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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

December 5 Christmas Luncheon - see details on page 3.

January 1 Deadline to RSVP for Installation Dinner.

January 15 Installation Dinner. See Page 7 for details.

No regular meetings in December



Happy Holidays



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Back Cover – Our Photo of the Month: Part of the group of V-8ers enjoying the Veterans' Day Luncheon.

Just a reminder that 2011 dues are due. If you have not already renewed, please submit your renewal form and payment to the Membership Chairman by the end of the year so you don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter and to ensure that your information is published in the 2011 roster. A reminder appears to the left of your name on the back cover if we have not received your renewal.



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Ed Fontana

Neil McManus

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Tuesday of the month at
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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello to all,

I would like to start by thanking Frank Madrigali and Ron Blum for standing in for those of us who were out of town for the October meeting. I hear you did a bang-up job. At the November meeting we had our annual elections and we do have two new board members: Tom O'Donnell and Len Vinyard. We welcome you both; the rest of the board and officers will remain the same as this past year.



I would like to talk about the next two upcoming events. The Christmas Luncheon is coming up December 5 and is an event where we always have a good time. I just hope that everyone who wanted to go got their money in on time. The Luncheon will be held at Biaggi's restaurant in Deer Park on Route 12. Our annual Installation Dinner will be held on January 15th at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. There is still plenty of time to make your reservation before the deadline of January 1, so don't procrastinate; send your selections on the enclosed flyer, along with your check to Frank Madrigali now and join in on the fun.

To those of you who didn't make it to the November meeting, Ken Bounds put together a great picture and video show of the St. George meet in Utah. Speaking of meetings, remember that the club will not be having a meeting in December. Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

I know we talk about this every year but it is one very important part of running a club: your annual dues and the fact that you must be a member of the National Club to be a member of a local group. This is non-negotiable folks; it's in the by-laws. For a mere \$10.00 you can be a non-magazine subscriber member of the National Club. That means you have all the rights as a member but you just don't get the V-8 Times magazine. If you have any questions just call or email me and I'll get you going. Let's make our club membership at both the local and national level 100%.

Ken Bounds cannot put the roster together or set up the advertisements for the Road Chatter until he gets the money in his hands. So if you want to continue being a member and have your name in the roster or an ad in the Road Chatter this year, please get your money in ASAP.

I hope to see you at the Christmas Luncheon. If not Diane and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Till our next meeting, stay well.

President,
Daniel Pudelek

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday, December 5, 2010

Time: 12:00 noon

**Place: Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
20560 N Rand Rd
Deer Park, IL
(West side of Route 12 just south of Long Grove Road
and one mile north of Lake-Cook Road)**

Cost: \$27 per person, including tax & tip. Includes a family-style 3-course luncheon featuring tomato mozzarella caprese, wedge salad, and main course of penni sardi and veal parmesan. Includes coffee, juice, hot & cold tea, lemonade and fountain beverages. Cash bar.

Ladies Grab Bag: Bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$25 if you would like to participate!

Reservations were required by November 21. For more information, contact Joe Novak at 708-923-9953.



Veterans' Day Luncheon By Ken Bounds

We had a nice turnout for our annual Veterans' Day Luncheon held on November 13, once again at Sam's of Arlington in Arlington Heights. Over 30 V-8ers enjoyed camaraderie along with great food and drinks and outstanding service. We say "Thank You" to Earl and Gene Heintz for acting as our hosts and making the arrangements.

After a sunny week with temperatures in the 60's, mother nature did not cooperate for our outing. Falling temperatures and rain kept all the V-8s at home in their garages, but did not dampen the spirit for President and First Lady Dan & Diane Pudelek, our hosts Earl & Gene Heintz, Ken Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, Ron Dopke, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, John & Robin Emmering, Roger Hunz, John Judge, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Jack & Jean Nikolich, Joey Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Barb Pope, Joe & Delice Serritella, John Slobodnik, Stan & JoAnne Stack, Len & Irene Vinyard, and Alan Wall.



Part of the group - see also photo of the month on the back page

Our Veterans' Day Luncheon is nothing formal, just a little celebration to honor our members who have served in the armed forces. After a short program to recognize our Veterans, we had a door prize drawing just for them. Winners were: 3rd Place, Outback gift card to Roger Hunz; 2nd Place, Bed, Bath, and Beyond gift card to Joe Kozmic (we guess he has to share it with Nell); and 1st Place, another Outback gift card to Tom O'Donnell.

Thank you to all who have served and thanks to the members for attending.

CHEERS

BY NEIL MCMANUS

Greetings Everyone,

As we start this we are in the midst of the Holiday season. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

As we all begin preparing for the remainder of the Holiday season let us remember those less fortunate than us and reach out to someone that may need some cheering up or just a friendly smile.

On a personal note, thanks to everyone that has contributed to this column and taken the time to say thanks.

Happy Holidays to all.





10 Years Ago This Month – December 2000

Nell Kozmic and Carolyn O'Hare hosted the annual Christmas Brunch December 10 at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. About 30 V-8ers, family and guests enjoyed the excellent and incredible variety of food.

20 Years Ago This Month – December 1990

Rich & Judy Doligale hosted a "last-minute" Christmas Brunch at the Hobson House in Long Grove, attended by 35 V-8ers. While many of the ladies scurried from shop to shop, most of the guys found their way to The Olde Tavern to watch the Bears game. The newly elected Board of Directors met December 11 to choose the officers for 1991. Elected were John Witthoef - President, Earl Heintz – Treasurer, and Ken Bounds – Secretary. The Board meetings were moved to the 2nd Thursday of the month because the present schedule was no longer available.

30 Years Ago This Month – December 1980

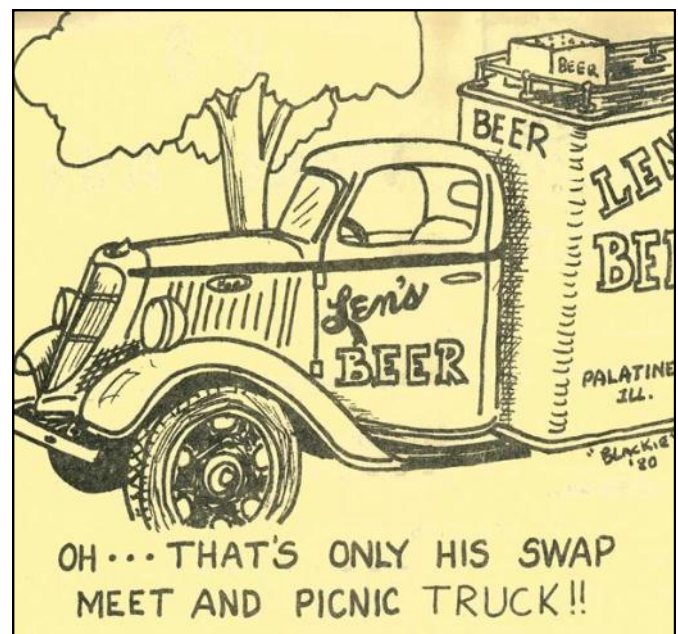
There was a large turnout for the December 9 monthly meeting with 46 members and family and seven guests present. The "Booze Brothers" of Len Vinyard and Jimmy Pope appeared to be getting an early start with the Christmas Spirits - it was rumored they arrived in the conveyance shown below, right. Ron Ek ran the first 50-50 raffle that was held at a NIRG meeting. Of course, this is a tradition that continues to this day.

40 Years Ago This Month – December 1970

The NIRG Christmas Party was held December 11 at the Park Ridge Inn at Meacham and Touhy. Prime Rib was available for \$4 – times have changed. The turnout was disappointing, but the newsletter details how the group was unexpectedly entertained by Don Rickles. Somehow we think that the newsletter should have been dated April 1.

Flathead Flashback

An original cartoon from NIRG's own Bob "Blackie" Blackmore, published in the December 1980 Road Chatter.



NOVEMBER 16 MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by Stan Stack**

President Dan Pudelek called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

Treasurer Joe Serritella reported the beginning balance was \$2,729.28 and the ending balance was \$3,173.08. More money is coming in as members pay their annual dues.



Health and Welfare Chairman Neil McManus said he has not been made aware of any illnesses with the membership or their families.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds introduced two guests, Howard Simons and Bob Hanselman, a past member and the 1975 President of our group. Ken said we have 52 members paid up of the 92 in 2010 Roster. Dues of \$35 need to be paid now so the 2011 Roster can be published. Every member received a renewal form in their Road Chatter. Road Chatter Ads must be paid by December 20th.

Joe Novak is sponsoring the Christmas Brunch at Biaggi's in Deer Park Sunday December 5 at 12 Noon. Joe said 30 are paid up and members that wish to attend must pay up no later than November 21.

Dan called for our annual election of officers and board members. After the ballots were counted, all current officers were re-elected: Dan Pudelek, President; Stan Stack, Secretary; Joe Serritella, Treasurer. The following were elected Directors: Ron Blum, Ed Fontana, Neil McManus, Tom O'Donnell, and Len Vinyard.

Gladys Duzell sent over home-made chocolate chip cookies which were absolutely delicious and Frank Madrigali also brought cookies. Thank you both for the treats to go with the coffee.

Reminder - the Installation Dinner will be at the Wellington in Arlington Heights on Saturday, January 15, 2011. Cost \$38 per person. Open Bar 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Dinner to follow.

NOTE: NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Ken Bounds was elected Midwest National Director of The Early Ford V-8 Club. Congratulations to Ken. He certainly works very hard for our club and we know he will be a real asset as a National Director.

Carolyn Bounds received a plaque of recognition from the National Club for writing a program to tabulate Touring and Touring A ballots at National Meets. The program worked flawlessly at Charlotte and St. George.

Dan thanked Ron Blum and Frank Madrigali for running the October meeting.

Ken Bounds thanked everyone who attended the Veterans' Day luncheon November 13 and thanked Earl Heintz for making the arrangements.

Ken Bounds showed slides for over an hour on the Utah National Meet. The cars and the scenery were great, thanks Ken.

NOVEMBER 16 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)


Ed Fontana spoke about the bar stools and how everyone liked them.

Twenty-five members and two guests attended the November Meeting: Tom Barosso, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, George Cech, Joe Dispensa, Lloyd Duzell, Ed Fontana, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, Betty Klawfta, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, John McCarthy, Neil McManus, Jack Nikolich, Joey Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Bill Valters, Len Vinyard, and Alan Wall. Guests: Bob Hanselman and Howard Simons.

Prizes from Drawings: Paul Linzer won \$27 in the 50/50 raffle; \$25 Thanksgiving gift cards went to Frank Madrigali and Jack Nikolich.

Dan adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Congratulations to the newly elected NIRG Officers for 2011

President:	Dan Pudelek	
Secretary:	Stan Stack	
Treasurer:	Joe Serritella	
Board of Directors:	Ron Blum, Ed Fontana, Neil McManus, Tom O'Donnell and Len Vinyard	

National President Arel Brown has provided the results of the V-8 Club National Elections. The new National President for 2011 will be Bob York of Texas. Don Singleterry of California will serve as Vice-President while Steve Lemmons of Washington will be Secretary/Treasurer. National Directors elected were Ken Bounds of Illinois, Wayne Deitrich of Georgia, and Don Singleterry of California. Lloyd Harris was elected to be the international representative for Canada and Bob Woodford was reelected to the New Zealand position. Congratulations to all!

Installation Dinner – Saturday, January 15



The annual installation dinner will be held once again at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. The price of \$38 per person includes one hour of open bar at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:30 pm, followed by a program of prizes and awards.

See inserted flyer for more information. RSVP with dinner choice and payment to Frank Madrigali by January 1.



Making a list...checking it twice...trying to figure out what to give Mr. Naughty and Ms. Nice. Gift giving. It's that time of year. Some years I am a gift giving genius, other years, not so much. When I lack inspiration, the gift card is my friend.

On August 22, 2010, the Credit CARD (Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure) Act of 2009 went into effect. This act addresses new federal gift card rules. Gift cards are a big business. According to the National Retail Federation, Americans spent nearly \$24 billion on gift cards during the 2009 holiday shopping season.

Here is how bankrate.com describes the changes:

Longer expiration periods. You'll have more time to spend the money on your gift card before it expires. A gift card balance can't expire for at least five years after the date the card is purchased or the last load of funds, whichever is later. If the card itself expires, but the funds haven't, you can request a replacement card at no charge.

Limits on certain fees. As a gift card recipient, you'll have more time to spend the balance before fees deplete it. No inactivity or "service fees," such as balance inquiry fees or ATM fees, can be charged unless the card hasn't been used in a year. After 12 months of inactivity, only one such fee can deduct from the balance per month. This restriction does not apply to other fees likely to be charged only once, such as activation fees or card replacement fees for a card reported lost or stolen.

Store gift cards don't typically charge fees.

New on-the-card disclosures. Gift cards will be required to have key information on them. On-the-card disclosures include the frequency and amount of any fees that may be charged and if applicable, that a fee may be assessed for inactivity. Expiration information must also go on the card, in addition to a toll-free number to call for additional information and a website address, if available.

But recently passed legislation known as the ECO-Gift CARD Act delays the date by which the industry must print compliant gift cards until after the holiday season. Existing stock produced before April 1, 2010, can be sold through January 31, 2011, as long as the cards meet the other requirements regarding expiration and fees and disclose consumers' rights through alternative methods, such as in-store signage and advertising

Easy Holiday Centerpieces

- Randomly place pillar candles of various sizes onto a platter or a pedestal plate filled with hard cranberries.
- Randomly place votive candles onto a platter filled with hard cranberries.
- Fill champagne/wine glasses with hard cranberries and top with a small candle.
- In place of pebbles or marbles, fill a tall vase with hard cranberries to hold a bouquet in place.



Helpful hint: Candles last longer if placed in the freezer for one hour before lighting.

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

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 5 Christmas Luncheon, Biaggi's, Deer Park
January	February	March	April
13 Board Meeting 15 Installation Dinner 18 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 13 Ladies Night Out, Pheasant Run 15 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	14 Board Meeting 19 Pizza Meeting

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
KATHY SPRAU (12/2), FRANK NAGODE (12/3), MARY ANDERSON (12/4),
LEAH DULING (12/10), DAN PUDELEK (12/10), GERALD KELLY (12/11),
JANIS DIX (12/15), JOHN MCCARTHY (12/20), DICK ALFINI (12/21),
MARGARET KOEDER (12/25), KEN BOUNDS (12/26), DON BRAUN (12/26),
& RICH ANDERSON (12/31)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS (12/6), BOB & ANGIE PALADINO (12/11),
GORDON & CHRIS COLDITZ (12/13), MARTY & LEAH DULING (12/21),
JERRY & ALEXANDRIA GUNDERSEN (12/22) &
TOM & MADELEINE O'DONNELL (12/27)



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Wanted

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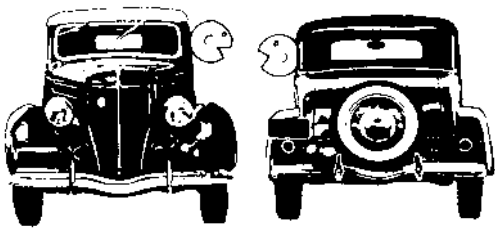
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Photo of the Month
Part of the group at the Veterans' Day Luncheon