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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

November 7 Veteran's Day Luncheon - See Page 3.

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

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



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

November 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends - Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

November 1 Skip's Car Show & Swap Meet, New Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL, Admission \$7

November 14 - 15 Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot-Machine & Jukebox Show, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Admission \$7

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Elections will be held at the November meeting. There will be another round of nominations to ensure that we have a full slate of officers for 2010. We need you to come to the meeting and cast your vote for our club's future. We will also have our traditional November turkey drawing for two \$25 gift certificates! Plan to attend.

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MEETINGS

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Tuesday of the month at
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Arlington Heights, IL

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello to All,

Well folks I hate to say this but it looks like the touring sea-
son is coming to an end. On September 25 to 27 the club
had its last big driving tour up in Lake Geneva, WI, thanks
to Ken & Carolyn Bounds. Ken must have an in with the
weatherman; the whole week before the tour TV and radio
weathermen were calling for rain and cool weather. Let me tell you it
couldn't have been nicer, the rain held off until we had all of our driving
finished for both days. The colors were just starting to turn and the back
roads were empty of the summer traffic. Ken and Carolyn put together a
fun weekend with a few nice surprises. One was I learned to enjoy Spotted
Cow beer from the New Glarus Brewery. I would also like to thank Mr.
Joey Novak for generously donating the buttons for our get together.



The following weekend a few of us V-8ers, I believe the count was 9, got
together for the Inaugural La Salle St. Auto Row car show in downtown
Aurora put on by Joe Dispensa and friends. The group that Joe is associated
with is trying to develop the La Salle St. area. One of their goals is to return
the street to a time when La Salle St. was the place to buy your new car in
Aurora. I think he's off to a good start, the day was pleasant and there was
a good showing of cars and spectators.

Last month I asked the members, old and new, to put some serious thought
into running for one of the open spots on the board or put their name on the
ballot for one of the officers jobs. Thanks to the members that did step up.
There is still time to put your name on the ballot - this month the elections.
Good luck to all.

President, Dan Pudelek

Christmas Brunch - Sunday December 6

Mark your calendars! The Christmas Brunch is coming
up Sunday, December 6th at 10:30 a.m. at the Drury
Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The cost is \$33 per person.
Please contact Stan Stack at 847-382-4223 or at the No-
vember meeting if you plan to attend and have not al-
ready signed up. More information will be provided in
the December Road Chatter.

Save the Date - January 9, 2010

Our Annual Installation Banquet will be held at The Wellington in Arling-
ton Heights, hosted by Frank Madrigali. More information will be provided
at the November meeting and in future editions of the Road Chatter.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



V-8's and Veterans

A LUNCHEON TO HONOR OUR MEMBERS WHO
HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES

November 7, 2009 – 12:00 noon

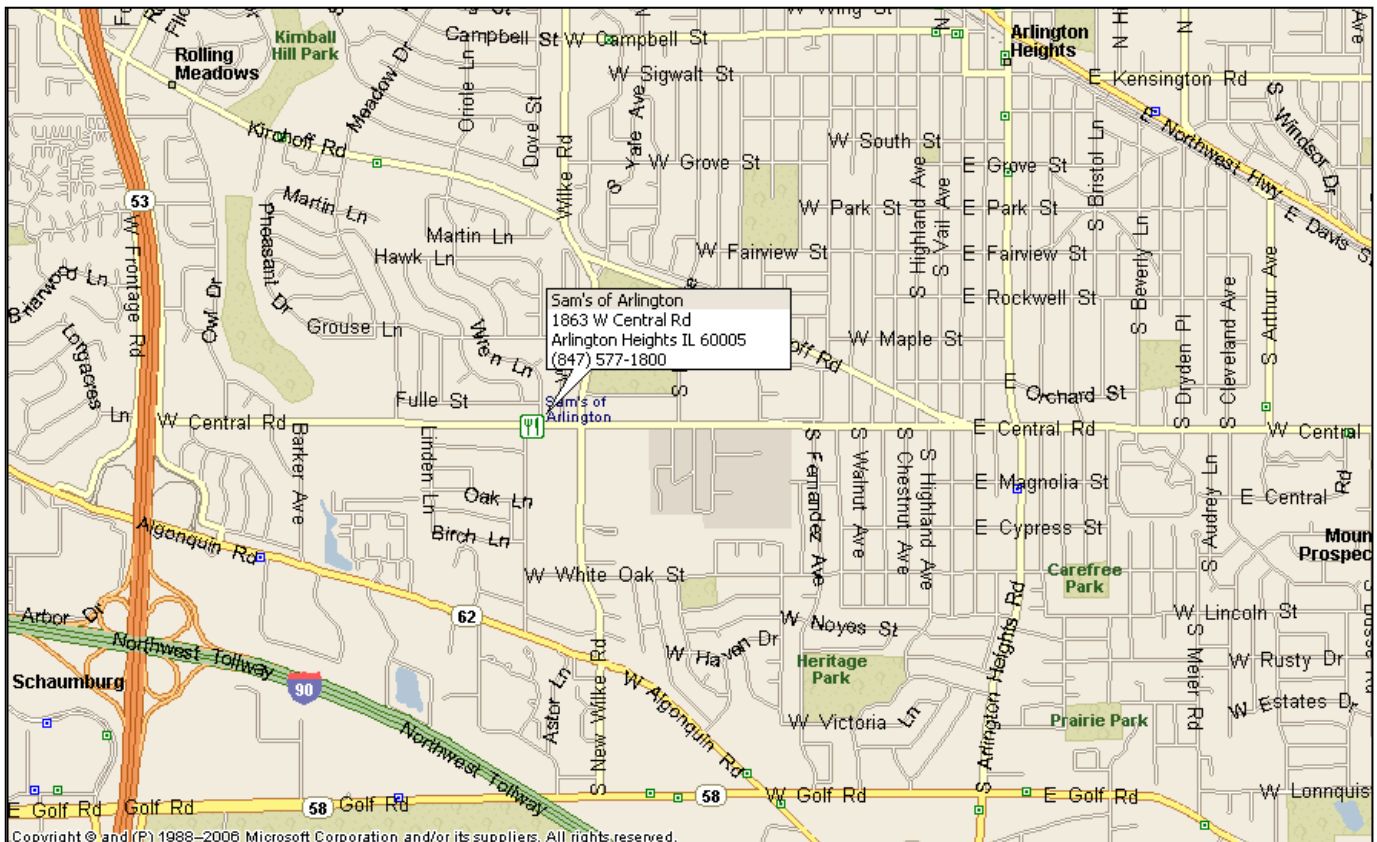
[Sam's of Arlington](#)

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Everyone is invited to get together for lunch for Veterans Day on Saturday November 7 at 12:00 noon. Hosted by Earl & Gene Heintz and Ken & Carolyn Bounds. Please call Earl or Ken by November 5 if you plan to attend so we can provide a count to the restaurant. Modern iron is welcome, but if the weather is nice, why not bring out that V-8 one more time! Just an informal lunch to say “Thank You” to our Veterans. Please note that the correct date is November 7 - we erroneously showed it as the 14th in last month's Road Chatter.

After lunch we will drive over to the Braun residence at 16365 W Arlyd Road, Prairie View, where Don will show us his newly decorated V-8 Museum, featuring his '36 Coupe, his '56 Pickup, and many items of Ford and V-8 Club memorabilia.



2nd Annual NIRG Poker Rally

September 25-27

By Ken Bounds

We had such a good time on our Inaugural Poker Run last year we decided to make it an annual event. The sky was gray, but the temperature was mild as a group of V-8ers met at the Town & Country Mall for our back-roads tour to Wisconsin. Leaving Arlington Heights at 10:00 a.m. were Dick & Dotty Alfini, Caddy Convertible; Ron Blum, '40 Fordor; Ken & Carolyn Bounds, '50 Crestliner; Joe & Nell Kozmic, '37 Coupe; Joey Novak, '40 Pickup; Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell, '40 Mercury; Bob & Angie Paladino, '69 Cougar; Dan & Diane Pudelek, '53 Victoria; and Len & Irene Vinyard, '57 T-Bird. We continued Northwest on our scenic, twisting route to our first stop in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. As we arrived just after 11:30 at Mad Dan's for lunch, we were joined by Larry & Jerry Webb in modern iron. Our group filled two large tables and we went over the procedure for our poker run over the weekend. The plan was for each participant to draw a card at seven stops along the way, with prizes awarded at each stop and the grand prizes to be awarded at dinner Saturday evening. The first laugh came quickly as our waitress presented Dick Alfini with two cans of Fix-A-Flat. The Mad Dan's staff had remembered Dick's adventure with a flat tire last year and was prepared for our visit.



Dick receives his fix-a-flat

After our drinks arrived and we waited for our food, we drew our first card. The prizes went quickly as Madeleine O'Donnell won Red Raspberry spread for the first lady to draw a Queen. Larry Webb followed as the first man to draw a King, winning a bottle of Westley's Bleche-Wite. While we were ordering we received a call from Marty Duling. He and Leah were running late and said they would meet us before we hit the road again. So we went ahead with lunch and also drew cards for Marty and Leah. Sure enough, Marty drew the high Spade by proxy – the Ace, winning a Mad Dan's t-shirt,



Part of the group at the hotel

generously donated by the restaurant. As we were finishing lunch, Marty and Leah arrived in modern iron and claimed Marty's prize. After a delicious and very filling meal served by the super staff at Mad Dan's, we said goodbye to Ron, who was just along for lunch, and were on the road again. We continued over scenic roads (most people think the route is intended to confuse them) through Fontana and on into Delavan to our hotel. We had braved some sprinkles along the way, but the heavy rain held off until we were all safely in the hotel.

After everyone was checked in, we enjoyed an afternoon of great conversation and friendship – and maybe a cocktail. As we drew our second cards, we

noted the downpour outside. Hopefully Mother Nature would get this out of her system before our caravan to dinner!

As several present cried “fix,” yours truly won a bottle of New Glarus Primrose Winery wine for drawing the highest Diamond. With most of the world’s problems solved, we broke up our relaxing afternoon to get ready for dinner. As we walked outside to get into our faithful V-8’s, it was nice to see that the skies had dried for us. We toured again over a nice secondary route to the outskirts of Elkhorn where a huge table awaited us at the packed Moose Creek Bar & Grill. While many enjoyed one of the fish fry selections, others ordered from the menu. The food and drinks were great and the conversation lively. We drew card number three. As the participants’ hands began to take shape, Jerry Webb was awarded a tin of Wisconsin Maple Syrup for drawing the high Club.



Dinner at Moose Creek

We drove our flatheads back to the hotel under darkened skies with the gentle rumble of glasspacks and dual exhausts contrasting with the quiet purr of the more stock vehicles. After a few hours of camaraderie in the lobby, day one came to an end.

After a good night’s sleep, most of the guys were up early to wipe down and spritz the cars for our driving tour to New Glarus. As everyone gathered for breakfast we drew card number four. Larry Webb had the highest Heart, winning a New Glarus Brewery t-shirt. Now it was time to begin our driving tour, starting through downtown Delavan. As we neared the business district, a squad car with lights flashing jumped ahead of us and led us through the main streets to the outskirts of town. Over the C-B radio came some compliments about arranging the escort, but alas it was just a coincidence. We went west over a really nice back-roads route for our 63-mile tour to New Glarus. It is always nice to look back and see that long line of Early V-8’s as they climbed over the gentle hills of Southern Wisconsin.

As we arrived in the quaint village we could see that much of the downtown was already parked up because of the Oktoberfest celebration. Fortunately, we knew of a nearby parking area by the old train depot. From this vantage point we were able to map out our day’s activities and draw card #5. Nell Kozmic won a package of New Glarus bread mix by drawing the high Spade. We descended onto the closed-off streets where we enjoyed the Oktoberfest tent, the Swiss-style architecture of the village, and many other attractions. [New Glarus Brewery](#) had several of their beer varieties available in the tent. There was also wine tasting in the tent and in the nearby Primrose Winery. Music was everywhere, from the Bavarian Brass Band in the tent, to the man playing the huge Alphorn (like in the Ricola commercials), to the lady playing an accordion accompanied by her granddaughter singing. We did some shopping in the various stores, cheese shops, sausage shops, and candy shops. Most of our group enjoyed a hearty lunch at the crowded [Glarner Stube](#) restaurant where the service was great and the food was plentiful and tasty.



After about four hours of Oktoberfest fun, we began to gather again at the cars for our drive over to the [Swiss Historical Village Museum](#). Before going in, we drew card #6. Joe Kozmic took a pair of New Glarus Brewery pint glasses with the high Diamond. The museum is basically a collection of 14 original or re-created buildings depicting the early lives of the settlers who arrived in 1845 from the Canton of Glarus in Switzerland. We had a knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide, Steve Gmur, who detailed how the settlers found the land, their long, hard journey to the “new world”, and many details about early life. We spent over an hour touring the 14 buildings, including an early settler’s cabin, a bee house, a church, a school, a firehouse, a cheese factory (this IS in Wisconsin – in 1905 New Glarus had 22 cheese factories), a smoke house, a blacksmith shop, a print shop, and more. At each building, Steve gave an interesting presentation about the uses of the building and how it fit into community life. Of the three “modern” fire trucks in the firehouse, one was a 1928 Model A, another was a 1941 Ford. Both seemed to be in great shape. The museum tour was a great time and well worth the price of admission.



Guide Steve Gmur, red cap, and Marty Duling enjoy a laugh

Now it was time to load up the cars and begin our journey back to Delavan. We took a different route back, but it was as rural and scenic as the trip over. With our reliable V-8’s making the trip without incident, we arrived back at the hotel with plenty of time to recount the day’s events before gathering for dinner. While some of the group elected to seize the breakfast area for a carry-in dinner from the nearby KFC, others went out to restaurants of their choice. The highlight of the evening was the drawing of card #7. Marty Duling took the final minor prize – a New Glarus Brewery tote bag by drawing the high club. Now it was time for everyone to go over their hands to see how they fared. Yours truly, for the second year in a row, won a prize for the lowest hand – a 3,4,5,6,8 – fetching \$20. Irene Vinyard, married to the luckiest man alive, won \$75 for the highest hand – an Ace-high diamond flush. The Corrine Kreissl fund of the American Cancer Society was also a winner as our generous group donated \$250.



Irene Vinyard Sports the Winning Hand!

On Sunday morning the time had come to check out of the hotel, pack the cars, and begin the trip home. We drove to our traditional Sunday breakfast location, [Millie’s Restaurant and Shopping Village](#), where we were joined by Roger Hunz, who had driven his ’51 Tudor up with his son Bill. We all had a great breakfast and some of the ladies hit the shops. After saying our goodbyes, we headed home in groups with memories of a great weekend. Everyone made it home safely and, as usual, our Early Ford V-8’s made the trip flawlessly. Many of us have already made our hotel reservations for next year’s Poker Run. Happy V-8ing!

LaSalle Street Auto Row Car Show

By Ken Bounds

On October 4, the Friends of LaSalle Street held their inaugural car show in Aurora. NIRG member Joe Dispensa is president of that organization. The goal of the group is to make this historic area of downtown Aurora vital again. Back in the 1920's, this block of LaSalle Street, between Downer Place and Benton Street, was known as "Auto Row." It was said that 15 of the 40 auto-related businesses in Aurora were located in this one block. Joe owns two buildings; one of them, the Theiss Building built around 1912, still has its original, working Otis elevator that was used to carry cars between floors. Back then, Buick, Maxwell, Apperson, and Baker Electric cars were sold from the building.



Joe Dispensa, white cap, welcomes Dan Pudelek, right, and Joe Kozmic, back to camera. On left, Marie Dispensa in red coat and their son-in-law and daughter Bob & Chris Murphy

The car show included everything from antiques such as those from our Early V-8 era, to more modern muscle cars, to low rider customs, to a prototype electric car. NIRG members participating included Joe, who showed his '51 Ford Pickup project in his building; Ron Blum – '40 Fordor; Ken Bounds – '36 Roadster; Sam Iusi – Chevy Pickup; John Judge – '52 F2 Tow Truck; Joe Kozmic – '37 Coupe; Frank Madrigali – '51 F1 Pickup; Dan Pudelek – '53 Victoria; and Stan Stack – '53 Tudor.

The Best of Show award went very deservedly to a gorgeous 1941 Chrysler Woodie. Second place went to a 1930 Cord, third to a beautiful 1952 Hudson Hornet, while the President's Award went to our own Sam for his pickup.

Joe tells us that this will be an annual event and encourages everyone to consider displaying their cars again next year – date to be determined.

To learn more, visit <http://www.lasalle-auto-row.org/>



Joe's Project Truck - 1951 Ford F1



Joe Presents the President's Award to Sam Iusi

OCTOBER 20 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Don Drews

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pudelek at 8:19 pm.

Treasurer's report, from Joe Serritella:

Opening balance:	\$1,866
Net income and expenses since the last report:	+\$169
Ending balance:	\$2,035



Health & Welfare report, from Stan Stack:

NIRG member George Bastounes passed away. Dick Alfini was hospitalized for 10 days, but is home now. He would be happy to receive cards and calls from club members. Don Braun has been in rehab for his shoulder. He will be coming home tomorrow (Oct. 21). Paul Linzer's wife was in an auto accident.

Membership report, from Ken Bounds:

The Northern Illinois Regional Group has 85 members in good standing as of October 20. We are pleased to have new members Dave Arnswald and John Slobodnick attending tonight's meeting. The NIRG has 36 paid renewals so far for the coming year.

Reports on recent club events:

Joe Dispensa reported on the results of the "First Annual" car show which he organized. It took place October 4 along a historic strip of former auto dealerships on La Salle Street in Aurora. He extended his thanks to the Club for their support and participation in the event.

Upcoming club events:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Activity:</u>	<u>Organizer:</u>
November 7	Veteran's Day lunch—this event may include a visit to Don Braun's spiffed-up garage	Earl Heintz & Ken Bounds
November 7	Joint tour with Chrysler and Studebaker clubs to Roscoe auto museums	Frank Madrigali
December 6	Christmas Brunch at Drury Lane	Joe Novak & Stan Stack
January 9	Installation Dinner at The Wellington	Frank Madrigali
June 24-26, 2010	Eastern National meet in Charlotte, NC	Ken Bounds

2010 Officer Nominations:

Nominations were opened for 2010 NIRG officers. (Nominations will remain open in the November meeting before the election.) Nominations to date:

President	No nomination
Secretary	Stan Stack
Treasurer	Ron Blum
Board Members	Alan Wall
	Neil McManus
	Ed Fontana
	Joe Serritella
	Dave Arnswald

OCTOBER 20 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)**Meeting Program:**

Ken Bounds showed and narrated photos from the 2nd Annual NIRG Lake Geneva Poker Run. The Club raised \$250 for charity during this event, and participants had a rollicking good time. See the full write-up elsewhere in this Road Chatter.

50-50 raffle results:

Sam Iusi won \$27 in this month's 50-50 raffle.

Miscellanea:

Alan Wall donated \$20 to the NIRG, and in return, he received a metal Mobil oil drum. Perfect for so many uses!

26 members were present:

Dave Arnswald, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, George Cech, Joe Dispensa, Don Drews, Ed Fontana, Mike Heatherly, Roger Hunz, Sam Iusi, John Judge, Garry Kelly, Frank Koeder, Joe Kozmic, Neil McManus, Frank Madrigali, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, John Slobodnick, Stan Stack, Len Vinyard and Alan Wall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.



It is with sad hearts that we announce the death of member

George Bastounes

George died on Sunday, October 4.

- It is time once again to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Members should have received a renewal form in last month's issue. Please review the form and make any changes, correct any errors, or add any missing information. You can return the form with your \$35 dues to the membership chairman at the address shown on the form or bring them to the next meeting.
- Road Chatter ad renewals are due. It's easy to advertise in the Road Chatter. Just send \$25, plus a business card to Ken Bounds, 1N410 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Please make checks payable to NIRG. New ads or renewals must be received prior to December 20 to be in the January Road Chatter.





TECH CORNER



Some Interesting Facts about Illinois License Plates

The State of Illinois currently has a dizzying array of license plates for passenger cars and small trucks. You probably have seen many of them, but did you know that in addition to the “standard” plates (Passenger, Antique, Hearing Impaired, Disability, Amateur Radio, B-truck, RV, and Motorcycle) there are at least 29 specialty plates? These range from Organ Donor, to Eagle Scout, to Environmental, to Route 66. We don’t have space to list them all. This does not even include 19 different Collegiate Plates, 28 different Military Recognition Plates, 6 Sporting Series Plates, Special Events Plates, and many more. So how did all this get started?

The State of Illinois began requiring registration of motor vehicles in 1907. In the first two years, 20,224 automobiles were registered. The Secretary of State’s office did not issue license plates initially. Instead, they issued an aluminum disk to be attached to the dashboard – it was the owner’s responsibility to furnish his own plates! These disks were used through 1917. The first license plates issued by the State came out in 1910 and were made of aluminum. By 1911, the State decided to issue two plates, front and rear, and to change the color each year. The design of the front plate changed several times over the next several years - it was ventilated to allow air flow to the radiator. In 1912 the front plate was perforated like a screen; in 1913 the background was cut away, leaving only the numbers; and from 1914 through 1918 the front plate had slots between the numbers.



1912 Front Plate



1913 Front Plate



Fiberboard Plate

In 1925 the number of vehicles registered in Illinois exceeded 1 million for the first time. Over the years several different companies received contracts to manufacture plates, but in 1933 a license plate shop was set up in Stateville Penitentiary to take over production. Because the quality of workmanship was so low, private companies resumed production of license plates in 1936. Prison labor would never again be used. From 1943 to 1948, because of WWII steel rationing, Illinois license plates were made of fiberboard. In 1948 the State began issuing special plates for disabled veterans. The next year, a V prefix was added to those plates; these numbers are still used today. The “Land of Lincoln” slogan was added to Illinois plates in 1954.

In 1956 Illinois converted to a standard size for plates; previously the number of digits determined the length. Antique plates first appeared in 1968 and could be used only for cars at least 35 years old and driven only to displays or exhibitions.



Current Antique Vehicle Plate

In 1978, the State issued the last of the annual plates. The 69-year run of annual license plate issuance was the longest in the nation. In 1979, Illinois became the 45th state to issue multi-year plates. These plates were used until 1984. The replacement plates issued in 1984 had to hold out 17 years until the current plates began appearing in 2001.

For more information about Illinois license plates and a complete history, visit the Secretary of State website at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>.



10 Years Ago This Month – November 1999

The November Road Chatter contained an article and photo about Jerry & Florence Corcoran's very original '49 Ford Tudor. (Editor's Note: Jerry has now owned the car over 42 years – let's hope we see it again at a club event soon!) At the November 16 meeting, it was noted that Dan Pudelek had acquired a Flamingo Red '53 Victoria. Joe Kozmic reported that Nell was up and about, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

20 Years Ago This Month – November 1989

The November 14 monthly meeting was held at Advanced Paint Removal in Elk Grove. Len & Irene Vinyard arranged a Ladies Night Out event for the 18th, but chose to jet off to Spain instead. Ten V-8 couples, who braved a snowy evening, were treated to a great meal before entering the theatre to see Neil Simon's *Blithe Spirit*. The November Road Chatter noted that suburban area codes would be changing from 312 to 708 on November 12.

30 Years Ago This Month – November 1979

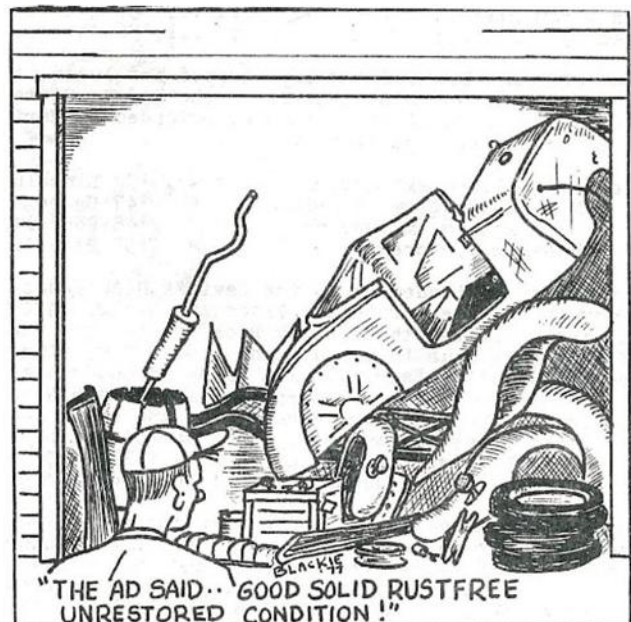
At the November 13 monthly meeting there was a lively discussion about the use of C-B radios on tours. This would bring an interesting response a couple of months later from a member of the Mission Trails regional group. Thirteen NIRG families and a number of their guests attended a Ladies Night Out on the 24th hosted by Chester Lawrence. The group enjoyed a delicious meal before seeing the play *I Do! I Do!* at Pheasant Run in St. Charles.

35 Years Ago This Month – November 1974

One of the guests at the November 12 meeting was Earl Heintz of Arlington Heights. Election of 1975 officers saw Marty Duling being selected for Vice President and Sam Iusi & Don Braun chosen as co-tour chairmen. Those present also discussed the upcoming national vote on whether to include '49 to '53 Ford vehicles in the club – most were against it.

Flathead Flashback

Another in our series of original cartoons by member Bob Blackmore, this one published in the November 1979 Road Chatter.



V-8 Gals

I have to admit that I've been on a bit of a history kick lately, wanting to know a little bit more about all sorts of things. When the time came to start working on this month's V-8 Gals, I found myself drifting to web sites about the history of Thanksgiving. I have to say I was pretty ignorant on how Thanksgiving became a national holiday. I'm sharing what I learned in case I wasn't the only one with her head in the cranberry sauce.

- ⌚ President George Washington declared the first national Thanksgiving Day Proclamation on Thursday, November 26, 1789.
- ⌚ The second national Thanksgiving Day Proclamation was also issued by George Washington and was celebrated on February 19, 1795.
- ⌚ Between 1795 and 1863, Thanksgiving was celebrated more at a state level. For example, the state of New York made Thanksgiving Day an annual custom in 1817.
- ⌚ President Abraham Lincoln officially declared the last Thursday of November as the national day of Thanksgiving in 1863. This was based on the Thanksgiving letter writing campaign by Sarah Josepha Hale that she started in 1827. Sarah Hale is probably best known as the author of "Mary Had a Little Lamb".
- ⌚ In 1939, Thanksgiving fell on the 5th Thursday of the month which shortened the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the date to the fourth Thursday in November to allow for a longer Christmas shopping season to stimulate the economy.
- ⌚ In 1941, Congress passed an official proclamation declaring the Thanksgiving will be observed on the fourth Thursday of November.

Chocolate Pecan Bars

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| 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour | 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk |
| 1 cup powdered sugar | 1 egg |
| 1/2 cup HERSHEY'S Cocoa | 2 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 1 cup (2 sticks) cold butter or margarine | 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans |



1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for glass dish).
2. Stir together flour, sugar and cocoa in large bowl. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press firmly onto bottom of ungreased 13x9x2-inch baking pan.
3. Bake 15 minutes; remove from oven. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, beat sweetened condensed milk, egg and vanilla until well blended. Stir in pecans, spread mixture evenly over hot baked crust. Return to oven.
4. Bake 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Cover; store in refrigerator. About 36 bars.

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

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

September	October	November	December
10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 25 - 27 NIRG Poker Run, Lake Geneva, WI	4 LaSalle Street Auto Row Car Show 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations	7 Veteran's Day Lunch 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	No Meetings 6 Christmas Brunch
January	February	March	April
9 Installation Banquet at the Wellington 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting



Happy Thanksgiving



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
BEN ASHLEY (11/2), TOM O'DONNELL (11/7), JERRY WEBB (11/7),
BETTY MENESS (11/12), ROGER HUNZ (11/14), BARBARA SLOBNIK (11/14),
BOB MAGNUSSON (11/17) & SUE DOPKE (11/25)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
ROGER & BETTY MENESS (11/14), JOHN & BARBARA SLOBODNIK (11/15),
EARL & GENE HEINTZ (11/24) & CLIFF & JOAN DIXON (11/26)



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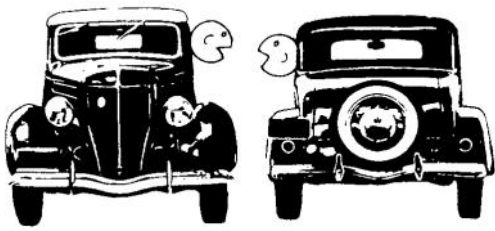
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