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September 2007

UPCOMING NIRG Events

September 5 - 8 Auburn Motorfest

September 13 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm

September 18 Member Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8 pm

September 28 - 30 Lake Geneva Cancer Rally (See Page 3)

October 7 Ladies Night Out (See Page 3)

Other Events of Interest

Sept 9 Cuneo Museum Vintage Car Show, 1350 N. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, 10 am - 4 pm, Admission \$10 per car.

Sept 21 - 23 Goodguys 1st PEAK Chicagoland Nationals, Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, 8 am - 5 pm (Fri & Sat) 8 am - 3 pm (Sun), Admission \$15

Sept 29 - 30 29th Annual Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI, Admission \$5, Parking \$3 P.O. Box 0803 Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0803 www.nirgv8.org

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Back Cover – Our Photo of the Month: Mutiny! Who is that guy at the wheel of Famous Freddie's Love Boat?



****Attention Members****

Due to ongoing renovation of the Wheeling Township Building, the first floor meeting room may not be available for several months; therefore, all Director and regular Monthly Meetings will be held on the lower level until construction is completed.

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ROAD CHATTER

2007 OFFICERS President Dan Pudelek Vice President Tom Buscaglia Secretary Mike Heatherly Treasurer George Zulas Membership Chairman Ken Bounds Health & Welfare Stan Stack **Tour Chairman** Joe Novak Newsletter Ken and Carolyn Bounds **Board of Directors** Ron Blum Ron Dopke Tom O'Donnell Joe Serritella

MEETINGS 8:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Wheeling Township Service Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL

NEWSLETTER

Send submissions to Editor, 1N410 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 or e-mail editor@nirgv8.org or call 630-858-9474 Publishing deadline is the 25th of the month.

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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Secretary Mike Heatherly

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

Treasurer George Zulas had work commitments and could not attend the meeting. The balance from last meeting was \$1,808.28.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds said that we have six new members, with club membership now at 83 members. Joining at the Central National Meet were returning members Ernie and Terry Herzog and new members Bill & Carolyn Grams and Rick & Marisa Claybaugh of Tulsa. In attendance at tonight's meeting were returning member Sam Barone and new member Roger Hunz, introduced by Tom Buscaglia. Also joining NIRG during the month was Dennis Roberts of Morton Grove.

Health and Welfare: Stan Stack was happy there were no illnesses or injuries to report.

Dan Pudelek thanked the following members for setting up outings:

- George Cech: Volo Museum Tour and NIRG 40th Anniversary Boat Excursion
- Cliff Dixon for setting up the American Legion Car Show
- Ron Dopke for setting up the Sanfilippo Museum Tour
- Don and Elaine Braun for hosting the club picnic

The following are upcoming events:

- Auburn Motor Fest, September 5 8
- Lake Geneva Cancer Rally, September 28 30

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GET WELL SOON STAN!

Get Well wishes go out to Stan Gaynor who is recovering from broken ribs after a fall.

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UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

30th Annual Lake Geneva Cancer Rally - September 28 - 30



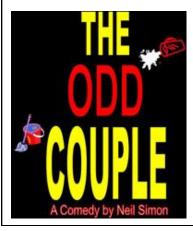
We will be touring to the Lake Geneva Cancer Rally Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30. We are staying at the Delavan Comfort Suites (262-740-1000). If you are attending the tour and have not already made your room reservations there are rooms are still available! Although the NIRG block of rooms has all been taken, please ask the hotel to honor the NIRG rate of \$89.99 + tax per night. Even if you do not plan to attend the entire weekend, everyone is welcome to tour up to Lake Geneva for one or more days. In the past several members have toured with us Friday for lunch, or come up Sunday for breakfast and the event at the Lodge at Geneva Ridge (formerly the Interlaken).

There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting so we can get a good count for reservations at various restaurants, as well as for those who plan to tour up on Friday or drive up on your own on Sunday. If you are not able to attend the meeting, <u>please</u> contact Ken Bounds to let him know when you plan to participate in this event. Please

remember, this is for a terrific charity and we will be soliciting donations to the American Cancer Society – plus this gets you extra hands for the poker run.

We will be gathering at the Town and Country Mall at the corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Roads at 9:30 Friday morning September 28, leaving at 10:00 sharp for the tour to the Lake Geneva area. Please try to participate in this event.

Ladies Night Out - October 7th



Join us for our Ladies Night Out event to see the critically recommended play, THE ODD COUPLE, on Sunday, October 7th at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. More details and driving directions will be provided next month.

Tickets are \$48 per person and include a noon brunch and the 2 pm show. The deadline is almost here. If you want to attend, you need to notify Stan Stack right away and you must have your checks made payable to NIRG to Stan Stack by Sept 10th.

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NIRG 40th Anniversary Cruise By Ken Bounds

The Early Ford V-8 Club of America issued its 8^{th} regional group charter to the Northern Illinois Regional Group on July 23, 1967. We are very proud to be group #8! Over the years many, many members have come and gone and none of the charter members remain. But we still have some of our earliest members with us, including Ron Dopke who joined in that first year. Today we have a very active club of more than 80 members who collectively own over 130 1932 – 1953 Ford vehicles. Our 40th year has been filled with many well-attended club activities and probably the largest group of NIRG vehicles driven to a National V-8 Club meet beyond the local Central National Meet hosted here in 1986.



On August 5 we commemorated our 40th Anniversary with an exciting three-hour cruise on the Chain of Lakes and Fox River aboard the 48-foot *Famous Freddie's Love Boat*. Special thanks go to our hosts, George and Betty Cech, for arranging this fun event and to George for springing for the hors devours while surviving on a fixed income. Our capable Captain, crew, and importantly our bartender Nikki helped to make this an enjoyable and memorable event. The weather was beautiful on the lakes, except for a sudden rain shower that Captain Ron was able to navigate out of.

Those on board included our hosts George and Betty, our soon to be 40-year member Ron Dopke with his son Steve, NIRG President Dan Pudelek, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Don & Elaine Braun, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Joey Novak, Steve O'Neill, Bob & Angie

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Annual NIRG Picnic – August 12, 2007 By Ken Bounds

We held our annual picnic August 12 at the home of Don & Elaine Braun. Our thanks go out to Don, Elaine and their family for all their hard work in once again hosting this event, making arrangements for food, beverages, tables, and chairs, for putting up the tent, and for putting it up again after unexpected storms blew it down the night before.

Over 40 adults and several children braved the warm weather for a great day of fun and fellowship. It was very nice to see Norm Collins, Rich Doligale, Dick and Dot Alfini, and Larry and Jerry Webb who have missed a lot of club activities due to health problems. Jerry was getting around really well on a new set of knees. I didn't get an exact count, but about a dozen antique cars, most of them V-8's, graced the grounds and attracted a lot of attention, including Ron Blum's "freshly dualed" 40 sedan. Thanks for bringing them out.

Everyone brought delicious dishes to share and our chef, Don & Elaine's son-in-law Gary, did a great job of cooking tasty brats for everyone. The food and desserts were plentiful and the cold drinks were just right for a hot day.

This year's picnic continued the 31-year tradition of the white elephant auction and the more recently added "ladies' raffle". Our auctioneers extraordinaire Len Vinyard and Rich Doligale did a great job of entertaining the crowd while pulling in a lot of money for the club. Nice job by Lenny in bribing a child to keep him supplied with beer during the auction. Our thanks go to the auctioneers and to Diane Pudelek for her persuasive selling of raffle tickets. The auction, raffle, and 50/50 tickets sold by Joey Novak and myself paid for the picnic and added to our

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Tour to Sanfilippo Victorian Palace: Place de la Musique **By Ken Bounds**

On August 18 over 20 NIRG members and guests were treated to a tour that for most people could be described as an opportunity of a lifetime. We had the rare chance to tour the Sanfilippo 'Place de la Musique', known worldwide for its magnificent collections of beautifully restored antique music machines, phonographs, arcade and gambling machines, chandeliers, art glass, the world's largest restored theatre pipe organ, the most spectacular European salon carousel in existence, street and tower clocks, steam engines and other functional mechanical antiques, displayed within a breathtaking French Second Empire setting. Our thanks go out to Ron Dopke for arranging



this event and to the Chicago Art Deco Society for inviting us to join them and the Chicago Ar-





ea Theatre Organ Enthusiasts group on this fabulous tour.

While most visitors had to park their cars along the winding driveway of the 57-acre estate, our NIRG vehicles were treated to a place of prominence along the circular driveway at the front entrance. As the crowd of over 100 waited to go inside, many of the Art Deco Society members spent some time examining and complimenting our fine V-8's.

Our tour began by entering the magnificent main entry foyer and into the music room, which houses innumerable antique music machines, highlighted by the massive 8,000-pipe theatre organ. Our tour guides for the day were a son and a son-in-law of owner Jasper Sanfilippo who also visited with us and was a gracious host. As one of the guides welcomed the three groups who were on the tour, we were surprised by a round of applause from the group for our cars!

Mere words and the few pictures we have

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room to share cannot adequately describe the musical treasures and elegant appointments in this home. Our tour took us through various music rooms, gaming rooms, a replica of a casino and bar, an ice cream parlor, and displays of steam engines. There were demonstrations of the orchestrions and other antique music machines. The art-glass doors, stained-glass windows and skylights, and historic chandeliers and clocks were just amazing to see. After a lengthy tour of the various rooms, we returned to the balcony of the music room, some of us via the spiral tower staircase, where we were treated to a short concert from the 1927



theatre organ. After the concert we walked to the carousel building where we saw more massive musical instruments, a full-size, working steam locomotive with several cars, more restored steam engines, and various other displays. The visit was topped off with a ride on the stunning Eden Palais Carousel.

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Participating in this memorable tour were Ron Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, George & Betty Cech, Ron Dopke with guest Norm Lang, John Judge, Charlie Kaiser, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Paul & Joanne Linzer, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell & guests, Steve O'Neill, and Jim & Barb Pope. Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who brought out their V-8's.



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ANNIVERSARY CRUISE CONTINUED

Paladino, Jim & Barb Pope, Len & Irene Vinyard, and Alan & Lois Wall. In addition to a relaxing, scenic trip around the lakes, we were treated to delicious hors devours, a huge sub sandwich, and plenty of beverages served by hard-working bartender Nikki. We also had two cakes, one for the 40th anniversary and a second for Joe & Nell's anniversary. Because there was plenty to go around, we saved the NIRG anniversary cake for the August meeting.

Everyone had a wonderful time, enjoyed some nice scenery, and had plenty of time for visiting with great friends. Happy birthday NIRG!



PICNIC CONTINUED

operating fund. Many members went home with new treasures and Ron Dopke found himself a little richer from the 50/50 raffle.

Thanks to all members who attended and made the picnic a big success. Thanks also to those who donated many nice items for the auction/raffle and to those who helped take down the tent, set up the tables and chairs, and reload them at the end of the day.



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Welcome New NIRG Members



Welcome back to Sam Barone. After taking a few years off, Sam rejoined NIRG at the August meeting and promptly won the 50/50 raffle. So far he is ahead. Sam has a '41 Pickup and a '46 Super Deluxe Business Coupe. Please add Sam's information to your roster: 7426 W. Cashew Dr., Orland Park, IL 60462. (708)614-6085.

A warm welcome to Dennis Roberts, owner of a '50 Ford Convertible.

We ran into Dennis at the Volo show in July. His address and phone are 8817 Sayre Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053. (847)966-2675. Dennis: we don't have a picture of you, so we hope you can attend some club events soon so everyone can meet you.

Finally, a big NIRG welcome to Roger Hunz, Sr. - 609 N Lincoln Ave., Geneva, IL 60134. (630)402-0263. Roger, who has a '51 Ford Tudor met VP Tom Buscaglia at a meet and came to the August meeting as Tom's guest. Either Roger liked what he saw, or maybe he noticed that Sam made a profit on the deal and gave it a shot.

Welcome everyone!

AUGUST MINUTES CONTINUED

- Ladies Night Out, Sunday Oct 7. Noon Brunch 2:00 pm play of the "The Odd Couple". Cost is \$48.00 per person. Stan Stack has a Sept 10, 2007, check receipt cutoff date. He needs to give a final head count to Drury Lane.
- Veterans Day Observation Luncheon: November 10 •

Ken Bounds and Ron Blum put on an interesting video presentation of the Winona Meet. Ken thanked the Minnesota Regional Group for planning and hosting the event. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. 19 Club cars attended 15 took awards.

Sam Barone won \$21.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

George Cech brought an anniversary cake to go along with the coffee.

In Attendance: Sam Barone, George Bastunes, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, George Cech, Cliff Dixon, Ron Dopke, Don Drews, Lloyd Duzell, Jimmy Guido, Jerry Gunderson, Mike Heatherly,

Earl Heintz, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Charles R. Kaiser, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Neil McManus, Frank Nagode, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, Stan Stack and Tom Young.





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TECH CORNER



Reprinted from the Central Indiana Group's Hoosier Views.

Considering restoring a classic car or just polishing up your car? Here's how to repair a paint chip:

- 1. Purchase touch-up paint for your car. (For the correct paint, see your Owner Manual.)
- 2. Purchase a small amount of automotive clear coat.
- 3. Wash the area surrounding the paint chip and dry it thoroughly.
- 4. Using a small soft brush or Q-tip, clean out the paint chip.
- 5. Shake up the touch-up paint.
- 6. Take a paper match and trim the non-lightable end to a point. Matches work well for applying paint.
- 7. Apply a small amount of paint to the chip. Try not to get any on the surrounding paint.
- 8. Allow the touch-up paint to dry thoroughly, then apply a layer of clear coat over the touch-up paint.
- 9. Allow the clear coat to dry then apply a second layer. You want to build the clear coat up higher than the surrounding paint.
- 10. Allow the paint to dry for 24 hours.
- 11. Using 1500-grit sand paper, lightly sand the area. Make sure there is no dirt on the car or the sandpaper. This will cause scratches.
- 12. Using 2000-grit sand paper, sand the area again until smooth.
- 13. Finish the process using a fine polishing compound on a soft cloth. This will bring back the shine.
- 14. If you can still see swirl marks, try a car cleaner polish or a cleaner wax with a fine abrasive.
- 15. The paint chip should now be gone and very hard to see. Only you will know where it was.

Tips:

Always check your Owner Manual and Service Manual before beginning any repair. Don't be in a hurry. Make sure the paint is 100 percent dry before sanding. Only sand a very small area surrounding the paint chip. Don't go crazy. Sand only in one direction; do not go round in circles. For best repair results, make sure to reference the Factory Repair Manual. Visit www.helminc.com for the manuals you need.



10 Years Ago This Month – September 1997

Lin Stacey and Bob Paladino won trophies at the September 14 Kane County meet. A total of 17 cars from NIRG participated in the Lake Geneva Cancer Rally. A highlight was an evening at Gene & Earl Heintz's cottage.

20 Years Ago This Month – September 1987

The Road Chatter included a Ford brochure for installing and adjusting mechanical brake linings provided by Tony Spensieri. For \$350, Manny Safus offered a complete '50 Mercury engine and transmission including a free hot dog, fries, and Coke for a month. The Dulings, Novaks, Kozmics, and Heintzs drove their cars to the Lake Geneva Cancer Rally September 26-27. A call went out for nominees for officers.

30 Years Ago This Month – September 1977

Earl Heintz ('34 Tudor) and Chester Lawrence ('40 Convertible) took home trophies from the Kane County meet. A large group of over a dozen members, their families, and V-8's took part in an overnighter to the Milwaukee area. An evening party was highlighted with games and prizes by Diane Wrobel and "comments" by Len Vinyard (hard to believe). The party broke up at 3:00 a.m. Maybe we were younger then.

35 Years Ago This Month – September 1972

The Israeli Olypmic Team was kidnapped and killed at the Munich Olympics. Roberto Clemente recorded his 3.000th hit. Alas, we have no record of happenings at the NIRG. More next month.

National V-8 Club Director's Election

As some of you may already know, I have decided to make a run for National Director for the V-8 Club's Midwest Region. This region includes 14 regional groups in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas. Ballots will be included with your September/October issue of the *V-8 Times*. Be sure to participate and return your ballot. Of course, I would appreciate your support!

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V-8 GALS

Have you ever bought some new clothes and then were totally clueless as to what the fabric care symbols meant? Here are a few from http://www.thefabricofourlives.com that should help decipher the code.



| | Machine Wash Permanent Press | Article should be laundered only on the Permanent Press setting, which has a cool down or cold rinse prior to reduced spin. | |
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| | Machine Wash Gentle (or Delicate) | Article should be laundered only on the Gentle setting; which has a gentler agitation and/or a reduced duration. | |
| 2 | Iron All Temperatures, Steam or Dry | Article can be ironed using any temperature setting, with or without steam | |
| a | Iron, Low | Article can be ironed on the Low setting, with or without steam. | |
| a | Iron, Medium | Article can be ironed on the Medium setting only, with or without steam. | |
| | Iron, High | Article can be ironed on the High setting only, with or without steam. | |
| | Tumble Dry, Normal | Article can be regularly dried at the highest temperature setting. | |
| O | Tumble Dry, Normal Low Heat | Article can be regularly dried in a machine dryer set on the Low Heat setting. | |
| O | Tumble Dry, Normal Medium Heat | Article can be regularly dried in a machine dryer set on the Medium Heat setting. | |
| | Tumble Dry, Normal High Heat | Article can be regularly dried in a machine dryer set on the High Heat setting. | |
| | Tumble Dry, Permanent Press | Article can be dried in a machine dryer using the Permanent Press setting. | |
| | Tumble Dry, Gentle | Article can be dried regularly in a machine dryer using the Gentle setting. | |
| | Line Dry | Article must be dried on a clothesline or bar, indoors or outside. | |
| | Drip Dry | Article should be hung dripping wet from clothesline or bar, inside or outside; do not hand shape. | |
| Ξ | Dry Flat | Lay article out horizontally to dry. | |
| | Dry in Shade | This symbol is usually an addition to the Line or Drip Dry symbol and indicates that the article should be dried out of direct sunlight. | |

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

| October | November | December |
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| 7 Ladies Night Out11 Board Meeting16 Member Meeting—Officer Nominations | 8 Board Meeting 10 Veteran's Day Luncheon 20 Member Meeting— Officer Elections | No Meetings 9 Christmas Luncheon |
| February | March | April |
| 14 Board Meeting | 13 Board Meeting | 10 Board Meeting |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ARLENE BLUM (9/5), JERRY GUNDERSON (9/5), GEORGE CECH (9/13), CLIFF DIXON (9/14), JIM POPE (9/16), RON HAYDEN (9/18), LOIS WALL (9/21), BILL BALOGH (9/22), ALEXANDRIA GUNDERSON (9/28) & NEIL MCMANUS (9/28)

Happy Anniversary to Jordon & Corinne Beller (9/2), Bill & Jane Balogh (9/3), Ron & Arlene Blum (9/12), George & Betty Cech (9/27) & Dan & Diane Pudelek (9/30)



AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.





For Sale

1953 Ford F-100, Rust Free, Built Flathead, Automatic Transmission, Power Steering, 4" Drop Axle and much more! \$18,500 or offer. Contact Rich Doligale 773-779-8880

Clocks: Mercury 1957; Ford 1950; Buick 1963; Chevrolet 1965; 67 68 Cougar Rally Clock. Contact Jim Ondracek 630-960-4801 jim4754@hotmail.com

1941 Mercury Hood Hinges, Spring Mounting bolts and perches, Bumper (Rough), Rear Side Window Regulators, Sun Visor Arms, Oil Pan, Cylinder Heads. Contact Mike Heatherly 630-969-6873

All manner of parts and accessories. Contact Lloyd Duzell 847-537-2989

Wanted

Your stories for the Road Chatter about you, your V-8s or your involvement in NIRG. This is your newsletter, please submit your stories or ideas for tech tips, ladies articles, feature articles or event write -ups to the newsletter editor. See submission information on page 2.

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Photo of the Month Jimmy piloting the boat on the 40th Anniversary cruise