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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**May 9** Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**May 11** Safety Check, Photo Opportunity, Vehicle Appraisals, Augie's Deli, see page 3 for details.

**May 21** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**May 18 - 19** 48th Annual Little Hershey Swap Meet, Belvidere, IL, Boone County Fairgrounds, Admission \$5

**May 26 - 27** [48th Annual AACA Car Show](#), Volo Auto Museum, 9:00 am, \$10.

**May 26** 42nd Annual Auto Show Swap Meet & Craft Show, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm, \$5 admission

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## \*\*Attention Members\*\*

Please see page three for a new date and location for our Safety Check/Photo Opportunity/Appraisal event. If you signed up for this event at the Pizza Meeting - note that the new date is May 11. We were just not able to make arrangements to use our original site, so we have moved to a popular deli. Because of the date change, we are now able to add vehicle appraisals to the event.

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**MEETINGS**

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Tuesday of the month at  
the Wheeling Township  
Service Center, 1616 N.  
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**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT**

Hello again,

Welcome to May. Springtime is finally here and hopefully you've had a chance to get your V-8 out on the road. I've already seen a few V-8s at some of our April club functions, and I look forward to seeing more. I've gotten my '41 out and running and I'm looking forward to taking the top down as the weather continues to warm up.



First, I would like to thank Ken Bounds for planning our Pizza Meeting on April 16th. We had a great turnout and there was plenty of pizza, soda and other beverages to go around. No one left with an empty stomach. It was also great getting a chance to meet and talk with one of our newer members, Tim Carlig. In addition to this, I would like to thank Tom Buscaglia for once again organizing our Eggs & Eights Breakfast. Unfortunately, Tom had a conflict and was unable to participate, but he ensured we were all set to go. And, once again, we had a great turnout. Not only did the group get to enjoy the good food at Egg Harbor and the conversations with fellow V-8ers, but we also got to go outside in the crisp but sunny weather to kick some tires and see some of the first V-8s of the season.

As we look to May, we have another busy month planned. In addition to our normal monthly meeting, Ken Bounds is hosting a Safety Check / Photo Op on Saturday, May 11, where you get a chance to let our "experts" take a look at your V-8 and then get its picture taken. Also, on May 24-27, some folks will be headed down to the annual Spring Fling in Lee's Summit, MO. This is a great opportunity to get your V-8 out on the open road. More information on these events can be found in this issue of Road Chatter, or feel free to contact Ken or Ron Steck.

I look forward to seeing many of you this month. Please try to attend our monthly meeting or one of our other activities. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or thoughts.

Scott Gilday  
NIRG President

**Attention Members!**

Be sure to come to the May 21 Monthly Meeting.

Ron Steck will be presenting a tech talk on the trials and tribulations he encountered while restoring and installing a Columbia two-speed rear axle on his '40 Pickup.

Ron assures us that it will be entertaining!



## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### **Northern Illinois Regional Group Spring Safety Check Saturday, May 11 Augustino's Rock & Roll Deli, 246 S Schmale Road, Carol Stream**

Spring is here and it is time to get those Early V-8s out of the garage! This event will be held at [Augustino's Original Rock & Roll Deli](#). Augie's is easy to get to, on St. Charles Road at Schmale. From I-355, exit at North Avenue and go west 3.1 miles to Schmale, then left 1/4 mile to Augie's, on the right.

Time 9:00 am through 11:00 am followed by lunch. You will love Augie's sandwiches!

Don't have an Early V-8? No problem! Come in modern iron and join the fun.



## **Free Safety Check!**

## **Photo Opportunity!**

## **Have your classic appraised!**

### Safety Check

NIRG members will be doing an operational check of your vehicle, similar to those done at Early Ford V-8 Club National Meets. We need volunteers to help with the operational check. Please let Ken Bounds know if you would like to assist.

### Photo Opportunity - Your Early V-8 May be Featured in Next Year's Calendar!

We will be taking high-resolution digital photographs of all Early V-8s present. Each participant will receive at least one 4x6 print at no charge. Additional prints and 8½ x 11 enlargements will be available at a reasonable cost. Photos can be provided to satisfy insurance company requirements.

### Professional Appraisals

Frank Koeder is a Certified Appraiser and has agreed to provide vehicle appraisals for your Early V-8 at a very special price for NIRG members. <http://www.koederzkarz.com/>

### For More Information

Contact Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474 if you plan to participate or if you have any questions.

## MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Save the Date - Friday, June 7 Early V-8 Display and Lunch at Riverview Ford

On Friday, June 7, the Early Ford V-8 Club cross-country "Grand Tour" to the Grand National Meet in Lake Tahoe will be passing through the Chicago area. To show our support for the tour, Ron Steck has arranged for us to display our Early V-8s at [Riverview Ford](#), 2200 US-30 Oswego. Members are asked to display their vehicles beginning at 9:00 am - the tour is expected to arrive around noon. Lunch will be provided by the dealership.

Riverview Ford is located on the Lincoln Highway (US-30) about 2 miles east of the Fox River.

More details will be provided in the June Road Chatter, but for now, Ron would like to have a count of participants. If you plan to display your car, please contact Ron now at 630-983-0543 and let him know.



### Save the Date - Sunday, August 11 Annual NIRG Picnic - Timmerman's Ranch, Island Lake



Our Annual Northern Illinois Regional Group picnic will be hosted by Don & Elaine Braun and Art & Carol Timmerman at the same location as last year, the Timmerman Ranch in Island Lake. This has been a very popular location for our picnic the last three years. All members and guests are invited.

### Save the Dates - August 22-25 Joint Tour to Dearborn with Northern Ohio Group

Plans are being finalized for our Joint Tour to Dearborn. Don't forget to mail in the response form enclosed in the April Road Chatter to our Northern Ohio hosts to reserve your spot on the tour. If you plan to go on the tour, hotel reservations should be made now by calling the [DoubleTree](#) at 313-336-3340. Be sure to ask for the Early Ford V-8 rate. Watch for more details in coming months.



### Save the Dates - September 27-29 6th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally

Be sure to save the last weekend in September for our annual poker rally. Plans are well underway for some interesting driving routes and destinations, for eating at some of our favorite restaurants, and for the friendly competition of car games. With the closing of Millie's, we will also be looking for a new location for Sunday breakfast!

In addition to a chance to win some great prizes in the poker rally, we will be raising funds to benefit the Corinne Kreissl Memorial Foundation - a worthy cause with a goal of fighting childhood cancer.





## APRIL 16 PIZZA MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

On April 16, Ken & Carolyn Bounds hosted our Annual Pizza Meeting at Roundhead's of Lombard. The group of 41 hungry members and guests began streaming in to our private room before 7:00 pm. A few went out to the parking lot to see Ken & Carolyn's new acquisition – see story on page 10 – which happened to be the only Early V-8 in the parking lot. As everyone was enjoying a beverage and each-other's company, Joe Dispensa and John Slobodnik were busy selling 50-50 raffle tickets.

President Scott Gilday held a very brief meeting about 7:30. Scott introduced one of our newer members, Tim Carlig, who was attending his first Club event. Scott thanked Ron Blum for the Night at the Races event in March. Scott and Tour Chairman Ron Steck discussed upcoming events and passed around several sign-up sheets. The early drawing of the 50-50 raffle put \$40 into Larry Webb's hand, but only for a short time. Larry donated the cash back to help fund raffle prizes for the upcoming Central National Meet – thanks Larry!

Soon after the meeting the pizzas began arriving. Although there was a lull in the middle of service, before the night was over everyone had all they could eat, plus a little more. There was plenty of time to share V-8 fellowship and renew old friendships. It is always nice to see several members who we don't get to see that often during the year. Thanks go out to everyone who attended and made the event a success, including our President Scott Gilday, Sam & Judy Barone, Ron Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, Tim Carlig, Joe Dispensa, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, John & Robin Emmering, Earl & Gene Heintz, John Judge, Frank Koeder, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali with guests Dave & Louise, Joey Novak with Milly Olds, Roger Obecný with guest Mason Maynard, Tom O'Donnell, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John Scheve, John & Barb Slobodnik, Ron Steck, Len & Irene Vinyard, Larry & Jerry Webb, and George & Dawn Zulas.



Scott attempts to run the meeting



Part of the group of 41 in attendance

## Eggs & Eights – Egg Harbor Restaurant, Geneva By Ken Bounds

On Sunday, April 21, 29 V-8ers (and seven V-8s) gathered for the popular Eggs & Eights Breakfast, arranged again in Geneva by Tom & Judy Buscaglia. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen conflicts, Tom & Judy could not be present. On a beautiful, if chilly, Spring morning, everyone arrived around 9:00 am to enjoy great food, super service, and a large helping of V-8 camaraderie.

It was nice to see Jack & Jean Nikolich – Jack, who just turned 90 in March, missed most club events last year due to illness. He looked great! We also got to see some members we haven't seen in a while. Gary & Dawn Osborne were there - they joined the Club about a year ago. We also were pleased to see Lin & Pat Stacey - yes, Lin is still a member!

In attendance were Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Joe & Marie Dispensa, John & Robin Emmering, Scott Gilday, Roger Hunz, John Judge, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Jack & Jean Nikolich, Joey Novak with Millie Olds, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John & Barb Slobodnik, Lin & Pat Stacey, Larry & Jerry Webb, and George & Dawn Zulas.

Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the food and the company. Thanks go out to Tom and Judy for setting up another successful event. Afterwards, a number of us went into the parking lot for some tire



Jean & Jack, George & Dawn



Pat & Lin, Gary & Dawn



There was plenty of lively conversation before breakfast



kicking. Arriving in Early V-8s were, starting on the left, Dan & Diane – '53 Victoria, Joe & Nell – '53 Mercury, Ken & Carolyn – '51 Mercury, John Judge – '51 Victoria, Lin & Pat – '42 Sedan Coupe, John & Robin – '49 Fordor, and Roger – '51 Tudor. The chill in the air cut the fun short though and most members were on their way by 11:00.



## 2014 Central National Meet Update

### By Ken & Carolyn Bounds

As you know, the Northern Illinois Regional Group membership enthusiastically voted at the March 19 monthly meeting to proceed with plans to host the 2014 Central National Meet August 19-22, 2014, in Springfield, Illinois. On March 20, we submitted our official bid to the Early Ford V-8 Club National Meet Coordinator.

The next critical step in the process will be here in just a couple of weeks. We anticipate that the National Board will vote on May 18 to decide whether we will be awarded the meet. One of the first things we will do, if awarded the meet, is to meet with the hotel to finalize the arrangements. We will also begin serious work on a budget.

Last month we asked you to contact us if you are willing to help with the meet. We received many calls and e-mails and are grateful to everyone who offered support. We anticipate getting together soon with everyone who has agreed to help to go over what has been accomplished and to begin plans to move forward.

Last month we also shared with you the logo that Carolyn has designed for the meet, shown above. There is a lot of meaning behind many aspects of the logo and we plan to let you in them a little each month. Last month we told you that we initially selected the meet slogan: "V-8ing Joy in Illinois" as a tribute to our 1986 meet slogan, "V-8ing Joy in Northern Illinois" suggested by NIRG member Harriet Lawrence. This month we will give you a tidbit about the car. It is a 1939 Standard Fordor to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the '39 Ford next year. More next month.



*Be sure to watch this space every month as new information becomes available!*



## TECH CORNER



### Columbia Overdrive

With Ron Steck's tech talk at this month's meeting being about his Columbia Overdrive, we thought it was a good time to ask "What the heck is a Columbia Overdrive?"

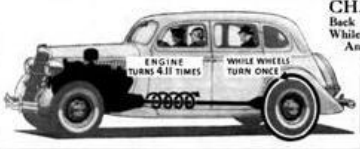
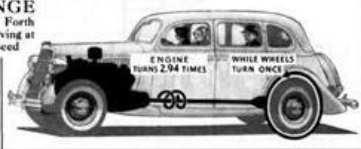
The Columbia "Overdrive" is actually a two-speed rear axle that was available as a dealer-installed option on V-8 Fords beginning in 1934. The unit was manufactured by the Columbia Axle Company of Cleveland, a subsidiary of the Cord Corporation, and was first available on the 1932 Auburn. Although the Columbia was never available as a factory-installed option on Fords or Mercurys, it was available as original equipment on Lincoln Zephyrs beginning in 1937. Perhaps this is the reason that to this day the Early Ford V-8 Club allows, without point deduction, Columbia axles of the correct year and proper installation on concours vehicles.



"Driveaways" were a popular practice in the '30s and '40s where buyers of a new car would go to the factory, pick their new car up, and drive it home. Since Columbia axles were not installed in Fords or Mercurys at the factory, Ford and the Columbia Axle Company set up an installation service at Casey's Woodward Hancock Service at 4766 Woodward Avenue in Detroit to install the axles. The cars were then sent back to the Rotunda for delivery.

*Columbia*  
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You Can CHANGE Back and Forth While Driving at Any Speed

When you *add* Two-Speed Axle to your Ford, you DO NOT deprive yourself of any of the Ford's many advantages. You can still drive it exactly as it comes from the factory.

A Two-Speed Axle is an *additional* advantage . . . that increases economy, decreases wear, and affords a new phase of performance.

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**Ford's 43-mile-an-hour Smoothness**  
**Ford's 43-mile-an-hour Quietness**  
 With 60-mile-an-hour car-speed.

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Many changes occurred in the axle and the controls over the years. Significant changes occurred after the War when a company named Truckstell distributed the axles. At this time the option was referred to as the Columbia Skyway Drive. The demise of the Columbia was foreshadowed in 1941 when Lincoln began offering a Borg-Warner overdrive transmission. For 1949 models, Ford and Mercury changed to the factory-installed Borg-Warner and the days of the Columbia were over.

**What did it do?** The second speed in the Columbia rear axle had a ratio of 1.3846:1, resulting in a reduction of engine speed by 27.78%. This means that at 60 mph, the engine is running at a speed equal to 43 mph. Quite a difference! This would be like changing your 4.11:1 rear end to 2.94:1.

**The Columbia Today:** A properly functioning Columbia is one of the most valuable accessories for an Early V-8 that is driven on today's smooth and more-or-less level roads. The biggest problem is gathering all the parts necessary for a





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complete and accurate installation. The sticker price can be a surprise. The list price for a Columbia in 1937 was \$62.40 plus a \$10 installation charge (for the 4-5 hour installation!). Contrast that with the [recent price of \\$4,850](#) for a completely rebuilt, concours ready Columbia for a 1940.

Fortunately, there are still folks out there who service, restore, and sell parts for this popular accessory. One of the premier sources for everything Columbia is V-8 Club member and former National Director John Connelly of Temecula, CA. John's website is [www.columbiatwospeedparts.com](http://www.columbiatwospeedparts.com).

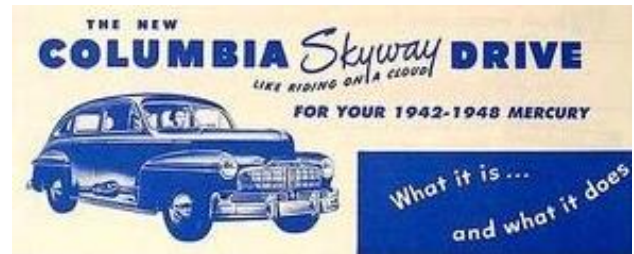


Photo courtesy of Michael Kubarth

### The Columbia in Song:

Everyone knows the 1955 song *Hot Rod Lincoln*. But how many of you remember that it was an answer to the earlier *Hot Rod Race* made popular by Arkie Shibley? As you can imagine, it is the story of a race involving a Ford and a Mercury. The Ford's Columbia gets a mention in the song:

*We had twin pipes and a Columbia butt,  
you people may think that I'm in a rut,  
but to you folks who don't dig the jive,  
that's two carburetors and an overdrive.*



**Want more information?** An overview of the Columbia Axle is presented in the Early Ford V-8 Club's *V-8 Album*, along with a detailed instruction manual for installation in 1933-34 Fords. One of the best articles about the Columbia, written by Dave Cole, appears in the May/June 1992 *V-8 Times*. A very comprehensive 4-part series about the company and the hardware, written by Dan Krehbiel and Joe Rosenthal, appeared in the *V-8 Times* from March through October of 1994. Finally, a detailed article about Columbia manuals and documentation, written by Joe Rosenthal, was in the November/December 2001 *V-8 Times*.

## FROM THE EDITORS

KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS

We are thrilled to announce that the *Road Chatter* was honored with our 6th consecutive Golden Quill Award for 2012 by the editors of Old Cars Weekly. "The Golden Quill Award honors outstanding efforts by editors and their clubs in fostering progress in the old car hobby, and the impact of the award is tremendous," says Dr. Gerald Perschbacher, chief judge for the award. We thank you, the members of the Northern Illinois Regional Group for making this possible.



We extend our congratulations also to Jerry Windle who received a Golden Quill for the *V-8 Times* and to our fellow newsletter editors from the following regional groups: Bruce & Carol Gable, *Hoosier Views*, Indy Group #56; Scott Jenkins, *Puget Sounds*, Puget Sound #18; Brad Hunsinger, *The Distributor*, Hi-Country #28; and Barb Bergdorf, *The Rumble Sheet*, Badger State #35. Great job everyone!

*Ken & Carolyn*

## New Arrivals



This month two of our members welcomed new rides into their garages. Congratulations to the new owners!

### Joey Novak - 1953 Mercury Monterey Hardtop

On April 8, Ken Bounds, Joe Kozmic, and Dan Pudelek joined Joe Novak in greeting a transport all the way from Seattle with Joey's new ride, a 1953 Mercury Monterey. After a quick spin around the block, Joey parked the Mercury in its new garage stall where the rest of the day was spent solving the world's problems and making plans to get the car ready for the road after a long period of limited use. The two-tone Tahiti Tan/Bittersweet Merc was built September 28, 1953, at the Long Beach assembly plant.

Joey found his Mercury near Seattle from an ad in Hemmings. He enlisted some assistance through Early V-8 Club contacts to have the car checked out locally and a deal was made. In the past three weeks, Joey has been hard at work going thru the car mechanically to make sure it is road-worthy. We hope to see the new ride at Club events soon!



Coming off the truck



Inspection time

### Ken & Carolyn Bounds - 1951 Mercury Coupe

On April 13 Earl Heintz backed his '51 Mercury Coupe out of the garage for a test drive by Ken & Carolyn Bounds. It never went back; instead, Ken & Carolyn took it home. The '51 was meticulously maintained by Earl and is ready for road trips. Carolyn plans to drive the car to the Spring Fling in Missouri over the Memorial Day weekend.

Gene & Earl purchased the car August 24, 1977, from a gentleman named Floyd Greibel, Jr., who had purchased it from the original owner, a lady from St. Louis. The Kerry Blue Sport Coupe was built March 13, 1951, at the St. Louis assembly plant.



Ken & Carolyn's "new" '51 Mercury





### 10 Years Ago This Month – May 2003

The May Road Chatter contained an excellent reference on concourse-correct Early Ford grease guns provided by Lin Stacey. After a guest speaker for the May 20 monthly meeting unexpectedly cancelled, Ron Vaughan did an impromptu tech talk on the damage that freeze plugs can do to the seal on an oil pan. Ron just happened to have a '35 oil pan on him!

### 20 Years Ago This Month – May 1993

On May 15 Rich & Judy Doligale hosted a “Southside Tour” on a beautiful sunny day. Members gathered at Joe & Nancy Novak’s home in Alsip for coffee and baked goodies. Most participants remember Charlie Fabian’s horn demonstration on his '37 Cord. An impressive caravan of 41 members and guests driving 17 Early V-8s, Charlie’s Cord, Greg Widaman’s Rolls Royce, and modern vehicles traveled to George Schaff’s huge collection of tractors, trucks, and memorabilia in Frankfort.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – May 1983

The May Road Chatter included an article about Chuck & Diane Wrobel’s 1952 Customline Fordor. Lloyd & Gladys Duzell hosted 48 members and guests at the May 10 meeting at their home. Lloyd gave a demonstration of how to prepare body parts for leading and provided a materials list for the process. After the meeting many members stayed and enjoyed pop and a ½-barrell of “Polish Pop” furnished by Joe Novak. On a very rainy May 22, Alan & Lois Wall hosted a tour to the Illinois Railway Museum.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – May 1973

The May newsletter announced that Chester Lawrence had obtained a Sun machine and would set up members’ distributors for \$5. Nine members showed their Early V-8s at the Grayslake show May 6. The May 22 monthly meeting, hosted at Tom Young’s body shop, was one of the best attended ever with 26 members and guests present. Paul Jensen attended as a guest. George Anderton did a lecture and demonstrations on the fundamentals of welding.

### Flathead Flashback

Some of the NIRG ladies at George Schaff’s home on the May 1993 Southside Tour. Photo from Marty Duling collection.





# V-8 Gals

Happy National Barbecue Month! That's right, May is the time we as a nation are supposed to celebrate our BBQs. Now that the weather is starting to cooperate, I love to get outside and grill. Everything tastes better to me when it is grilled. A double bonus is that it keeps the kitchen cleaner! I found some facts about barbecuing that I thought you would like and a recipe that I'm going to try this week. Enjoy!!

## Some Interesting Facts About Barbecuing

3 out of 4, or 76%, of US households own a barbecue grill.

61% of grill owners own an gas grill; 48% charcoal grill; 9% natural gas grill; 7% outdoor electric grill; 1 in 7 (15%) barbecues with an indoor grill.

The typical grill owner owns 1.4 grills. About half (48%) of all grill owners own a gas grill only; 3 out of 10 (29%) own a charcoal grill only; while nearly 1 out of 5 (18%) owns a both a charcoal and gas grill.

Although men are more likely (66%) than women to be the household member who barbecues, women are more apt to decide when and what foods to be barbecued.

58% of grills are used all year round.

The Fourth of July is by far the most popular holiday for barbecuing, with 3 out of 4 (76%) grill owners barbecuing, followed by Memorial Day (58%) and Labor Day (51%).

Hamburgers, steak, hot dogs, and chicken breast are the most frequently barbecued food items.



### London Broil – Serves 8

1 clove garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon salt  
3 tablespoons soy sauce  
1 tablespoon ketchup

1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
4 pounds flank steak

1. In a small bowl, mix together garlic, salt, soy sauce, ketchup, vegetable oil, black pepper and oregano.
2. Score both sides of the meat, diamond cut, about 1/8 inch deep. Rub garlic mixture into both sides of the meat. Wrap tightly in aluminum foil, and refrigerate for 5 to 6 hours, or overnight. Flip meat every few hours.
3. Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat, and lightly oil grate.
4. Place meat on the prepared grill. Cook for 3 to 7 minutes per side, or to desired doneness.

**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>May</b> 9 Board Meeting 11 Safety Check/Photo Op/Appraisals 21 Member Meeting 24-27 Spring Fling, Lees Summit, MO	<b>June</b> 7 Display at Riverview Ford, Oswego 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 17-21 Grand National Meet, Lake Tahoe	<b>July</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	<b>August</b> 8 Board Meeting 11 Annual Picnic Island Lake 20 Member Meeting 22-25 Joint tour with NORG to Dearborn
<b>September</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 27-29 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	<b>November</b> 9 Veterans Day Lunch 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	<b>December</b> No Meetings TBD Christmas Brunch



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
 GARY OSBORNE (5/2), STAN STACK (5/2), KATHLEEN HEATHERLY (5/4),  
 PHYLLIS MADRIGALI (5/4), DOTTY ALFINI (5/7), DAWN ZULAS (5/8),  
 JOHN ELLIS (5/9), JOHN BAUER (5/17), FRANK KOEDER (5/18),  
 IRENE VINYARD (5/18), & GINNY MAGNUSSON (5/31)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO  
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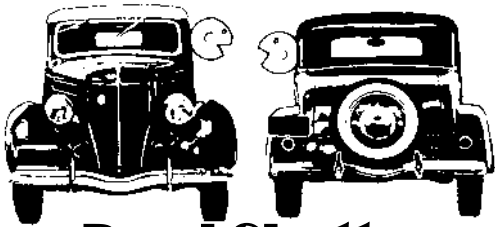
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