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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

**April 21** Pizza Meeting, Lou Malnati's, Buffalo Grove. See page 3.

**April 26** Eggs & Eights Breakfast, Egg Harbor Café, Geneva. See page 3.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**April 19** 39th Annual Corvette Show & Swap, Bill Jacobs Chevrolet, Joliet, 8:00 - 3:00. Spectators \$5.00

**April 24-26** 38th Annual Spring Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. Admission \$8, Parking \$4.

**April 19** 32nd Annual Chrysler Club car show & swap meet, 8 am - 2 pm, Roesch Chrysler, Elmhurst. Swap meet admission \$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 Lou Malnati's in Buffalo Grove on April 21 – see Page 3 for details.

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**MEETINGS**

7:30 pm on the third  
Tuesday of the month at  
the Wheeling Township  
Service Center, 1616 N.  
Arlington Heights Road,  
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**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT**

Hello again,

Welcome to April. According to the calendar, spring has already started, so hopefully we've seen the last of the snow and salt and we can get our V-8s out on the road soon.

First, I would like to thank Charlie Kaiser for once again hosting another successful Pioneer Turners Luncheon. We had a good turnout of 20 V-8ers who once again enjoyed their corned beef sandwiches and potato pancakes at the Café Prague in Chicago. Next, I would like to thank Ron Blum for again hosting the very popular Night at the Races at Maywood Park, where folks enjoyed some great harness racing and a fabulous buffet dinner. Hopefully a few folks even walked away with some extra cash! Lastly, during our monthly meeting, Ken did a presentation on the rebuilding of the engine in his 50 Ford Convertible that turned into a mystery thriller about what was causing his V-8 not to run just right after his rebuild. The group had many very good ideas about the culprit, but the true answer proved to be very elusive. After Ken walked us through the clues, the true culprit was finally identified. If you missed the thrilling conclusion, be sure to ask Ken.

As we look to April, I first want to point out that we will not hold our monthly meeting at its normal Arlington Heights location. Instead, we will be meeting at Lou Malnati's in Buffalo Grove where Ron Blum is hosting our annual Pizza Meeting. For only \$11, you get all the pizza and soft drinks you want. So, please be sure to join us at Lou's on Tuesday, April 21st. In addition to this, John Emmering will be hosting our Eggs & Eights breakfast at Egg Harbor Café in Geneva on Sunday, April 26th. Hopefully the weather will allow us to get some of those Eights out again this year.

On a last note, I would also like to welcome new members Mike and Amanda Sargis to the club. Mike and Amanda have a 1948 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our club events this month.



Scott Gilday,  
NIRG President

**A NIGHT AT THE RACES**

We had a great turnout and a terrific time at our "Night at the Races" at Maywood Park on Friday, March 27. Thanks to our host Ron Blum. Watch for full coverage of the event in the May Road Chatter.



## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Don't miss the Pizza Meeting! Tuesday, April 21 - 7:30 pm



**Note New Location!**

Lou Malnati's  
85 S Buffalo Grove Rd  
Buffalo Grove, Illinois



\$11 per person - includes ALL U CAN EAT pizza, soft drinks, tax and tip.

Cash bar. Spouses and guests are welcome!

Host Ron Blum has reserved a large room, so we will have plenty of space.

Lou Malnati's is located on the east side of Buffalo Grove Road just south of Lake-Cook Road. Those of you coming from the south or the western suburbs can take Route 53 north and exit at Dundee Rd. Go east 2.2 miles to Buffalo Grove Rd, then left (north) 1 mile to Lou Malnati's. There is plenty of parking for our cars - if the weather is nice consider bringing your Early V-8.

### Eggs & Eights - Sunday, April 26 at 9:00 am

John Emmering is hosting a Sunday breakfast get-together Sunday, April 26, at 9:00 a.m. at Egg Harbor Café, 477 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in historic Geneva. This is just an informal, relaxed way to join your fellow NIRG V-8ers for breakfast. If you are interested in attending, please contact John at 630-983-0453 by April 21, or let him know at the Pizza Meeting.

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). After breakfast there is plenty of opportunity for shopping in over 100 specialty shops nestled in historic storefronts and charming Victorian style homes.



### Joint Tour to Dayton with the Northern Ohio Regional Group

Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details about our Joint Tour to Dayton at the end of July. If you are going on the tour, please make your hotel reservations now - the deadline is July 8. Also, please send your payment to Jack Bukszar for the Saturday night dinner.

## Pioneer Turners Luncheon

### By Ken Bounds

On March 7 Charles Kaiser hosted his annual Pioneer Turners corned beef luncheon to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Once again he invited members of the Northern Illinois Regional Group to join the fun. The luncheon was held at Café Prague in Chicago. Unfortunately, winter was hanging on and didn't allow us to drive our Early V-8s.

As guests began streaming in before 1:00 pm, the good service kept the drinks flowing. And the guests from both the Turners group and the NIRG kept coming. Before long, the available space was packed. It was very nice to see several members that we don't get to see that often, including Norm Collins, Ron Dopke, and Jordon & Corinne Beller. George Zulas seemed to be getting around much better after his serious accident last summer.

Before the food was served, there were appetizers on the table and we had plenty of time to talk and ruminate about the end of winter. When the sandwiches were served, everyone agreed they were delicious, along with the potato pancakes. Toward the end of the meal, Charlie started a video of some of the many auto-related attractions in Auburn, Indiana. The afternoon was topped off with door prize drawings. Several of our members went home with an unexpected bottle of wine.

Enjoying the festivities from the NIRG were our host Charles Kaiser, Jordon & Corinne Beller, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken Bounds, Norm Collins with his granddaughter Corinne, Ron Dopke, John Judge, Frank Koeder, John & Este Scheve with their sons Michael and Elliot, Ron Steck, and George & Dawn Zulas with their son Tom and his girlfriend Denise.



**Our host, Charles Kaiser with a fist full of cash, shows off his Turners Cap**



**Above: Norm's granddaughter Corinne**

**Left: Frank Koeder**

**Center: Ron Steck**

More of the Group Enjoying the Pioneer Turners Luncheon



Arlene & Ron Blum



The whole Scheve family



George & Dawn Zulas



Denise, Tom Zulas, John Judge



Corrine & Jordon Beller can just be seen peeking over the crowd, next to the painting



Host Charlie, with the help of a Leprechaun, draws the door prize tickets



## The 28 Millionth Ford's 1940 International Goodwill Tour Mexico, Canada and Two World's Fairs

By John Emmering



**With the success of the 1939 cross-county tour of the 27 Millionth Ford, Ford Motor Company revised the format with the 1940 "Goodwill Tour." The 28 Millionth Ford car repeated the visits to the World's Fairs on both coasts, adding an international flair with stopovers in Mexico and Canada.**

All eyes focused on "the glamour girl of the Ford Motor Company," as the press referred to the 28 Millionth Ford as it rolled down the assembly line of the Edgewater, New Jersey Ford Assembly plant Monday, April 8, 1940. This month we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that event. When assembly of the feather gray 1940 Deluxe Fordor was completed, Ford Motor Company President Edsel Ford slid into the driver's seat. Edsel pushed the starter button and pulled away from the assembly line in a flurry of flashbulbs as photographers documented the momentous event. Also present at the occasion were Ford of Canada President Wallace R. Campbell, Edgewater Plant Manager W.K. Edmonds, New Jersey Governor A. Harry Moore, Canadian Trade Commissioner Douglas S. Cole, Mexican Consul Santiago Suarez, Fair Chairman Harvey Gibson, along with other dignitaries. The group moved to the plant's



executive dining room for a luncheon celebrating the occasion. After lunch the newly assembled Deluxe Fordor headed out over the George Washington Bridge for the 30-minute drive to the Flushing Meadows Fairgrounds in the borough of Queens, New York.

New York World's Fair visitors flocked to the Ford Pavilion later that Monday afternoon eager to witness the arrival of the 28 Millionth Ford. The crowd broke into applause as the Ford came into view and headed toward its place of honor at the Ford "Road of Tomorrow" exhibit. The excitement was reminiscent of the appearance of the 27 Millionth Ford a year earlier as it arrived from the west coast. This year, however, the honor of producing the millionth milestone Ford went to the east coast and New York fairgoers got the first look at the new landmark Ford.

Henry Ford had been unable to attend the ceremony greeting the arrival of the 28



Edsel Ford drives with Harvey Gibson

Millionth Ford but he was well represented by his son Edsel. Edsel Ford read a telegram from his father Henry who sent greetings and expressed the deep significance he felt for Ford number 28 million. In Henry Ford's words, "Ford Motor Company was started in 1903 with only \$28,000 and that was all the outside money that was ever put into it. This means that for every dollar originally invested the business has now produced one thousand automobiles."



Edsel Ford shows milestone car to NJ Gov. A. Harry Moore, Santiago Suarez and Douglas Cole



Edsel Ford wishes drivers James Rooney and Charles Soderquist best of luck on their Goodwill Tour

The open road beckoned as Tuesday, April 9, dawned and dignitaries gathered to bid farewell to the 28 Millionth Ford as it prepared to embark on its 14,000-mile international “Goodwill Tour.” In a parting speech, Edsel Ford described the milestone Ford and its tour as “A symbol of the motor car’s contribution to the peaceful up building of North America.” The way for the Goodwill Tour was paved by D. Thomas Curtin, Ford’s publicity man who carried the favor of U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull through mutual friends, opening up the events in Mexico and Canada. The first leg of the tour would take the Ford through the southern United States into Mexico where it would stop in Mexico City. Veteran of the 1939 tour James Rooney prepared for the long drive along with his travel partner co-driver Charles Soderquist.

Heading south from New York with James Rooney at the wheel, the 28 Millionth Ford was greeted often at planned stops along the way. Passing through the American Southwest the Deluxe Fordor proceeded past the Mexican border to Mexico City where interchanges of goodwill were made. By May 13 the 28 Millionth Ford, having reentered the United States, reached Deming, New Mexico, pausing for a short ceremony at the local Ford dealer. Traveling north the Ford pulled into San Jose May 22<sup>nd</sup> for festivities in that city. As the Golden Gate Exposition held opening day May 25, 1940, for its four month second season, the 28 Millionth Ford’s arrival was welcomed, finding a prominent place of display at the Ford Motor Company exhibit. Crowds, having paid their daily 50-cent admission charge, gathered to greet the arrival of new Ford.



The International Goodwill Tour continued after a short stay at the San Francisco World’s Fair on Treasure Island as the 28 Millionth Ford headed north once again. A journey through the Northwest was next on the agenda where the 28 Millionth Ford’s log book would be signed by civic dignitaries and officials in each Pacific Northwest community where it stopped. Again leaving the United States the Ford crossed over into Canada where a large international reception was held. Traveling eastbound through Canada the 28 Millionth Ford re-entered the United States at Pembina, North Dakota. The tour continued with planned stops made in Minnesota, Wisconsin and



Return of the 28 Millionth Ford to New York

Illinois. The 28 Millionth Ford made it back to the New York World’s Fair on “Ford Day,” June 16, 1940. This was the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ford Motor Company and Edsel Ford had returned to greet the 28 Millionth Ford, which was now bedecked with many license plates from several states and two provinces all bearing number 28,000,000. The Ford remained an attraction at the Ford pavilion until the fair closed October 27, 1940. The enjoyable summer of 1940 with its two World’s Fairs and Goodwill Tour had passed and would provide pleasant memories in the days to come as “The Greatest Generation” prepared itself for the challenge and sacrifice of the coming war years.

## MARCH 17 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by John Emmering

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm.

Stan Stack was jestingly introduced as a guest after his winter absence from some club activities during his respite in warmer weather. Stan had been out of town for the installation banquet and had missed his service award. President Gilday used this opportunity call Stan up front and to present him with a service award plaque for his service as club secretary during the year 2014.



Membership Chairman Ken Bounds gave a brief membership report updating the current membership numbers, which stand at 84. Ken informed the group that all the membership rosters have been distributed. Ken offered 2015 NIRG calendars for \$5.00 each one last time. Ken also added a brief report on National Club news reminding us of the upcoming 2015 National meets.

- Eastern National Meet June 8-11 in Concord, North Carolina.
- Central National Meet July 12-16 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota sponsored by the Twin Cities Regional Group. On-line or conventional registrations now open.
- Ken announced a new event, the 2015 Black Hills of South Dakota National Driving Tour - September 13 - 18. The tour will take place in the Black Hills and include visits to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse National Monument, Devils Tower, Custer State Park, Needles Highway, and an 1880's Train. Sponsored by Regional Group #166 - Eastern South Dakota. Ken estimated that the tour would commence 920 miles from here in Sturgis, SD. Ken offered copies of the proposed tour route for those interested and advised that more information could be found in the EFV-8 Club of America website.

As there were no questions on National Club matters, Scott turned the floor over to Ron Blum for the treasurer's report, as treasurer Joe Serritella was still out of town. Ron reported income of \$75.00 and expenses of \$275.00 for the month.

Health and Welfare Chairman Phyllis Madrigali was herself under the weather and could not attend the meeting. In her place Frank reported that there had been no bad news this month. It was reported that Judy Buscaglia had her cast removed and was getting around better. Ken Bounds revealed that Joe Dispensa would be undergoing knee replacement surgery Friday March 20.

President Gilday moved on to a discussion of tours and events. Our Tour Chairman Ron Steck was out of town so Scott led the discussion asking Ken Bounds to give a quick report on a past event, Charlie Kaiser's Pioneer Turners Lunch. The lunch took place Saturday March 7 at the Café Prague in Chicago. Ken said the event was well attended with 20 NIRG members participating and a good time was had by all involved. Ken was especially glad to have seen veteran members Norm Collins, Ron Dopke and Jordan & Corinne Beller in attendance.

Ron Blum gave more information on the next scheduled club event "A Night at the Races", Friday March 27 at Maywood Park Racetrack 8600 W. North Ave, Melrose Park. Ron said free valet parking will be available and the cost is \$20.00 per person. Buffet starts at 6:30 pm. According to Ron a lucky few of the participants will get a ride in the starter car. A sign-up sheet was once again made available.

Ron continued with a report on the arrangements he made for the Pizza Meeting Tuesday April 21, which this year will be held at Lou Malnati's Restaurant at 85 S. Buffalo Grove Rd. in Buffalo Grove. (Lake-Cook Rd. & Buffalo Grove Rd.) Ron explained that there will be an \$11.00 per person charge which will provide unlimited deep dish or thin crust pizza, soft drinks and coffee, with alcoholic beverage.



## MARCH 17 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

ages extra. Ron reminded attendees that there will be no members meeting at the Wheeling Township Office Tuesday April 21st as we will meet at Lou Malnati's.

John Emmering announced that the Eggs and Eights breakfast would be held Sunday April 26, at the Egg Harbor Restaurant, 477 S 3rd St, Geneva, IL., at 9:00 am. Ken Bounds added that he is looking into the possibilities of a tour to the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno and a safety check once again at Roundeads Pizza. Ken brought up the subject of annual picnic and the location which may be Timmerman's Ranch once again when plans are finalized.

Ken gave the group some more information on the fifth annual joint Tour with the Northern Ohio Regional Group to Dayton, Ohio July 30 - August 2, explaining that it will be a four day event with visits to Carillon Historic Park, a Packard Museum and a tour of the National Museum of the Air Force. Ken passed around a sign-up sheet for the Ohio Joint Tour.

Ken also offered additional information about the 2015 Central National Meet in Brainerd, Minnesota. After a show of hands of those planning to attend, Ken shared his plan to depart as a group on Saturday July 11 and follow a route that avoids the twin cities. Ken offered registration forms and explained that participants can register on-line. Ron Blum asked about the meals that were part of the \$499.00 double occupancy fee. Ken explained that the Cragun's package included the Sunday welcome Dinner, Monday breakfast & dinner, Tuesday breakfast & Lakeside Barbeque Dinner, Wednesday breakfast & dinner (Lunch included in the optional North Woods driving tour - cost \$20 per person). and Thursday breakfast & Awards Luncheon. Ken added that a total of nine meals would be included. Ken closed with another mention of Early Ford V-8 Foundation MotorFest 6, Auburn, Indiana August 26-29.

At 8:12 the group broke for coffee and cookies and resumed with a tech talk and slide show by Ken Bounds. Ken gave some history on his 1950 Ford Custom Convertible since he purchased it in 1996 and covered some recent body and repaint work that had been done after an accident in Texas. Ken's tech talk however centered on the trouble shooting he did when his car experienced performance problems after his recent engine rebuild and the steps he took until he discovered the problem, which was that the generator wires had been reversed.

The pot of gold for this St. Patrick's Day meeting went to Jeff Trilling, who won \$28.00 in the 50-50 raffle drawing.

Attendance: Rich Anderson, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Earl Heintz, Joe Kozmic, Paul Levine, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Bob Miller, Neil McManus, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, John Scheve, Russ Shmerl, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Jeff Trilling and Alan & Lois Wall.

### Welcome New Members

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Mike Sargis, Jr. and his wife Amanda of Aurora. They own a 1948 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan along with a 1930 Model A Pickup. They joined the National Club last year.

We hope to see Mike and Amanda at upcoming Club meetings and events. Their contact information is included on a label inserted in this issue that you can add to your 2015 Roster.





## TECH CORNER



### You Gotta Have This!

#### Amazing New Smartphone App Available for Early Ford V-8 Vehicles

Many of us who are fond of our beloved flathead-powered cars and trucks are not exactly into high tech. But for those of us who are, there is an incredible new smartphone app available, designed just for our Early V-8s, which will revolutionize the way we drive, maintain, and enjoy our vehicles.

Designed by the clever folks at Precision Autoworks, LLC, the app is called, simply enough, *Flathead Command*. Although the app does most of the work, the heart of the control system is the \$59 command module or “brain” that connects directly into the vehicles wiring harness. Simple instructions included with the module should allow installation, in most cases, within 30 minutes.

The system is a collaboration between partners Stuart D. Baker and Sue Zucchi at Precision. While Sue did all the coding for the app, Stu says that the passion for developing the system derives from his upbringing. Stu’s father was a well-known Indiana industrialist who had an extensive collection of antique vehicles. Stu fondly recalls growing up with cars from many different manufacturers, but was always drawn to the Early V-8 Fords that his dad let him drive around the family farm as soon as he learned to work on them. He was always impressed with the simplicity of design and how much fun he had “tinkering” with carburetors, distributors, and other electrical components. With his degree in electrical engineering and the explosion of smartphone apps, he says the next step was simply “logical.”

The whole process starts with downloading the app. On your Android phone, simply go to the Google Play Store and search for “Flathead Control.” Once you download the \$9.99 app, you are provided a link to order the command module and other optional modules.

After the command module is installed, you simply start your car, open the app on your smartphone, and let the system register your car. The app will quickly search its database and provide you many details, including the type of engine installed, number of cylinders, cubic inches, etc. The key to the app’s functionality is the vital operating information it shows, such as RPM, engine vacuum, cylinder compression, spark intensity, generator output, point dwell, timing, operation of the vacuum advance, functioning of voltage regulator or cutout, and much more. The amount of data is incredible! The amazing aspect, though, is that many of these settings can be adjusted directly from the app while sitting in the front seat! Imagine never again having difficulty setting timing, dwell, or rpm. Because the control module is GPS enabled, you can also get a read-out of your current speed and use the app for navigation. Once your vehicle is registered the first time, the app even serves as a remote starter for your car!

Optional modules in development include a cruise control module, an FM conversion module that also allows you to play iTunes directly on your stock radio, and a 4-way emergency flasher module. We intend to purchase and install the Flathead Command System, run it through the paces, and report back to you in a future issue.

The iPhone app is expected to be available within a few weeks, but the Android version is available today, April 1.





### 10 Years Ago This Month – April 2005

The April Road Chatter included two “flashbacks” – an article by Ron Dopke about his ’40 Tudor that he had included in the May 1974 newsletter and a hand-written list of members who signed up to attend the first Grand National Meet in Dearborn in 1973. On April 19, Bob & Angie Paladino hosted 48 members, family, and guests at the annual Pizza Meeting at John’s Pizzeria.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – April 1995

Bob & Angie Paladino hosted the annual Pizza Meeting April 18 at John’s Pizzeria in Addison. Fifty-six members, family, and guests were in attendance, including Marty and Leah Duling, all the way from the Bluegrass State of Kentucky.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – April 1985

On April 9, Barry & Eleanor Jacksier hosted 56 members and guests at the annual Pizza Meeting at Lou Malnati’s in Lincolnwood. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Swap Meet on April 14 netted the Club \$1,600! On a “beautiful, sunny, gorgeous” April 28, Rich & Judy Doligale hosted a “Spring Fling to Volo and Beyond.” Over 50 members and family visited the Volo Museum, stopped by the Dopke residence, and dined at the Warsaw Inn in McHenry. Joey Novak displayed a “For Sale” sign on his ’39 Buick - maybe getting ready for a flathead?

### 40 Years Ago This Month – April 1975

The April newsletter included part one of an interesting two-part article by Marty Duling about towing and trailering old cars. On April 20 Larry Maas hosted a huge group of V-8ers on a garage tour that visited Tom Young’s, Chester Lawrence’s, Ray Tognarelli’s, and Larry’s garages. The tour ended with a huge spread of food put out by Larry & Nancy Maas.

### Flathead Flashback

Thinking of warmer days. This group of NIRG members relaxes during the 2003 Grand National Meet in Dearborn.



## V-8 Gals

This month's V-8 Gals is a shout out to the jelly bean. I love them and this time of year they are plentiful. All those different colors and flavors! What is your favorite flavor? Did you know the little jelly bean even has it's own National Day - April 22. Let's celebrate the jelly bean.



### Jelly Bean History

Jelly beans are thought to be a hybrid of two candies, Turkish delights and Jordan almonds, both of which date back hundreds of years. Turkish delights are a sweet, chewy candy that has a powdery, sugar coating. Jordan almonds are almonds that are simply coated in a crunchy sugar shell. Combine the chewy center of a Turkish delight with the crunchy coating of a Jordan almond and you have what we now know as a jelly bean.

The first known reference to jelly beans was in the late 1800's when William Schrafft, a Boston confectioner, encouraged Americans to send jelly beans to soldiers fighting in the Civil War. By the early 1900's, jelly beans were a common penny candy enjoyed by children and adults alike. It wasn't until the 1930's that jelly beans became associated with Easter, most likely due to their egg-like shape. Jelly beans remain one of the most common Easter candies today.

Jelly beans had a boost in popularity in the mid-60's when then Governor of California Ronald Reagan expressed his love for the candy. It is said that Reagan used the candy to help wean himself off of his tobacco habit and always had jelly beans at an arms reach all the way through his presidency. Jelly Belly, a major jelly bean producer, even created a special blueberry flavor jelly bean for President Reagan.

[http://foodreference.about.com/od/history\\_myths/a/The-History-Of-Jelly-Beans.htm](http://foodreference.about.com/od/history_myths/a/The-History-Of-Jelly-Beans.htm)

### Jelly Bean Bark

#### Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter  
1-1/4 pounds white candy coating, coarsely chopped  
2 cups small jelly beans

#### Directions

Line a 15x10x1-in. pan with foil; grease foil with butter.  
In a microwave, melt candy coating; stir until smooth.  
Spread into prepared pan. Top with jelly beans, pressing to adhere. Let stand until set.

Cut or break bark into pieces. Store in an airtight container. Yield: 2 pounds.

<http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/jelly-bean-bark>



## NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>January</b> 8 Board Meeting 10 Installation Dinner 20 Member Meeting	<b>February</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	<b>March</b> 7 Turners Luncheon 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 27 Night at the Races	<b>April</b> 9 Board Meeting 21 Pizza Meeting 26 Eggs & Eights, Geneva
<b>May</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 22-25 Spring Fling, Wichita	<b>June</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	<b>July</b> 9 Board Meeting 12-16 CNM, Brainerd 21 Member Meeting 30-31 Joint Tour to Dayton, OH with NORG	<b>August</b> 1-2 Joint Tour to Dayton, OH with NORG 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 26-29 Motorfest 6
<b>September</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 25-27 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting	<b>November</b> 7 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	<b>December</b> No Meetings



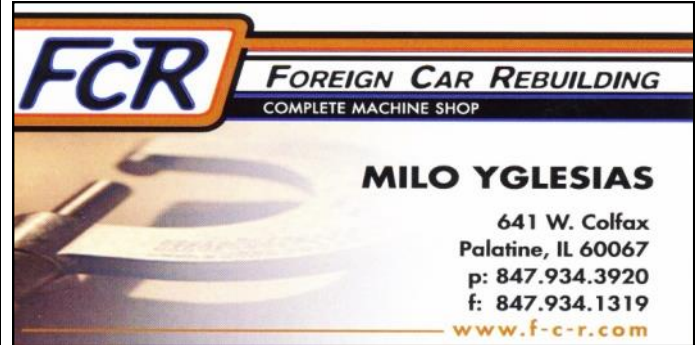
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**JOE DISPENSA (4/2), ARLENE HAYDEN (4/2), JUDY MYERS (4/7),**  
**NORM MILLER (4/11), PAUL LEVINE (4/16), MARTY DULING (4/22),**  
**RON VAUGHAN (4/23), ROBIN EMMERING (4/28), CARA LUNECKI (4/28)**  
**& JOHN JUDGE (4/29)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**TOM & JUDY BUSCAGLIA (4/8), BEN & GINNY ASHLEY (4/11),**  
**ERIC & CHERYL KOZMIC (4/20), JOE & DELICE SERRITELLA (4/25),**  
**TONY & CAROLINE MIRELES (4/28), MARSHAL & SUE ADAMS (4/29)**  
**FRANK & CAROLYN NAGODE (4/30), & LEN & IRENE VINYARD (4/30)**

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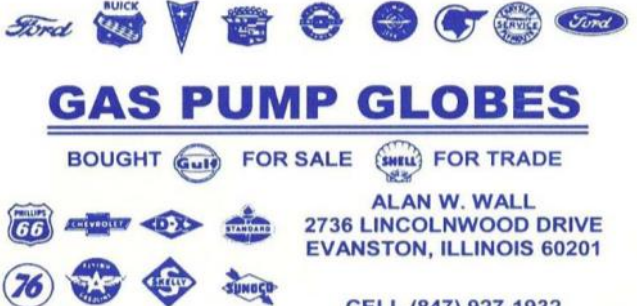


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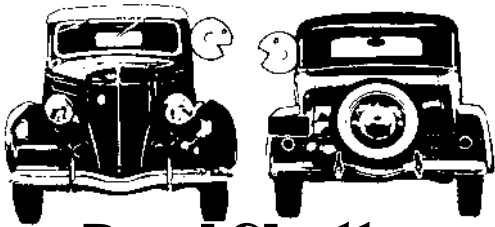


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