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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

March 11 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

March 16 Monthly Meeting Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.

March 19 A Night at the Races - see Page 3 for details



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

March 7 Chicagoland Petroleum and Advertising Show, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, 8 am, Admission \$5

March 14 Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks forward one hour.

March 20 Spring Begins!

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Don’t miss the March 16 monthly meeting. New member John McCarthy is going to do a pictorial presentation about the progress on his ‘39 Ford Pickup project. John is doing a total restoration and his experiences should be interesting.

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MEETINGS

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello to all,

As most of you know we had our second gathering of members at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles to see the play *Over the Tavern*. It was a beautiful day for an outing and we had a good crowd. The play was sold out but our seats were all together so everyone sat next to a fellow V-8er. At the conclusion of the play we all sat down for a gourmet dinner. You couldn't have asked for a nicer time; good play, good meal, and being with good friends. I would like to thank Joey Novak for putting together a very nice Valentine's Day.



Here's hoping that we have the worst of the winter season behind us. I'm looking forward to spring more than ever. It seems I don't quite enjoy winter as much as I did when I was younger, and I'm also not so sure about this "golden years" thing either.

At the February meeting we had a guest speaker, Tom Baur, who has an extensive license plate collection. Tom gave the members an in-depth history of the Illinois license plate which was far more interesting than I thought it could be. It just goes to show you what you think would be boring turns out to be a very interesting subject. Tom also graciously donated 5 sets of 1993 NBA WORLD CHAMPION CHICAGO BULLS license plates that we raffled off at the meeting so 10 people went home happier than when they came, I hope.

Also at the meeting we talked a little more on some of the things the club will be doing this coming year. You know I'm always trying to encourage the members to get their cars out on the road. One of the best parts about owning a classic car or truck is driving it and showing your work off. I also asked the members to start thinking about putting on a tour; so far no one has volunteered. It's not too early - we need someone to put together a tour for this coming fall. This month Ron Blum has worked a deal with Maywood Park race track for a great evening of racing and eating. Trust me you can't get a deal like Ron put together for our club anywhere, so put your race face on and lets go to the track and break the bank. Until our next meeting, drive safely.

President, Daniel Pudelek

Save the date: Friday, April 30

We are tentatively planning an outing to the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet to see Eddie Carroll's one-man show *Jack Benny - Laughter in Bloom*. The evening would include an optional dinner. If this sounds like an event you would like to attend, please let Ken Bounds or Joe Novak know.

A Day at the Races – Friday Evening, March 19



Ron Blum has arranged one heck of a deal for one of our most popular events. This year we will experience the thrill of harness racing at Maywood Park, 8600 W. North Avenue in Melrose Park. Even valet parking is included!

The fun begins with the gourmet buffet at 6:30 pm – first race at 7:10.

The “New & Improved” Grand Gourmet Buffet

Buffet served from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Dessert served until 10:00 pm

- ◆ Chef’s Choice Carving Station with 2 Meats
- ◆ Chef’s Pasta Station with Pasta Made to Order
- ◆ All-You-Can Eat Shrimp
- ◆ Chicken and Fish Entrée
- ◆ Salad Bar with Chilled Salads and Garden Fresh Green Salads
- ◆ Hot Soup
- ◆ Chef’s Choice of Potato and Vegetable
- ◆ Rolls and Butter
- ◆ Dessert Table
- ◆ Coffee and Hot Tea



Our special NIRG package includes: free valet parking, fabulous buffet, racetrack admission, race program, NIRG race dedication, photo in winners circle, tax, and gratuity. And four lucky people even get a chance to ride in the Starter Car!

All of the above is only \$18.50 per person. Make your checks payable to Ronald Blum and send them to him at 3 Belaire Ct., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Your payment must be received no later than the March 16 monthly meeting.

Valentine's Day Play & Dinner *Over the Tavern* – Pheasant Run Resort By Ken Bounds

We had a great turnout of 27 V-8ers at our Valentine's Day celebration at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. Joey Novak put together a relaxing afternoon of a play and dinner – it was a great treat for everyone's Valentine. This year, instead of the after-play buffet, we decided to try a meal served in the elegance of the resort's most formal restaurant, Harvest. It was a great decision!

The festivities began around 1:00 p.m. on a sunny Sunday afternoon as our group gathered for cocktails. We then proceeded to the Mainstage Theatre, where there are no bad seats, for a delightful presentation of the play *Over the Tavern*. From the Playbill:

It's 1959 in Buffalo, New York - Elvis, drive-ins, and The Honeymooners made life fun and simple. Not for the Pazinski household though! Polish-Catholics Chet and Ellen live above their tavern with their four teenagers, each questioning family values in their own mischievous ways. And when wise-cracking 12-year-old Rudy questions the Roman Catholic Church to ruler-cracking Sister Clarissa before his confirmation, the outcome is a hilarious yet touching comedy that would even make the Cleavers at a loss for good advice!



The acting was superb and there were plenty of laughs. But the play also had serious undertones, dealing with teenagers coming of age, challenging religious beliefs, raising and living with an autistic child, and family tensions generated from an overworked breadwinner. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the performance.

After the play we returned to the adjacent Harvest Restaurant for a delicious gourmet meal. The attentive staff served a tasty salad followed by the entrée choice of Horseradish Crusted Salmon, Buttermilk Seared Chicken Breast, Peppercorn Crusted Tournedos of Beef, or Penne Pasta & Roasted Vegetables.



Ed & Roni Fontana, Delice & Joe Serritella



Joe Novak, Joe Kozmic, Ken Bounds, Paul Linzer, Lloyd Duzell, Earl Heintz

Those who had left a little room followed up with a dessert choice of Cappuccino Cheesecake with Fresh Berry Garnish or Flourless Chocolate Torte topped with White Chocolate Crème & Fresh Berries.

After dinner there was plenty of time for sharing V-8 fellowship before everyone made their way home. Enjoying this terrific outing were our host Joey Novak, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, George & Betty Cech, Joe & Marie Dispensa, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, Ed & Roni Fontana, Earl & Gene Heintz, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Paul & Joanne Linzer, Jack & Jean Nikolich, Dan & Diane Pudelek, Joe & Delice Serritella, and John & Barbara Slobodnik. Our thanks go out to Joey Novak for making all the arrangements for this event and for staying in touch with the Pheasant Run staff to ensure everything went smoothly.



Our host and Tour Chairman, Joey Novak



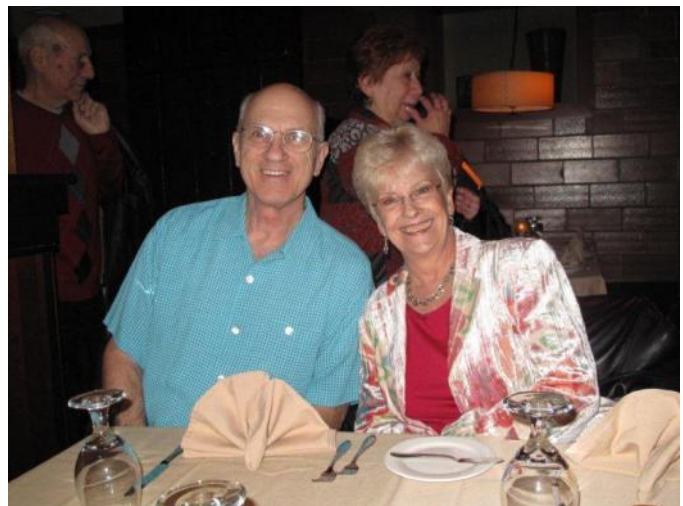
George & Betty Cech, Gladys & Lloyd Duzell



Judy Buscaglia, Gene Heintz, Joanne Linzer, Gladys Duzell



Joe Novak, Jean & Jack Nikolich, Joe & Nell Kozmic



President & First Lady Dan & Diane Pudelek,

Follow Up on My '51 Pickup Restoration By Joe Dispensa

John Slobodnik and I are having a great time learning about my 1951 Ford F1 Pickup as we work. It is indeed a fun project restoring a vehicle from the frame up. It is a special treat sharing the fun with a fellow NIRG V-8 member. If you want a car or truck to show, don't do what we are doing unless you want to know every bolt and nut on a personal level. It is usually cheaper and easier to buy a vehicle already done. But, there is a special treat doing it yourself. I would like to thank all the brothers who have shared their car knowledge with us. I want to also say a thank-you to Don Drews who wanted to be involved in this project, but who has not been able to participate because of more important concerns at home.

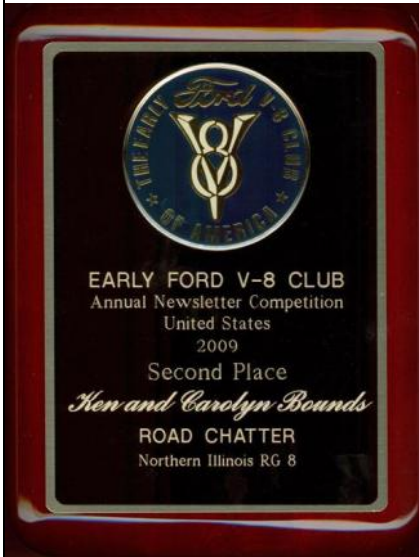
The chassis is almost done. It has been scraped, degreased, washed, and painted with a Rust Converter. The chassis still needs a coat of Rust Encapsulator and Chassis Black. We got our finishing materials from Eastwood. Then, we will be ready to start building a Ford Pickup. Now that we are ready to start reassembling the pickup we are realizing how much we do not know. John and I have not worked on differentials, transmissions, steering systems or rebuilding springs and replacing bushings, etc. If anyone would like to help us please let us know. We have 36 boxes of parts labeled and stored away. Also, we have taken over

90 pictures of our disassembly plus I have two other vehicles to look at for references. That will be very helpful when it comes time to assemble the truck. You know that we will have to disassemble parts of two other trucks to get the parts that we need to finish the first one. We will keep you posted from time to time.



FROM THE EDITORS

If you have read your January/February V-8 Times or attended the February meeting, you know that the



Road Chatter was awarded Second Place in the V-8 Club's 2009 U.S. Newsletter Competition. We thank contest judge Foster Buchtel for this honor and accept it on behalf of all NIRG members. It is because of the many fun activities of our club, our interesting members, and great Early V-8's that we have plenty to report and write about. We are proud to carry on a tradition started by Diane Wrobel back when the first newsletter contest was held in 1980. In the 29 contests held since those early days, the Road Chatter has placed 1st through 5th a total of 18 times. We are already well into the 2010 competition and cannot rest on our laurels; we need your input! We are always looking for your tech articles, stories about you or your cars, and input for the V-8 Gals page. Please submit them by one of the methods shown on Page 2.



We would also like to send out congratulations to our old friend Beck Stanley for receiving First Place for Central Iowa's Clutch Chatter Chronicle. Beck has done a great job with her newsletter and we are very happy to see her recognized. Most of you who attended the Central National Meet in Auburn last year met Beck and husband Chuck and probably remember their '47 having the generator problem. They are truly special V-8 friends.

We were also pleased when the editors of *Old Cars Weekly* included excerpts from our November Tech Corner about Illinois license plates in their January 14 Club Clips column. It was through this column that our February guest speaker heard about our club and offered to visit us and make a presentation.

Corrections department: We made an error last month in introducing Joe & Paula Baughn. We reported that Joe was Marissa Claybaugh's brother. Wrong! Actually, Paula is Rick Claybaugh's sister. We apologize for the error. Joe thinks it may have to do with too many beverages at the Auburn meet last summer. Joe and Paula also sent along this picture of their '46 Coupe. It's a beauty!



We heard this week from Elaine Braun. She called to thank the club members who sent cards and went to visit Don in rehab. She wanted to let everyone know how important the well wishes are to Don.

Finally, to bring it full circle we want to remind you that this is your newsletter and we need your input. Please keep those items and articles coming! We want to send special thanks to Joe Dispensa for sending us updates about his progress on his '51 Pickup restoration, as shown on the opposite page. Also, a thank-you to Joe Novak for sending in some items for the V-8 Gals page. Remember, everyone enjoys reading stories about members' Early V-8's. Has yours been featured in the Road Chatter yet?

Ken & Carolyn

FEBRUARY 16 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

The meeting was called to order at 8:15pm by President Dan Pudelek.

Treasurer's report from Joe Serritella: Ending Balance \$3,192.52.

Health and Welfare report from Neil McManus:

Beth Drews passed away February 15. The club will forward information about when services will be held. The club will send flowers. The V-8 Club expresses condolences to Don and his family.

Sam Iusi is at home recovering from a mild heart attack.

Don Braun is recovering from shoulder problems and is in rehab.

Gary & Joan Kelly's son, Dave, has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. We hope his treatment will be successful.



Membership Report from Ken Bounds: We have 82 paid members and the 2010 roster is being distributed. Ken introduced one of our newest members, John McCarthy of Crystal Lake who is restoring a '39 pickup. He also introduced a guest, Rich Anderson's daughter Karyn. She and her dad are restoring a 51 Dodge Flathead.

Upcoming events:

Friday March 16 - Night at the Races sponsored by Ron Blum is now \$18.50 per person. Arrival at 6:30; valet parking is included

April 24 - Pizza Meeting at John's Pizza in Addison.

End of April – Tom Buscaglia will host an “Eggs-n-Eights” breakfast in Geneva. Time and place will be announced.

May 23 - Sunday Driving Tour to Illinois Veterans' Home in Manteno. We would like a large turnout of V-8s and other antique cars. We will then have a late lunch at White Fence Farm. Ron Blum has a commemorative pin to pass out to the Veterans. Any other ideas for the Veterans are appreciated.

June 15 - Garage Meeting at Ed Fontana's home, Schiller Park. Ed is supplying pizza.

June 24 to 26 - Eastern National Meet, Charlotte, NC. We have at least four cars going. Anyone interested in joining the tour please contact Ken Bounds.

August 1 - Club picnic, Island Lake.

August 8 - Joe Dispensa is sponsoring the LaSalle Street Auto Row show in Aurora. Joe will provide us with additional information.

August 14 - Early Ford Day, Volo Museum. Our V-8 Club is sponsoring this event. We will need help and we will be working on having other clubs participate.

September 24 to 26 – 3rd Annual Lake Geneva Poker Run.

October - Dan Pudelek is looking for fall color tour ideas from our members.

October 18 to 20 - Western National Meet, St. George, Utah. Several members are planning to fly to Las Vegas and drive 125 miles to St. George. If interested contact Dan or Ken.

Recent Events: Valentine's Day, Sunday February 14, sponsored by Joe Novak at Pheasant Run was enjoyed by all. The play *Over the Tavern* and dinner were excellent.

FEBRUARY 16 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Ken Bounds announced that the Road Chatter received a second place in the national newsletter competition. Ken and Carolyn put in a lot of work every month on this newsletter. Thank you both. Ken states that every month our club receives 21 other club letters that are available for review.

Meeting Program: Our guest speaker was Tom Baur, Collectible License Plates, Island Lake, IL. Tom gave a presentation on Illinois plates from 1907 forward. Tom has been collecting plates since he was twelve. It is now a business and hobby. Tom says he has over 45,000 to 50,000 license plates. Tom also donated several Chicago Bulls license plates for which our club drew tickets as a giveaway. We want to thank Tom for his very interesting history of license plates.

Paul Jensen brought in several large vintage V-8 posters for our viewing. Thank you Paul.

50-50 Raffle results: Stan Stack won \$25.00.

We had 25 members and one guest at the meeting: Rich Anderson with daughter Karyn, Dave Arnswald, Bill Balogh, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, Cliff Dixon, Lloyd Duzell, Ron Ek, Ed Fontana, Earl Heintz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, John McCarthy, Neil McManus, Joe Novak, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Len Vinyard, and Alan Wall.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dan Pudelek at 9:45 p.m.



Our guest speaker, Tom Baur, displays a well-ventilated 1913 Illinois front license plate.

Condolences

Beth Fair Drews, wife of Don and mother of Ellen and Tom, passed away February 15 after a six-month battle with inoperable pancreatic cancer. Don, who served as NIRG Secretary last year, brought us the shocking news of Beth's diagnosis just this past August. To keep friends and family in touch and informed, Don set up a Facebook page to share news about Beth's treatments and status. The page became filled with inspirational messages from an incredible legion of close friends. Chicago Tribune columnist Barbara Brotman was so moved by the outpouring of support on the Facebook page that she wrote an article about it that appeared in the Tribune February 23. You can read the online version at www.chicagotribune.com/health/ct-talk-brotman-tech-support-0222-20100221,0,1164624.story.

Beth led a very interesting life, born in Berkeley, CA, and raised in St. Louis. She began a career in reporting in Memphis and Little Rock before changing to marketing, then becoming a stay-at-home-mom for several years. The Tribune had a very nice obituary which can be read at www.chicagotribune.com/news/obituaries/ct-met-0219-obit-drews-20100218,0,6955958.story.

Beth and Don were married for 22 years. Please keep Don and his family in your prayers.



TECH CORNER



With the year 2010 being the 75th anniversary of the 1935 Ford, we thought we would give you some interesting technical information and historical facts about this classic model.

Firsts

- Built-in trunk on Deluxe Tudor and Fordor Touring Sedans
- Integrated parking lights – no more cowl lamps
- Convertible Sedan returns after 2-year absence
- All front doors were hinged in the front – no more “suicide doors”

Gone

- Say goodbye to the Victoria model (at least for 16 years)
- No more 4-cylinder engine

Lasts

- Last year for exposed horns
- Last year for welded steel-spoke wire wheels, after over 50 million were produced since 1925

Technical Specifications

- Price – starting at \$510 for the Standard Tudor Sedan to a whopping \$670 for the Wagon
- Most expensive accessory – Radio at an outlandish \$44.50, installed. Payment plan available!
- Weight – ranged from 2,597 lbs for the Roadster to 2,896 lbs for the Station Wagon
- Engine – reliable 221 cubic inch Flathead V-8 rated at 85 horsepower
- Introduced – December 29, 1934
- Serial numbers – Beginning – 18-1,234,357 End – 18-2,207,110
- Production totals – 942,439; Fewest-Deluxe Convertible Sedan, 4,234; Most-Standard Tudor Sedan, 237,883

Accomplishments

- A 1935 Ford Convertible Sedan paced the 1935 Indy 500
- The 829,516 registrations made Ford the best-selling U.S. car in 1935 – the only time Ford outpaced Chevrolet in the 30's.
- Ford produced its 2 millionth V-8 engine in June 1935

Engineering

- The entire engine and grill were moved 8½ inches forward, balancing the load between front and rear wheels. This and completely redesigned springs allowed for a roomier passenger compartment with the rear seat forward of the axle. All resulted in a more comfortable, “Center Poise” ride. A Ford engineer was quoted as saying, “As an engineer, I believe this 1935 Ford comes close to perfection.”



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Along with automatic volume control, this new Ford Radio has improvements that keep out noise signals. Like those from trolley wires. There is a tone-control button on the side of the chassis so you can select one of four tones—the one most pleasing to you.

The 1935 Ford V-8 is so designed that when the set is installed it becomes an integral part of the car.

This radio will provide endless enjoyment and entertainment—you'll have your favorite program wherever you go.

Overhead sound projection covers the entire listening area.

Design of the new speaker greatly improves tone qualities.

Chassis and condenser floated in rubber with 3 point mounting.

Base compensation reproduces base notes with high fidelity even with low volume.

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10 Years Ago This Month – March 2000

The March Road Chatter contained a detailed description of how to fit a 6-volt Optima battery into a Ford Script case, written by Tom Buscaglia as an addendum to Ed Fontana's tech talk at the February meeting. At the March 21 meeting Membership Chairman Lin Stacey reported that we have 80 members. Plans were being made to attend the Central National Meet in Brainerd, MN.

20 Years Ago This Month – March 1990

Kitty & Terry Freihage hosted a St. Patrick's Day party in Prospect Heights. Four V-8 couples attended, several won prizes, and Kitty reported that no one left sober or hungry. Thirty-three V-8 members, spouses, and family attended a tour to Rockford March 25, hosted by Rich & Judy Doligale. Dick & Dotty Alfini drove their '50 Tudor, but everyone else brought modern iron. The group enjoyed brunch at the Hoffman House, followed by an afternoon of museums and antiquing.

30 Years Ago This Month – March 1980

At the March 11 monthly meeting Lucky Irishman Bob Paladino won a bottle of Irish Mist, but Lenny Vinyard was seen walking out the door with it. About 30 V-8ers along with several friends and family attended the Candlelight Bowling event hosted March 29 by George and Betty Cech in Des Plaines. Everyone had a great time as prizes were awarded to four couples and a delicious meal was served.

35 Years Ago This Month – March 1975

The February newsletter welcomed new members Barrett & Marsha MacGregor and Ray & Karen Tognarelli. Ray would become NIRG President two years later and was responsible for naming the Road Chatter and designing its logo in 1979.

Flathead Flashback

Nell Kozmic, Carolyn Bounds, and Elaine Braun pose with unidentified man at the 2005 Eastern National Meet in Hiawassee, GA.





This V-8 Gals page is brought to you by Joe Novak. I received a nice care package this morning with all sorts of recipes from Route 66 restaurants. Space limits me from sharing them all, but I hope you enjoy these.

With spring almost here and looking at these delicious recipes it makes me want to go out and get my kicks on Route 66.

U DROP INN PINEAPPLE CAKE

- 2 CUPS FLOUR
- 2 CUPS SUGAR
- 2 TEASPOONS BAKING SODA
- PINCH OF SALT
- 2 EGGS
- 1 CAN (20 OUNCES) CRUSHED PINEAPPLE, UNDRAINED
- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA

FLOUR AND GREASE A 9 X 13 BAKING PAN. Combine flour, sugar, soda, salt, eggs, pineapple, and vanilla. Pour into pan and bake in preheated 350° oven for 40 minutes. Top with your favorite cream cheese or coconut frosting.

RIORDAN MANSION OATMEAL COOKIES



- ¾ CUP BUTTER
- 1 CUP BROWN SUGAR
- 1 TABLESPOON MILK
- 2 EGGS
- ½ CUP CHOPPED RAISINS
- 2 CUPS OATMEAL
- 1 CUP FLOUR
- ½ TEASPOON SODA
- ½ CUP CHOPPED WALNUTS

CREAM BUTTER AND ADD BROWN SUGAR. Mix well. Stir in milk and eggs and beat thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Bake in preheated 375° oven for 10 minutes. *55 cookies.*

FUNK'S GROVE MAPLE SIRUP BARS

- ½ CUP BUTTER
- ¼ CUP SUGAR
- 1 CUP FLOUR
- ¾ CUP BROWN SUGAR
- ½ CUP MAPLE SYRUP
- 1 TABLESPOON BUTTER
- 1 EGG
- ½ TEASPOON VANILLA
- ½ CUP CHOPPED PECANS

CREAM BUTTER AND SUGAR IN FOOD PROCESSOR. Add flour and process until just blended. Dough does not form ball. Pat into bottom of greased 9-inch square pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Beat brown sugar, syrup, and butter to blend. Beat in egg and vanilla. Pour over shortbread. Sprinkle with nuts. Bake 25 minutes or until set. Cool and cut into bars. *2 dozen bars.*

ROUTE 66 CHESS PIE

- 2 CUPS SUGAR
- 1 TABLESPOON FLOUR
- 1 TABLESPOON YELLOW CORN MEAL
- 4 EGGS, UNBEATEN
- ½ TEASPOON VANILLA
- ¼ CUP BUTTER, MELTED
- ¼ CUP MILK
- 4 TABLESPOONS LEMON JUICE

COMBINE DRY INGREDIENTS and stir in eggs, vanilla, butter, milk and lemon juice. Pour into an unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes in preheated 350° oven. *6 to 8 servings.*

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

January 9 Installation Banquet at the Wellington 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	February 11 Board Meeting 14 Valentine's Day Dinner & Play - St. Charles 16 Member Meeting	March 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 19 Night at the Races - Maywood Park	April 8 Board Meeting 20 Pizza Meeting 30 Show at Rialto Theater, Joliet?
May 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	June 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 24-26 Eastern National Meet - Charlotte, NC	July 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting	August 12 Board Meeting 14 Early Ford Day - Volo Auto Museum 17 Member Meeting
September 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 24-26 Lake Geneva Poker Run	October 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations 18-20 Western Meet	November 11 Board Meeting 13 Veteran's Day Lunch 16 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	December No Meetings

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 HEATHER GUIDO (3/2), CHRIS COLDITZ (3/4), PETE MCMANUS (3/4),
 HARRIET LAWRENCE (3/14), CHARLES R. KAISER (3/17),
 NICOLE GILDAY (3/20), JACK NIKOLICH (3/26),
 & MADELEINE O'DONNELL (3/26)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
 RON & EDIE VAUGHAN (3/2) &
 JOE & PAULA BAUGHN (3/9)**



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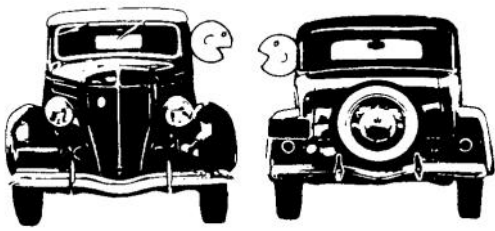
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