

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**February 12** Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm

**February 17** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**February 15** 31st Annual Winter Parts Swap Meet, Friendly Ford, Roselle, IL, 7:00 am -2:00 pm. \$5 donation per person.

**February 14-22** 107th Annual Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, \$12 adult, \$6 seniors 62 and older.

**February 22** 24th Annual BOPC swap & corral, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles, IL, 8:00 am -2:00 pm. \$5 donation per person.

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**2015 Membership Rosters will be available at the February club meeting. Please come to the meeting to pick up your Roster!!**

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**MEETINGS**

7:30 pm on the third  
Tuesday of the month at  
the Wheeling Township  
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**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT**

Hello V-8ers,

I wish everybody a very happy Valentine's Day. With January behind us and the first day of spring less than two months away, it will be time to dust off your V-8 before you know it. Hopefully you've been able to squeeze in one or two winter projects to get your car ready.



First, I would like to thank Frank Madrigali for hosting our annual Installation Dinner. We had another great time at the Rockwood Tap House. And, once again, we offer a very special thanks to Ron Vaughan for providing the live entertainment and Alan Wall for a doing great job of taking care of the awards again this year.

Next, during January's meeting we spent some time talking about some of the events we're planning for the year and wrapped up by holding an open Q&A session where participants got the benefit of some great advice on how to keep their V-8's running just right, or how to get them back on the road after 40 years (as is the case with my '47 Woodie)

Lastly, I would like to welcome new members Thomas and Florence Pinn and their '36 Touring Sedan to the club. I hope to see them soon at some of our club events.

We've been busy planning our calendar for 2015 and it looks like we have another fun-filled year ahead of us. Please check out our website at [www.nirgv8.org](http://www.nirgv8.org) for a preview of what's in store. While you're there, check out all of the helpful information Ken and Carolyn Bounds have posted about our Regional Group.

I look forward to seeing you this month. In the meantime, stay warm!

Scott Gilday,  
NIRG President

**Welcome New Members**

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Thomas and Florence Pinn of Lockport. They own a 1936 Ford Deluxe Fordor Touring Sedan along with a 1930 Model A Tudor. They joined the National Club a year ago.

We hope to see Thomas and Florence at upcoming Club meetings and events. Their contact information will be included in the 2015 Roster, available at the February meeting.



## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Save the Date: Saturday, March 7 - Chicago Pioneer Turners Luncheon



Charles R. Kaiser is once again hosting the Chicago Pioneer Turners luncheon Saturday, March 7 at 1:00 pm at Café Prague, 6710 West Belmont Avenue in Chicago.

A sign-up sheet and more information will be available at the February 17 meeting. If you do not plan to attend the meeting, please call Charles at 773-334-6277 by February 17 and let him know if you plan to attend the luncheon.

### More Upcoming Events

- ◆ The ever-popular Night at the Races will be held again this year. On March 27 we will enjoy harness racing under the lights at Maywood Park in Melrose Park. Ron Blum is arranging a great package including admission, parking, and a buffet dinner for only \$20 per person. Full details at the February meeting and in the next Road Chatter.
- ◆ [Registration forms](#) are available on our website or from Ken Bounds for the 41st Annual Spring Fling Memorial Day weekend in Newton, KS. This is a fun event and a nice tour for our vehicles.
- ◆ The weekend of July 30 - August 2 we will be heading to Dayton for our fifth annual Joint Tour with the Northern Ohio Regional Group. Jack & Sharon Bukszar are putting together plans for a fun, relaxing weekend. More information at upcoming meetings - see flyer on Page 10.
- ◆ Motorfest 6, sponsored by the Early Ford V-8 Foundation, will be held in Auburn August 26-29. Please see the [flyer on our website](#) or in the January Road Chatter.

### 2015 Central National Meet



Hosted by the Twin Cities Regional Group July 12-16 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota. Cragun's is again offering a complete package including hotel room along with daily breakfast and dinner. The 5-day, 4-night package will be at the same price as the 2000 meet!

Brainerd is located in central Minnesota, about 125 miles northwest of the Twin Cities, or about 530 miles from Northern Illinois - not quite as far as Branson. On-line registration is available now at [www.efv8cnm2015.org](http://www.efv8cnm2015.org) or see Ken Bounds for forms. We should have a good group attending.

### 2015 Eastern National Meet



Hosted by the Piedmont Regional Group June 8-11 in Concord, North Carolina. Registration forms are available now on our [website](#) and on the [National website](#), or see Ken Bounds for forms.

The concourse will be held in the terrace area outside the Charlotte Motor Speedway, so it should be much cooler than prior events that were held in the Speedway infield. After the concourse, participants will be given the opportunity to drive their Early V-8s on the racetrack.



## 2015 Installation Dinner

### By Ken Bounds

Frank & Phyllis Madrigali hosted our annual Installation Dinner January 10 at Rockwood Tap House in Downers Grove. As guests began arriving in our private room just before 6:00 pm, they were treated to the piano stylings of our own Ron Vaughan. The temperature was not as warm as last year, but this year there was no snow to worry about.

The hospitality hour included Hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. There was plenty of time for conversation by those gathered, including President and First Lady Scott & Nicole Gilday, our hosts Frank & Phyllis Madrigali and guests, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Elaine Braun with brother Stan Gaynor, Joe & Marie Dispensa, John & Robin Emmering, John Judge, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan & Diane Pudelek, Joe & Delice Serritella, John & Este Scheve, John & Barb Slobodnik, Ron & Colleen Steck, Jeff Trilling, Ron Vaughan, Len & Irene Vinyard, and Alan & Lois Wall.



Ron Vaughan tickles the ivories

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal with great service. After dessert, Scott Gilday, returning for a third term as President, led off the program by welcoming everyone and thanking Frank for setting up the event and Ron for keeping us entertained. Scott asked for a round of applause as he thanked the 2014 officers and board for their service. He then introduced the new team for 2015: President Scott Gilday, Vice President Frank Madrigali, Secretary John Emmering, Treasurer Joe Serritella, Membership Chairman Ken Bounds, Health & Welfare Chairman Phyllis Madrigali, Newsletter Editors Ken & Carolyn Bounds, and Board of Directors: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, Gary Osborne, and Stan Stack. Outgoing board member Tom O'Donnell then swore in the new officers and board with the official oath of office, So Help Me Henry.

The program continued with Scott passing out awards for service to the club in 2014. Receiving awards were Scott Gilday - President; Frank Madrigali - Vice-President, 2014 Installation Dinner; Joe Serritella -



The President and First Lady



Tom administers the oath of office

Treasurer; Ken & Carolyn Bounds - Road Chatter Editors, Membership Chairman, Pizza Meeting, Spring Fling, Central National Meet, Lake Geneva Poker Rally, Videos; Ron Steck - Board of Directors, Tour Chairman, Oswego Show, Fall Colors Tour, Eggs & Eights in Batavia and Naperville; Ron Blum - Board of Directors, A Day at the Races, Duals Night; John & Este Scheve - Board of Directors, Tech Talk Coordinator, Christmas Luncheon; Tom O'Donnell - Board of Directors, Valentine's Day Luncheon; Gary Osborne - Board of Directors; John Emmering - Road Chatter articles, Glen Miller Orchestra and Show in Batavia; Don & Elaine Braun - Club Picnic; and Alan Wall - 2013 Service Awards.

Not present to receive their awards were Stan Stack - Secretary; Charles R Kaiser - Turners Luncheon; Joe Novak - Joint Tour with NORG to Auburn; and Earl Heintz - Veterans Day Luncheon.

After a year off, door prizes were back this year! With the assistance of a few able helpers, Scott drew tickets to award at least one door prize to everyone present. The most coveted prizes were vintage Ford prints from our old friend Arlen Olson and a pair of new water pumps from Dennis Carpenter. Thanks to the many members who contributed door prizes.

After a nice evening of food, drink, entertainment, and V-8 fellowship, everyone made their way home to begin planning another year of fun events. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success.



The Northern Illinois Regional Group wishes to acknowledge the generosity of the companies listed below for donating door prizes that contributed to the success of our installation dinner. These companies provide valuable services in keeping our cars on the road and we ask that you patronize them when possible.

**Antique Auto Battery – Two \$35 gift certificates**

**Arlen Olson - Three numbered Early Ford prints**

**Dennis Carpenter Ford Restoration Parts - Pair of '37-'48 water pumps**

**Ecklers (MAC's Antique Auto Parts) - Two \$25 gift certificates**

**EMS Engineering - \$50 gift certificate**

**Stabil – 6 bottles of Stabil plus discount coupons and wax wipes**

**Street Dreams (Ron Long) - Various notecards**

**Tyree Harris Wiring – Four \$25 gift certificates**



## Our 1940 Ford Standard Tudor

By George Zulas

It all started one fall day in 1994 at the Jefferson Wisconsin Swap Meet. My friend Ken and I walked the swap meet in a Saturday. The weather, as I recall, was nice – it wasn't raining or very cold – so it was a good swap meet weather day.

After the swap meet we looked at the cars for sale; nothing of real interest to me. Ken spotted a black '40 Tudor. He was giving the car the once-over, twice checking the bottom of the doors, deck lid area, etc. He was impressed. Ken has worked at dealerships, hot rod shops, and restoration shops, so I value his eye for cars. This got me to start looking too. I liked what I saw.

On the way home we're talking about the '40. So I told Ken I would like to take the car for a drive. I get home and told Dawn about a nice '40 I'd like to buy. Dawn says "You have a '40 in the garage all apart. Fix it up." But Dawn, you don't understand. She says "Yes I do."

During the next week, Ken calls and they're talking about the car. Ken says "If George doesn't buy it, I will." That statement was all the help I needed. Dawn says "Go call that guy and take a test drive."

I called the owner in Wisconsin and talked to him about the car. I told him I'm very interested in the '40. One weekend leads to another and no test drive. Finally I call him mid-week and ask if I can see the car next weekend. He says "Sure." I call on a Friday to set up a time. I ask if 2:00 or 3:00 pm is OK on Saturday. He tells me someone is looking at the car around 1:00 pm. Man – panic time! I call Ken. Can we get to Jefferson around 10:00 am? I call the owner back and ask if we can see the car at 10:00 am and he says "Sure."

We race up to Jefferson to check out the car and test drive it. I gave him a deposit. We get to his driveway and he tells us to flip the switch – it's for the electric fuel pump. No problem – my old '50 Ford had an electric fuel pump with no problems at all. He has a real long driveway. Don't worry; we can make it to the garage without running out of gas.

We listen to the motor. No knocks or strange noises at all. Gauges all work; some smoke out the tailpipe (normal I guess). After we get the car home and drive it around, it used some oil. No big thing.

Our first big trip with the '40 was to Indiana for the covered bridge festival. We get on the highway and stop to get gas. Well, let's check the oil. Nothing shows up on the dipstick. I go in and get a quart of 30-weight oil. Pour it in. Nothing on the dipstick. I get another quart. Still nothing on the dipstick. I put in a total of three quarts. Looks like a problem to me. So I buy two extra quarts for the road – this should be good enough.

Well, we're driving along and guess what? We have to make a pit stop for you-know-who! So I check the oil – nothing on the dipstick. This goes on for the whole trip. We finally make it home to Westmont after putting in 42 quarts of oil. Yes, you read that correct. Forty-two quarts of oil.

Remember the prior owner saying to flip that switch to turn off the electric fuel pump at the beginning of



The '40 at a show in Oak Park in 2008

his long drive? That caused the cylinders to be washed down with fuel. While looking at the engine I noticed that the fuel line went right to the carb and not to the stock fuel pump. I corrected this but it was too late for the engine. The electric fuel pump had too much pressure and overcame the pressure on the float seat. I started to use 60-weight racing oil and a couple cans of STP – this helped some.

We started to drive the car to local car shows, then not at all because of the exhaust pipe smoke. Also, the hot air heat exchanger rusted through; this was bearable for local shows or short trips - with the cowl vent open we could breathe. The last straw was taking the car to Lloyd Duzell's funeral. We were nearly gassed out on this trip. Westmont to Arlington Heights and back was the last trip we made. This car needs a new engine.

My son George and I worked on another engine I had in the garage, a 59A. This engine sat for about 10-12 years uncovered, so George took it apart and washed everything in the parts washer. We had machine work done at Built-Right by Bill. I dug out old aluminum heads I had for years and had to have some welding done in the combustion chambers.

Now our Central National Meet is getting close and Dawn says, with a tear in her eye, I want to go in the '40, not our new car. Two weeks before the meet the old motor is out and the new motor is getting buttoned up.

Dawn kept looking at our progress. It's not going to be done in time is it? I'll get it done. "Yeah, right" she says.

Everything got done one week before the meet. I've got a stockpile of old parts from years of swap meets. I got the old 97 carburetor out of the Sears Allstate box (rebuilt by Sears). Same thing for the two-bolt distributor; filed the points, new condenser, and put on a crab distributor cap. I got to use other stuff after maybe 40 years of owning it.

Let's fire it up! We get gas, hook up water, get a battery, put on tube headers with extensions. She fires right up. We rev the Hell out of it – also has a Weber cam. So sweet. Who comes up the drive? One of Roselle's finest. We shut it down. He looks at the '40, no motor, and says "You have to test the motor before you put it in the car." Thank you – another gearhead. He says, "Oh, by the way we had a noise complaint from a neighbor; this isn't that loud" and walks away.

Everything was done one week before the Meet. Motor in, exhaust done, brakes adjusted, clutch adjusted. We start to drive



At Lloyd Duzell's Funeral in 2014



Son Tom at the wheel at the Central National Meet  
Photo by 2014 CNM Photographers O'Donnell & Trilling

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## JANUARY 20 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by John Emmering

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm. Scott introduced Terry Freihage's daughter Michelle, who planned to address the membership later in the meeting about possibilities of a car show in Palatine.

With Membership Chairman and Midwest Director Ken Bounds away on a Caribbean vacation Scott announced the membership and national club reports would be deferred until Ken returns next month. Scott did mention that the National Board meeting would be held in February.

Treasurer Joe Serritella was once again in Arizona on a winter retreat, so in his absence Scott gave the Treasurer's report, announcing income for December 2014 of \$8,535.12, expenses of \$2,745.75 and an ending balance of \$18,269.

Health & Welfare Chairman Phyllis Madrigali reported that she had not received any calls from members with concerns and asked if the membership had any knowledge of situations they could share with the group. Dan Pudelek reminded those assembled of the injury that Judy Buscaglia suffered December 7 at the Annual Christmas Luncheon when she fell and broke her ankle in three places. Dan added that the doctors are exploring treatment options to help her get back on her feet.

President Gilday presented Charlie Kaiser with a service award for sponsoring his annual Pioneer Turners Luncheon last March. Charlie used the opportunity to announce that the event will be held again this year at 1:00 pm on Saturday March 7, at the Café Prague, 6710 W. Belmont Chicago. Look for more information on the event in the Road Chatter.

Scott Gilday then brought up the subject of tours and activities noting that the club still is in need of someone to serve as tour director. Scott reviewed some of last years' activities giving John Scheve the floor for a short report on the success of the December 2014 Christmas Luncheon. Frank Madrigali then gave a very positive report on the event he and Phyllis sponsored, the Annual Installation Dinner held on January 10. Scott mentioned this year's plans for a Pizza meeting April 21, an Eggs & Eights breakfast in April and proposed a safety check event at Roundhead's in Lombard in the spring. The idea of a Valentine's Theater or lunch event was also proposed.

Scott interrupted his report and gave the floor to Michelle Freihage to present the proposed idea of the NIRG participating in a car show hosted by the Palatine Jaycees at their 58th Annual Home Town Fest on July 5, 2015. There was group discussion of the proposal and some misgivings about displaying our V-8's at a carnival setting where alcoholic beverages would be served and there would be a possibility of unsupervised children. Michelle appreciated the concerns and suggested the car show could be held in conjunction with Palatine's "Art Around the Square" event on the weekend of Sept. 12-13, 2015. John Slobodnik suggested that Michelle return next month with more details.

Joe Dispensa took the floor to explain developments in his planned Veterans' Car Show scheduled for Sunday August 23, 2015 on LaSalle St. in Aurora. Joe explained that the event would partner with the Aurora Chapter of the American Legion and all proceeds would be administered by the American Legion Chapter to meet needs of area veterans through special assistance aimed at their individual challenges. Joe added that the USO would be conducting a 50-50 raffle to support that non-profit group, which provides entertainment and services to military personnel. Joe said that participants in his Veteran's Car Show could take part in offering short rides to veterans in their collector cars or show them in the regular display. Joe added that antique military vehicles were wanted and that the event would feature a helicopter and also have a Veteran's Motorcycle Club participating.





## JANUARY 20 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Joe further explained that on Saturday, September 12, 2015 he will be sponsoring a tour to Hines Hospital to display our vehicles to the disabled veterans and patients. Joe said that a maximum of 23 cars could participate due to space limitations at the facility. Joe passed around sign-up sheets for his events and explained that although he will be gone until April the sign-up sheets will continue to circulate at meetings.

Some future events were announced by Tom O'Donnell as he took the floor. Tom explained the details of the joint tour with the Northern Ohio group scheduled for July 30 - August 2, 2015. Departing from Lincoln Oasis 9:00 am Thursday July 30 and returning from Ohio after breakfast Sunday, August 2. There will be a more detailed announcement to come in the Road Chatter. Tom also encouraged the membership to participate in Motorfest 6 in Auburn, Indiana hosted by the Early Ford V-8 Foundation & Museum, August 26-29. The Motorfest will include tours to Ft. Wayne, a Historical Railroad Society excursion, a side trip to the Air Zoo Museum in Kalamazoo, a banquet, and a car show around the Auburn town square. See [www.fordv8foundation.org](http://www.fordv8foundation.org) for all details.

Scott and Tom further discussed the Central National Meet in Brainerd, MN. Several members indicated a desire to attend the Central National Meet. Tom O'Donnell said the NIRG participants will leave Saturday July 11, stop overnight and arrive around noon Sunday July 12. Departure will be Thursday July 16 after the luncheon with an overnight stay in Wisconsin and arrival back home Friday July 17th.

After a short coffee and cookie break Scott Gilday led a question and answer session opening the floor to a discussion of various aspects of V-8 restoration and repair. After the technical discussion tickets were drawn for the 50-50 and Tom O'Donnell received a windfall of \$14.00 as winner of the raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 by President Scott Gilday.

Attendance: Our Prez for 2015 Scott Gilday, Joe Dispensa, Sam Dix, John Emmering, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Paul Linzer, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Neil McManus, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, John Slobodnik, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, and George & Dawn Zulas.

### Our 1940 Ford Standard Tudor

By George Zulas

(Continued)

the car to put on some miles – the engine runs real good. Dawn says “Don't we need more miles on the engine?” Naw, our Chevy truck had 15 miles on it when new and it's OK.



We pack up the '40 with our son Tom. John Judge meets us at our house and we take off for Springfield. Out trip was uneventful, except for heavy rain going and coming home. The motor ran great. My son George assembled the engine – he did a good job.

After all the work, the '40 is a nice car to drive. I should have done this years ago. But, you know what they say, there is always tomorrow. The only problem we had was a door latch spring broke. This allows the passenger door to not say shut unless it is in the locked position.

Dawn and I are looking forward to the Eastern National Meet. I have to say, Dawn has patience with me. Sometimes a person needs a little prodding to get into action.



**Fifth Annual Joint Tour**  
**Northern Illinois Regional Group**  
**Northern Ohio Regional Group**  
**Dayton, Ohio**  
**July 30 – August 2, 2015**



Tentative Schedule

**Thursday, July 30**

Meet at Lincoln Oasis; depart at 9:00 am. Drive 290 miles to Dayton via I-80/94, I-65, I-70, and I-75. Lunch stop and fuel halfway - near Indianapolis. Arrive Dayton by 4:00 pm. Check in to hotel and meet the group from Ohio. Dinner plans open.

**Hotel** Doubletree Suites, Miamisburg, OH - Room Rate of \$94 per night includes full breakfast

**Friday, July 31**

Morning: Tour [Carillon Historic Park](#) • Dayton History • Original Wright Flyer • National Cash Register history • Charles Kettering history  
 Afternoon: Visit America's Packard Museum in a restored Packard Dealership  
 Evening: Dinner

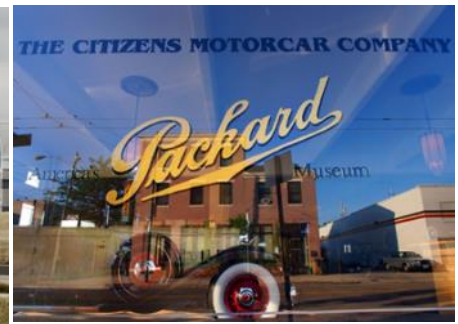
**Saturday, August 1**

All Day: Tour the [National Museum of the U.S. Air Force](#) • see the exhibit of U.S. Presidential airplanes  
 Evening: Dinner, presentations

**Sunday, August 2**

Breakfast, say goodbyes, and return home

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### 10 Years Ago This Month – February 2005

At the February 15 monthly meeting, George Cech announced that 25-year NIRG member Don Schuh had passed away that morning. We also learned that Chuck Davis had passed away in January. The club had two tours to Mr. Davis' terrific collection on Washington Island in Door County. A lot of interest was shown in attending the Eastern National Meet in Hiawassee, Georgia, in June.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – February 1995

The February Road Chatter included an announcement of the passing of Dorothy Bischoff. The Road Chatter also included an autobiography that Norm Miller submitted about the first 21 years of his life. At the February 21 monthly meeting there was discussion of the need to either raise funds or increase dues to cover costs and the latest postage increase. There was also much discussion about plans to travel to the Central National Meet in Nashville in July.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – February 1985

The February Road Chatter included an article submitted by Howie Bischoff about some 1932 Fords which had been used in Nepal and had been imported into the U.S. (Note – Alan Wall still owns one of those '32s today). Visitors to the February 12 monthly meeting included Bob & Ginny Magnusson. At the meeting it was announced that it was official – the NIRG would be hosting the 1986 Central National Meet!

### 40 Years Ago This Month – February 1975

At least 24 members armed with little more than a warm companion and some variety of anti-freeze challenged the cold weather on a sleigh ride February 8 at Prince Crossing Stables, organized by Sam Iusi. At the February 11 monthly meeting, Howie Bischoff suggested that members should wear name tags at club functions and volunteered to make up a sample.

### Flathead Flashback

Just a random photo from a garage tour nearly 23 years ago. Do you recognize everyone? Amazing how none of them has aged.





## V-8 Gals

It's February and with Valentine's Day only a few days away, love is in the air. Remember back to when you were younger and you would get those Conversation Hearts, "Be Mine", "Hug Me" and the like. Those sayings didn't mean so much back then. Wouldn't it be great to have more relevant sayings? The great people at Good Housekeeping did just that. Here's their list of top 10 things they wished the Conversation Hearts said. I could come up with a few more, but this is a great start.

### 10 Things We Wish Conversation Hearts Said

1. Sleep in Today
2. I put Gas in your Car
3. You Take the Remote
4. I Don't Love the Dog More. Promise.
5. You're OK.
6. Let's Cozy Up with Gone with the Wind
7. The Kids are at Grandma's
8. I Separated the Whites and Colors
9. The Dishes are Done
10. I Went to Starbucks



### Valentine's Popcorn (White Chocolate Popcorn)

- 12 ounces white chocolate
- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- candy sprinkles
- (optional) conversation hearts



Heat chocolate in the microwave or a double boiler until melted.

Place the popcorn in a large bowl, and pour the melted chocolate over it. Then use a spoon to toss the popcorn gently until it is evenly coated with the chocolate. Spread the popcorn out evenly on a baking sheet covered with parchment, wax paper, or aluminum foil. Sprinkle evenly with the salt, then sprinkle with as many sprinkles and conversation hearts as you would like.

Let cool for 10 minutes or until the chocolate has hardened. Break up into small pieces then serve or store in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

<http://www.gimmesomeoven.com/valentines-popcorn-white-chocolate-popcorn/>

**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
<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 21 Member Meeting 30-31 Joint Tour to Day- ton, OH with NORG	<b>August</b> 1-2 Joint Tour to Day- ton, 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**

**ED KARCH (2/2), NELL KOZMIC (2/8), DENNIS ROBERTS (2/10),  
 PAULA BAUGHN (2/11), PAT STACEY (2/12), LEN VINYARD (2/14),  
 DON HENLEY (2/19), FRANK MADRIGALI (2/21),  
 VICKIE HENLEY (2/22), PAUL JENSEN (2/26), BOB PALADINO (2/26),  
 & CHERYL KOZMIC (2/28)**

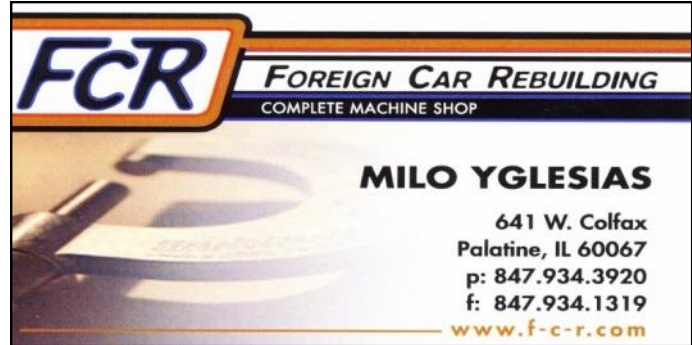
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

**ED & GAIL KARCH (2/1), STAN & JO ANNE STACK (2/14)  
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Your contributions to **your** newsletter, the *Road Chatter*. We thank George Zulas for sending in the article about his '40 Tudor. We are off to a great start in 2015 with two articles about members' '40s, but we need another article for March!

We also would greatly appreciate your contributions for the Tech Corner and V-8 Gals pages, plus any other feature article that your fellow members would enjoy. We take copyrights seriously, so original material, please.



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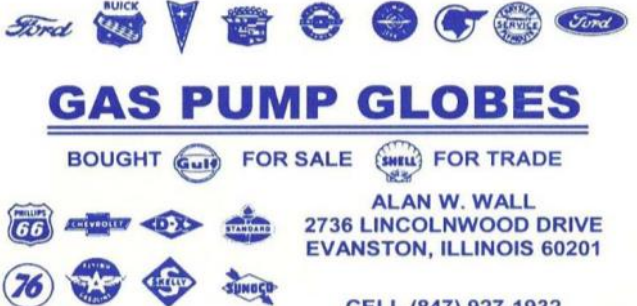


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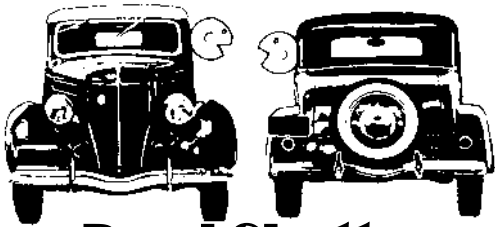


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