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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

December 11 Christmas Brunch. See page 3.

January 2 Deadline to RSVP for Installation Dinner. See enclosed flyer.

January 14 Installation Dinner. See Page 3 for details.

No regular meetings in December



*Happy
Holidays*



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A reminder that 2017 dues are due. If you have not already renewed, please submit your renewal form and payment to the Membership Chairman by the end of the year so you don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter and to ensure that your information is published in the 2017 roster. A reminder appears to the left of your name on the back cover if we have not received your renewal.



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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

Welcome to December. I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I wish you all a very happy holiday season and health and happiness in the new year.



I would like to start by saying that after serving as President for four years, I will be stepping down. It has been a tremendous experience leading this great club and fantastic bunch of people, but I figured it was time we let someone else take the helm. We will be in great hands with our new President-elect John Emmering, who has been on the board and has served as Secretary. He has been very active in the club, leading tours and providing many Road Chatter articles. I will continue to be actively involved serving next year as a board member.

Next, I would like to introduce our newly elected 2017 officers. In addition to our new President John Emmering, Gary Osborne will be our new Secretary, Joe Serritella will continue on as Treasurer, and the following people will serve on the board: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Ron Steck, Tom O'Donnell and myself. In addition to this, I would like to thank outgoing board member George Zulas for his service to the club – we greatly appreciate everything he did and hope he can serve again. I thank all of our members who participated in the nomination and election process and I look forward to next year.

In regard to last month's activities, I would like to thank Earl and Gene Heintz for hosting another successful Veterans Day Luncheon. We had a great turnout to honor the club's veterans. Also, those of you who attended our November monthly meeting got a chance to see a slide show of the Bakersfield, California national meet that Ken and Carolyn Bounds were involved with. And, if you took a close look at any of the meet merchandise or signage, you might have noticed a familiar Mayfair Maroon 1941 convertible, as my car made an appearance in the meet logo. On a related note, be sure to ask Ken about another car that's been seen on TV a bit lately. Lastly, our closing activity for 2016 will be our Christmas Brunch on December 11th hosted by Frank and Phyllis Madrigali at the Cantigny Golf Course in Wheaton. We hope you can make it!

Thanks to the help of our board members, officers, and members, 2016 was once again a great year filled with a number of fun activities. We had many chances to get our V-8s out and enjoy some great tours and nice company. We look forward to another great slate of activities next year starting with our Annual Installation Dinner on January 14th. And, as always, we welcome members to step-up and help plan and run additional activities.

Happy Holidays!!

Scott Gilday,
NIRG President

MEETINGS

7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Wheeling Township Service Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL

NEWSLETTER

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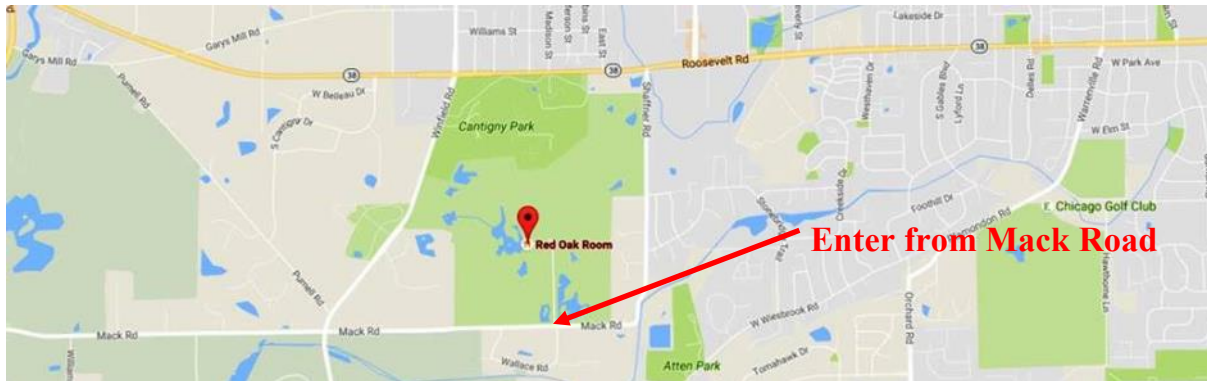
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UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Annual Christmas Brunch – Sunday, December 11

What: Annual Christmas Brunch
When: Sunday, December 11, 10:00 am
Where: Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf Course

Frank & Phyllis Madrigali are hosting our annual Christmas Brunch Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 am at the Catigny Golf Course Red Oak Room at 27W270 Mack Road in Wheaton. The cost is \$16 per person. If you did not sign up at the monthly meeting and you plan to attend, please contact Frank at 708-344-8063.



2017 Installation Dinner January 14, 2017



Place: Carriage Greens Golf Course
Darien, IL

Time: Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM

Cost: \$35.00 per person includes dinner, 1 hour open bar and gratuity.



Come and spend a fun evening with your V-8 Club friends.

- ◆ **Swearing In of NIRG Officers for 2017!**
- ◆ **Recognition of Service to the NIRG!**
- ◆ **Door Prizes!**

**See inserted flyer for dinner selections and more information.
 RSVP with dinner choice and payment to Joe Novak by January 2.**

Eleventh Annual V-8s and Veterans Luncheon By John Emmering

The tradition of honoring our members who served in the Armed Forces continued Saturday November 12th as 24 NIRG members and friends gathered for the Eleventh Annual V-8s and Veterans Luncheon, held at Sam's of Arlington. Participants appreciated Earl Heintz's efforts at planning and organizing the event. As the group awaited their meals John Emmering gave a greeting and read a portion of President Eisenhower's proclamation of the first Veterans Day November 11, 1954, after it had been changed from Armistice Day. A big hand was given to our member veterans in attendance.

With the mild autumn weather experienced on that sunny Saturday, four members were able to drive a Ford V-8 or other antique car. Most notable was the first appearance at a club event of Michael Mohawk's 1950 Ford Custom Tudor which was parked out with Tom Buscaglia's 1951 Ford Custom Tudor, Ron Dopke's 1954 Packard Cavalier 4-door, and John Emmering's 1951 Ford Custom Fordor.

Everyone enjoyed a great lunch and had a wonderful opportunity to visit and discuss some of their early V-8 automotive projects. Those who participated were Ron & Arlene Blum, Tom Buscaglia, Norm Collins & granddaughter Corrine, Ron Dopke & friend Bernice, John & Robin Emmering, Earl Heintz, John Judge, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Michael & Grace Mohawk, Tom O'Donnell, Russ & Janice Shmerl, Stan & JoAnne Stack, Len & Irene Vinyard, and George & Dawn Zulas.



Debut of Michael Mohawk's 1950 Ford at a club event

Congratulations to the Newly Elected NIRG Officers for 2017

President John Emmering, Secretary Gary Osborne, Treasurer Joe Serritella
Board of Directors: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Tom O'Donnell,
and Ron Steck.

My First Flathead by Jay Hinshaw

This is the story of my first flathead, the big snowstorm of 1967, and how that snow led to my acquisition, under nefarious circumstances, of a 1950 Ford.

The 23 inch snowstorm of 1967 is, still to this day, the largest snow event in Chicago's weather history. The city was at a stand-still for days. You may recall seeing historic news photos of Lake Shore Drive as a parking lot full of abandoned cars and busses. A few weeks after the storm the city was still clearing snow, and news reports talked about the difficulty the city was having with towing the hundreds of abandoned cars that still remained where they had stalled. Cars were cheap then, the scrap price of a beater was only \$35, and many owners had simply never returned to retrieve cars of little value.

At this time I was a 19 year old kid living at home on the south side of Chicago, a full-time student at the local community college, broke, working Saturdays for gas money. Across the street from the pizza joint where my friends hung out, I noticed what I thought to be one of those abandoned cars in a White Castle parking lot. I checked it out: still half buried in snow was a shoebox Ford, older repaint, rusty rocker panels, and a totally gutted interior with only a wood crate on the floor for a driver to sit on. License plates had been removed, doors unlocked, nothing left behind. An abandoned car for sure, or so I thought at the time.



But this was not just any shoebox Ford. This was a coupe, fairly rare even then. My teenage friends and I were into the usual sixties muscle cars and 57 Chevys, but unlike my friends, I also liked the early Fords, especially the cool-looking coupes. And here was one of those coupes, soon to be towed and probably wind up in a junkyard. What a shame. Some fool had abandoned a coupe. A coupe!

I mentioned my find to my brother-in-law who agreed that it would be a shame, and said he could help me get that car. Bob was in his late twenties, a gear-head with a shady past. He told me he could hot-wire it, and he could get a title so I could get it licensed. (Bob had a side-job wrenching for a fly-by-night used car lot. They had accumulated a desk drawer full of old titles. Back then, junkyards would take cars with or without the title.)

With Bob's encouragement, and with visions of me in that no-cost coupe running through my mind, I went back to the White Castle. I talked to the manager who told me he didn't know who owned the Ford, and if it wasn't removed from his lot soon he was going to have it towed. That's all I needed to hear!

A few days later, on a sunny late-winter afternoon, we went to get that Ford. I put jumper cables on the battery and shoveled snow while Bob hot-wired the coil. It started right up. I was afraid I couldn't drive from the wood crate, so he drove it home. It ran great.

The title Bob got from the car lot drawer was for a 1949; close enough, most cops checking the registration wouldn't know the difference. I spent the next month getting it usable: ignition switch with a key, black vinyl seats from a wrecked Corvair, department store vinyl fabric covering the door cards, brake shoes, touch-up paint over the rust. I never did get a headliner installed; that was (and still is) above my abilities. It was a cobbled together teenager's car, but it looked good to me, and it ran great.

My new Ford was in front of the pizza joint across the street from the White Castle nearly every evening, until one night the real owner appeared with the police. I won't go into all the drama that followed, that would be more of a human interest story than a car story. The owner turned out to be a nice man, refused to press charges in spite of the pressure he got from the police to do so, and sold me the car for \$225, what it was worth before I did all the work on it. So now I owned my car legitimately with a proper title, and for the next couple years I drove that 50 flathead proudly. It was a coupe!

Ford Motor Company Breaks All Records as it Produces its 29 Millionth Automobile, a 1941 Ford Woodie Wagon

By John Emmering

The winds of war blustered across the nation in April 1941. Earlier that month Edsel's sons Henry and Benson had taken leave from Ford Motor Company and been commissioned in the U.S. Navy, to be joined by younger brother William in 1943. Company President Edsel Ford had been fighting a long and bitter struggle with the UAW-CIO labor union which would soon end with the signing of the first contract with the union in June. No doubt the rush to complete the Willow Run aircraft plant and begin the production of B-24 Liberator Bombers also weighed heavily on Edsel's mind.



Driver Barbara Rumney with her passenger, Edsel Ford

A lighter moment however emerged Tuesday, April 29, 1941 as Edsel's driver whisked him from his executive office to the Rouge assembly plant to celebrate the production of yet another millionth milestone car. Although this car would not be heralded at World's Fairs or tour the country as the 27th and 28th Millionth Fords had done there was still plenty of excitement as the 29 Millionth Ford, a 1941 Super Deluxe Station Wagon rolled down the assembly line. In fewer than 38 years of production Ford Motor Company possessed the world's record for the most vehicles built by the same manufacturer.

Edsel sat in the passenger seat as Miss Barbara Rumney, commander of the Red Cross Motor Corps in Detroit, took the wheel and drove the wagon off of the assembly line. In keeping



with the current temperament of the country which was in war preparation mode the 29 Millionth Ford had been set aside for use by the Detroit Chapter of the American Red Cross Volunteer Motor Corps. The Motor Corps was made up almost exclusively of women who during the war years ended up clocking over 61 million miles responding to nine million calls to transport the sick and wounded, deliver supplies, and take volunteers and nurses to and from their posts.

Edsel posed with the Red Cross Motor Corps women in a short ceremony transferring the car to the Red Cross organization's ownership. Mrs. John Ford, the



executive vice-chairman of the Detroit Chapter of the Red Cross brought greetings from Norman H. Davis, Red Cross National Chairman and his thanks to the Ford Motor Company for donating the Station Wagon to the Red Cross Chapter's use. Mrs. Ford also conveyed Mr. Davis's thanks to Edsel Ford for allowing the Motor Corps to utilize the training facilities of the Highland Park plant where the women were trained by Ford Motor Company personnel in practical auto mechanics and vehicle maintenance.

While other million milestone Fords became museum pieces, this station wagon went into full usage by the Detroit Chapter of the Red Cross. Edsel Ford certainly could have anticipated celebrating many more million milestone commemorations in his career. Sadly the 29 Millionth Ford would be his last as the tremendous pressure he faced in his leadership position at Ford led to physical illness resulting in his death two years later.

Henry Ford II had been serving stateside with the U.S. Navy earning the rank of Lieutenant Senior grade. Just as Henry II was about to enter combat sea duty in the Pacific the government felt he could occupy a more vital role returning to Ford Motor Company to fill his father's shoes and discharged him from active duty in 1943.

In retrospect we can see that as the 29 Millionth Ford rolled off the line in April 1941, the Ford Motor Company and Ford family were entering their "finest hour" protecting our freedom as part of both the military and the arsenal of democracy and showing concern for the humanitarian work of the American Red Cross.



Red Cross Motor Corps Women receive training from Ford on the fine points of the Flathead V-8 engine.

NOVEMBER 16 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by John Emmering

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm. There were no guests in attendance; however one of our newer members Michael Mohawk was able to attend for the first time as he was off his normal evening work hours with an injured foot. The meeting moved into our regular monthly reports.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that the membership roll was down to 81 with the passing of Charlie Kaiser, a member for over forty years. Ken also recognized Ron Dopke, who was in attendance as our most senior member with 49 years in the NIRG, having joined five months after the group's formation in 1967. Ken further reported that he had received fifty membership renewals for 2017 so far and encouraged members to keep the renewals coming in.

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS: The report of National News of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America was given by National President Ken Bounds. Ken reflected on his six years of service on the national board of directors and his three terms as national president. Term limits will cause Ken to sit out 2017 as new leaders assume his former roles. Ken announced that Steve Kroeger had been elected as our new Midwest Director, the position for which our own Jeff Trilling had also been a candidate. Ken announced the other new national officers; President Phill Hall, Vice President Michael Driskell, Secretary Bruce Nelson and David Rehor reappointed as Treasurer. John Caldwell was also elected as Southeast Director.

Ken mentioned the 2017 Eastern National Meet in Chantilly Virginia, June 7 - 11, 2017, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Group # 96. Ken revealed that the registration forms were posted on the national club website. Ken also stated that the one other National Meet for 2017 is the Western National Meet in Salem, Oregon September 11 - 14, 2017, sponsored by the Columbia River Regional Group # 10. Finally Ken informed us that the national board has announced that Dearborn Michigan will be the site of the 2018 Grand National Meet. Members gave Ken a round of applause for his six years of leadership service for the national club.

TREASURER'S REPORT: With Treasurer Joe Serritella out of town Ron Blum delivered the treasurer's report. Ron informed the membership that income in the last month consisted of \$795.00 in membership dues, \$55.00 from advertising and \$36.00 from the 50-50 raffle. Expenses entailed \$45.00 for meeting room, \$79.00 for publishing the Road Chatter and a payment to the insurance company of \$100.00 for Directors and Officers liability coverage.

HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT: Somehow we failed to have Phyllis Madrigali give her report. Phyllis had intended to mention that Gene Heintz is suffering, having difficulty sitting and is experiencing knee problems. Earl has rarely left her side throughout her affliction.

PAST EVENTS:

- John Emmering reported on the November 12th V-8s and Veterans Lunch at Sam's of Arlington, where 24 members and friends gathered. He commented that it was good that Earl Heintz was able to make it and that it was an enjoyable occasion. John mentioned that three Ford V-8s were driven to the event, including Michael Mohawk's 1950 Ford Tudor.
- A few members including John Judge, Frank Madrigali, Len Vinyard and Tom Buscaglia attended the Turkey Dinner sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the Model A Restorer's Club. The group unanimously agreed that the food was good and that it was an enjoyable event. According to the participants there were about 20 Model "A" Fords out in the lot and a like number of Thunderbirds.

FUTURE TOURS/EVENTS:

- Once again the announcement went out of the Christmas Brunch planned for 10:00 am, Sunday

NOVEMBER 16 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

December 11 at the Cantigny Golf Club, 27W270 Mack Road, Wheaton. Frank and Phyllis Madrigali set this event up for us. The cost will be \$16.00 per person.

- After some discussion and a vote the members decided to hold the 2017 Installation Banquet at Carriage Greens Golf Club, 8700 Carriage Greens Drive, Darien, IL on Saturday January 14, 2017. Joe Novak will be making arrangements.

ELECTIONS: The floor was open for nominations for our regional club officers. Tom O'Donnell nominated Scott Gilday for another term as president but Scott declined the nomination. Ballots were passed out and when they were tallied the results were:

President: John Emmering Secretary: Gary Osborne Treasurer: Joe Serritella
Board of Directors: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Ron Steck and Tom O'Donnell

The meeting paused for a short break for coffee, cookies and conversation. When the meeting resumed Ken Bounds gave a report on the 2016 Western National Meet held in Bakersfield, California which was run by Ken and the National Board of Directors. Ken had a photo report with scenes of the cars and events. Ken even gave members a chance to purchase shirts, hats and other Western National Meet accessories. With Thanksgiving coming up it was time for the annual Turkey drawing. The winners of Jewel turkeys were Dan Pudelek and Jay Hinshaw. Next came the 50-50 drawing which netted lucky winner George Zulas \$53.00.

Attending the November Meeting were: Richard Anderson, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Allen Bryant, Tom Buscaglia, Sam Dix, Ron Dopke, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, George Kubik, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Pat Maroney, Neil McManus, Michael Mohawk, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Jeff Trilling, and George Zulas.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

In the December Road Chatter ten years ago we were reminiscing about our first year of editing the newsletter. How time flies! Now we have 11 years and 132 issues to remember. And in about 100 of those issues we have asked you, the NIRG members, to help support the Road Chatter with contributions of stories about your cars, input for the Tech Corner, and articles for the V-8 Gals page. We still need them!



We are pleased that we have recently had a steady stream of articles about "My First Car" and we need more. But that does not mean that we no longer want articles about your Early V-8s - we do! We know that there are some nice new additions of Early V-8s in members' garages in the past couple of years and your fellow members would love to hear about them and to see pictures. Please keep them coming.

A quick note about the Eastern National Meet in Chantilly, Virginia, next June 7-11. This is shaping up to be a great meet in a beautiful setting and is not really that far for our group to travel. Registration forms are available on our website and the National website. If you are thinking about going, you really should get registered **now** to assure you will be able to stay at the meet hotel.

Finally, as we close out 2016, we are about to embark on an exciting time: the 50th Anniversary of the NIRG. We look forward to activities focusing on our half-century as a regional group of the Early Ford V-8 Club.

Ken & Carolyn



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November 14, 2016

Summary of the November 12 Meeting of the Board of Directors

National Officers for 2017

The Board has elected the following National officers for 2017: President Phill Hall of California, Vice President Michael Driskell of Tennessee, and Secretary Bruce Nelson of Minnesota. David Rehor will continue to serve as Treasurer, that position being appointed by the President. New National Board members are Steve Kroeger of Iowa and John Caldwell of Georgia, replacing Ken Bounds and Wayne Deitrich, respectively, whose terms have ended.

National Meets

Carolyn and I had a wonderful time at the 2016 Western National Meet in Bakersfield, California. The meet was small for a Western meet, but a lot of fun. There were 172 registrations, 291 attendees, and 102 beautiful Early Ford vehicles shown. The hotel, tours, and meals were all excellent.

As I am sure you know, the Northern Virginia Regional Group is hosting the 2017 Eastern National Meet in Chantilly, Virginia, June 7-11. Seventy-five members have already registered; complete forms are available on the [National website](#).

If you would like to visit the beautiful Northwest, you can make plans now to attend the 2017 Western National Meet in Salem, Oregon, hosted by Columbia River RG#10. Over 65 members have already registered. An early registration form is available now on the [National website](#); the full registration package will be available after the first of the year.

The Board has formally selected Dearborn, Michigan, as the site of the 2018 Grand National Meet.

National Meet Awards

The Board has clarified club policy about Dearborn and Rouge awards. Effective immediately, awards are the property of the vehicle owner. If a new owner of a previous Dearborn or Rouge winning vehicle wants to present that vehicle for judging, he or she must start the process over, as though it had not been previously judged.

In addition, the Board took steps to ensure that winners of Dearborn or Rouge plaques receive their personalized name strips more timely.

National Tours

As of now, no National Tours have been calendared for 2017. If your regional group has any interest in hosting a National Tour, you can find guidelines on the national website, or contact your Director for any information you may need.

Judging Standards Committee

The Judging Standards Committee has voted to remove the mandatory 5-point deduction for an added electric fuel pump, providing the installation is properly and neatly done. This change is effective for National Meets in 2017 and beyond.

Membership Survey

Shortly after January 1, a randomly selected number of Early Ford V-8 Club members will receive a survey about the Club. The purpose of the survey is to help the Board understand what the Club can do to better serve it's members. If you receive one of these surveys, please answer the questions and return it as soon as you can.

2017 Face-to-Face Board Meeting

Next year's face-to-face meeting will be held February 14-15 in Fort Myers, Florida. This meeting is open to all members. Please let me know if you would like to attend the meeting.

Condolences

Shortly after our meeting, we learned of the passing Friday of Associate Editor Dave Cole. Dave's Model 18 Notes and countless other articles graced the pages of the V-8 Times since 1970. He will be greatly missed; our condolences go out to his family.

Officer Updates

As soon as your group has selected officers for 2017, please complete the annual update form and return it to me, but no later than January 31. This information is important to make sure we have correct contact information for your group in the annual roster and on the National website. A fill-in form is available at www.earlyfordv8.org. I am also including the form with this letter. You can fill out the form on your computer, save it, and e-mail it to me. You can also print it out and fill it in if you prefer.

Midwest Director

With the expiration of my two terms on the Board, this will be my last quarterly letter to you. It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to serve you and all members of the Early Ford V-8 Club.

Please share the information in this letter with your membership. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me using the information at the top of this letter.



Ken Bounds
National President/Midwest Director



10 Years Ago This Month – December 2006

The December Road Chatter included a feature article about Joe & Nell Kozmic's 1937 Coupe. Thirty-five NIRG V-8 members, family, and friends enjoyed a holiday luncheon December 10 at the historic Village Tavern of Long Grove, hosted by Ron & Sue Dopke. After the luncheon, Road Chatter Editor Ken Bounds took a picture of Lloyd Duzell's mirror clock that we still use for this column.

20 Years Ago This Month – December 1996

On December 8, Norm & Dolly Collins hosted a Christmas lunch at the Village Tavern of Long Grove. The December Road Chatter contained a message from outgoing President Tom O'Donnell summarizing the club events for 1996 and thanking members for their contributions.

30 Years Ago This Month – December 1986

On December 7, seventeen couples from the NIRG joined four couples from the Badger State group for a tour of the Christmas Tree Story House Museum in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The group left in light rain from the Lake Forest oasis and arrived in light snow in Kenosha, putting everyone in the Christmas spirit. The group enjoyed a tour of the 20-room mansion, had lunch at the Renaissance restaurant, and attended the play *The Gift of the Magi*. At the December 9 monthly meeting, Joe Novak announced the trip around the lake tour to be held in August.

40 Years Ago This Month – December 1976

The December 14 monthly meeting was held at Hewlett-Packard's new building in Rolling Meadows with 32 members in attendance. At the meeting, Len Vinyard promoted the newly-conceived "Installation Dinner" to be held January 22 in Addison. Len reminded everyone "No reservation – no dinner!"

Flathead Flashback

Enjoying the Christmas luncheon at the Village Tavern of Long Grove, ten years ago, December 10, 2006.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

September	October	November	December
8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	1 Iron Invasion, Woodstock 13 Board Meeting 15 Fall Colors Tour, White Pines State Park 18 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 12 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 15 Member Meeting	No Meetings 11 - Christmas Luncheon, Cantigny Park, Wheaton
January	February	March	April
12 Board Meeting 14 Installation Dinner, Carriage Greens, Darien 17 Member Meeting	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
MARY ANDERSON (12/4), LEAH DULING (12/10),
DAN PUDELEK (12/10), GERALD KELLY (12/11), JANIS DIX (12/15),
MARGARET KOEDER (12/25), KEN BOUNDS (12/26), DON BRAUN (12/26),
FLORENCE PINN (12/28), KITTY FREIHAGE (12/29), GAIL KARCH (12/29),
MILLIE OLDS (12/29) & RICH ANDERSON (12/31)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
MICHAEL & GRACE MOHAWK (12/3), KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS (12/6),
BOB & ANGIE PALADINO (12/11), TERRY & KITTY FREIHAGE (12/19),
MARTY & LEAH DULING (12/21), & TOM & MADELEINE O'DONNELL (12/27)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH





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1930 Ford Model A Light Stake Truck, #3+, \$18,500. Contact Paul Levine at 847-962-2431.

New Mallory electronic three bolt distributor, never on car \$200.00. Two rebuilt 97's \$150.00 each. Call Joe Novak at 708-923-9953.

Rebuilt S. C. O. T. Blower, \$11,000.00; 1939 NOS trunk handle \$175.00. 1940 Ford Transmission with original 3 speed Hurst Floor shifter, \$950.00. Contact Frank Koeder, 847-840-7557.

1951 Ford Custom Deluxe Convertible - exceptional frame-off restoration, 3-speed with overdrive, detailed undercarriage, new blue top & pump, plus many new parts. Many trophies. Asking \$37,500. Contact Tom Anzelmo or Nicole at 708-562-5695.

1936 LB Motor; 1933-34 rear axle and housings (nice); Standard 4" stroke crank and Rods & Pistons; #59 Canadian block with 4 1/8 crank & Rods & pistons. Call Paul Jensen, 847-678-0123.

1949 Ford F-1 Panel Truck (right), 1985 Touring class first place winner, maroon. Excellent Driver. Could use some cosmetic restoration or drive as is: \$22,000 or best offer. Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.

1940 Mercury Fordor Sedan (right). Our good friend Gilbert Adams from the Wichita group reports that this is a nice car and that the owner, Tina O'Conner, is asking \$13,000. Wichita group members Ron and Tina purchased it in June 2009 from long-time Kansas City owners George and Betty Pulliam. Ron and Tina enjoyed it by going to Spring Flings and Central Meets. Ron passed away February 22, 2016 at the age of 71 from Parkinson's. Gilbert is helping Tina sell the car; he has more pictures and can provide more information. Contact Gilbert at 316-838-8420 or adamsgl@earthlink.net.

1940 Ford bumper cores, originals with bad chrome, good cores for re-chroming, 1 pair. Free to club members. Contact Jay Hinshaw at 773-791-6494.

1949 to 1950 Ford overdrive transmission \$250 or offer. Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.



Wanted

Gas gauge for 1935 Ford 1/2 ton pickup. Contact Paul Levine at 847-676-1593.

1936 Ford Right Rear Shock. Contact Patrick Maroney at 847-490-3543.

1940 fuel pump stand. Contact George Zulas at 630-460-0095 or 630-582-2056.



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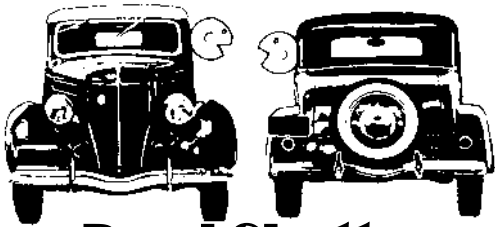
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