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ROAD CHATTER

FROM THE EDITORS

We've gone retro! In honor of the 40th anniversary of our newsletter and the 30th anniversary of the Road Chatter name, we decided to take you back a few years with this special nostalgia edition. We hope you enjoy it! We had a lot of fun putting it together.

Early this month we were pleased to learn that the editors of Old Cars Weekly recognized the Road Chatter

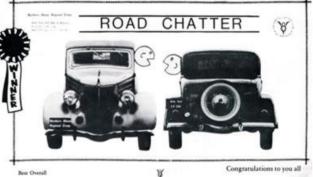
as a Golden Quill award winner for the second consecutive year. We are proud to accept this recognition on behalf of all NIRG members.

This month we wrap up the story about the history of our newsletter. Since January, we have been asking the following questions.

When was the NIRG newsletter started? What was it originally called? How did it become the Road Chatter? When? Who benefitted from the new name? Were other names considered?

In February we answered the first question: When was the newsletter started? The answer is February 1969. Last month we explained that initially there was never really a formal name - just "The Newsletter" or "V-8 Newsletter." We also challenged readers with a contest to answer.

How did it become the Road Chatter? When?



The results are in! Well, not really - we did not receive any guesses. So read on for the rest of the story and the answers to all the remaining questions. Thirty years ago this month, Newsletter Editor Diane Wrobel announced a contest to name our newsletter and come up with a logo. She gave examples from some of the other regional groups, including the Omaha Region's Vapor Lock, Western New York's Greyhound Express, and Mission Trail's Deuce News, Entries were to be sent to the editor or brought to the May meeting with the winner being revealed at the June 12 meeting.

On June 12 the newsletter officially became the Road Chatter. 1977 NIRG President Ray Tognarelli of Lombard was declared the winner by a vote of members present with the name and the logo shown above. His prize was a paid-up membership for 1980. Honorable mentions went to Chuck Wrobel for The Greater V-Ser. to Bob Iverson for Running Board News, and to Bob Tessarolo for Spirit of V-8.

With apologies to the late Paul Harvey, now you know the rest of the story. We are proud to carry on the legacy of the NIRG newsletters, from the early typechatter, to the full-color editions of the current years. Ken & Carly written pages, through the early years of the Road

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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

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Gentleman and ladies, it was brought to my attention at our last board meeting that there are still some members in our group that do not belong to the National Club. This is a requirement you must belong to the National Club if you want to be a member of a regional group. Now there are a few ways to do this: for \$10.00 you will get your mem-



bership to the National Club for one year, you will not receive the V-8 times but you'll have all the rights as a member, to vote and enter your car at any V-8 meet and receive the annual National roster. The second way for \$35.00 you will receive the V-8 Times every two months plus the annual roster. For \$38.00 you can have your significant other as a joint member. As president I'm asking all the members that haven't joined the National Club to take care of business and get that check in the mail.

I brought this up at the pizza meeting, so I hope I got my point across. Speaking of the pizza meeting, we had a house full even with the cold and rainy weather. It was good to see everyone having a good time - I would like to thank all the members that showed up. I also would like to thank Elaine Braun for helping me with the 50/50 raffle - I think it was our biggest one ever, \$120. We should have Elaine collect the money at every meeting. With that said I'm going to be getting my car ready for some of the upcoming events so I hope to see you soon.

President, Daniel Pudelek

From The Membership Chairman

Just to reinforce what Dan says in his message above, our regional group charter requires us to annually provide our roster to the National Club. They compare our roster to V-8 Club membership and will likely notify us of any discrepancies.

It has never been easier to join the National Club. You can call Cornerstone Registration in Minnesota toll free at 866-427-7583 and register over the phone using Visa or MasterCard or you can send them a check. They are nice folks to deal with. Or, you can register on their secure website through the link at www.efv8.org.

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

May 9 A Day at the Races - Hosted by Ron Blum. See right for more information.

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

May 19 Monthly Meeting Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.

May 31 Beller Museum Tour - Hosted by Tom O'Donnell. See right for more information.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 16 - 17 44th Annual Little Hershey Swap Meet, Belvidere, IL, Boone County Fairgrounds, Admission \$5

May 23 - 24 Volo Spring Expo & Car Corral, <u>Volo Auto Museum</u>, Admission \$12

May 24 38th Annual Auto Show Swap Meet & Craft Show, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm, \$5 admission

June 6 Chi-Town Kruze

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

A Day at the Races - Saturday, May 9

This year we are going to Arlington Park. The fun begins at Noon, Saturday May 9, 2009. Ron Blum has arranged for a price of only \$43 per person including general parking, admission, a program and an outstanding buffet with great track views. Our group will be



seated in the International Room with white-linen table service and some of the best food imaginable at the classiest race track in North America.

Arlington Park is conveniently located on Euclid Ave just east of the Route 53 expressway. Everyone who made their reservations with Ron should have received their tickets. Please make note of the dress code shown on the back of the tickets. If you have any questions, please contact Ron at 847-537-7059.

Tour to Beller Museum - Sunday May 31

On May 31 there will be a tour to the <u>Beller Museum</u> in Romeoville. Since the last time we toured the Beller museum, it has moved from Downers Grove, the V-8 Foundation's collection has been moved to Auburn and Jordon has acquired several more vehicles. His cars are mostly unrestored and have a lot of patina - or rust to the uninitiated.

We will meet at the Town and Country Mall at 9:00 on Sunday May 31 and travel via secondary roads to the Beller Museum. We will meet Western Suburban members at the McDonalds on IL-53 just south of Butterfield Rd. next door to Walmart. We will be there between 9:30 and 9:45. We expect to be at the Beller Museum around 10:00 The address for the Beller Museum is 275 Rocbaar, Romeoville, IL. After viewing the collection, we will tour to White Fence Farm for lunch.



32 Ford Open Cab Pickup

Tom O'Donnell needs to know the exact number of people touring with us. The restaurant is very busy on Sunday afternoon and space is limited. Please give Tom a call at 847-991-6976 or sign up at the May meeting. If you sign up and your plans must be changed, please let Tom know.

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Eggs & Eights - By Ken Bounds

Here we go again. On Friday the temperature was in the 80's under sunny skies. By Sunday, April 26, threatening skies and cool temperatures discouraged most V-8's from attending our Eggs & Eights breakfast at Egg Harbor in Geneva. Our host, Tom Buscaglia, drove his '51 Tudor, Ernie Herzog drove his '53 Coupe, John Judge drove his '52 Tow Truck, and Frank Madrigali drove his '65 Barracuda. They all arrived dry and left wet. Everyone else drove modern iron.

We thank Tom for once again hosting this nice event. The food and



service were great and everyone had a good time enjoying V-8 friendship. Those attending included Dick & Dotty Alfini, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Ernie Herzog, Roger Hunz, John Judge, Joe &



Nell Kozmic, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Joey Novak, Dan & Diane Pudelek, Len & Irene Vinyard, and Larry & Jerry Webb.

Club members are welcome to host an Eggs & Eights breakfast in their area. Just contact Tour Chairman Ron Blum or any officer to arrange a location and date. They are intended to get members out for a nice morning and to drive and display our V-8's whenever possible.





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Pizza Meeting - By Ken Bounds



We held our annual pizza meeting on April 21, once again a John's Pizzeria in Addison. President Dan Pudelek kicked off the evening with a short business meeting. He introduced a special guest, Andy Remnant all the way from England. Andy has a '34 Sedan and was invited by Roger Obecny. Dan discussed several upcoming events and encouraged everyone to attend. Ron Blum and Tom O'Donnell made short presentations on events they are hosting. Neil McManus presented sam-

ples of the new t-shirts he has been working on. The shirts, featuring a picture of member's cars, will be available in black or white. Ken Bounds was also modeling a sample showing his '50 Crestliner. They were originally intended to be worn to the Central National Meet, but will be available soon to any member. All you need is a digital photo of your car. Dan congratulated Road Chatter Editors Ken & Carolyn Bounds on receiving their second Golden Quill award from the editors of Old Cars Weekly.

The all-you-cared-to-eat pizzas were soon delivered to the tables and everyone agreed they were great and there was a good selection of toppings. Our thanks go out to Bob & Angie Paladino for hosting the event, assisted by Len & Irene Vinyard collecting the money. Len must have made a math error on his "share" because this year we had plenty to cover the tab. Our President and Elaine Braun did a great job of selling \$120 in 50/50 raffle tickets! Our club kept \$60 while a lucky Tom Buscaglia pocketed the rest.

Our largest turnout of the year so far included Dick & Dotty Alfini, Ben & Ginny Ashley, Sam Barone, Ron Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Don & Elaine Braun, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, Stan Gaynor, Mike Heatherly, Earl & Gene Heintz, Ernie Herzog, Sam & Grace Iusi, Paul Jensen, John Judge with guest Dennis Bohanan, Frank Koeder, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Neil McManus, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali with mom Johanna Madrigali and guests John Bayleo & Mena Ryan, Joey Novak, Roger Obecny & guest



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Andy Remnant, Tom O'Donnell, Bob & Angie Paladino, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella,

Sadly, the evening ended poorly for one member. Bue to the unexpectedly poor weather, only one V-8 was seen in the parking lot - and it did not make it home intact. Roger Obecny's '40 Sedan was rear-ended soon after leaving the restaurant. Roger reports that he is fine and that he has identified a shop that will repair the car.

Len & Irene Vinyard, Alan Wall, Larry & Jerry Webb, Tom Young, and George & Dawn Zulas.

Munz Collection Tour - Saturday, June 13

Frank Koeder is organizing an exciting and rare opportunity to visit the Richard Munz collection in Madison, WI. The driving tour will be leaving from Arlington Heights. Rides should be available for members who do not have Early Fords available. More details will be provided.

Welcome New NIRG Member

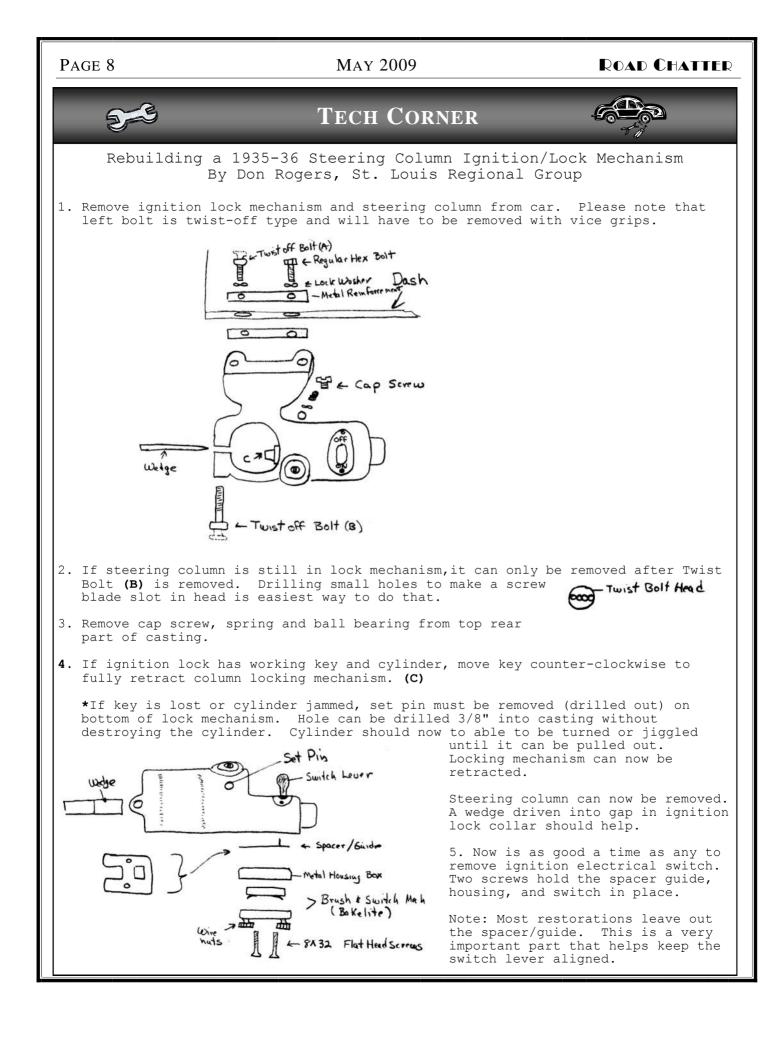
The Northern Illinois Regional Group welcomes Pete & Joanne McManus of Pennsylvania to the club. They own a number of antique cars, including a 1935 Brewster Town Car (right), a 1941 Ford Business Coupe, a 1940 Ford Woody, a 1948 Allard K-1, a 1934 Railton, and a 1929 Riley Brooklands, the "Ardent Alligator" which won the 1949 Watkins Glen Grand Prix with a Mercury Flathead V-8. Pete, who joined the Early Ford V-8 Club in 1964, plans to show the Brewster at the Central National Meet in Auburn this summer. Pete's Brewster was fea-



tured in Road Chatter articles in February 2006 and December 2003.

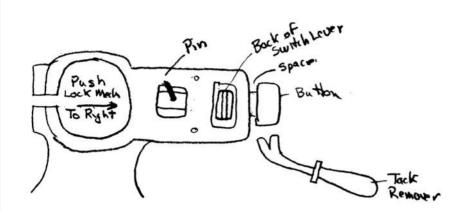
This issue should contain a sticker showing the contact information for Pete & Joanne that you can attach to your 2009 roster. Those receiving the Road Chatter electronically will receive this information in the e-mail.





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TECH CORNER



6. Next remove the pin from the locking mechanism.

7. Push lock mechanism all the way to the right so a space appears under the button.

8. Gently pry up on the button in a circular motion until it pops off the locking mechanism.

9. Using tack remover or similar device on rivets, remove On-Off nameplate from front of mechanism. This must be removed before switch lever can be removed. Now push locking mechanism all the way to the left. This allows switch lever to be removed. Push locking mechanism to right to remove.

Note: Switch lever has spring retainer. This keeps tension on lever. Don't lose!

10. The following should be done prior to reassembly:

- a. Soak locking mechanism in WD40 to loosen (Don't Plate)
- b. Chrome plate button switch lever cap screw
- c. Cadmium plate spacer guide button switch lever cap screw electrical switch housing box and spacer guide.

Lock Mech.

- d. Tap out set pin hole on bottom of housing to accommodate 5/16"coarse thread. Get 5/16" x 1/4" set screw.
- e. Paint housing to match steering column. Dark Taupe Enamel (35 deluxe) Black Enamel (35 & 36 standard) Benton Grey (Early 36 deluxe) & Rustic Brown (late 36 deluxe)
- f. Get (2) new twist-off bolts.

ing Retainer

g. Get new lock cylinder or rehabilitated old one.

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h. Get new switch nameplate.

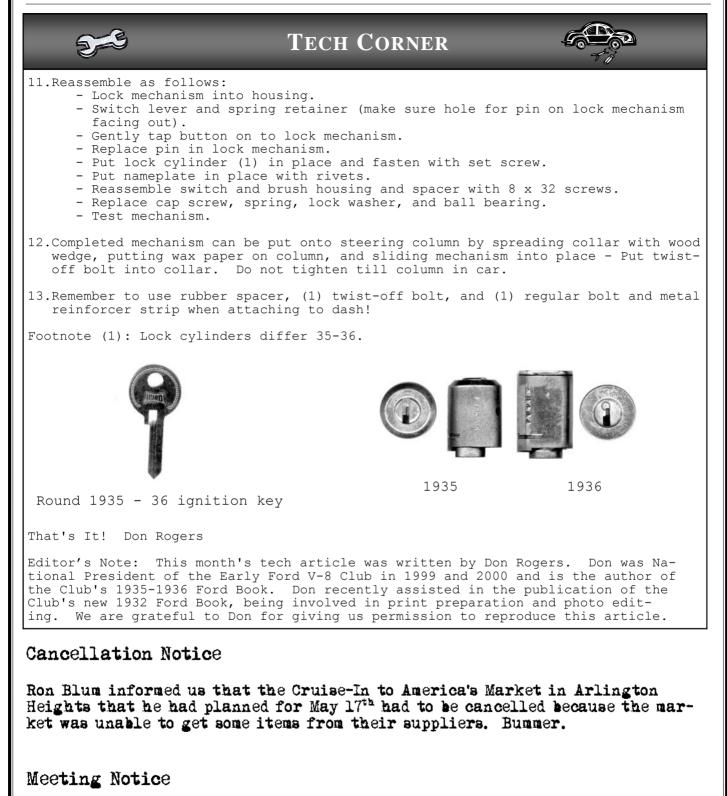
i. Get new bakelite switch and brush.

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In what class do I register my car? What is the difference between Touring and Touring A? Ken Bounds will make a presentation at the May 19 meeting about vehicle classes, judging criteria and forms, etc. at Early Ford V-8 Club National Meets. Handouts will be provided, along with answers to all your questions.



10 Years Ago This Month - May 1999

On May 8 Rich & Judy Doligale hosted a "Southside Spring Fling Tour" to George Schaff's collection in Frankfort. In addition to the massive early gasolinepowered tractors, who could forget the pig oilers? The May 18 meeting was held at Dent Busters in Addison. Does anyone remember who provided their car to have a dent removed as a demonstration?

20 Years Ago This Month - May 1989

The May Road Chatter welcomed new member Doug Leicht to the club. The May 9th meeting was held at Don Roels' shop in Melrose Park.

<u> 30 Years Ago This Month - May 1979</u>

Newsletter editor Diane Wrobel announced a contest to name our newsletter! The winner would be announced at the June 12 meeting. The May newsletter also featured an article about Alan Wall's original 1932 Tudor Sedan. Chuck Wrobel presented a solid ox torch demonstration at the May 8 meeting held at Tom Young's body shop. Alan Wall arrived late - in his newly-acquired right-hand drive 1932 Phaeton, fresh from Nepal. There was a large turnout for a Mothers' Day lunch tour, starting with brunch at the Hotel Baker in St. Charles and ending at the Groot Farm.

<u> 35 Years Ago This Month - May 1974</u>

The feature story in the May newsletter was a story from Ron Dopke about his adventure in buying his 1940 Tudor Sedan. Somehow a Palomino saddle figured in the deal! A special edition flyer was issued announcing the May 14 meeting at Joe Madden Ford where Chester Lawrence presented a leading demonstration assisted by George Cech. New member Bob Paladino joined the large turnout.

Flathead Flashback

Ron Dopke's 1940 Ford Standard Tudor Sedan, as shown in the May 1974 newsletter. Ron purchased it in West St. Paul, MN, in June 1967.



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I saw this on-line and thought the V-8 Moms would enjoy this. Happy Mother's Day!

Mom's Job Description

POSITION: MOM

JOB DESCRIPTION: Long-term team players needed for challenging permanent work in an often-chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent com-

munication and organizational skills and be willing to work various hours, which will include evenings and weekends and frequent 24-hour shifts "on call." Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and endless sports tournaments in faraway cities. Travel expenses not reimbursed. Extensive courier duties also required.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This is for the rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated at least temporarily, until someone needs \$5 to go skating. Must Be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule and be able to go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds flat in case, this time, the screams from the backyard are not someone just crying wolf. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair, mysteriously sluggish toilets and stuck zippers.

Must screen phone calls, maintain calendars and coordinate production of multiple homework projects. Must have ability to plan and organize social gatherings for clients of all ages and mental outlooks.

Must be willing to be indispensable one minute, an embarrassment the next.

Must handle assembly and product safety testing of a half million cheap, plastic toys and battery-operated devices. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product. Responsibilities also include floor maintenance and janitorial work throughout the facility.

POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION.

Virtually none. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE.

None required, unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

WAGES AND COMPENSATION:

You pay them, offering frequent raises and bonuses. A balloon payment is due when they turn 18 because of the assumption that college will help them become financially independent. When you die, you give them whatever is left. The oddest thing about this reverse-salary scheme is that you actually enjoy it and wish you could only do more.

BENEFITS.

While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered, job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth and free hugs for life if you play your cards right.

Erna Bonbeck

| NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR | | | |
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| May | June | July | August |
| 9 A Day at the Races | 11 Board Meeting | 9 Board Meeting | 9 NIRG Picnic |
| 14 Board Meeting | 13 Richard Munz Col- | 10 - 12 Tour to Door | 13 Board Meeting |
| 19 Member Meeting | lection Tour | County Wisconsin | 18 Member Meeting |
| 31 Spring Driving Tour | 16 Member Meeting24 - 27 Eastern NationalMeet, Windsor, CT | 21 Member Meeting | 28 - September 1 - Central National Meet |
| September | October | November | December |
| 10 Board Meeting | 8 Board Meeting | 7 Veteran's Day Lunch | No Meetings |
| 15 Member Meeting | 20 Member Meeting - | 12 Board Meeting | TBD Christmas |
| 25 - 27 NIRG Poker Run, Lake Geneva, WI | Officer Nominations | 17 Member Meeting - Officer Elections | Brunch |

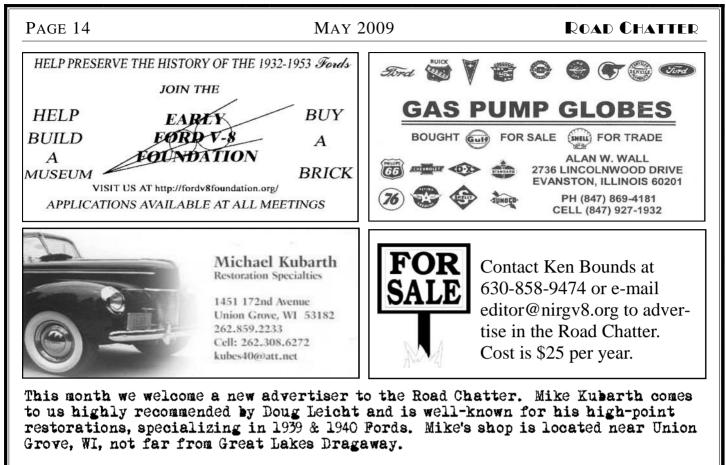
HAppy Mother's DAY

Happy Birthday to Stan Stack (5/2), Phyllis Madrigali (5/4), Dotty Alfini (5/7), Dawn Zulas (5/8), John Ellis (5/9), John Bauer (5/17), Frank Koeder (5/18), Irene Vinyard (5/18), Jane Balogh (5/19), Roger Meness (5/29) & Ginny Magnusson (5/31)

> Happy Anniversary to Don & Elaine Braun (5/4), Scott &

Nicole Gilday (5/5), Neil & Julie McManus (5/14) & Paul & Joanne Linzer (5/31)

And all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.







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(847) 577-1240 http://nirgfordv-8club.promoshop.com

Wanted

Left rear fender and rear bumper with brackets for 1940 Ford Sedan - Contact Roger Obecny 708-532-6576 trebron@aol.com

Services

Spring is here! Contact George Zulas for your rototilling needs at 630-582-2056.

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