pickup was running rough. We decided to leave it at the hotel; since no activities were scheduled for the afternoon we would have plenty of time to work on it later.

The short drive to Syracuse ended at a huge, unmarked building on the prairie. Mark has assembled an incredible collection concentrated mainly in dozens of unique, new or extremely low mileage, late-model Corvettes and Camaros. But the collection also includes everything from some rare-model 50's era Chevrolets, several Chevelles, a mix of Fords and Mopar items, an Indian motorcycle, Whizzer motorbikes, Schwinn bicycles, gas pumps and other automobilia, pedal cars, and antique radios. Some of the highlights of the collection include a '69 Yenko Camaro, a beautiful '55 Chevrolet Cameo pickup, the “Plum Crazy” '70 Hemi Cuda, and a '68 Shelby GT 500 Cobra convertible.

While we browsed the collection and enjoyed refreshments inside, a crowd began gathering and looking over the collection of V-8 Fords outside. While we were there, more car clubs began arriving, including a Chevrolet club, a Mustang club, and a streetrod club. As we understand it, Mark opens his collection to various groups at no charge a couple of times a month. We want to thank Mark & Sheri Pieloch and their son for their friendliness and hospitality. They spent a lot of time with us talking about their collection and were genuinely nice folks.

What tops off a tour better than free ice cream? Even though the temperature was still unseasonably cool, the group descended on a nearby establishment for a sweet treat. Then it was back on the road to Nebraska City where we knew we had a chore awaiting us: diagnosing and repairing a problem with that '40 pickup. While on the tour Joey began thinking about the heavy rain we had driven in the day before and suspected a damp distributor cap. In about two minutes the diagnosis was confirmed, the cap was toweled dry and replaced, and the flathead roared back to life. Now we had all afternoon with nothing planned. What to do? Fortunately, we decided to have a beverage or two to think about it.

For lunch we stumbled onto a local treasure. A restaurant/bar named Dinty Moore's has been around for over 100 years and is known for delicious homemade shredded-beef sandwiches. We decided to try it out and what a treat it was! The prices were low, the taste and quality of the sandwich was great, and the owner was a delight. We spent some time talking with Steve Schreiner and his wife Linda about the place where he is the third-generation owner/operator and about his Triumph TR6 that he will get around to restoring "someday". Steve told us that he retired last year, but Linda won't let him leave. They have plans to move to Branson, MO, and are looking for a new owner. Anyone interested?



Joe, Joey, and Dinty Moore's Owner Steve Schreiner

In the afternoon we toured the Missouri River Basin Lewis & Clark Interpretive Trail & Visitors Center (there's a mouthful), then back to the Apple Inn where we unintentionally got another history lesson. It seems that we would be some of the last people to stay at the Apple Inn. Opened in 1949, it was a classic motor court style motel along the (then) main highway through the town. Over the years several additions increased the size to cover the entire block. But, as has happened so many times all over the country, a developer has purchased the land and will level the hotel in early June, replacing it with a Walgreens. Progress.

Getting lost in all this touring and tourism is the good time we had kicking tires, checking out everyone's ride, and just hanging out and talking with fellow V-8ers. There was a hospitality room open during the entire event, stocked with coffee, breakfast items, treats and lots of Ford talk. The host group and others in attendance really made us feel at home. As another day began to draw to a close, we were happy for the camaraderie, for the warming but still moderate weather, and for the fact that the



Unidentified Jockey, Joey, and Joe at the Apple Inn

predicted severe weather never materialized. Stay tuned.

Sunday morning brought the car games and people games, along with yet another prediction of severe weather, damaging winds, large hail, and possible tornadoes. Each regional group brings along a game or two. Some are done driving the V-8's, others are for people. The driving games included attempting to drive exactly 60 feet while blindfolded; driving as close as possible to a stick that you cannot see without tipping it over; picking up washers in a slalom course with a magnet attached to the rear bumper; trying to get a plumb bob, attached to the front bumper, as close as possible to the center of an X on the pavement; and the Chinese Fire Drill – a timed event where drivers switch several times over the course. We participated in the driving games and some of the people games and only mildly embarrassed ourselves. No one was killed or seriously injured. A great time was had by all and we are grateful to the groups who took the trouble to bring and conduct the games. As all this was going on, the temperature finally rose to what was seasonable, and then some. The afternoon high would be 88°.



Where Am I?

After 50 or so V-8ers mobbed a restaurant in an old train depot for lunch, we took the afternoon off to do some more tire kicking and tailgating. We decided to skip the afternoon Cider House Theater production of Zorro, but caught up with the group for the evening social, buffet dinner, and awards program at the Avenue Grill. The program included a large number of door prizes and awards for the first and second place winners of the driving games and people games and for the farthest distance. That one went to Lloyd Brown who drove his '50 Mercury Coupe from Houston! I was fortunate enough to take 1st place in the plumb bob (1½" from the target) and 2nd place in the blindfolded driving (48" past the 60-foot line).

Our luck with the weather, though, finally ran out. During the presentations, a waitress interrupted to tell us that a severe storm with 75 m.p.h. winds was 19 miles west of Nebraska City and heading toward us. A few minutes later the manager interrupted with the announcement that a tornado was sighted just west of town. Soon after, she came back into the room and abruptly announced



Riding out the storm in the tornado shelter -
"What me worry?"

"I need everyone down in the basement right now." Our large group was hustled down the stairs into a storage room as the sirens sounded above. Although it was a little warm and crowded, we were fortunate that the building never lost power and the lights stayed on. The restaurant management could not have done a better job of handling a scary situation. The manager let us know that she was in touch with the County emergency management office and after about 30 or 40 minutes, they sounded the "all clear". We emerged from the basement not knowing what we would see. What we saw was our V-8's lined up outside, wet from rain, but undamaged. Whew!

As the eventful evening came to a close, we began to say our goodbyes and received a warm invitation to do it all again next year, probably in Hutchinson, KS. Monday morning, Memorial Day, we checked out of the Apple Inn, fired up the reliable V-8's, and began the long journey home. Right on cue, the rain began. In spite of 200 or so miles before we ran out of sporadic rain, the trip went well. We made great time and completed the nearly 500 miles, including lunch and gas stops, in just over 9 hours. Not bad for 60-70 year old cars on a holiday weekend! Throughout the trip our V-8's performed flawlessly. My '50 logged 1,097 miles and used 62.2 gallons of gas. We did notice a couple of signs of the times. For one, we saw only a handful of motor homes and really not a lot of traffic on the road. Remember, this was Memorial Day! For another, we passed a large number of 18-wheelers. Usually they pass us; it looks like the high fuel prices are slowing a lot of trucks down substantially.

We want to send our sincere thanks to the fine folks from Omaha Regional Group #34 for hosting this event and for going out of their way to make three guys from Northern Illinois feel welcome. Also thanks to the nearly 100 V-8ers from 7 regional groups who attended for making this a great event and a fine example of Ford V-8 friendship.



Joe, Joey, and Ken posing at the Apple Inn



TECH CORNER



Steering Adjustment, 1935 & 1936 Ford, Taken from the Early Ford V-8 Club Ford Forum

To the best of my knowledge, you only have two adjustments on a '35-'36 box:

- Sector end play- Disconnect the pitman arm and center the steering wheel. On top of the gear box is a screw with a lock nut around it. Loosen the nut and turn the screw to the right until it stops. Turn the screw back 1/8 of a turn and re-install the lock nut.
- Worm end play- Disconnect the pitman arm. Turn the steering wheel to either extreme and then back 1/8 of a turn. There will probably be some play. On the bottom of the gear you will see an adjustment screw. Loosen the nuts, slightly. Rotate the adjusting screw clockwise until a drag is felt on the steering wheel. Back off the adjuster slightly and then tighten the nuts.

The problem with both the '35 and '36 steering gear boxes (they are slightly different inside) is they have a very high "wear factor" and as a result they are difficult to keep in adjustment or bring into adjustment. Hope this helps. Tom (flatheadfan)



10 Years Ago This Month – June 1998

On June 14 Ron & Arlene Blum hosted a tour to see Bob Merrifield's classic car collection. Bob was not present because he was injured when the Rolls he was driving was hit head on the day before the tour. The June 16 meeting was held at Blastaway Technologies in Bensenville.

20 Years Ago This Month – June 1988

Cliff Dixon hosted the June 14 meeting at DoAll in Des Plaines where three Ford videos were shown. Chester Lawrence provided a detailed tech article on cooling the flathead V-8 in the June Road Chatter. Eight couples attended an overnight tour June 11/12 to Oshkosh, WI, hosted by Marty & Leah Duling and had their V-8's photographed with a Ford Tri-Motor aircraft. 24 members and guests showed their V-8's at a show June 18 at the Springbrook mall. Dick Alfini was one of the guests.

30 Years Ago This Month – June 1978

Diane Wrobel took over as newsletter editor after Ron Dopke's resignation. The June 13 meeting featured a sandblasting demonstration at Sinclair Abrasives. On June 15, the Duling and Wrobel families drove to Dearborn for a celebration of Ford's 75th anniversary. Chuck and Diane Wrobel hosted a "Back to Nature" tour June 25 at Moraine Hills State Park. Several hearty V-8ers braved a stormy day, but had a memorable time.

35 Years Ago This Month – June 1973

At the June 12 meeting, Don Schuh suggested that future meetings be held at different locations besides Jack Loftis Ford. A discussion occurred regarding a truly remarkable Greyhound hood ornament being reproduced by Don Sommers. The NIRG tour/picnic was held June 24 at Big Foot Beach state park in Lake Geneva. It was a slightly cool day, attended by between 30 and 40 people, driving 10 Early Ford V-8's and some modern iron. Conflicting events limited participation.



Earl Heintz's 1939 Tudor Sedan, Jan/Feb 1989 V-8 Times

June is National Safety Month

Did you know that nearly 80 percent of crashes involve some form of driver inattention?

- Cell phone use is the most common distraction for drivers.
- An estimated 10 percent of drivers in typical daylight are using some type of phone, hand-held or hands-free.
- Talking, listening and dialing are equally dangerous. Hands-free cell phone conversations are as distracting as those on a handheld device.
- The slower reaction time caused by cell phone use is comparable to that of people who are legally drunk (.08 blood alcohol content).
- Texting, GPS and in-car computers have added to the boom in distracting technologies.

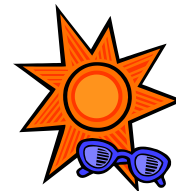


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FANTASTIC SUMMER DESSERT

- 1 Jiffy cake mix (yellow)
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 (3 3/4 oz.) instant pistachio pudding
- 2 regular size cans crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 (9 oz.) Cool Whip
- Chopped nuts or coconut



Make cake according to directions. Use 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake carefully until toothpick comes out clean. Cool. Make pudding according to directions, beat in softened cream cheese. Spread over cake. Spoon drained pineapple over pudding. Frost with Cool Whip and top with nuts or coconut or leave plain. Keep refrigerated and covered.

The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig.

- Texas Bix Bender, *Don't Throw in the Trowel*

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May	June	July	August
3 Ladies Night Out 8 Board Meeting 10 Oak Park Show - Hosted by Don Drews 18 Spring Driving Tour - Hosted by Tom O'Donnell 20 Member Meeting 23 - 26 Spring Fling	1 Garage Tour - Hosted by Lloyd Duzell 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	10 Member Meeting 14 - 19 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI Note change in date of member meeting to Thursday, July 10.	10 Annual Picnic - Hosted by the Duzells 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 23 - 26 Auburn Mo- torfest IV
September	October	November	December
11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 26 - 28 Lake Geneva Poker Run	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations	8 Veteran's Day Lunch 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	No Meetings TDB - Christmas Brunch

Happy Father's Day to our all our V-8 Dads!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**GAIL LEICHT (6/1), JUNE YOUNG (6/2), THOMAS MYERS (6/4),
 BETTY CECH (6/5), DELICE SERRITELLA (6/7), JUDY BUSCAGLIA (6/10),
 DAVE BENCK (6/11), JEAN NIKOLICH (6/12), EDIE VAUGHAN (6/15),
 MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/19), CORINNE BELLER (6/22), SAM BARONE (6/27), SAM
 DIX (6/28), GEORGE BASTUNES (6/29) & ELAINE BRAUN (6/30)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**ROBERT & GINNY MAGNUSSON (6/5), THOMAS & JUDY MYERS (6/8),
 LIN & PAT STACEY (6/14), RICK & MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/15),
 GERALD & JOAN KELLY (6/15), ROGER & KARYN OBECHNY (6/17),
 SAM & JANIS DIX (6/18) & ALAN & LOIS WALL (6/27)**

**AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
 ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.**



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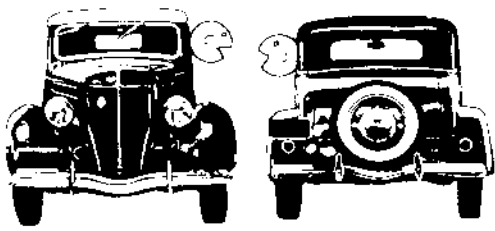


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