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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

August 11 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

August 14 Annual NIRG Picnic, Island Lake, IL; see page 3 for details.

August 16 Monthly Meeting Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.

August 20 Drivers Meeting, Central National Meet; see page 3 for details.

August 24-27 Central National Meet, Auburn, Indiana.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

August 7 21st Annual Vintage [Transportation Extravaganza](#), Union.

August 20 Antique Auto Show, Hines VA Hospital, Maywood.

August 21 3rd Annual [LaSalle Street Auto Row Show](#), Aurora - see enclosed flyer for details.

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August 6: Classic Car & Antique Boat Show, Waukegan Yacht Club

Bill and Marty Valters would love to see several members show their cars at this show, which runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Saturday, August 6. Bill and Marty will welcome all members attending with coffee and donuts on their boat, Dakota. Flyers were handed out at the July meeting; contact Ken Bounds or Bill Valters if you need more information. The [Waukegan Yacht Club](#) can be reached by taking Grand Ave (Route 132) or Belvidere St (Route 120) east from I-94 to Pershing Rd.

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello to all,

Now that the rains and tornados are out of the way it's time to fire up the old cars and trucks and get them out of storage and on the road. The reason I bring this up is the month of August is going to be a very busy month for our club. One of our BIG get-togethers in August will be the annual V-8 picnic. Something that would please me very much is if every member that attends the picnic would drive their old car. The club will be supplying the bratwurst, hotdogs, buns, ice, and water. The picnic is a great place for the members to get together and have a good time and to show off their pride and joy. Like Mr. Alfini once told me: "The car does all the work; all you have to do is push the pedals and steer." So bring out that Ford or Mercury and let's share the beauty.



Ken Bounds brought back a whole lot of great pictures from the Eastern National Meet. On a very short notice he put together a really great slide show of that meet for our July meeting; thanks Ken. After watching the presentation it made me even more envious that Diane and I couldn't attend. Also at the meet Joe Kozmic received the President's Choice Award for his beautiful 1953 Mercury; congratulations Joe!

In the June Road Chatter our editor Ken Bounds had a little quiz that stumped me and I'm sure most of the members. I've seen this QR code thing in magazines and the newspaper but I really didn't give it much mind. I'm sure most of the members did the same. Here is what I think; Ken should have a quiz for us mature and not so advanced in modern technology and somewhat computer-impaired people so we to have a reasonable chance at winning a prize. Till our next meeting please drive safely and enjoy this great summer weather.

President, Daniel Pudelek

From the First Lady's Desk

I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful cards and moral support. You're a great group of friends, your thoughtfulness has really meant a lot to me.

Thinking of you all, Diane

Mark Your Calendars

Stan Stack is hosting a September 11 tour to [Historic Auto Attractions museum](#) in Roscoe. There will be a car show with proceeds benefitting the American Cancer Society. Participants should pre-register by September 1. Contact Stan for [registration forms](#) or pick one up at the August meeting.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Annual NIRG Picnic - Sunday, August 14

This year's picnic will again be held at [Timmermann's Ranch & Saddle Shop](#), 29550 W. Roberts Rd, Island Lake.

Hosted by Don & Elaine Braun and their friends, the Timmermanns. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m.



Food - Drinks - 50-50 Raffle - Fun

The club provides: Hot dogs, brats, plates, napkins, utensils, charcoal.

You provide: Your entrée if you don't want hot dogs or brats, one pass-around dish to share, your V-8 Ford (other cars welcome), lawn chairs. The club is asking for a couple of members to bring grills - contact Dan Pudelek if you can provide one.

Beverages: The club will provide soft drinks, water, ice, and coolers. If you want adult beverages you'll need to bring your own.

Auction and Raffle: Due to declining interest, there will be no auction or raffle this year. There will be a 50-50 Raffle.

Driving directions: Timmerman's Ranch is at 29550 W. Roberts Road in Island Lake. You can take Route 12 to Route 176, then go west about 2½ miles to Roberts Road. Timmerman's is about ¼ mile south on Roberts Road. From the west take Route 176 to Roberts Road, then go south ¼ mile.

This is one of the biggest events of the year and a chance to see many great V-8s and friends. You don't want to miss it! Guests are welcome!

Central National Meet Drivers Meeting

When: Saturday, August 20, 7:00 pm

What: Our traditional "Drivers Meeting" for everyone attending the Central National Meet in Auburn.

Where: [Roundheads of Lombard](#), 275 W Roosevelt Rd, just one mile east of I-355. Roundhead's is on the south side of Roosevelt, immediately east of Heritage Cadillac.

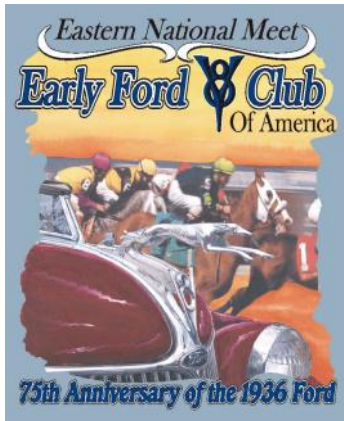
Cost: \$10 per person for salad, pizza, pasta & soft drinks (cash bar).

Everyone going to the Auburn Meet should plan to attend this meeting where logistics of the trip and details of the meet will be discussed. This is also a chance for a fun dinner with V-8 friends. Bring your V-8! **Please call Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474 right away to let him know you will attend.**



Our Tour to the 2011 Eastern National Meet Saratoga Springs, NY By Ken Bounds

We always start planning these tours to the National Meets way in advance. We began talking about going to Saratoga Springs in the parking lot during the 2010 Eastern Meet. As the planning progressed, it looked like about 10 NIRG members would make the trip; but time changes everything and illness took a toll. By the time the meet rolled around on the calendar, only Joe Kozmic in his '53 Mercury and Ken & Carolyn Bounds in their '50 Convertible made the drive from Chicago. We were, however, joined by other NIRG members at the meet from Wisconsin and Oklahoma. More on that later.



We left the Chicago area early Saturday morning, July 9, in perfect weather. After a quick top-off at the Lincoln

Oasis, we made it well into Ohio, past Toledo, for lunch and our first fuel stop. The number of gallons of gas that the Merc took told us that the 242 miles we had just traveled from the Oasis was the limit for a tankful. The afternoon drive was uneventful except for a slight miss that our Ford started to experience. We made it through Cleveland and pulled into Erie, PA, for the evening. With 488 miles under our belts, a couple of cold ones and dinner at the Texas Roadhouse were welcome.

Back on the road for day two, we hit the New York Thruway flying, but noticed the miss was becoming more frequent. With 676 miles down and about 190 left to the hotel, I decided to check under the hood at the next gas stop. Nothing seemed amiss, so we prepared to gas up and get back on the road. But the starter just spun – something had happened to the Bendix. We pushed the Ford to start it, but as soon as we got on the road the miss was now constant and we needed to address it. At the next service area as I changed the coil and condenser I looked up and saw familiar faces. V-8ers Frank & Millie Scheidt in their '40 Sedan and Bruce Nelson & Mary Hyberg had just happened to stop at the same travel plaza on their way to Saratoga Springs. I placed a call to V-8er Dick Spadaro in Altamont, NY, who had made the generous offer to use his garage if anyone going to the meet had a problem. Dick gave us great directions to his place in the wilderness and with another push from Joe, Carolyn, and Bruce, we were back on the road. There was also good news; the miss was gone.



Our destination - the Gideon Putnam Hotel



Stainless Steel '36 Sedan at Saratoga Auto Museum

We found our way to Spadaro's garage and with Dick's able assistance, repaired the Bendix which had simply sheared a bolt. Dick is a great example of what the V-8 Club is all about. We truly appreciate his generosity and assistance. Then it was just a short drive to the Gideon Putnam hotel where the real fun began. We took advantage of early registration and renewed old friendships with our V-8 friends from all over the country. It is always great to see everyone. The cars and the tours are important parts of the meet, but it is the people that mean the most.

The meet officially began on Monday and Joe and I got an early start cleaning up the cars and going through the operational check while Carolyn explored the beautiful grounds around the hotel and the Saratoga Spa State Park. There was a little time for exploring the rather nice swap meet where we dropped a bag of money on some good parts, including some hard-to-find items for our '36 Roadster. After lunch we attended part of a seminar, the President's meeting, and the owners/judges meeting. Here we ran into NIRG member Mike Kubarth from Union Grove, WI, who was judging '40 Fords and showing an incredible '39 Woody restoration he had just completed. Then it was off to the welcome party at the Saratoga Auto Museum which featured a Stainless '36 Sedan on loan from Allegheny Ludlum.

Tuesday we participated along with over 70 Early V-8s and many modern cars on a well-organized and scenic covered bridge tour. We crossed 8 covered bridges, drove through a National Cemetery, visited the Saratoga National Historical Park, enjoyed a picnic lunch, and explored the Hemmings Motor News headquarters and museum in Bennington, VT. Joining us on this tour in rental cars were our long-distance members from Oklahoma who had flown in for the meet. It is always a special treat to see them: Rick & Marissa Claybaugh with daughter Kim and a friend along with Rick's brother Earl and his wife Marguerite, and Joe & Paula Baughn. After a long, interesting day and over 150 miles, we spent a relaxing evening visiting with friends and admiring cars in the parking lot.

Wednesday was concourse day; a very busy day for everyone. Carolyn and I attended the judges' breakfast as Carolyn is responsible for tabulating the voting for Touring vehicles. Meanwhile Joe was



One of the many bridges we crossed



A line of V-8s crosses a bridge



1936 Ford Panel Delivery at Hemmings Motor News

doing final detailing on his Mercury; he was going for his Dearborn Medallion, having been awarded a Dearborn last year at the Charlotte meet. Carolyn and I got our Convertible in its place on the concourse and began our job of vehicle verification. As Carolyn got set up in the tabulation room in the nearby Saratoga Auto Museum I attempted to take pictures on the concourse. Joe's judging team came by and spent quite a bit of time on the Mercury. We all had to dodge several light showers, then one very heavy cloudburst. By the time the judging and voting was complete, clearer skies had returned. Soon after the concourse was released, Carolyn completed her tabulation of the touring voting and turned over the list of winners to the Concourse Chairman. Of course, she would not let me see how the Convertible had fared.

A few hours later we enjoyed a very nice final evening meal in Saratoga Springs, along with some of our good friends from the Cleveland and Pittsburgh areas. We were all pretty tired and pleased with the meet, so we did not spend much time in the parking lot. It also didn't help that it was hot and the mosquitos were the size of small squirrels.

Thursday morning brought the awards brunch. It is always nice to see all the proud owners of these beautiful V-8s being rewarded for their hard work. Our Convertible took a "Win" (1st place) in Touring, while Joe was awarded his Dearborn Medallion. The big surprise, though, was when National President Bob York presented Joe the President's Choice Award for his favorite car at the meet. What a thrill! Our congratulations to Joe for both awards on a beautiful car.

These meets always come to a conclusion all too quickly. With time for only the quickest of goodbyes to so many great friends, we were in the cars and on the road. We were thrilled that our good friends Jeep and Georgene Iacobucci from Ohio decided to run with us most of the day. Even though we didn't start our trip until almost noon, we made it all the way back to Erie without incident. Although we had planned to take three days to complete the trip home, our progress Thursday allowed us to arrive home by mid-afternoon Friday. We were happy that our I-Pass transponders worked perfectly on the toll roads in four states. I was also pleased that our Convertible got nearly 19 mpg on the 1,958 mile trip.

With Saratoga Springs in the rearview mirror, we can see Auburn on the horizon. The 2012 Eastern National Meet in Hiawassee, GA, is only 46 weeks away! We've sent our registration forms in; will you? Keep on V-8ing!



National President Bob York presents Joe his Dearborn Medallion award and Ken his Touring trophy

George Cech - September 13, 1927 – July 10, 2011

Our good friend George joined the Northern Illinois Regional Group in April 1972. Although George usually joked “next year” when election time rolled around, most members don’t know or have forgotten that George served as our Vice President in 1976. He was also one of our first “Health and Welfare” chairmen, serving at least four times a decade ago. George was a generous member, hosting many bowling outings and cookouts over the years. George and Betty’s “Candlelight Bowl” events were a staple in the early years of the club. George also arranged and hosted our club’s 40th Anniversary cruise on the Fox River and Chain of Lakes.

George was fond of all his antique vehicles, including his ’48 Plymouth Convertible and his ’62 Olds Starfire ragtop. But he especially loved his ’36 Phaeton and was constantly working to improve it. George drove the Phaeton to several V-8 Club National Meets and in 1996 won the President’s Choice Award at the Central National Meet in St. Louis. George was a fixture in our club for nearly 40 years and will truly be missed. Thank you to the members who brought out V-8s for George’s service. Our condolences to Betty and the entire family.

**Ed Fontana - May 30, 1940 – July 22, 2011**

Ed first visited a V-8 Club meeting as a guest in May 1981. He and Roni joined our group on February 19, 1991. Ed was always active and involved; he served as Vice President three years and as a member of the Board of Directors for six terms, including this year. In the 90’s, Ed also worked hard for NIRG members as the club Clothing Chairman. Ed was a good promoter of the club,

bringing in several new members. Ed and Roni were fond of hosting club meetings at their home; Ed had plans to host another this year before his illness interfered.

Ed was as proud as a father of his beautiful Barcelona Blue ’47 Coupe, Old Blu. As Ed related to us in an article he wrote for the January 2010 Road Chatter, he bought the coupe in August of 1989 and completed a full restoration in the mid-90’s. His fondness for the car went back to childhood memories of a similar maroon coupe owned by his Uncle Red. Again, we thank those members who brought out V-8s to honor Ed’s memory. Our deepest sympathies to Roni and the family.



JULY 19 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

President Dan Pudelek called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

Treasurer Joe Serritella gave his report showing an ending balance of \$2,935.

Health & Welfare Chairman Neil McManus gave his report on members who are under the weather – see Neil's report on the following page. Neil also talked about George Cech who passed away the previous week. George always had a friendly greeting for everyone and was a great man.



Membership Chairman Ken Bounds advised that we have 84 members. He asked Dennis Bohannon to introduce his guest, Bill Vanzant, who was visiting from Florida.

Tour Chairman Tom O'Donnell discussed upcoming tours:

- Roger Hunz is running a tour to La Porte County Historical Society Museum in Indiana Saturday July 30. All participants should meet at the Lincoln Oasis, leaving at 9:00 am sharp. It is only 65 miles from the Oasis. Roger provided handouts at the meeting and will provide directions at the Oasis.
- Bill & Marty Valters are encouraging everyone to bring their V-8s to the Classic Car & Antique Boat Show at Waukegan Yacht Club Saturday August 6. Those who come are welcome to enjoy coffee and donuts on the Valters' boat. Ken Bounds passed out flyers and a map to the boat.
- Don and Elaine Braun are hosting the Annual Picnic on August 14 at Zimmerman's Ranch in Island Lake. See details on Page 3.
- Joe Dispensa is hosting his 3rd Annual LaSalle St. Auto Row show in Aurora August 21. A flyer including a \$5 discount should be in your Road Chatter.
- Ken and Carolyn Bounds will host a Drivers Meeting August 20 at Roundheads of Lombard for everyone attending the Central National Meet in Auburn. We will have a large group of over 20 attending the meet August 24-27.
- Stan Stack has organized a tour Sunday September 11 to Historic Auto Attractions museum in Roscoe. There will be a car show with proceeds benefitting the American Cancer Society. Participants should pre-register by September 1 – see Stan for forms.

Tom O'Donnell presented a Tech Talk about throw out bearings and bad habits about riding your clutch.

Ken Bounds discussed upcoming National Meets: the Central National Meet in Auburn next month, the 2012 Eastern National Meet in Hiawasse, GA, next June, the 2012 Western Meet in Redmond, Oregon and the 2013 Grand National Meet in Lake Tahoe (only 1947 miles to drive).

Ken discussed the Eastern National Meet in Saratoga Springs, New York July 10-14 and gave a slide presentation on some of the events and the concourse.

JULY 19 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Many thanks to VP Frank Madrigali for the soft drinks and ice he brought to the meeting. Dan thanked to Carolyn Bounds and Delice Serritella for the homemade cookies.

Joe Kozmic won the 50/50 raffle for the third consecutive time.

Dan Pudelek adjourned the meeting at 10 pm.

Attendance: (Please sign in at the meetings so we know who attended). Bernard Ashley, Ken Bounds, Ron Blum, Tom Buscaglia, Joe Dispensa, Dennis Bohannon, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Roger Hunz, John Judge, Paul Jensen, Garry Kelly, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Neil McManus, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Joe Serritella, Howard Simons, Stan Stack, Len Vinyard, and Alan Wall. Guest - Bill Vanzant of Haines City, FL.

CHEERS**BY NEIL MCMANUS**

Greetings Everyone,

I grew up in Central New York; we used to say that if you don't like the weather wait 10 minutes. I think that saying would fit in perfectly with the weather we have had this year, temperature swings of 100 degrees, excessive snow and rain and now drought and high temperatures. We also called it grateful weather, grateful it's not worse.



Sadly, two of our longtime members, George Cech and Ed Fontana passed away in the last couple of weeks. Please see the write-ups on Page 7. We apologize that there were a few members who were not timely notified when these members passed away. We are reviewing our procedures to improve future notifications.

We also sadly report to you that Gladys Duzell's sister, Evelyn Karnatz of Palatine, passed away July 21. Our condolences to Gladys and Lloyd.

Gene Heintz is home after recent hospitalization, she is progressing satisfactorily.

Joe Serritella's daughter Cathey continues to battle cancer.

Don Braun remains status quo. His Doctors have requested he do more exercises at home.

Diane Pudelek is home after a short visit to the hospital. She will begin radiation treatments shortly.

Sue Dopke is currently in rehab after a short stay in the hospital. She is looking forward to going home soon.

I'm sure card or note from their V-8 friends would be appreciated by everyone who is under the weather.



TECH CORNER



As we prepare for a busy touring month and the Central National Meet in Auburn, this month's Tech Corner is *very* abbreviated version of our popular Top Ten Touring Tips.

10. If you can't bring a V-8, don't be afraid to drive modern iron. The important thing is to get out there and enjoy the drive and the tour with your fellow V-8 enthusiasts.
9. Bring tools and spare parts. As much as you try to keep your V-8 in tip-top shape, things sometimes go wrong. It never hurts to have an assortment of tools and spare parts in your trunk, especially on longer or overnight tours. Don't forget fluids. Bring some oil. Bring water for your radiator, or if you use anti-freeze, pre-mix some 50/50 and bring a gallon or two.
8. Stay in touch – bring a cell phone. They are great for getting in touch with someone if you have an emergency or breakdown. Be sure to share your cell number with others on the tour and get their numbers too!
7. Bring a copy of the NIRG roster and the EFV8 Club roster. A copy of the NIRG roster is great to have in case someone doesn't show up at a meeting point. The National roster has saved many V-8ers when they are touring the country and need some help or advice.
6. Rain-X your windshield. Don't believe the weather forecast; it will rain. Apply Rain-X to your windshield now and thank me later.
5. Get an I-Pass for your V-8. There is only one account balance required for multiple I-Pass transponders. You simply pay a \$10 deposit for each unit, so why not get one for each car?
4. Use your I-Pass in Illinois and all the states that accept E-ZPass. The I-Pass is of course accepted in all toll lanes throughout the Illinois tollway system and on the Chicago Skyway. But did you know that you can also use your I-Pass on all toll roads and bridges that accept E-ZPass, including Indiana, Ohio, and 11 other Northeastern states? But, you must properly mount the I-Pass to ensure it works properly in all states. For your Early V-8, consider the LPT (license plate tag) version.
3. Don't fall too far behind the car in front of you. Leave room for braking, but try to stay close to the car in front of you so the group can stay together. It is also a good idea to keep an eye on the car following you and to notify the leader or someone in front of you if you or someone behind you gets caught by a stop light or has fallen out of sight.
2. Stay in touch – bring a CB Radio. If you have never brought a CB radio with you on a tour, you don't know what you are missing! Cell phones are nice for person-to-person communication and emergencies, but you can't beat the CB for communicating in a group. The CB radio is invaluable for determining when and where to stop for meals, for arranging gas and rest stops, and for letting your touring partners just know how your car is doing.
1. Have fun. By all means, come prepared to have some fun. Hopefully the tour can be arranged so there is plenty of time to arrive at each destination so you can enjoy the sights and sounds along the way. Much of the fun about being in an antique car club is getting the old cars out and driving them. Remember, "It's the Drive, Not the Destination".





10 Years Ago This Month – August 2001

Members displayed about 8 – 9 club cars at the 13th Annual Mount Prospect Historical Society show August 12. Rich Anderson won People's Choice for his '50 Ford Tudor. The August Road Chatter contained a full write-up of the very successful July tour to Door County and a tour of Chuck Davis' museum on Washington Island. Fifteen Early V-8s and several newer cars participated.

20 Years Ago This Month – August 1991

Four members attended the First Transportation Extravaganza at the Illinois Railway Museum August 4. About 8 – 10 members showed their V-8s at the Mount Prospect Historical Society show August 11. Marty Duling and Len Vinyard attended the Western National Meet in Whistler, BC. Three members attended the Central National Meet in Bristol, TN, August 15-17.

30 Years Ago This Month – August 1981

At least 35 members and family displayed 16 Early V-8's the 6th Annual Auto Show at the Volo Auto Museum August 9. Marty Duling attended the Eastern National Meet in Rochester, NY, August 13-16. About 150 cars were present. Well over 30 members and family toured to the Central National Meet in Indianapolis August 27-30. Lloyd Duzell won a 1st Place trophy for his '41 Pickup and a 3rd for his '40 Pickup. Tom O'Donnell took a 3rd for his '40 Mercury and Barrett McGregor won 3rd for his '47 Sportsman. A highlight was driving two laps around the Indy track.

40 Years Ago This Month – August 1971

The newsletter was back in August after a brief absence. It was packed with details of the annual picnic held at the Jack Groot farm near St. Charles on August 15. Trophies awarded were: Best Unrestored – Jack Groot's '37 Tudor; Best Restored – Ron Dopke's '40 Tudor; Long Distance – Dr. WC Schussler in his '35 Phaeton. In addition to Ron & Sue Dopke, attendees included Norm Collins and Charles Kaiser, still members today.

Flathead Flashback

Auctioneer "Colonel" Ray Tognarelli whips up business at the annual picnic at the Groot farm August 18, 1978. Do you recognize anyone in the picture? Photo courtesy of Roger Obecný.





V-8 Gals



It's August! That means it's time for the Annual V-8 Gals cocktail issue. We're now in our 5th year! I have to say I look forward to investigating and testing out new cocktails. This year I was a little disappointed when checking out the new 2011 cocktails. It seems that one of the trends are these "chef inspired" cocktails. While they lead to different and innovative cocktails, I cannot get excited about making a drink that has more ingredients and uses more kitchen equipment than what I'm putting on the BBQ for dinner. Not to be deterred I kept looking but refining my search to find easy cocktails. I came across a site at Delish.com (<http://www.delish.com/entertaining-ideas/parties/cocktail-parties/easy-summer-cocktail-recipes>) that had exactly what I was looking for. Here are the ones that I'm going to try out. Hope you enjoy!!

Cherry Smash – Serves 4

- 1 cup(s) pitted fresh or frozen (thawed) cherries
- 1/4 cup(s) fresh mint leaves, plus 4 sprigs for garnish
- 8 teaspoon(s) sugar
- 6 ounce(s) (3/4 cup) dark rum
- 1/4 cup(s) lime juice
- 3 cup(s) cherry-flavored seltzer



Divide cherries, mint leaves, and sugar among 4 glasses. Mash everything together with the back of a wooden spoon. Stir in rum and lime juice. Fill glasses with ice and top with seltzer. Garnish with mint sprigs.

Peach Wine Cooler – Serves 4

- 3 cup(s) seltzer
- 1 cup(s) peach juice or nectar
- 1 cup(s) dry white wine
- 2 tablespoon(s) honey
- 4 slice(s) fresh peach



Combine seltzer and peach juice (or nectar) in a pitcher. Add wine and honey; stir until the honey is dissolved. Divide among 4 ice-filled glasses. Garnish with peach slices.

Cran Razzzy – Serves 4

- 1/2 cup(s) fresh or frozen raspberries for garnish
- 2 cup(s) cranberry-raspberry juice
- 2 cup(s) seltzer
- 2 tablespoon(s) lime juice, plus 4 wedges for garnish
- 6 ounce(s) (3/4 cup) vodka



1. If using fresh raspberries, freeze them in a single layer for about 1 hour (or overnight) before proceeding with Step 2.
2. Combine cranberry-raspberry juice, seltzer, lime juice, and vodka in a pitcher. Divide among 4 ice-filled glasses. Garnish with frozen raspberries and lime wedges.

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May 12 Board Meeting 15 Breakfast Fly-in, Romeoville Airport 17 Member Meeting 21 B-17 Tour, Marengo	June 9 Board Meeting 11 Duals Night - Strat's 17-19 Joint tour to SW Michigan with Northern Ohio RG 21 Member Meeting	July 11-14 Eastern National Meet, Saratoga Springs, NY 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 30 LaPorte Museum tour	August 11 Board Meeting 14 Picnic, Island Lake 16 Member Meeting 20 Drivers Meeting 24-27 Central National Meet, Auburn, IN
September 8 Board Meeting 11 Tour to Roscoe 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Run	October 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations	November 10 Board Meeting 11 Veteran's Day Lunch 15 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	December 4 Christmas Luncheon, Woodridge No Meetings

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**MARIE DISPENSA (8/1), STEPHANIE KUBARTH (8/1), ANGIE PALADINO (8/1),
JOHN SCHEVE (8/7), ALAN WALL (8/18), KARYN OBECNY (8/19),
ROGER OBECNY (8/19), CAROLYN BOUNDS (8/21), CAROLYN NAGODE (8/27)
& COLLIN SPRAU (8/27)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**CHESTER & HARRIET LAWRENCE (8/5), JOE & NELL KOZMIC (8/6),
FRANK & PHYLLIS MADRIGALI (8/9), GEORGE & DAWN ZULAS (8/17),
JOHN & ESTE SCHEVE (8/18)
& PETE & JOANNE MCMANUS (8/25)**



**AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.**



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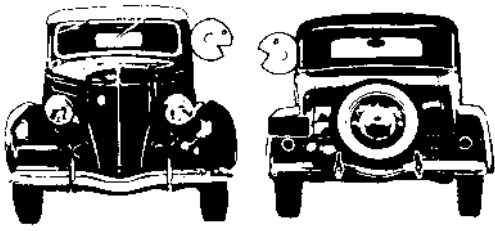
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