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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

December 17 Christmas Luncheon - see details on page 3.

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January 13 Installation Dinner. See Page 3 for details.

No regular meetings in December



**Happy
Holidays**



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A reminder that 2024 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 2024 roster.



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Scott Gilday

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Newsletter

Ken and Carolyn Bounds

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MEETINGS

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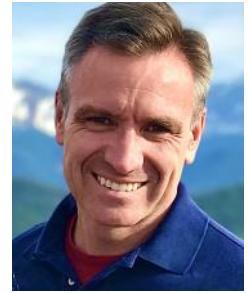
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to December. I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I wish you all a very happy holiday season.



I would like to start by introducing our newly elected 2024 officers. I will continue as President and congratulations go to our officers and board members who will remain in their positions: Vice President Jay Hinshaw, Treasurer Ron Blum, Secretary Gary Osborne, and Board Members Este Scheve and Ken Bounds, who also has agreed to continue his roles as Road Chatter Editor and Membership Chairman. I would also like to welcome newly elected Board Members Rusty Medlin, Tom O'Donnell, and George Zulas, and our new Health and Welfare Chairman, Dawn Zulas. In addition to this, I would like to thank outgoing board members Pat Maroney, Vicki Beck and Ron Steck for their service to the club. I also thank all our members who participated in the nomination and election process, and I look forward to working with our 2024 officers.

Next, I would like to thank Este Scheve and Ken and Carolyn Bounds for helping to make November a great month. Este hosted our annual Veterans Day Lunch at The Patio in Lombard to honor our members who served, and Ken and Carolyn made our monthly meeting special, with Ken's wrap-up Tech Talk on his '50 Ford Convertible's engine compartment and Carolyn's special homemade Fall/Thanksgiving themed cookies. This month, please plan on attending our Christmas Brunch being hosted by Pat and Dee Maroney at Tony Spavone's in Bloomingdale on December 17th. As is our normal tradition, there will be no monthly meeting in December.

Thanks to the help of our board members, officers, and members, 2023 was a great year filled with several great activities. We had many opportunities to get our V-8s out and enjoy fun tours and great company. For next year, our Board and Officers are putting together another great slate of activities, and we look forward to seeing you, starting with our Annual Installation dinner on January 13th at Cooper's Corner in Winfield. And, as always, we welcome members to step-up and help plan and run additional activities.

Happy Holidays!!

Save the Date:

February 11 - Scott and Nicole Gilday have tentatively set this date for a Valentine's Day luncheon at Makray Golf Club in Barrington.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS**Annual Christmas Brunch – Sunday, December 17**

What: Annual Christmas Brunch

When: Sunday, December 17, 1:00 pm

Where: Tony Spavone's Ristorante, Bloomingdale

Pat and Dee Maroney are hosting our annual Christmas Brunch Sunday, December 17 at 1:00 pm at Tony Spavone's Ristorante at 266 West Lake Street in Bloomingdale. We will be ordering off the menu.

Spavone's is on the south side of Lake Street (US-20) one mile west of Bloomingdale Road or 3.5 miles west of the Lake Street exit off I-355.

If you have not signed up and you would like to attend, please contact Pat or Dee at 224-489-3196 by December 10.



2024 Installation Dinner
January 13, 2024



Place: Cooper's Corner
Winfield, Illinois
Time: Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM
Cost: \$40.00 per person includes dinner and gratuity.



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

- ◆ **Social Hour/Dinner**
- ◆ **Swearing In of NIRG Officers for 2024**
- ◆ **Recognition of Service to the NIRG**

**See enclosed flyer for dinner selections and more information.
RSVP with dinner choice and payment to Jay Hinshaw by January 3.**

16th Annual V-8s & Veterans Luncheon By Este Scheve

On November 11, 2023 seventeen members of our club had lunch at the Patio restaurant in Lombard, Illinois. It was to honor and recognize our veterans. We all lunched on delicious BBQ and enjoyed each other's company. Weather outside was a little chilly, but the warmth in the room shined with friendship and camaraderie. Members there included Ron Blum, Ken and Carolyn Bounds, Tom and Judy Buscaglia, Terry and Kitty Freihage, John Judge, Frank Madrigali, Dan Pudelek, John and Este Scheve and George and Dawn Zulas, their son Tom and his friend Denise Brussels. The special surprise guest was John Emmering, who was in town to pick up a bumper for his '49 Ford.



Our Hosts Este & John Scheve



John Emmering & Ron Blum



Judy & Tom Buscaglia



George & Dawn Zulas



Tom Zulas and Denise



Ken & Carolyn Bounds



Terry Freihage, John Judge, and
Frank Madrigali



Kitty Freihage and Dan Pudelek

National V-8 Club Director Election

Ballots for the National Club Director election are arriving in the mail. Please be aware that there were errors on the ballot; they will be replaced with a corrected ballot. Do not send in the ballot that is printed in black ink. The corrected ballot will be printed in blue ink and included with the November-December 2023 V-8 Times.

Chasing Down a Dream

By John Judge

As most everyone knows, I now have a 1947 and a 1948 Lincoln. I had been chasing one since I was around 14 or 15. At night I would go to the big garage behind my house with my bike, clean it up, and talk to the old man night guard/cleanup man. He cleaned the doctors' cars at night, including a '41 Caddy and a '48 Lincoln Convertible. Cleaning the whitewalls required moving the cars three times. He said John "I will teach you how to move the cars." I was sure happy to do it. That is why I have been chasing the car ever since.

Around 4 years ago I saw an ad in one of those car magazines like Auto Trader. It was a '48 Lincoln Convertible and was priced at something that I thought was OK. I called and was told I need to make a deposit. I sent it in and on the weekend my friend Dennis Bohannon and I drove to Rochester, New York to get the car. We saw the car and said where is the rest of the car? The car was a resto – bucket seats, missing outside parts, missing fender skirts. I asked about getting my deposit back as I said the car was not what the pictures showed. NO! I could not get my money back. The car ran beautiful, so we I took the car and we started back to Chicago. Dennis checked it out at the gas station and thought everything was OK and we started back with Dennis at the wheel. In Ohio at about 100 miles per hour the left front tire let go damaging the fender and knocking the left headlight out.

Back in Chicago a friend, Bill Balough, repaired all the damage and made it beautiful. I still needed some parts, so called around and was told about a guy in California named Mr. Lincoln. When I called him about the missing parts he said they would be costly. But he had a complete car, a '47 Lincoln Coupe that was his car. He told me he was 82 and not able to fix the car. He sent me many pictures of the car, we agreed on a price, and I had it shipped.

The car came and was too good to mess with, even though it needed an engine and transmission. I got the engine from Phoenix through Randy Yockey and a rebuilt automatic transmission from Atomic Transmission. Had a friend install both, but then he moved out of state.

Next, I went to Studio Hot Rods in Solon Mills. They worked on it; or tried to. I had to bring it back four times. Finally I went to Midwest Street Rods in Plainfield and they fixed everything that other guys messed up.

Bottom line: Never buy a car out of a book. See it first.

P.S. It took only 68 years to get it. Not bad. Still have a '48 Convertible for sale.



John's Lincoln at Friendly Ford Show - 2023



John's Lincoln at Cantigny Car Show - 2022

NOVEMBER 7 MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by Gary Osborne**

President Scott Gilday began the meeting at 7:35 PM by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming out to the meeting. He announced that this was the meeting that concludes the nominations for officers and directors of our club for the next year. The nominations were opened, closed, and then voted on by the attending members. This is who will be officers and directors for 2024:

President – Scott Gilday, Vice President – Jay Hinshaw, Treasurer – Ron Blum, Secretary – Gary Osborne, Health and Welfare Chair – Dawn Zulas. The Directors: Ken Bounds, Este Scheve, Tom O'Donnell, Russell Medlin, and George Zulas.



We thank everyone who stepped up to fill these much-needed positions.

Scott also reminded everyone that there is no December Members Meeting.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that we still have 64 members. He has received 39 renewals as of the meeting. If you have not yet renewed, please send your renewal form and payment to Ken.

National Club Report

Ken Bounds reported that the two National meets being held next year are coming along fine. There was also a National Club Board meeting on November 4. They are in the process of electing new officers for next year. The ballots for Directors should be in the mail soon. He noted that the Rasmussens are getting ready to retire from the Accessories Sales and will need someone to step up to fill that role. The Club is also looking to fill the position of Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum reported the following for October: revenue of \$576 from dues and the 50/50 raffle, expenses of \$24 for the Road Chatter.

Health and Welfare Report

We would ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Tom O'Donnell, Irene Vinyard, Vickie Beck, Ron Dopke, Joe Kozmic, Larry Webb. Each of them is going through a health issue and we ask that if you felt led to, maybe send a card. There are others, I'm sure, that also have health concerns. If you would like the club members to know about it then you can call Dawn Zulas. She has stepped up to be our new Health and Welfare Chairwoman. We are very grateful because this position is one that helps all of us stay connected together.

Past Events

Ron Blum reported on the Fall Colors Tour held on October 21. It was a beautiful fall day with lots of sunshine. We also walked through a couple of preserves, and then had lunch at Woodfire Tavern in Long Grove. Everyone had a great time.

Future Events

- December 17 – Christmas Brunch at Tony Spavone's Ristorante in Bloomingdale.
- January 13 – Installation Dinner at Cooper's Corner in Winfield.

NOVEMBER 7 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**Submitted by Gary Osborne**

- February 11 – Valentines Brunch at Makray Golf Club in Barrington.

Additional Items

We took a short break where we enjoyed the fabulous cookies made by Carolyn Bounds. Then it was time for our tech talk where Ken Bounds shared a second part of his adventures of the engine compartment restoration on his 1950 Convertible. This segment dealt with use of some of his old tools and several new tools that he used during the process. He also explained how he was able to restore the cad plating on some of the hardware that he reused. It was a very informative Tech Talk.

Then it was time for the 50/50 Raffle, which Pat Maroney came away from \$18 richer.

This was also the time we have our annual Turkey Raffle. This is where three lucky winners receive \$25 cash to purchase a turkey for Thanksgiving. The three winners were: Joe Novak, Terry Freihage, and Dawn Zulas. Congratulations to all!

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Terry Freihage, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Russell Medlin, Bob Miller, Joe Novak, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, George Zulas, and Dawn Zulas.

FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

Thanksgiving is just behind us, and as we write this we are thankful for another year of fun events with our regional group plus a great Grand National Meet in Dearborn. We want to say thanks to our contributors for this issue, especially to John Judge for his interesting write-up about his two Lincoln acquisitions and to Este Scheve for hosting and her report on the Veteran's Day luncheon.



We are planning to get this issue out just a little early as we leave December 1 for our annual anniversary trip to Maui. We are so fortunate to be able to make these trips (our 25th!) but this one will be unlike any of the previous 24. The devastating fires in August literally destroyed the ancient town of Lahaina - the original Hawaiian capital. The resort where we have our timeshare is a short 3 miles north of the burn zone and escaped the fires, but things may not be back to normal for years.

We have always spent many hours in Lahaina being tourists. We totally enjoyed driving the narrow streets and shopping at local businesses including art galleries and t-shirt shops. Some of our favorite restaurants were in Lahaina but they are now gone. None more important to us than Lahaina Grill where we have had our anniversary dinner for many years. This year was to be special - our 20th anniversary! We have substituted another restaurant with special memories.

The good news is that we have been in touch with several local people we have met over the years and all are OK, although some have lost their homes. As sad as it will be to see what remains of our "happy place" we are excited about the trip. We hope to find some opportunities to volunteer and to meet some old friends and acquaintances. We hope to share more in January.

Ken & Carolyn



TECH CORNER



Columbia Overdrive

The Columbia Overdrive is still a sought-after accessory to this day for 1930s - 1940s Early V-8s. It is hard to believe that it is now 75 years since this popular item was installed in new Fords and Mercurys. We thought it was a good time to ask "What the heck is a Columbia Overdrive?"

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



"Driveaways" were a popular practice in the '30s and '40s where buyers of a new car would go to the factory, pick their new car up, and drive it home. Since Columbia axles were not installed in Fords or Mercurys at the factory, Ford and the Columbia Axle Company set up an installation

service at Casey's Woodward Hancock Service at 4766 Woodward Avenue in Detroit to install the axles. The cars were then sent back to the Rotunda for delivery.

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It also reduces the speed of all driving parts, from

fan to rear axle. It enables you to let your engine LOAF without reducing road-speed. This means even greater ECONOMY, smoothness, and quietness. It also means you can get 40 per cent MORE miles with the SAME number of engine revolutions.

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

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



TECH CORNER



The Columbia Today: A properly functioning Columbia is one of the most valuable accessories for an Early V-8 that is driven on today's smooth and more-or-less level roads. The biggest problem is gathering all the parts necessary for a complete and accurate installation. The sticker price can be a surprise. The list price for a Columbia in 1937 was \$62.40 plus a \$10 installation charge (for the 4-5 hour installation!). Contrast that with the price of \$4,850 for a completely rebuilt, concours ready Columbia for a 1940 about 10 years ago.

Fortunately, there are still folks out there who service, restore, and sell parts for this popular accessory. One of the premier sources for everything Columbia is V-8 Club member and former National Director John Connelly of Cottonwood, Arizona. John's website is www.columbiatwospeedparts.com.

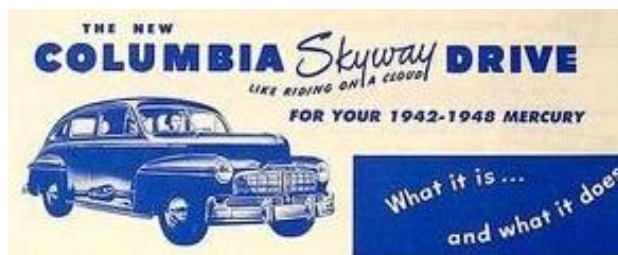


Photo courtesy of Michael Kubarth

The Columbia in Song:

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

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



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

Congratulations to the newly elected NIRG Officers for 2024

President:	Scott Gilday
Secretary:	Gary Osborne
Treasurer:	Ron Blum
Board of Directors:	Ken Bounds, Rusty Medlin, Tom O'Donnell, Este Scheve, and George Zulas



V-8 Gals

All I Need To Know I Learned From Santa

1. Encourage people to believe in you.
2. Always remember who's naughty and who's nice.
3. Don't pout.
4. It's as much fun to give as it is to receive.
5. Some days it's ok to feel a little chubby.
6. Make your presents known.
7. Always ask for a little bit more than what you really want.
8. Bright red can make anyone look good.
9. Wear a wide belt and no-one will notice how many pounds you've gained.
10. If you only show up once a year, everyone will think you're very important.
11. Whenever you're at a loss for words, say "HO, HO, HO!"



EGGNOG Cookies

2 1/2 cups all purpose flour	3/4 cup butter; salted; softened
1 teaspoon baking powder	1/2 cup eggnog
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon	1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg	2 large egg yolks
1 1/4 cup sugar	1 tablespoon ground nutmeg, for sprinkling

Preheat oven to 300F. In a medium bowl combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg. Mix well with a wire whisk and set aside. In a large bowl cream sugar and butter with an electric mixer to form a grainy paste. Add eggnog, vanilla and egg yolks and beat at medium speed until smooth. Add the flour mixture and beat at low speed just until combined. Do not overmix. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets, 1 inch apart. Sprinkle lightly with nutmeg. Bake for 23-25 minutes or until bottoms turn light brown. Transfer to cool, flat surface immediately with spatula.

2024 Central National Meet ▪ Auburn Indiana



June 17-21, 2024

Early registration is open! Hotel information is now available and will be provided with paid registrations. The full registration package will be out very soon!

Visit the meet website at 2024cnm.com for registration forms and much more information. You can also contact meet registration chair Carolyn Bounds at registration@2024cnm.com or 630-858-9474.

Most meet activities will be held at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. Come see the newly opened Jerry Windle events center.

2024 Eastern National Meet ▪ Clayton, New York



September 15-20, 2024

Early registration is open! Hotel information is now available and will be provided with paid registrations.

Visit the meet website at <https://efordv8-59.org/> for registration forms and much more information. You can also contact meet registration chair Carolyn Bounds at registration@2024enm.com or 630-858-9474.

This meet will be held in the stunning 1000 Islands area of Upstate New York. This will be a very special experience.



Did you know?

There has been at least one national meet every year since the first one in 1965, with the exception of the Covid years of 2021-21? There have been a total of 128 national meets!



10 Years Ago This Month – December 2013

On December 8, 2013, thirty-one members and friends attended the Christmas Luncheon at Suparossa in Woodridge hosted by Este and John Scheve. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon with talk and camaraderie. A few women brought grab bag gifts and all seemed pleased with their gifts.

20 Years Ago This Month – December 2003

Dan & Diane Pudelek hosted the Christmas Brunch December 14 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Center. Dan mentioned that Ken & Carolyn Bounds were absent from the brunch due to being on their honeymoon in Hawaii after their December 6 wedding. Dan said that the quality and quantity of the food were outstanding for the price.

30 Years Ago This Month – December 1993

A large group attended the 4th Annual Christmas Brunch, hosted by Norm & Dolly Collins December 12 at the Hobson House in Long Grove, followed by Christmas shopping at the beautifully decorated shops and a little time spent watching the Bears game at the nearby watering hole. We learned that the Hobson House would be closing soon, so we need to find a new location for the brunch.

40 Years Ago This Month – December 1983

At the December 13 monthly meeting, Frank Guzzo did a demonstration of applying Ford script "bugs" to glass. Bill Simms, George Anderton, and Tom O'Donnell were lucky winners of "Christmas Spirits." The December Road Chatter contained an article by Tom O'Donnell describing the day he and son Steve spent downtown Chicago when his Mercury was used in the Jane Fonda made-for-TV movie *The Dollmakers*. Tom said the trouble was not worth the \$125 he was paid.

50 Years Ago This Month – December 1973

President Len O'Connor's message in the December newsletter boasted that the Club had completed its best year to date. He thanked various members for their tech talks and other contributions and singled out Ron Dopke for exceptional contributions to the Club. Len said that attendance at meetings was running at about 40% of membership. 47 members, spouses, and guests attended the December 8 Christmas Party at Skonsen Smörgasbord. There were door prizes and the showing of a documentary film about John Dillinger followed by the Buster Keaton classic *Cops*.

Flathead Flashback

Carolyn and Ken, 20 years ago, December 6, 2003.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

September 14 Board Meeting 17 Cantigny Car Show, Wheaton 19 Member Meeting 22-24 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	October 12 Board Meeting 14 Fall Colors Tour 17 Member Meeting	November 7 Member Meeting Note Special Date 9 Board Meeting 11 Veterans Day Lunch, The Patio, Lombard	December No Meetings 17 Christmas Luncheon, Tony Spavone's, Bloomingdale
January 11 Board Meeting 13 Installation Dinner, Cooper's Corner, Winfield 16 Member Meeting	February 8 Board Meeting 11 Valentine's Luncheon, Barrington 20 Member Meeting	March 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	April 11 Board Meeting 18 Pizza Meeting (Tentative)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
MARY ANDERSON (12/4), DAN PUDELEK (12/10), JANIS DIX (12/15),
MARGARET KOEDER (12/25), KEN BOUNDS (12/26),
KITTY FREIHAGE (12/29), MILLIE NOVAK (12/29) & RICH ANDERSON (12/31)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
MICHAEL & GRACE MOHAWK (12/3), KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS (12/6),
JOHN & MARILYN KRENGER (12/12), AND TERRY & KITTY FREIHAGE (12/19)



AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH



Vehicles For Sale



1953 Mercury for Sale

- Rebuilt engine
- Rebuilt automatic transmission
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- 12 volt and more

Asking price reduced to \$20,500

Email novak_j@att.net for more photos. Call Joe Novak at 708-923-9953 for more info.



1936 Ford 5 Window Coupe for Sale

- Museum quality
- Third owner

Call Bob Miller at 847-651-7207 or by email at roberthmiller2@comcast.net for more info.



This 1940 Ford 1/2 ton pickup is a full restoration. The engine is a 1951 Mercury flathead, 3 speed transmission, Columbia two speed rear end. Frame is powder coated along with many suspension parts. New wire harness and many other items. Have all the records of the restoration and list of parts. Asking \$40,000. Contact Ron Steck at 630-777-4001.

Other Items For Sale

Three 16" pickup rims. Contact Tom Myers at 847-308-1495.

R-12 Freon 12oz \$10 per can. Ignition resistor - new \$5. Condensers: 78-12300 fits 1940 helmet distributor \$5, 91-A 123000 Fits 1941 and up \$5 each. Spark Plugs for sale \$1 each: Champion F-14Y (8), Champion RF-14Y4 (6), Motorcraft AWSF 44C (8), AC Delco R45TS8 (8), AC Delco R44TSX (6), AC Delco R45LTS6 (5), AC Delco R43TS (1). Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.

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Send your information, including your name and phone number, to the Road Chatter Editor.

Wanted

Wanted: 1941 Ford starter, generator, and carburetor. Contact Vickie Beck at 847-946-5237.

Wanted: 1952 International L-150 Model 5 lug rims. Contact Mike Heatherly at 630-234-5384 or mikehy@raacorents.com.



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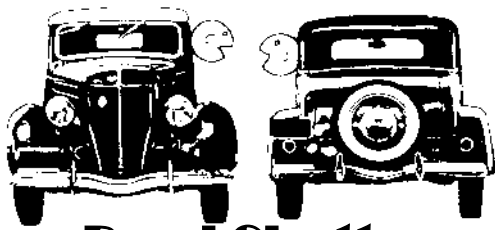
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