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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

October 4 [LaSalle Street Auto Row car show](#), Aurora, IL

October 8 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

October 20 Monthly Meeting Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

October 10 8th Hunnert Car Pileup, Grundy County Fairgrounds, Morris, IL. <http://www.hunnertcarpileup.com>

October 7 - 10 [AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet](#), Hershey, PA.

October 18 8th Annual Toys For Tots Classic Car Cruise to Volo Auto Museum. Bring an unwrapped toy. Contact Volo Museum or go to <http://www.volocars.com/toys-4-tots.htm> for more information.

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It is time to renew your membership for 2010. We have included a renewal form in this issue. Please review the form and make any changes, correct any errors, or add any missing information. Please add your cell phone number and your e-mail address if you care to share this 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.

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Right around this time every year the subject arises that al-
ways seems to bring the meeting to a screaming halt: the
nominations for officers. I'm hoping that this year will be
different. I know that over the years a lot of different mem-
bers have served the club, and a lot of members have not.
This year I would like to see the HAVE NOTS stand up and
do their part for the club and themselves.



We are very lucky as a club to have members that are dedicated and willing
to run for office and volunteer, but it seems that the same names come up
every year. I would like to see that change this year - let's start a new trend.
I hope that all members will give some serious thought to putting their name
on the ballot or volunteer for one of the jobs that will open up. I understand
that not everyone is qualified to do every job. One of the easiest ways to
learn is to volunteer or get yourself elected to the board and work your way
up to becoming an officer. This is your club and where it goes and how it
grows is up to you the member! There is that old saying, if I can do it any-
one can; it's your turn to do it! You have a lot of great guys and gals will-
ing to help so let's make this upcoming year your year to serve.

As most of you know we had a crowd of people and cars that went to Au-
burn for the central national meet. Most drove the flatheads and some came
in modern iron; we had a great time. Ken Bounds and his lovely wife Caro-
lyn again did a wonderful job of getting us safely to the meet and back
home with no problems. Besides having a fun time we all came home with
awards which made the event even more enjoyable.

By the time you read this the club would have been to Lake Geneva, WI, for
the annual poker run. I hope that everyone that wanted to go made it. Rain
or shine Ken and Carolyn always put together a fun and enjoyable weekend
with plenty of food, drink and tours to keep you busy. Let's not forget the
good camaraderie, so if you didn't make it to this year's meet make plans to
put it on your calendar for 2010. So let's keep the wheels turning and I'll
see you at the next meeting.

President, Daniel Pudelek

Do you want to make a difference and have some fun too?

NIRG is looking for you!

Nominations for 2010 Officers and Board of
Directors will be held at the October member
meeting.

Your participation is important!



UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Veteran's Day Luncheon - November 14

Mark your calendars for the V-8's and Veterans Luncheon, November 14 at 12 noon at Sam's of Arlington, 1863 W Central Rd, Arlington Heights.



Save the Date - December 6

What: Annual Christmas Brunch
When: Sunday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.
Where: Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
Cost: \$33.00 per person



Stan Stack & Joe Novak have made reservations. We need to get an accurate count and commitment by November 1, 2009, to make sure we don't lose this date. This is always a great event and everyone agrees that the food varieties and quality at this champagne brunch are the very best.

Signup sheets will be available at monthly meetings, or you can call Stan at 847-382-4223 or Joey at 708-923-9953.

FROM THE EDITORS

We decided to use this space to pass along some miscellaneous information. First, we received a call from Joe Kozmic who had just talked to Elaine Braun. Elaine reported that Don underwent successful shoulder surgery on September 30. Don was expected to return home after 2 or 3 days in the hospital.



Next we need to report the sad news that Guy Viti died on September 29. Guy was a close friend of Lloyd and Gladys Duzell. Many of our members have met Guy as he, his wife, and sister-in-law had attended a number of V-8 Club events and had traveled with us on tours. Our condolences to wife Betty Lou and to Guy's entire family.

We also wanted to apologize to everyone about this issue being a few days late. Our schedule has been hectic with Carolyn traveling nearly every week this month and with the NIRG Poker Rally being held at the time we would normally be working on the Road Chatter. But even worse, our faithful Xerox printer began failing while we were printing the Central National Meet booklet and last month's Road Chatter. A replacement is on the way and we expect delivery October 5. If you are reading the printed version of the Road Chatter, it must have shown up!

Finally, as mentioned before we are just back from a great time at the 2nd Annual NIRG Poker Rally. Space limitations prevent us from including a report in this issue, so we will provide a full write-up in the November Road Chatter.

Ken & Carolyn

The NIRG Tour to the 2009 Central National Meet Auburn, Indiana – August 28 to September 2, 2009

By Ken Bounds

Early Ford V-8 Club National Meets come around every year. But sometimes they are extra special. Not only was this year's Central National Meet nearly in our back yard, it also was held in conjunction with the dedication of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. An opportunity such as this is rare indeed. Carolyn and I had another reason to be excited that the time for the Meet was finally here. Not only had we registered and begun planning for the Meet over a year ago, we also volunteered our Northern Illinois Regional Group to print the Meet booklet and other supporting documents. For the past few months we had been receiving information to be included in the booklet and sending various revisions to Foundation President Bill Tindall for review and approval. We had also been working with Registration Chairman Pat Fenner to get the list of members and vehicles registered for the meet. It was pretty neat to have a list of attendees before the meet! After many revisions we completed printing of the final version less than two weeks before the meet. We are grateful to Jerry Vincentini and Connie Francis for making a stop on their way to the meet to pick up and deliver the boxes of materials.

In a departure from our usual procedure, for this meet we skipped our traditional drivers' meeting. Instead we threw a surprise birthday party for Carolyn. Nevertheless, all participants were provided with a detailed plan for our tour to the meet and some of the events planned while we were there. On Friday morning, August 28, twenty members, spouses, and friends gathered at the Lincoln Oasis for our drive over secondary roads to Auburn. At 9:00 a procession of gleaming Early V-8's pulled onto the highway under cloudy but warm skies. Our group included Carolyn Bounds – '50 Crestliner, Ken Bounds – '36 Roadster, Cliff Dixon with friend Gene Fehringer – '46 Coupe, Earl & Gene Heintz – '51 Mercury, Ernie & Terry Herzog – '53 Coupe, Joe & Nell Kozmic – '37 Coupe, Tom O'Donnell – '40 Mercury, Joey Novak – '40 Pickup, Dan & Diane Pudelek – '53 Victoria, and Len & Irene Vinyard – '39 Convertible. Following the V-8's in modern iron were Ron Blum, George & Betty Cech, and Neil McManus.

As soon as it was practical to get off the expressways, we made our way to U.S. Route 6, which provided a relaxing and scenic route most of the way to Auburn. Our first stop was at Stauffer Park in Nappanee where we had reserved a shelter for a picnic lunch. We had encountered some light showers along the way, but caught a break from the rain while we had lunch. Then it was back on the road for a leisurely drive into Auburn, where we arrived about 2:00 p.m.

After checking in to the hotels, we made our way down to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum for meet registration and for purchase of some raffle tickets. It was a real treat for most of us to see the museum for the first time. It has come a long way since last year's Motorfest. One very special treat in our meet bags was a participation plaque given to each registrant – a real touch of class! We then took our cars over to the operational check area to get them approved for the concourse. There we met with Northwest Indiana Group President Jim Brown. Jim had earlier asked our group for assistance with the operational check because of the large number of



Dinner at Mad Anthony's

vehicles registered for the meet. He told us that they had it under control Friday, but could use some help Saturday.

After spending a few hours visiting with V-8 friends from all over the country, our group went to dinner at a downtown Auburn brew-pub, Mad Anthony's. The verdict was split over the quality of the food, but the drinks were good! On Friday evening and over the next couple of days, more NIRG members arrived at the meet: Alan Wall trailered his '32 Tudor; Garry & Joan Kelly arrived; our Oklahoma member Rick Claybaugh arrived with his brother Earl and his brother-in-law Joe, along with Rick's '34 Tudor; at the operational check we encountered Lin Stacey and were pleased to meet new members John & Barbara Slobodnik; joining us on the concourse was NIRG member Roger Hunz who had driven in the night before in his '51 Tudor with son Bill; we also ran into members Doug Leicht and Paul Linzer on the concourse.

Saturday was a day filled with meeting more V-8 friends, cleaning up and detailing our Early V-8's for Sunday's concourse, checking out the fantastic swap meet and attending meetings. Several from our group assisted in the operational check. This proved to be quite interesting and enjoyable. After the Foundation Meeting, the President's Meeting, and the Owners/Judges Meeting, we all gathered back at the hotel for the drive over to the welcome party, which was something special. In addition to a packed hall where 400 or so V-8 Club members enjoyed a terrific dinner, we also had run of the [Auburn Cord Dusenburg Museum](#) for several hours. This museum is housed in an art-deco building which was the former Auburn Automobile Company's national headquarters. The collection is stunning.

Sunday – Concourse Day – arrived partly sunny, but very chilly for the end of August. We drove down early to the display grounds adjacent to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum, got our cars situated, and completed final detailing. Several members of our group had volunteered to help assist other participants with parking their cars on the concourse. Boy, did our feet get wet running around in the tall, damp grass. The concourse was laid out very nicely, with judged cars in order at the front, all the Touring and Touring A cars, by class, next, followed by the Display Class. The concourse field was huge with over 200 vehicles present. What a terrific group of Early V-8's. One of the highlights was the stainless '36 Tudor that many of us had seen, in very sad shape, on a trailer at Dearborn last year. In just one year, this ultra-rare, one of four, V-8 had been restored to its former glory. Owner Leo Gephart received a Dearborn award for the car. It was a pleasure to talk to Mr. Gephart on the concourse and back at the hotel and to hear his many interesting stories.



Before: 1936 Stainless Tudor in Dearborn, July 2008



After: Same car in Auburn, August 2009

Although there were a number of no-shows in the nearly 250 vehicles registered for the meet, I counted at least 214 on the concourse: 125 in the point-judged and Rouge divisions, 64 in the touring divisions, and 25 in display class. This was one large Central National Meet – maybe the largest ever – and the quantity of cars was only outdone by the quality. Photos taken from an airplane flown over the field recorded this great concourse for history. We spent the day looking at and taking pictures of all the great V-8's, enjoying conversation with fellow club members, and voting for our favorite touring cars. Some had a little time for visiting the adjacent Kruse museums. As the concourse was close to wrapping up, some of the ladies arrived by bus from their luncheon at the Bridgewater Country Club. There they had a delightful presentation about the history of ladies undergarments. They sure had some interesting stories to tell the guys.

After driving back from the concourse, we had a little time for tire kicking and relaxing at the hotel. Actually, we did a lot of this at this meet – one of the best parts of every National Meet. Most of us went to dinner at the nearby Ryan's Buffet, then went back to the hotel for more storytelling and problem solving.

On Monday we were finally able to sleep in a little later before gathering for a driving tour to Shipshewana. This was a relaxing, roughly 100-mile drive to visit the [Eldon Hostetler Hudson Museum](#) and have lunch at the Blue Gate restaurant. The Hudson Museum was fabulous and is worthy of an article all by itself. We were honored to have Eldon Hostetler himself as our tour guide. The family-style lunch at the Blue Gate was terrific and the large dining room was jammed with hundreds of V-8 Club members.



Super-Neat Flathead-Powered Mobile Air Compressor



Rick Claybaugh Receives His Medallion

After our drive back to Auburn and the now-familiar “hanging out” time at the hotel, we drove as a group to the Auburn Courthouse Square for a show & shine cruise-in. Dozens of Early V-8's were proudly displayed on three sides of the square, which were closed off to traffic. A special feature of this event was a presentation of a certificate and medallion by National President Jerry Reichel to the owner of each '34 Ford present as they celebrated their cars' 75th anniversary.

Tuesday we had most of the day on our own. Around 9:00 we drove down to the Foundation Museum to see if we had won any raffle prizes – several of our members did. Next, Tom O'Donnell arranged

for a private tour to V-8 Club member Greg and Sandy Rice's collection near the Museum. Several members of the Northwest Indiana group heard of our tour and drove along with us. Greg & Sandy were gracious hosts and we were impressed with the number of his V-8's that would have looked great on Sunday's concourse. From there we toured back downtown to see the auto and memorabilia collection of member Dick Foster. He has a super collection, including several Early V-8's, and was a pleasure to

talk to. Finally, most of us drove to a nearby restored gas station for a photo opportunity.

Tuesday afternoon brought a long-awaited event: the dedication of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Mu-



Dedication of Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum

seum. What had been only a dream for nearly two decades was now standing before our eyes. After presentations by the dignitaries we entered the museum for a look around. Of course, we had been here for several days, but now the museum was really open for business. Our congratulations to Foundation President Bill Tindall, Architect Bill Fox, the Foundation Trustees, all its members, and to Jerry Windle whose vision is now a reality.

After the dedication we moved over to the nearby rotunda of the Kruse National Military History Center. Several hundred V-8ers enjoyed a great meal, presentations by the meet hosts, followed by the awards presentations. As the major raffle prizes

were announced, we were happy that Cliff Dixon won a neat '32 Ford hot rod pedal car. The concourse awards were then presented, beginning with the Touring classes. As former National President Tom Johnston called the winners, they were handed their trophies by National Chief Judge and Meet Co-Chairman Jerry Vincentini. Each winner had a photo opportunity with National President Reichel. We were delighted that each vehicle shown by a NIRG member came home with a trophy! First place in Touring went to Ken Bounds, Rick Claybaugh, Cliff Dixon, and Joe Kozmic. Second in Touring went to Dan Pudelek. First place in Touring A went to Joey Novak. Earl Heintz received a first-time Dearborn Award for his '51 Mercury – congratulations Earl! Ken Bounds and Tom O'Donnell received Dearborn Medallions while Len Vinyard received a Dearborn Emeritus Medallion. Last, but not least, Ernie Herzog, Roger Hunz, and Alan Wall received Rouge Medallions. What a haul!

A year of planning and anticipation comes to an end all too quickly. After the last award is presented and the owners of point-judged cars scramble for their tally sheets, there is never enough time to say goodbye to all your V-8 friends. But the time had come and say goodbye we did. We hope to see many of them again next year, but the 2010 Eastern National Meet in Charlotte is only a glimmer and no meets are yet scheduled for Central or Western. We would like to say "Thank You" to all the folks who worked tirelessly to put on a terrific National Meet. We know that it takes a lot of dedicated people to pull off an event of this magnitude. Your efforts were quite successful and are greatly appreciated.



The Award Winners

Wednesday morning we loaded up the V-8's and headed for home. The 200 or so mile trip over the same route we had traveled to Auburn was quick and uneventful. It was nice to know that our Flatheads had performed flawlessly over the entire trip. Many of us were home by noon. We probably need a little rest, but Charlotte is less than 10 months and 800 miles away!

SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by Ken Bounds**

Our secretary, Don Drews, took the night off to handle some family matters at home. VP Frank Madrigali also had to attend to some other priorities so there was no coffee, but we thank John Judge for bringing along the tickets for the 50/50 raffle. The days are getting shorter and it is dark by meeting time, but there were still a few Early V-8s in the parking lot. After allowing time for the raffle tickets to be sold, President Dan Pudelek kicked off the meeting about 8:10 pm.



Treasurer Joe Serritella gave his report. After income and expenses were tallied, we have an ending balance of \$1,866.43.

Health & Welfare Chairman Stan Stack said he had no reports to him of illness and asked for input. Dan advised that he had talked to Elaine Braun. Her recent eye surgery was a success and Don's shoulder surgery has been postponed. They are still interested in hosting a garage tour in the spring. Ken reported that Joe Kozmic has a foot problem making it difficult for him to walk – likely plantar fasciitis. Ken also passed along a report from Don Drews that his wife Beth would be undergoing her first round of chemotherapy Thursday.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds introduced our newest member, David Arnswald, who came to the meeting as a guest of Ed Fontana and joined our group. Ken also introduced one of our new members, John Slobodnik, who was attending his first meeting. With the new members, our membership total is now 85. Finally, Ken introduced David Lodrick of England who was a guest of Tom O'Donnell. David and his wife Arlene are here visiting Tom and Arlene's cousin, Madeleine O'Donnell. They also hope to attend the Lake Geneva poker rally next week. (Note: unfortunately, we learned that Arlene's mother passed away September 21, causing the Lodricks to return to the UK early).

Dan advised that our program this evening would be a video slide presentation from the Central National Meet, so he wanted to move through the club business quickly. Dan reviewed upcoming tours and events. Stan Stack reminded everyone of the Christmas brunch December 6 and provided a signup sheet. Dan talked about an upcoming classic car auction in Ohio. He also discussed the La-Salle Street Auto Row show October 4 being put on by member Joe Dispensa and encouraged everyone to attend.

Ken passed around a signup sheet and explained details and planned events of our 2nd Annual Poker Run to be held in the Lake Geneva area the last weekend of the month. We have a large group planning to attend and as of tonight there are still rooms available at the hotel.

Dan reminded all members that it was important for them to fill out their ballots for National Club director positions and get them mailed on time. He also discussed our own officer nominations which will take place at the October meeting. Dan asked for more members to step up for the openings and help lead our club.

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SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Ken Bounds made a presentation about the Central National Meet in Auburn and showed a three-part video slide presentation. The first part was an overview of the meet showing some of the activities members participated in. The second was a narrated show of all the cars in the Eldon Hostetler Hudson Museum in Shipshewana. The third was photos of all vehicles on the National Meet concourse. See the full write-up of the meet elsewhere in this issue.

Our newest member, David Arnswald, drew Treasurer Joe Serritella's name in the 50/50 raffle. Seems a little suspicious. Joe split the \$40 proceeds with the club.

Those in attendance were Dave Arnswald, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Cliff Dixon, Ed Fontana, Mike Heatherly, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Jack Nikolich, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Ron Vaughan, Len Vinyard, and Alan Wall. Also present our guest David Lodrick.

New and Improved

The National Club has completely revamped and greatly improved the Early Ford V-8 Club of America website. You can find it at <http://www.earlyfordv8.org/> - check it out - you will like it!

Welcome New NIRG Member

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to David Arnswald of Schiller Park. David is a member of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and has a 1933 Ford Roadster that he has been working on "for many years." He also has a '72 Buick Electra. David is a neighbor of Ed Fontana. He came to the September meeting as Ed's guest and left as a member. We wish you success in your efforts to get the '33 on the road and hope to see you at upcoming meetings and club events.

It's Road Chatter Ad renewal time again.

Do you have an ad in the Road Chatter? Would you like to have an ad in the Road Chatter?

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Ken Bounds
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Please make checks payable to Northern Illinois Regional Group. Renewals must be received prior to December 20 to be in the January Road Chatter.



TECH CORNER



In keeping with a theme we started in July and in mind of the Central National Meet last month, our Tech Corner this month is an explanation of the Rouge Division of the Early Ford V-8 Club.

Rouge Division - Definition

All eligible club vehicles unrestored, original as manufactured which meet the requirements set forth in the judging rules for the Rouge Division and are not participating in the Dearborn, Concourse, or Touring Divisions.

Eligibility for Rouge Award

1. Vehicles will be considered for certification in one or more of three areas: Interior, Exterior, and/or Running Gear (which includes the engine). Originality, as manufactured, is the primary criteria for certification. Cosmetic condition, wear and tear, except for items which might affect safety, will not be considered. Proper maintenance and reasonable cleaning is expected.
2. A minimum of 90% of the area being considered must be original from the manufacture of the vehicle to be certified for the Rouge Award or subsequent V-8 Medallion Award.
3. Allowable replacement parts for original vehicles shall be limited to:
 - a. Water hoses and fan belts.
 - b. Spark plugs.
 - c. Water pumps and fuel pumps.
 - d. Generator and starter.
 - e. Distributor and battery.
 - f. Topping fabric and pads on open cars, however top boot and side curtains shall be original.
 - g. Top insert of 1932-1936 model closed cars.
 - h. Exhaust pipe, muffler and tail pipe.
 - i. Windshield wiper blades.
4. Allowed replacement parts shall be the correct type, finish, and color for the year and model of the vehicle.
5. Parts which are repainted, replated, refinished, reupholstered, or in any way restored are not original as manufactured.
6. Past winners of the Dearborn Award/Medallion are eligible for the Rouge Division.

Rouge Division Awards

- A. All unrestored, original as manufactured, vehicles which meet criteria set forth in the judging rules for the Rouge Division and are certified on the Concourse at a National Meet will be awarded the Rouge Award for the preservation of original features.
- B. The Rouge Award plaque will be similar to the Dearborn plaque in all ways except the title plate identifying the award.
- C. All vehicles that have won the Rouge Award at a previous National Meet may be entered to repeat certification to qualify for a V-8 Medallion Award. A vehicle must continue to meet the criteria here for a repeat certification.

Source: Judging Manual, Early Ford V-8 Club of America



10 Years Ago This Month – October 1999

Elections were held at the October 19 monthly meeting with Ken Bounds being elected President for the year 2000. Ed Fontana invited guest speaker Joe Serritella who gave a tech talk on rebuilding starters and generators. Dick Alfini underwent quintuple bypass surgery October 30.

20 Years Ago This Month – October 1989

At the October 10 monthly meeting, guest Dan Pudelek joined the club. I wonder what ever happened to him. On October 15 seven families participated in a joint Model T, Model A, and V-8 driving tour. On October 20-22, eight V-8 families drove through sleet and snow on a tour to Port Washington, WI, hosted by Ron & Sue Dopke and Norm & Dolly Collins. Various sites, restaurants, and a winery were visited and all had a great, relaxing weekend

30 Years Ago This Month – October 1979

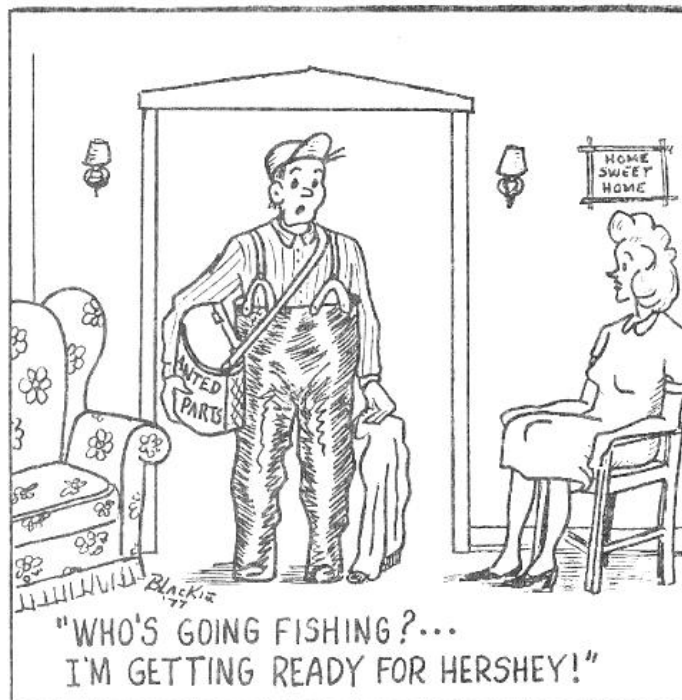
Officer nominations were held at the October 9 monthly meeting and several members reported on the Hershey meet, including comments on the "out of sight" prices that we would love today. Tom & June Young hosted a very successful final tour of 1979 October 13-14 to Merrimac, Wisconsin. Seven NIRG families drove Early V-8's on the tour, while six more families toured in modern iron. They were joined by four families and V-8's from the Badger State group. The tour group stayed at the Devil's Head Lodge and visited several sites and restaurants, as well as Tom & June's summer house.

35 Years Ago This Month – October 1974

Cold, wet weather could not deter the enthusiasm of large group of 38 adults and 6 children in 14 Early V-8's and 4 modern cars on what sounds like a terrific driving tour to Galena. About half the members on that tour are still NIRG members today!

Flathead Flashback

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





V-8 Gals

I've said this before....Halloween is my favorite holiday. I'm sure that stems from Trick or Treating as a kid getting tons of candy. Whatever it was it stuck with me. I love this time of year and I really enjoy Halloween. I came across some Halloween fun facts on-line. Hope you like them too.

- ☒ Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- ☒ Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- ☒ Pumpkins also come in white, blue and green. Great for unique monster carvings!
- ☒ Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- ☒ The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- ☒ Halloween candy sales average about 2 billion dollars annually in the United States.
- ☒ Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters with Snickers #1.
- ☒ Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.



☒ Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.

☒ While the setting for the movie *Halloween* is in Illinois, the license plates on the vehicles have California plates.

Source: <http://www.halloween-website.com/trivia.htm>



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

When was your last mammogram?



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**JOHN EMMERING (10/5), JOE SERRITELLA (10/9), JOE KOZMIC (10/11),
JULIE MCMANUS (10/11), DIANE PUDELEK (10/11), JOAN DIXON (10/14),
STEVE O'NEILL (10/17), PAT MCKENNA (10/23), CHESTER LAWRENCE (10/26),
TOM BUSCAGLIA (10/28) & LIN STACEY (10/29)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**BILL & CAROLYN GRAMS (10/3), DOUG & GAIL LEICHT (10/6),
JACK & JEAN NIKOLICH (10/8)
& FRANK & MARGARET KOEDER (10/30)**



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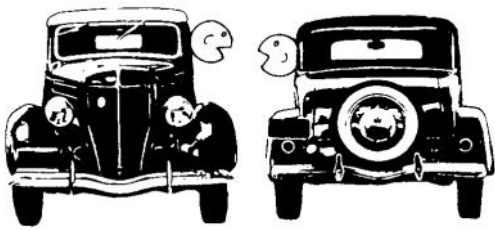
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