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Special: Expanded Central National Meet Coverage

UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

August 5 - 40th Anniversary Cruise. (See Page 3)

August 9 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm

August 12 - Annual Picnic - Hosted by the Brauns (See Page 4)

August 18 Tour to Sanfilippo Mansion (See Page 3)

August 21 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm

September 5 - 6 Auburn Motorfest III

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Aug 4-5 22nd Annual Elkhorn Car Show & Swap Meet, Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI

Aug 5 Vintage Transport Extravaganza, Illinois Railway Museum, Union, 9 am - 5 pm

Aug 12 22nd Annual All Ford Show, Lyons-Ryan Ford, 104 Rt. 173, Antioch, show cars \$5 admission, spectators free

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Please contact Ron Dopke right away and let him know if you would like to attend a tour of the Sanfilippo Mansion on Saturday, August 18. They would like to see our antique cars on the grounds, so if you would like to drive together we will leave from the Town and Country mall.

Finally, it is time to make your hotel reservations for the Lake Geneva Cancer Rally, September 28-30. Details next month.

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JULY MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Secretary Mike Heatherly

President Dan Pudelek called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm after the typical mid-summer evening tire kicking.

The meeting was changed to the second Thursday from the third Tuesday because so many members were attending the Central National Meet in Winona, Minnesota.

Treasurer George Zulas announced the club balance of \$1,808.28

The club thanked Ken Bounds for setting up the Winona drivers' meeting and thanked Cliff Dixon for arranging use of the Arlington Heights American Legion Hall for the meeting.

The club also thanked George Cech for setting up the Volo Museum outing.

The club's 40th anniversary will be celebrated with a 3-hour cruise on the Chain of Lakes Saturday afternoon August 4, 2007 from 3 to 6 PM. **(Note the date change to Sunday, August 5th.)** Club members interested should contact George Cech.

The club picnic will be held at the Braun's in Prairie View on August 12th.

Health and welfare: Tom O'Donnell's mother suffered injuries from a recent fall after her husband passed away. She has been moved to rehab.

Ron Dopke is making arrangement for a tour of the Sanfilippo Museum on August 18th. Presently limited interest has been expressed.

Joe Novak won \$12.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

The club thanked Judy Buscaglia for providing the cookies.

In Attendance: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Cliff Dixon, Ron Dopke, Don Drews, Lloyd Duzell, Mike Heatherly, Paul Jensen, Charles R. Kaiser, Joe Kozmic, Neil McManus, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Jim Ondracek, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella and George Zulas.

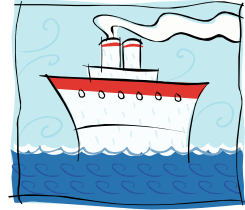


UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Happy 40th Birthday!



Help us celebrate the
**Northern Illinois Regional Group's
 40th Birthday**
 with a scenic boat cruise on the Fox Lake.



When: Sunday, August 5th from 3 - 6 pm

Where: Park at Moretti's Restaurant, 164 S. Rt. 12, Fox Lake. Moretti's is at Rt. 12 & Kings Rd, about 1 mile north of Rt. 34. A shuttle will take us to the boat.

Cost: Only \$45 per person. This covers the 3-hour cruise, hors devours, a sub sandwich and an open bar.

**There is a maximum of 35 people so don't miss out.
 Call George Cech today at 847-395-5932!**

Tour to the Sanfilippo Mansion - Saturday, August 18



A tour of the Sanfilippo Mansion in Barrington Hills is scheduled for Saturday, August 18 at 12:30 pm. This is a joint tour with the Art Deco Society. This private estate is home to many collections including music boxes, phonographs, antique gaming machines, model steam engines and much more. This is not one to miss.

The cost is \$30 per person (an incredible bargain). Contact Ron Dopke at 815-344-1335 if you are interested in attending. Ron is mailing a brochure with directions to all participants.

If you want to drive together, meet at Town & Country Mall at 11:30 am. We will depart by 11:45 am. The Art Deco Society would love to see our V-8's so don't leave them at home!



29th Annual Lake Geneva Cancer Rally

It's not too early to start thinking about Lake Geneva. Make your reservations now before the rooms are all gone. Please call the Delevan Comfort Suites at 262-740-1000 and ask for the block of rooms under Early Ford V-8 Club for the nights of September 28 and 29. Cost is \$89.99 + tax per night.

ANNUAL NIRG PICNIC

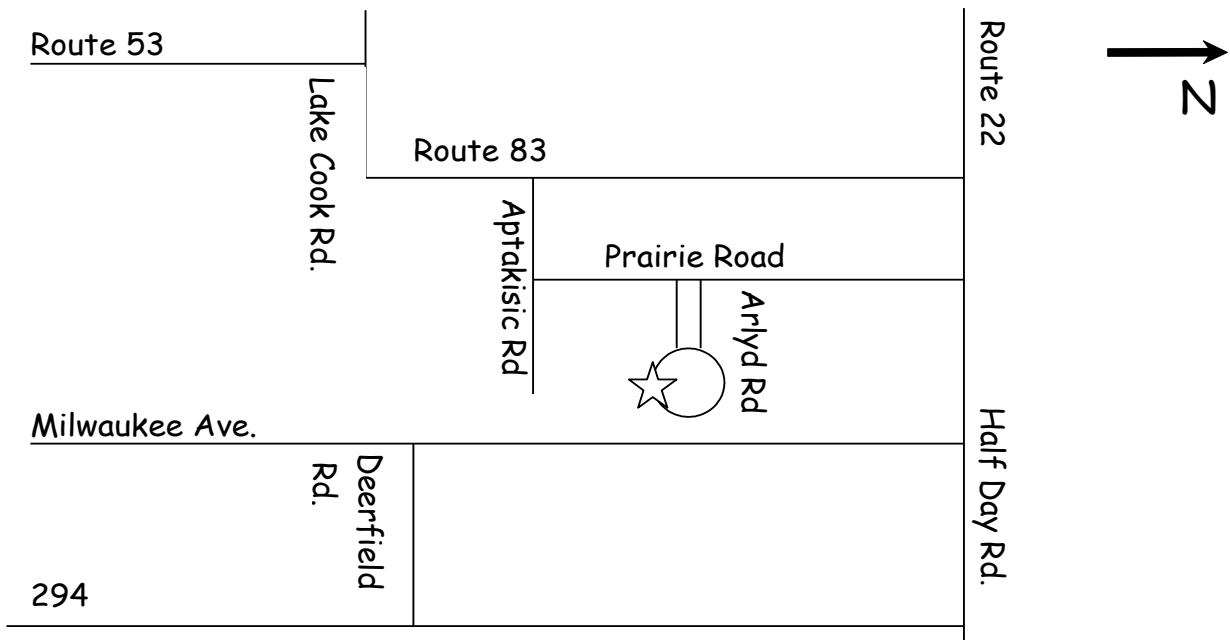
Remember to bring something for the Auction and Raffle.



Date: Sunday, August 12
 Time: 10:00 am - Coffee and Rolls served.
 Place: Don & Elaine Braun
 16365 W. Arlyd Rd.
 Prairie View, IL847-634-3161

Please bring a pass around dish to share. Grills will be available if you want to bring a main course. Brats and hot dogs will be available for everyone.

The club will provide for the beer, pop, wine and paper products.



The NIRG Tour to the 2007 Central National Meet – Winona, MN

By Ken Bounds



The 2007 Central National Meet is over and all NIRG participants and cars are safely home. What a great time we had! The meet with all its events and tours was terrific, all our cars performed *nearly* flawlessly on the 600-mile trip, and a lot of trophies were brought home to commemorate the event. What a crowd from NIRG we had! Nineteen club vehicles were shown on the concourse and 25 NIRG members, families, and guests were in attendance for a total of 45. We even signed up three new members! More on that later.

There is so much to cover it is hard to know where to begin. When we learned last year that Winona was the site of the 2007 meet and it was being hosted by the Twin Cities group, we knew that this was the meet that we would not want to miss. We began planning and publicizing the meet last July. In September Carolyn and I cruised to Winona in our convertible to plan the route and see what Winona was all about. We were quite impressed by this neat little Mississippi river town. Our early visit to Winona is a story in itself.

Interest in the meet continued to build over the coming months and in June it was time to get ready to go. We made one last trip to Winona to check out the roads and make arrangements for some of our meals. At the end of June, 32 members and spouses got together for our traditional “drivers meeting”. We had a catered meal and went over detailed routes and plans for our tour to Winona and a discussion of what to do at the meet, concourse procedures, and a review of concourse classes. To make it easier to keep so many cars together on the road, we assigned cars into three groups, each with a group leader, with the older cars up front all the way through modern vehicles at the end. The evening ended with a trivia contest with everyone taking home one or more prizes from the large number of very cool items donated. Everyone had a lot of fun with the quiz, selecting from four categories: Winona trivia, V-8 Club trivia, Touring trivia, and the dreaded Brain Busters. **Thank you** to everyone who donated prizes and especially to Cliff Dixon for arranging use of the Arlington Heights American Legion hall for our meeting.



Driver's Meeting—Arlington Heights American Legion

On Sunday morning, July 15, we were off! 11 club cars and two modern vehicles met in Rolling Meadows to begin the trip. Ron Blum was busy narrating a video he began here that would continue throughout the week. Tom O'Donnell needed to change his fuel pump, so he and Madeleine caught up with us at the second fuel stop. Ken Bounds led the “30's” cars; with Tom in the pits Carolyn Bounds was pressed into service as the leader of the “40's”, Dan Pudelek led the “50's”, and Earl Heintz led the modern cars.



Ready to hit the road

To get clear of the Chicago congestion, we took the tollway out to Rockford, then switched to back roads for the rest of the trip. At our first stop near Belvidere we were joined by Ron Dopke, the Cechs and the Buscaglias. After Tom & Madeleine caught up with us it was quite a sight to see all 15 of those V-8's lined up going down the road. Although it was pretty hard to hear in the Roadster with the top down, there was plenty of banter on the CB radios during the trip. For a change, nearly everyone had one on this trip and they proved to be very useful

in keeping everyone together and in scheduling stops.

The weather was perfect and the scenery great as we motored across the rolling hills of north-western Illinois. As we approached the Mississippi, we turned north and stopped just across the Wisconsin border for a picnic lunch. A quick check of the cars showed everything in order, so we proceeded north along the river. Just north of Prairie du Chien we stopped for a short tour of Lock and Dam #9. This complex was placed into service exactly 70 years ago and just underwent a major rehabilitation that started in 1989 and was completed last year. The lock is 110' wide and 600' long, so it can handle towboats pushing 15 barges at a time. We were all amazed by the massive statistics of the traffic moving through that lock every day. For example, each 15-barge towboat can hold the same amount of grain as 225 rail cars! Wow.

On the Road to Winona:

Ken Bounds – 36 Roadster
 Joe & Nell Kozmic – 37 Coupe
 Lloyd & Gladys Duzell – 35 Sedan
 Don & Elaine Braun – 36 Coupe
 George & Betty Cech – 36 Phaeton
 Carolyn Bounds – 50 Convertible
 Jack & Jean Nikolich – 39 Convertible
 Len & Irene Vinyard – 39 Convertible
 Joey Novak – 40 Pickup
 Ron Dopke & Norm Lang – 40 Tudor
 Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell – 40 Mercury
 Cliff & Joan Dixon – 46 Coupe
 Dan & Diane Pudelek – 53 Victoria
 Tom & Judy Buscaglia – 51 Tudor
 Stan Stack & Ron Blum – 53 Tudor
 Earl & Gene Heintz – modern
 Art Russell & Stan Gaynor - modern

We continued our journey north along the Mississippi, then crossed over at La Crosse into Minnesota. The scenery continued to be breathtaking as we rolled into Winona around 4:30. We took a few minutes to check into the meet hotel and to get familiar with the surroundings. We were lucky that the Twin Cities group



Ron Blum begins the video of the tour

decided to open meet registration a day early; everyone got checked in, signed up for the local tours, and made table reservations for the awards banquet later in the week. Then we were off in a caravan to our dinner reservations in a private room at the Jefferson Pub & Grill along the river. After a very nice dinner with super service, it was back to the hotel. As we were cleaning the bugs off the cars from the trip, we learned that the judges were doing safety inspections into the night. Many of us took advantage and got our cars checked that night. After a little tire kicking and reunions with many old V-8 friends, the long day came to an end.

On Monday morning we were glad that we were able to get so much accomplished on Sunday. This was because we had planned our own NIRG driving tour back to La Crosse. After the complimentary breakfast provided by the hotel, we had a little time to buy some tickets for the raffle items and to check the beginnings of the parts swap meet. At 10:30 we were off for a scenic driving tour over back roads. Our destination: a tour of City Brewery (the former Heileman Brewery) in La Crosse.

After a leisurely drive we arrived in time for a catered luncheon before our tour. The food was delicious and far more than we could eat. After viewing a short movie, we proceeded with our tour presented by a very knowledgeable guide named Zane.

The drive back to Winona was a little more eventful. George Cech's '36 began spewing coolant out a radiator hose, so a long line of V-8's pulled off the road. We are grateful for a local sheriff who turned on his lights and closed a lane of traffic to protect our cars. After a hose clamp was tightened and coolant added, we completed our trip to the hotel.

Monday night we had an excellent meal at the welcome dinner, renewed old acquaintances, and heard presentations by the host group and several National V-8 club officers who were present.

Tuesday morning most of us were up bright and early toweling off the cars after an overnight rain. Just a few words here about the weather. We sure could not have asked for any better weather. For July in the Midwest, it was fairly cool for our drive both to and returning from Winona. Rain and even severe storms were predicted; for the most part the



World's largest 6-pack



Best part of the brewery tour



Even the sheriff stopped to help George



High above Winona

“Minnesota Room Event”. This was a showing of Ford memorabilia and a gathering of artists and authors. Authors of the ‘32-’34 restoration guide and the Mullins Red Cap book were on hand to sell and sign copies of the books. Artists included Ron Long and his car art, Dan Cragg, and an old favorite, Arlen Olson. I was excited to be able to obtain an original Arlen Olsen piece depicting a ’36 Cabriolet – close enough! We are grateful to Arlen for his frequent donations of prints for our installation dinner.

Tuesday evening most of the NIRG group participated in a highlight of the meet – a Mississippi river cruise aboard the steam-powered paddle-wheeler *Julia Belle Swain*. We had a delicious meal, terrific service and even a concert from the steam-powered calliope. The two-hour cruise provided a relaxing evening with incredible views of the river and of

bad weather was all around Winona, but spared us. With one exception it only rained at night. The exception was a little sprinkle just *after* we returned from the concourse. Concourse day was warm and sunny, but not as hot as had been predicted. These Twin Cities guys must know someone!

Tuesday morning a number of us got together for an impromptu driving tour around Winona. It really is a lovely town with historic buildings, incredible stained glass, and an unbelievable view of the town and the river from high on the bluffs. We also took a look inside the beautiful Church of Saint Stanislaus Kostka. Back at the hotel, we had time for the swap meet, lunch, and the



“Sugar Loaf” in the early morning





Norm Miller and guest make an appearance

get the cars spiffed up and ready for the short drive to the concours. Some of the folks waited to board buses for the guided tour of Winona. The concours was held at beautiful Lake Park by Lake Winona, under the landmark “Sugar Loaf”. It was a nice setting and less than a mile from the hotel. The Twin Cities group did a super job of laying out the concours with the judged cars arranged by year on one side of the parking lot and the touring cars by year on the other. Everyone was able to set up chairs, etc., in the grass behind their cars. The layout made it easy for participant voting by arranging the touring cars basically with Touring first, by class, then Touring A, by class.

What a terrific collection of V-8’s! There was such a long line of great cars on both sides that it took quite a while to see them all. We don’t have the space to show all the cars present, but hope to show most of them and some videos at the August meeting. The final numbers are not in yet, but there were around 200 cars on the concours. The TCRG believes this may have been the largest Central National Meet in V-8 Club history. While we were viewing the cars, more NIRG members arrived. It was good to see Norm Miller with his guest. Norm is looking well after missing the national meets last year. We were also happy to see Marty and Leah Duling, if only for a brief visit.

While the concours was underway, several members went on the tour of Winona. One of the tour guides was Deb Salyards – it was a pure coincidence that Carolyn and I stayed at her bed and breakfast on our planning trip to Winona last year. The tour included a visit to historic banks, churches and other landmarks, the home of “Watkins” products, and an exploration of Winona’s stained glass heritage. The tour completed in time for participants to view the concours in the afternoon.

Everyone seemed to have a good time on concours day. It is really interesting to see the variety of cars, to watch the judging process, and to visit with old friends. There was plenty of time to view the cars, to do the participant voting for the touring classes, and to relax in the shade and enjoy a cold beverage. But all good things must come to an end, and around 4:30 the chief judge released the concours and we were back to the hotel. The

Winona. As mentioned earlier, 15 club cars toured together on Sunday to Winona. Over the next couple of days, additional NIRG members arrived with their cars, including Doug & Gail Leicht with their ’37 Tudor and Alan Wall with his ’32 Tudor, along with some “soon-to-be” members. Bill and Carolyn Grams brought their pristine ’34 Roadster from Volo and decided to join the NIRG! We were also happy to see Ernie and Terry Herzog arrive in their “new” ’53 Tudor and are pleased to welcome them back to the NIRG. Finally, we ran into old friends Rick and Marisa Claybaugh from Tulsa, with their daughter Kim. Rick joined the NIRG just to get the *Road Chatter* and keep up with what is going on here.

Wednesday was finally concours day – we had waited a long time for this. Most of us were up early to



Lenny’s 12-pack didn’t last long



Dinner at Bruski's Pub

and had a great time. On Thursday we queued up our cars back at Lake Park for a Mississippi valley driving tour in Wisconsin. The tour included some impressive overlooks of the Mississippi river and a visit to Elmer's Toy Museum. Elmer's incredible collection includes hundreds of cars, over 700 pedal cars, and thousands of antique toys and dolls. How can one person collect so much stuff? The tour also included lunch at the historic Monarch Tavern in Fountain City, WI.

Back at the hotel in Winona there was a little work to do on the cars. On the driving tour George Cech's '36 began spewing coolant again, so various things were being tried to keep coolant in the radiator. Of course, there were a variety of opinions about the possible causes and the cure. Meanwhile, Don Braun had experienced a problem with his brakes. Several NIRG members assisted Don with disassembly, cleaning, and re-installation of a balky wheel cylinder. After a road test revealed a locking rear wheel, the "pit crew" took that one apart and corrected that problem as well. This was truly a great

fun was not yet over though. We had a few hours to pull up chairs in the parking lot and just hang out for a while. We were enjoying a few beverages, and even Lenny had a weak moment and contributed a 12-pack. It didn't last long.

While some NIRG members went on their own for dinner, Cliff Dixon arranged a private room for a large number of us in the hotel restaurant. Just before dinner we had a special treat. TCRG member Al Mohr gave us a private concert with his concertina. He invited us to a little entertainment he had arranged later for Connie Gibson from Texas. After a fun dinner, a number of us attended Al's concert



Al Mohr plays his Christy Hengel concertina



In front of the Monarch Tavern

To the future NASCAR "pit crew" (and you know who you are)

We just want to "Thank You" for stepping up and giving us a hand when we needed help in Winona. You guys were "great" and that's what this club is all about. It's a good feeling to know you guys are there for each other.

Thanks again, "Crew Chief" Don Braun

example of what this club is all about – members helping members keep these historic automobiles on the road.

Our final event at the meet was the awards banquet. NIRG members gathered at tables spread throughout the large banquet hall. The meal was very good and the host group did a nice job with the program after the meal. At our table, Nell Kozmic again won the centerpiece, just as she did in Fairfax. As the awards were presented, NIRG members wore a path in the carpet accepting trophies from V-8 Club President Craig Gorris and Chief Judge Jerry Vincentini. In all, 15 awards were presented to NIRG members. Both Tom O'Donnell and Bill Grams won first-time Dearborn awards for their cars. Congratulations. Len Vinyard received a Dearborn Emeritus and Doug Leicht received a Rouge Medallion. Touring trophies went to Ken Bounds, Carolyn Bounds, Don Braun, Tom Buscaglia, George Cech, Cliff Dixon, Lloyd Duzell, Joe Kozmic, Jack Nikolich, Joey Novak, and Dan Pudelek.

Friday morning we said goodbye to Winona and to Earl and Gene – they were heading to Fargo to attend a wedding. For the return trip we decided to take the Interstate so we could make a little better time. The drive was fairly uneventful, except for George's '36 needing some water at each stop and Lenny's '39 having a charging problem because a nut had fallen off the generator. (See Lenny – I didn't even make a comment about a nut behind the wheel!) As we neared the Chicago area, the group split up with everyone going their own way. Everyone made it home safely and I'm sure we will all have fond memories of a great meet for a long time to come. Keep those flatheads on the road, and remember: the Grand National Meet in Dearborn is less than a year away!



Volo Show – July 1, 2007

We had a terrific turnout of NIRG vehicles for a show at the Volo Auto Museum. We thank George Cech for arranging this event. The NIRG group received a special private parking area, admission to the large car show and all the auto displays and antique malls, and a chance to meet legendary customizer George Barris. A large group of NIRG members gathered at the Town & Country shopping center in Arlington Heights and convoyed to Volo. There we met several others who drove directly to Volo. We had a nice visit with future



Pickup; Steve O'Neill, '41 Sedan; Bob Paladino, Mercury Cougar; Dan & Diane Pudelek, '53 Victoria; Stan & Jo Anne Stack, '53 Tudor; and Len & Irene Vinyard, '39 Convertible. Also present were Joe & Delice Seritella, Charlie Kaiser, and Diane and Dan's daughter, son-in-law, and grandson Jack.



NIRG member Bill Grams and took a look at his '34 Roadster which would be making the trip to the Central National Meet in Winona.

This show was probably the biggest turnout of NIRG V-8's this year, with members displaying about 23 antique cars, including: Rich Anderson, '50 Tudor; George Bastunes, '39 Fordor; Ron Blum, '40 Fordor; Ken Bounds, '50 Convertible; Don & Elaine Braun, '36 Coupe; Tom & Judy Buscaglia, '51 Tudor; George Cech, '36 Phaeton; Cliff Dixon, '46 Coupe; Ron Dopke, '51 Convertible; Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, '35 Tudor; Jimmy Guido, '46 Coupe; Jerry Gundersen, '38 Pickup; Earl & Gene Heintz, '51 Mercury; Paul Jensen, '55 Chevy Nomad which he is selling; John Judge, '50 Convertible; Frank Koeder, '39 Convertible; Joe Kozmic, '37 Coupe; Joey Novak, '40



George Bastunes' 1939 Fordor

Welcome New NIRG Members

Welcome back to Ernie and Terry Herzog! The Herzogs have a 1953 Ford Tudor and rejoined the NIRG at the Central National Meet in Winona. Please add them to your roster: 735 S Mecosta Lane, Romeoville, IL 60446. (815)439-2305. We hope to see Ernie and Terry soon and NIRG events.



A warm welcome to Bill and Carolyn Grams. You may know Bill from the Volo Auto Museum and Antique Mall. Bill and Carolyn joined us at the Winona meet, showing their beautiful 1934 Roadster. Their address and phone are 27640 W Volo Village Rd, Volo, IL 60073. (815)385-8408.

We also welcome old friends Rick and Marisa Claybaugh, 1323 S 76th E. Ave, Tulsa, OK 74112. (918)838-8354. We first met Rick and Marisa 10 years ago when their group hosted the 1997 Central National Meet in Tulsa. Rick and Marisa are shown here with their daughter Kim at the Winona meet.



American Legion Car Show

On Sunday, July 29, 10 NIRG members showed their cars at the Arlington Heights American Legion Auxiliary's 4th annual car show. It was a nice show on a sunny summer day with about 70 antique, stock, customized or modified cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Showing their cars were Ken Bounds, '36 Roadster; Don Braun, '56 Pickup; Tom Buscaglia, '51 Tudor; Cliff Dixon, '46 Coupe; Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, '35 Sedan; Joe Kozmic, '37 Coupe; Joey Novak; '40 Pickup; Dan Pudelek, '53 Victoria; Stan Stack, '53 Tudor; and Len Vinyard, '39 Convertible. During the afternoon, Ron & Arlene Blum, Elaine Braun, and Irene Vinyard dropped by.

Our trucks were a crowd favorite with Joey Novak taking a first-place trophy and Don Braun a second. Joe Kozmic got second in the antique car division. We even had a couple of winners of raffle items. *Thank You* to Cliff Dixon and his American Legion post for their hospitality!





TECH CORNER



The Trick to Removing Those Water Pump Bolts

Courtesy VanPeltSales.com - Check out their web site

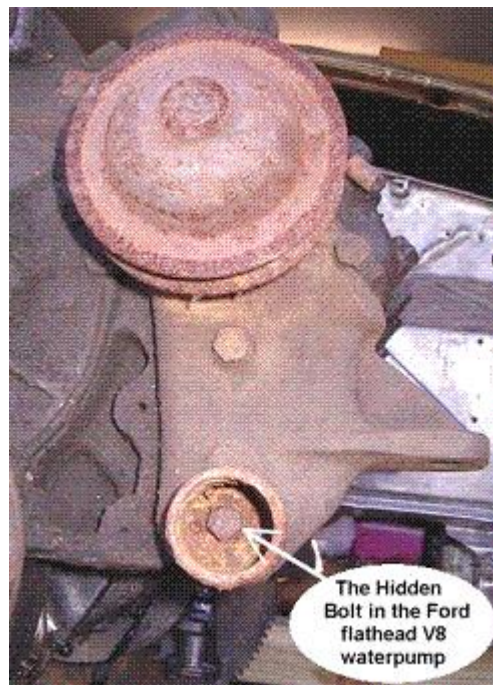
The Ford flathead V8 engines produced from 1932 to 1953 were designed with twin water pumps. From 1932 to early 1937 Ford's water pumps were mounted to the front of the cylinder heads (left and right). In 1937 Ford changed the design to create pumps that doubled as the front motor mounts. They bolt up to the lower front sides of the engine (left and right). There are several variations of this design, depending on the year vehicle and whether it was a truck or passenger car. Thus, the pumps could have the wide groove pulleys or the later narrow groove. Likewise, they could have a short snout or long snout. However, they still mount the same way.

Often, when tearing down a flathead V8 engine, the novice is not aware of the "hidden" bolt of the four that hold each pump to the engine. You can easily see the hex heads of the three other bolts, but the 4th bolt is actually located inside the pump's hose fitting. In order to see this bolt, one must remove the lower radiator hose from the pump, and look inside the casting. It is a 9/16" hex head bolt just like the other three.

An important suggestion....use a six sided socket on this bolt! Ford used regular steel bolts on the pumps. The one inside the hose fitting can possibly be corroded badly and slip in the socket wrench as you try to turn it. Don't use a 12 point socket as you will likely round off the corners of the bolt before it loosens.

Should the bolt head be so badly corroded that a wrench won't turn it at all, you will have to resort to more aggressive means to remove it. First, try using one of those bolt remover sockets. They have a hardened spiral inside that grips what is left of the bolt head to help turn it out (available from Sears and other automotive tool suppliers). Should that fail to grab and remove the bolt, it may mean a cutting torch, reaching inside the pump to melt away the head of the bolt. Another final way is to destroy the pump's lower casting (either by cutting torch or by cold chisel and hammer) to expose the bolt to whatever means you have to cut it off. This will ruin the pump and destroy its value for rebuilding or using as a core exchange for a rebuilt pump. However, if it's the only way to get the pump off, so be it.

Finally, when it comes time to rebuild the engine, and you are mounting your new or rebuilt pumps, take this precaution. First, use a stainless steel bolt in place of the regular steel bolt. Second, put a bit of thread sealer on the new bolt. You may not ever have to remove it, but someone, someday may need to, and you can help the process become easier by taking this step now.





10 Years Ago This Month – August 1997

The August 16-17 U.S. 30 tour to Indiana arranged by Joe and Nancy Novak was a big success with 10 antique cars participating. (Editors' note: this was Carolyn (O'Hare) Bounds' first tour with the group. Ten years later she is still with us!)

20 Years Ago This Month – August 1987

Joe and Nancy Novak hosted a 1,300-mile driving tour around Lake Michigan. Nancy provided a very detailed 5-page write-up for the Road Chatter. The tales of the "Michigan Eleven" still entertain us to this day! Twenty-five members and families attended the annual picnic at the Braun's on August 23.

30 Years Ago This Month – August 1977

There was a large turnout for the annual NIRG picnic, again held at the Groot farm. Nearly 50 adults and a large number of children were present until nearly sundown. A highlight was the "Colonel" Ray Tognarelli white elephant auction, in its second year. In a preview of things to come, Diane Wrobel prepared the August newsletter.

35 Years Ago This Month – August 1972

Over 40 adults and 40 children attended the annual NIRG picnic August 20 at the Groot farm in St. Charles. Trophies were awarded to Sam Iusi, '37 Tudor, for best original car, Alan Wall, '32 Tudor, best restored car, and Ray Petros for longest distance. NIRG welcomed several new members, including Don Schuh.

40 Years Ago This Month – August 1967

Lyndon Johnson was president of the U.S., the Picasso sculpture was unveiled in the Chicago Civic Center (now Daley Center) plaza, and the newly-formed Northern Illinois group was in its first month of operation. But we have no record of activities because the newsletter would not exist for another 1½ years! We plan to bring back our 40-year review in 2009.



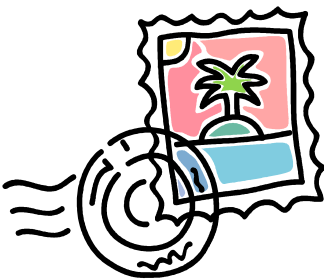
V-8 GALS

As you read in Ken's write-up of the Central National Meet in Winona, one of the highlights was a trip on the *Julia Belle Swain* riverboat. That trip was tons of fun. In addition to the good food and scenery, the fantastic staff served a delightful drink called the *Julia Belle Swain*. After a couple of sips, I had to know what was in it. There were several ladies from our group enjoying this drink. Our waitress was more than happy to provide the list of ingredients.

When we arrived home I hit the grocery store armed with the list of ingredients, determined to recreate that drink. I knew what was in it but didn't know how much of this and that went in to the drink. This called for some experimenting. While chemistry experiments in high school were not my thing, this was something I could do. A bottle of rum later and many delicious attempts, I believe I have the correct proportions. The following is for a 10 - 12 oz glass. Feel free to do your own experimenting.

- 1 1/2 - 2 shots coconut rum (like Malibu Coconut Rum)
- A splash of grenadine for color
- 1/2 cup of orange juice
- A double splash of cream (we used Half & Half and it was just as good)
- Just a quick stir. Serve with ice and garnish with a cherry.

ENJOY!



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NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May	June	July	August
6 Spring Driving Tour - Hosted by Ron Dopke 10 Board Meeting 12 Crystal Lake Museum Tour - Hosted by Jack Nikolich 15 Member Meeting—Tech Talk on car appraisals by Frank Koeder	1 - 5 Eastern National Meet, Fairfax, VA 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 30 Winona Driver's Meeting	1 Volo Show 12 Member Meeting 15 - 20 Central National Meet, Winona, MN Note: July Board Meeting has been replaced with the Member Meeting since many members will be in Winona.	5 40th Anniversary Cruise 9 Board Meeting 12 NIRG Picnic—Hosted by the Brauns 18 Tour to Sanfilippo Mansion - Hosted by Ron Dopke 21 Member Meeting
September	October	November	December
5 - 8 Auburn Motorfest 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 28 - 30 Lake Geneva Cancer Rally	7 Ladies Night Out 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting—Officer Nominations	8 Board Meeting 10 Veteran's Day Luncheon 20 Member Meeting—Officer Elections	No Meetings 9 Christmas Luncheon



Stay Cool in August!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**MARIE DISPENSA (8/1), ANGIE PALADINO (8/1), JOSEPH BRONSKI (8/12),
ALAN WALL (8/18), KARYN OBECHNY (8/19), ROGER OBECHNY (8/19),
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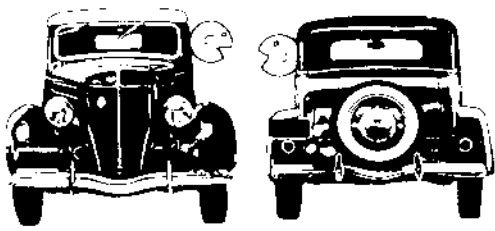
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