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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

April 8 Board of Directors Mtg, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

April 11 Eggs & Eights. See Page 3 for information.

April 20 Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm - Pizza Meeting, John's Pizza, Addison. See Page 3 for information.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 10 - 11 Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot-Machine & Jukebox Show, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, 9:30 am-5 pm (Sat) & 9:30 am-3 pm (Sun), Admission \$7

April 18 27th Annual NIR-WPC Car Show & Swap Meet, Larry Roesch Chrysler, 200 W. Grand Ave., Elmhurst, 8 am - 2 pm

April 24 - 25 33rd Annual Spring Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI, Admission \$7, Parking \$3

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Attention Members

Do not show up at the regular meeting place this month – no one will be there! Instead, bring the family to John's Pizzeria in Addison – see Page 3.

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MEETINGS

8:00 pm on the third
Tuesday of the month at
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Service Center, 1616 N.
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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello to all,

Last month I made a huge error. I sometimes get going and forget where I was headed. I find myself doing this more; why I forget. I would like to apologize to Ken and Carolyn Bounds, our Road Chatter editors, for not congratulating them on the award that they received for the great work they do putting the Road Chatter together. The work that both of them do for the club goes way beyond what is asked of them so I, and I'm sure everyone in the club, would like to congratulate them and wish them well in the upcoming year.



I'm going to get up on my soapbox for just a few seconds. I'm asking the members to start participating more and get more involved with the club. Over the years I've seen less and less involvement from the older club members. I know things change and time marches on, but we need your experience, and with your help and input and guidance we all benefit. The reason I bring this up, I was talking to one of the members this past month and he thinks that the older members are not interested in doing anything. He was talking to one the members about putting together a tour and was told that the club has done that 2 or 3 times in the past and to not waste his time. Gentleman it hurts me when I hear stuff like that so please if a member is talking to you about a tour and you're not up to helping please guide him or her to someone that can help. That someone is our tour chairman Joey Novak. I now step down from my soapbox.

From what I'm hearing from the members, the Night at the Races was a big success; Ron Blum once again put together a fun night at the track. I unfortunately was not there due to illness and it looks like I missed a good time. Well, here's hoping that if Ron puts together a race day for next year I'll be there. I would like to thank John McCarthy for sharing with the club the great work that he has done on his pickup truck. He said that he planned it to be done in 2 to 3 years, but at the rate he is going I bet he'll have it on the street in the next year.

One last thing; I did win the 50/50 at the last meeting and I thank you. Two wins in 22 years - look out I'm on a streak. With that I'll say goodbye for now and I hope to see all of you at the Pizza Meeting.

President, Daniel Pudelek

Event Cancelled: Friday, April 30

Since no one expressed any interest in an outing to the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet for dinner and to see Eddie Carroll's one-man show *Jack Benny - Laughter in Bloom*, that event has been cancelled.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Eggs & Eights - Sunday, April 11

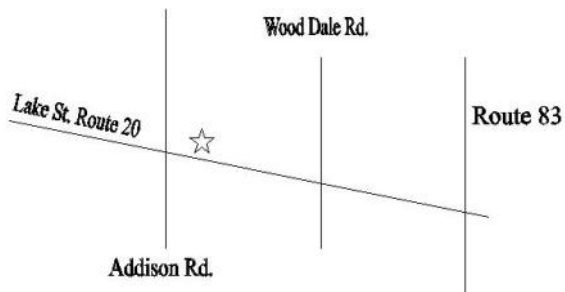
Tom Buscaglia is hosting a Sunday breakfast get-together. This is just an informal, relaxed way to join your fellow NIRG V-8ers for breakfast. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tom at 630-584-8573.

The April Eggs & Eights will be held Sunday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m. at [Egg Harbor Café, 477 S 3rd Street in historic Geneva](#). After breakfast there is plenty of opportunity for shopping in over 100 specialty shops nestled in historic storefronts and charming Victorian style homes.



If the weather is nice, bring your V-8, but modern iron is certainly welcome! Egg Harbor Café is located in downtown Geneva just three blocks west of the Fox River, five blocks south of State Street (IL Route 38, or Roosevelt Rd).

Don't miss the Pizza Meeting. Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 pm



John's Pizzeria
Restaurant & Lounge
100 Lake Street
Addison, IL



\$9 per person - includes ALL U CAN EAT pizza, gratuity and tax.

Refreshments not included. Cash bar. Spouses and guests are welcome!

Roundhead's Flathead Roundup

When: Saturday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.

Where: [Roundhead's of Lombard](#)
205 W Roosevelt Rd, Lombard, IL

What: An excuse to get the V-8s out of the garage and meet your fellow V-8ers for dinner. Also known as a "duals meet."



Roundhead's is located on Roosevelt Road just one mile east of I-355. It is on the south side of Roosevelt, immediately east of Heritage Cadillac. Weather permitting, drive your V-8 and park it on the Roosevelt Road side of Roundhead's. Modern iron, of course, is welcome too. We will do some tire kicking and solve a few of the world's problems before going to dinner at 6:00 pm.

Please let Ken Bounds know by April 24 if you plan to be there. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the pizza meeting.

A Night at the Races By Ken Bounds

Even when the long Northern Illinois winters require us to keep our beloved Early V-8 Fords tucked in their garages, we still can find plenty of fun and exciting activities to enjoy as a group. None is more anticipated than the perennial favorite – an outing to one of the area racetracks. I'm talking about the one-horsepower type of racing with four legs. This year Ron Blum arranged an outing to see harness racing at beautiful Maywood Park in Melrose Park.

Ron did not disappoint us. A crowd of 41 V-8 family and friends enjoyed a night of great fellowship, fantastic food, and exciting racing in a first-class venue. The evening started with complimentary valet parking and seating in the Winners Circle Dining room with an incredible view over the finish line. The "Grand Gourmet Buffet," which was deserving of its name, began at 6:30. But you didn't need to rush – dinner was served until 9:30.



Enjoying this evening were our hosts Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, Cliff & Joan Dixon with guests Gene & Karen Fehringer and Jan & Cheryl Barkdoll, Ernie & Terry Herzog with guest Karen McGinley, Paul Jensen, John Judge with guests Dennis and Michelle, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Joey Novak, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell with daughter Maureen Joos, granddaughter, Michelle Joos, son Tom O'Donnell Jr., son, Steven O'Donnell, his wife Ronnie and their daughter McKenna, Joe & Delice Serritella, John & Barbara Slobodnik, Stan & JoAnne Stack, Len & Irene Vinyard with son Jeff, and Alan Wall & guest. Unfortunately, our President and First Lady, Dan & Diane Pudelek, were unable to make it due to a brief illness.

As everyone enjoyed their delicious meal, it was time to get down to business with the racing program. Win or lose, it is always fun to wager on your favorites. Half the fun is just watching the methods



Part of our group



Racing under the lights

everyone uses to make their picks: the name of the horse, driver, trainer, or owner; the ethnic origin of same; or a more scientific study of prior performance. Then there are always the guaranteed sure-shots provided by Ron. Sometimes. The first race went off at 7:10 and you could hear the shrieks from the crowd as they urged their picks on. Some of us ran up to the windows to claim winnings while other tote tickets were torn up and tossed in the air.

It was soon time for the 3rd race, named for our group. As the race was about to begin, Ron was busy gathering all the V-8 Gals for a photo opportunity with the winning horse O Prettyboyfloyd driven by Trace Tetrick in “our” race. But there was some excitement for several of the men too. Eight lucky guys had the thrill of riding in the starter car for the 4th and 7th races. Your author was one of those enjoying this unique opportunity and it was a blast. Just to add to the fun, two of Cliff Dixon’s guests won the nightly Maywood raffle – dinner for two at a future racing date.

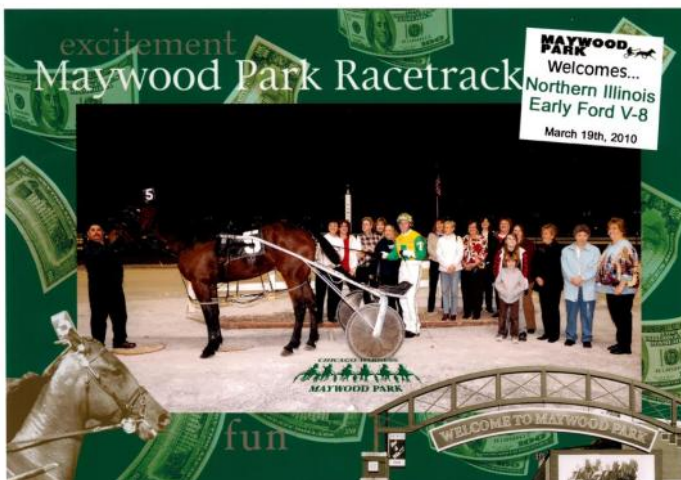
There were 12 races at Maywood that night. As the races counted up, our evening began to count down. After the final trips to the buffet and dessert table and the last drinks were served, it was time to total up the winnings and the losses and begin saying goodbyes. We are grateful to our wonderful host, Ron Blum, for all the work he did to make this one of the premier events of the year. We all say “Thanks Ron!” Everyone is looking forward to the next time.



The starter car



The view of “Innovation” from the starter car



The V-8 Gals pose with the winning horse and driver after Race #3, named for our group



Our hosts, Arlene & Ron

Follow Up on My '51 Pickup Restoration By Joe Dispensa

As you know, progress takes time. I felt that I couldn't wait to tell you what I have learned about leaf springs. It really isn't very difficult to disassemble leaf springs if you have a gas wrench and some basic hand tools. The first time you replace a bushing it is an exciting experience. Frank Madrigali suggested driving a heated bushing out with an old socket, but I felt using a bushing remover tool would work great once I knew how to use it. Frank had the better idea.

Fellow NIRG V-8 members John Slobodnik and I are working on disassembling the spring leaves, degreasing, sandblasting, and replacing bushings, spraying them with a rust inhibitor primer and then chassis black paint. Before reassembling the springs, the leafs were greased with a layer of red grease. John and I thought we planned for everything. John started to heat up the metal around the leaf spring bushing to make the bushing come out much easier.

Meanwhile, I was burying my shiny new bushings in the snow to make them shrink in size so that we could press them in easier. Being as forgetful as I am, I wanted to make sure that I could find the bushings, so I put a stick right where I buried them. Returning to get my cold bushings, I dug down into the snow about a foot and a half in diameter and could not find one of the bushings. Finally, I did find the bushing about six feet from where I buried it. The moral of the story is, if you have squirrels that will eat out of your hand and steal the grandkids plastic Easter eggs and eat the candy inside, don't bury your bushing while the squirrels are watching. We had a good laugh.



Careful! You could lose a fingertip.

We found two broken leaf springs and will have to disassemble another spring from one of my parts trucks. I would like to thank Lloyd Duzell for his help. In our situation, he guided us to put a red

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Pressing out the bushing using a vice



The springs begin to take shape

CHEERS

BY NEIL MCMANUS

For those of you that don't know me very well let me take a moment to introduce myself. I joined the NIRG in late 1982 shortly after relocating here from upstate New York. At that time I owned an early 1947 Woodie that I had brought with us from New York. I had done a lot of work on the Woodie to the point where it was, at least I thought so, presentable.



During the course of my working on the car I became aware of the so-called early 1947 Fords versus the later models. I did some research on that aspect and submitted an article to the *V-8 Times*; fortunately it was accepted together with the research and some pictures of the Woodie. Shortly after relocating here we decided to upgrade the car and with the assistance of Marty Duling on the mechanical aspects and Lloyd Duzell on the steel parts the car was brought up to higher standards.

Although I do not currently have a V-8, I continue, as we all do, to have an ongoing interest in the Early Ford V-8. So with that background I accepted the position of Health and Welfare Chairman this year. I see my role as a communicator of information; the common bond that draws us together is friendship and a genuine interest in cars with an emphasis on Fords. In that framework we communicate information and news that may be of interest to other members.

Let's not limit this to members or family members that may be under the weather for some reason or other. There are plenty of good things that happen to everyone that we would enjoy sharing with other members such as graduations, or other family milestones that occur.

There are several ways that we can share information with each other: e-mail, the Road Chatter, and as necessary a phone chain is being finalized. So when you have anything happening that you want to let other members know about, please send it to me Neil.m@sbcglobal.net or call me at 312-480-1091 or 847-991-5538 and I will pass it along. It will also be included in a monthly column I will be starting in the *Road Chatter* called **Cheers**.

Thanks for your input,
Neil McManus

Patrick R McKenna

We were saddened this month to learn of the passing of member Pat McKenna. Pat was a Sergeant in the Morton Grove police department, retiring after 32 years of dedicated service. In accordance with the wishes of the family, our club made a donation to the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry. Pat and his son Mike joined the NIRG at the 2008 picnic held at the Duzells. Our sincere condolences to Mike and the entire McKenna family.

Joe Dispensa's Pickup Restoration (continued)

waterproof grease between the leaf springs and not Teflon tape. I want to thank John Judge for his help trying to find the specs for my USAF P/U truck. We are not there yet, but we are getting close. Joe Kozmic dropped in looking for John Slobodnik. He had a lead for a great buy on a 1949 Mercury. Good luck John. Don Drews is back helping John and me. I can't tell you how much fun it is sharing this experience with the V-8 brothers. Their knowledge is a great help for a first-timer like me.

MARCH 16 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Pudelek.

Treasurer Joe Serritella could not make it to the meeting, so Ken Bounds read the Treasurer's report, showing an ending balance of \$3,001.43.



Health and Welfare report from Neil McManus:

Sadly, one of our members, Pat McKenna, passed away in mid-March. Pat was a Sergeant in the Morton Grove police department, retiring after 32 years of dedicated service. In accordance with the wishes of the family our club made a donation to the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry. George Cech broke his ankle and is recovering at home.

Membership Report from Ken Bounds:

We have now 82 members in good standing.

We were pleased to have Don Drews with us this evening along with Rich Anderson's daughter Karyn.

Joe Dispensa brought and introduced a guest, Russ Jones, who has a 1941 Cadillac.

Upcoming events:

- Ron Blum spoke about the Maywood Park "Night at the Races" coming up Friday, March 20. Buffet starts at 6:30 pm, first race at 7:15 pm.
- Tom Buscaglia is sponsoring an "Eggs & Eights" breakfast Sunday, April 11, 8:30 am, at Egg Harbor, Geneva, IL. Please see additional information published in the Road Chatter.
- Bob Paladino is hosting the annual Pizza Meeting April 20 at 7:30 pm at John's Pizza in Addison. This is in place of our monthly meeting.
- May 23 – Sunday driving tour to Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno.
- June 15 – Garage Meeting at Ed Fontana's home, Schiller Park. Ed is supplying pizza.
- July 17 & 18 – Driving tour/overnighter to Studebaker Museum in South Bend, IN. Approximately 75 miles from Lincoln Oasis.
- August 1– Club Picnic, Island Lake.
- August 8 – Joe Dispensa's LaSalle Street Auto Row Show, Aurora, IL.
- August 14 – Early Ford Day, Volo Museum. Our V-8 Club is sponsoring this event and will need volunteers to assist.
- September 24 to 26 – Annual Lake Geneva area Poker Run.
- October – Dan Pudelek is looking for ideas for a Fall Colors Tour.

Recent Events:

Ken Bounds stated that four of our members received certificates for driving their Early V-8s to both National Meets last year.

Ken asked us to look on our web site for many updates, etc.

FEBRUARY 16 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Meeting Program:

John McCarthy presented a slide show and comments on the progress of dismantling his 1939 Ford Pickup. In viewing the slides and comments from John, he has made great progress with a lot of joy and hard work. His project will take John 3 to 4 years to complete. John will probably ask for advice from many of our members. John is very happy with this challenge. Good luck.

Several club members spoke on how difficult it is to get a title from the state of Illinois on undocumented cars and cars to be restored from junk class. Problems with serial numbers and prior owner registrations without documented transfers have made it extremely difficult to get a Illinois title. Be careful when buying old cars that the proper paperwork is received from the seller.

Alan Wall presented awards to three members who were not at the Installation Banquet in January: Don Drews for serving as Secretary during 2009, Bob Paladino for the pizza meeting, and Tom Buscaglia for the Eggs & Eights breakfast in 2009.

Dan Pudelek won the 50-50 drawing of \$27.

Membership Present: 24 members and 3 guests were present: Rich Anderson, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Joe Dispensa, Cliff Dixon, Ed Fontana, Earl Heintz, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, John McCarthy, Neil McManus, Tom O'Donnell, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Len Vinyard, Alan Wall, and Tom Young.



Our guest speaker, John McCarthy, kept the group interested with a presentation on his restoration project.

Early Ford Day - Volo Auto Museum

Saturday, August 14

Be sure to save this date! Our V-8 group is sponsoring Early Ford Day at Volo this year. We had a successful meeting this past week with Volo President Greg Grams to kick things off. In addition to asking every member to consider bringing their V-8 out to support the show, Meet Chairman Dan Pudelek and the organizing committee will be needing volunteers to help your club make this a successful event.

Over the next several months, we need volunteers to help distribute flyers at area car shows, swap meets, etc. We will be using this method and other advertising to market our event. On the day of the show, volunteers will be needed to run the registration desks, park cars, sell raffle tickets, and participate in cleanup. Stay tuned for much more!



TECH CORNER



Improving Gasoline Mileage - It Worked for Me **By Ken Bounds**

As I was completing restoration of my 1950 Crestliner just before the Grand National Meet in 2008, I realized that my carburetor was a dirty mess. Rather than taking the time to clean and detail it, I remembered that I had a restored carb sitting on the shelf. Switching the carburetor took less than 10 minutes and it looked great. After a test drive, I was good to go.

The drive to Dearborn, though, opened my eyes. My shiny “new” carburetor delivered just under 15 mpg. I remembered that the Crestliner used to get 18 mpg, sometimes better. So, after returning from the meet, I cleaned up the old carburetor and changed it back. Sure enough, on our trip to the Eastern National Meet last year, I averaged 19.6 mpg. Quite an improvement.

This got me to thinking – there must be some creative ways to improve my mileage even further. After all, some new cars get 30, even 40 mpg. My first try was a real shot in the dark, but why not give it a try? I always hear guys talking about using a “hotter” spark plug in their Flatheads – e.g. Champion H-12’s instead of the standard H-10’s. I thought, what would be the effect of a “colder” plug? After much searching, I found a set of Champion H-8’s and made the switch. I had no idea if my theory amounted to anything, but the results were remarkable. On our trip to the Central National Meet in Auburn I carefully recorded mileage and gasoline use – 23.7 mpg!

Now I was on a mission to squeeze more mileage out of that reliable Flathead. I remembered as a kid a neighbor of mine installing a device on his Studebaker that injected water droplets under the carburetor. My neighbor always swore it worked, but my dad was skeptical. It wasn’t long before a vintage unit showed up on e-Bay. I picked it up for about \$30. I was afraid of what my fellow V-8ers would think of this scheme, so I never told anyone when I followed the tattered old instruction sheet and installed the water-injection device last September. The device seemed to work and the water was sure going somewhere! Funny thing was my idle speed increased by about 150 rpm and I had to slow it down.

The acid test was our club’s Poker Run to Wisconsin last fall – the maiden voyage. Once again, the mileage improvement was unmistakable. The old reliable Crestliner racked up an incredible 29.1 mpg on the 300-plus mile weekend. Just to make sure I hadn’t miscalculated anything, I made a run by myself nearly to Iowa and back. My mileage had dropped to about 27.7, but I had unfortunately allowed the water container to run dry.

Since my trusty water-injection system seemed to have the biggest impact on both mileage and the perceived increase in power, I decided to study alternatives to injecting water. In case you have never read about it, the story of how Gatorade was developed in 1965 at the University of Florida is quite interesting. Also interesting is the mineral makeup of Gatorade, available from the Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI) right here in Barrington. It is important to choose the best of the several formulas, and this spring I’ve added Gatorade “G2” to my water injector. Test drives of the car show that it seems to be running better than ever and I can hardly wait to give it a real mileage test soon. I will report back to you later on the full results, but wanted to at least let you know the story of my quest for better Flathead mileage today, April 1.



10 Years Ago This Month – April 2000

The April Road Chatter contained an interesting article written by Ron Vaughan about Fords in his family. Bob Kardaras advertised a complete Columbia with controls for a '47 Ford for \$2,100. (Lloyd, you are just 10 years too late!) A crowd of 55 attended the annual Pizza Meeting April 18 at John's Pizza.

20 Years Ago This Month – April 1990

The April Road Chatter included John Witthoeft's itinerary for the tour to the Eastern National Meet in Charlotte. Sixty-four members and guests attended the annual Pizza Meeting, hosted by Bob & Angie Paladino. President Joe Novak held a short meeting before pizzas were served. Our 8th Regional Group of the V-8 club cleared \$1,808.88 at the 8th Annual Swap Meet & Car show held April 22 at DuPage County Fairgrounds. That's a lot of 8s!

30 Years Ago This Month – April 1980

Fifty V-8ers, spouses, and guests attended the Pizza Meeting April 8. Somehow a full meeting was conducted. (Hint to members!) The event was so well received there was talk of making it an annual occurrence. The club treasury was enriched by \$250 thanks to a car show arranged by Earl Heintz in Orland Park. The Road Chatter speculated that gasoline might be going up to \$1.50 per gallon!!

40 Years Ago This Month – April 1970

In April the newsletter returned after a several-month absence. The newsletter announced the names of officers for 1970 and solicited input for want-ad items, articles from members about how they found their V-8s, restoration problems, or even a new name for the newsletter. (That came 9 years later).

Flathead Flashback

In his "Cheers" column, Neil McManus refers to his '47 Woodie. Here is the car as it appeared in the 1980's after restoration was completed.



V-8 Gals

Did you know that April is Stress Awareness Month? April 16th is Stress Awareness Day. Stress Awareness Day is intentionally set for the day after taxes are due. Yeah...no stress there. I have days where it feels like my stress levels have to be off the charts. Stress and its side effects are a major problem in the U.S.

The following is taken from the article "National Stress Awareness Month, By the Numbers" found at [www.fastcompany.com](http://www.fastcompany.com/magazine/144/under-pressure.html#self). (<http://www.fastcompany.com/magazine/144/under-pressure.html#self>)

- * STRESS BALLS, RELAXATION TAPES, and other stress-fighting products and services account for \$14 BILLION of spending in the U.S. EACH YEAR.
- * A Wake Forest University study of 42 FEMALE MONKEYS found those suffering from social stress held more ABDOMINAL FAT, a precursor of heart disease.
- * Globally, more than three out of five doctor visits are STRESS RELATED. In the U.S. alone, more than \$22.8 BILLION is spent on anxiety-related health care each year.
- * 62% of American are stressed about WORK, according to the American Psychological Association. Eating 1.4 ounces of DARK CHOCOLATE EVERY DAY for two weeks was shown to reduce stress.
(Granted, the 30-person study was done by researchers at Nestlé.)
- * According to a psychological survey done in 1938 and again in 2007, anxiety and mental-health issues are 5 TIMES more common now among high-school and college students than they were toward the end of the GREAT DEPRESSION.

Housework

Humor

One day a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt.

Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his wife, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," she replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"

He yelled back, "University of Oklahoma."

And they say blondes are dumb...



"You can't bring that. Cleanliness may be next to godliness, but nature abhors the sound of a vacuum."

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

January	February	March	April
9 Installation Banquet at the Wellington 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	11 Board Meeting 14 Valentine's Day Dinner & Play 16 Member Meeting	11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 19 Night at the Races - Maywood Park	8 Board Meeting 11 Eggs & Eights - Geneva 20 Pizza Meeting
May	June	July	August
1 Roundhead's Roundup 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting at Ed Fontana's House 24-26 Eastern National Meet - Charlotte, NC	8 Board Meeting 17-18 Overnighter to Studebaker Museum 20 Member Meeting	1 Annual Picnic 12 Board Meeting 14 Early Ford Day - Volo Auto Museum 17 Member Meeting
September	October	November	December
9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 24-26 Lake Geneva Poker Run	14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations 18-20 Western Meet	11 Board Meeting 13 Veteran's Day Lunch 16 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	No Meetings

Happy Easter and Passover

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

JOE DISPENSA (4/2), ARLENE HAYDEN (4/2), JIMMY GUIDO (4/5), JUDY MYERS (4/7), NORM MILLER (4/11), BEVERLY OTTAVIANO (4/16), RONI FONTANA (4/18), RON EK (4/21), MARTY DULING (4/22), RON VAUGHAN (4/23), ROBIN EMMERING (4/28) & JOHN JUDGE (4/29)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

TOM & JUDY BUSCAGLIA (4/8), ERNIE & TERRY HERZOG (4/10), BEN & GINNY ASHLEY (4/11), ED & RONI FONTANA (4/18), JOE & DELICE SERRITELLA (4/25), DICK & DOTTIE ALFINI (4/28), COLLIN & KATHY SPRAU (4/29), FRANK & CAROLYN NAGODE (4/30) & LEN & IRENE VINYARD (4/30)



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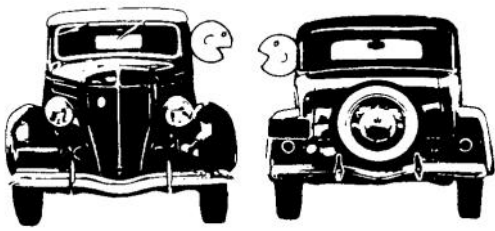
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