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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**July 10** Monthly Meeting  
Wheeling Township Service  
Center, 8:00 pm.

**July 14 - 19** Grand National  
Meet, Dearborn, MI

**Note change in date of  
member meeting to  
Thursday, July 10.**



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**July 5** "Expect a Miracle  
Foundation" charity car  
show with George Barris,  
Volo, Admission \$14

**July 10 - 13** 36th Annual  
Iola Car Show & Swap  
Meet, Iola, WI

**August 2 - 3** 23rd Annual  
Elkhorn Car Show & Swap  
Meet, Walworth County  
Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI

**August 3** 18th Annual Vin-  
tage Transportation Extrava-  
ganza, Union

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**Back Cover** – Our Photo of the Month: V-8ers at the Manz Museum of Motoring Memories in Mundelein pause to admire a neat '36 Roadster.



## \*\*Important Notice\*\*

Read This!

**Because so many officers and members will be attending the Grand National Meet the third week of July, our regular monthly meeting has been moved this month to the second Thursday of the month at our regular meeting place, on the lower level. Be sure to come to the monthly meeting on July 10!!**

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**MEETINGS**

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**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT**

Hello,



First I would like to thank Roger Hunz for making all the arrangements to have the representatives from Turtle Wax, the owners of Marvel Mystery Oil, come to our June meeting. Rich Kelly and Jim Heidel showed up early hoping to see some of the old cars and they weren't disappointed. We had a very good turnout for the meeting; I believe about six or seven of the members drove their cars. After Rich and Jim were introduced they expanded in great detail how, when, and where the company got its start and where they hope to go in the future with the oil. Rich answered all of our questions in great detail and told us a few things about the company and the oil that we didn't know. One of the things he told us that surprised me is the oil is only sold in U.S. The one thing we all wanted to know, the big question of the night, what's the "mystery" in Mystery Oil? Rich just looked at us and answered it this way: It's a mystery! Rich and Jim brought lots of free samples of Marvel Mystery Oil so all the members went home with smiles on their faces.

At the meeting I also mentioned that we have a lot of open weekends in August and September for tours. I was asked by one of the members how many tours I want to do in one season. Well the answer was easy, I want as many as we can fit in our short driving season. One of the reasons we spent all the trouble and time and money to rebuild and repair our cars is to drive and enjoy them. To me a tour can be a short drive to a restaurant or ice cream stand or a 500-mile run. Nothing beats the enjoyment of the ride and seeing other people having fun seeing the old cars and enjoying them as much as we do. So let's get out there and enjoy ourselves with the cars before the price of gas is \$6.00 a gallon. At the July meeting I would like to see a few more tours for the upcoming months.

Speaking of tours we're getting very close to the time to decide if you're going to the Grand National meet in Dearborn. I hope that all the people that plan on going have made all the necessary reservations and arrangements. With that I will see you at the July meeting. Remember the day of the meeting has been changed to Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>.

President, Daniel Pudelek

We need your ideas for driving tours, outings, get-togethers, etc. Whether it is an overnigher, a local tour, or just getting together for breakfast, suggestions are welcome. Have you hosted a tour or other event yet? Now is the time, especially while we can get our great cars out and drive them. Please contact our Tour Chairman Joey Novak at 708-923-9953 and he will assist you.

## Annual NIRG Picnic - Sunday August 10

Hosted by Lloyd & Gladys Duzell  
3136 N Schoenbeck Rd, Arlington Heights

The fun begins at 10:00 a.m.



### Food - Drinks - Games - Auction

The club provides: Tables, chairs, beer, pop, water, grills, plates, utensils

You provide: Your entrée or meat to cook, one pass-around dish, your V-8 Ford (other cars welcome), items to contribute to the auction. For the pass-around dishes, it is suggested that members whose last names begin with A-K bring salad courses and L-Z bring desserts.



More details and driving directions to the Duzells will be provided in the August Road Chatter. This is one of the biggest events of the year and a chance to see many great V-8's. You don't want to miss it!

## Grand National Meet Update - Drivers Meeting, July 12



GRAND NATIONAL CELEBRATION

Everyone planning to attend the Grand National Meet in Dearborn is encouraged to attend the "drivers meeting" at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at the Home Run Inn pizzeria, 1480 W. Lake Street, Addison. The restaurant is located just ¼-mile east of I-355 on the north side of Lake Street.

This will be a fun evening for all participants to get together and go over the tour and meet agenda, driving directions, reminders, etc. All Grand National participants and spouses are welcome, even if you are not driving with the caravan leaving Monday, July 14.

Although our reservation is at 6:00, feel free to arrive early for some tire kicking before we go inside. We plan to get our orders in, then have a meeting before the food arrives. Come hungry, food will be provided – drinks are on your own. **Please contact Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474 by Sunday, July 6, to let him know you are coming.** Bring your V-8, weather permitting.



## NIRG's June 1 Garage Tour: Kids in a Candy Store!

By Don Drews

On a gorgeous Sunday morning in June, the Northern Illinois Regional Group gathered at the Duzell's house for a delightful drive and a visit to two car collections. Billed as a "garage tour", it was better than a trip to Disneyland for old car enthusiasts.

To begin, the rallying point at Lloyd's garage was a taste of the great things to come. Club members admired the gleaming, almost-finished 37 Ford pickup sitting in the center of his shop. The floor was clean enough to eat off of, and there were welders, buffers and all manner of neat tools all around. To say this author had a serious case of shop envy would be putting it mildly.



V-8s gather at Duzells

Once the headcount was taken and driving instructions passed out, we headed out to see Jack Bowser's collection of cars, petroliana and automobilia. Since a Bowser family ancestor invented the gas pump, he had some pretty nice stuff, including a Cobra, 41 Cadillac, an Auburn roadster and a hand-made street rod roadster with a V-16 Marmon engine. His "garage" was a beautiful, fully finished play room the size of a basketball court. All the V-8ers were buzzing around like kids in a candy store, while Jack and his wife were warm and gracious hosts.



Jack Bowser addresses V-8ers

Then it was on to the Manz Museum of Motoring Memories where we were greeted by Jim & Gail Manz on

their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary! In this private, converted stable (again, this is a "garage"?) were about a dozen fabulous automotive specimens, including a very early Rolls, a 39 Lincoln Zephyr with a flathead V-12, a gullwing Mercedes and a 1954



Highly modified 1934 Ford Roadster with Marmon V-16



Kaiser-Darrin Roadster (shown below). And that doesn't include the beautiful orchestrion! We all had ear-to-ear grins on our faces as we pored over all the goodies.

The event wrapped up with a family style lunch at a restaurant that was only open for our party. The weather couldn't have been better, and our V-8's looked great stretched out in a line on the open road. What a treat - you shoulda been there!

Participating members were: Lloyd & Gladys Duzell (35 Tudor), Ken & Carolyn Bounds (36 Roadster), Ron & Arlene Blum (40 Fordor), Len & Irene Vinyard (39 Convertible), Joe & Nell Kozmic (37 Coupe), Earl & Gene Heintz (63 Galaxie), Dan Pudelek (53 Victoria), Stan Stack (53 Tudor), George & Betty Cech (36 Phaeton), John Judge (51 Victoria), Dave Benck (36 Coupe), Tom & Judy Buscaglia (51 Tudor), Frank Madrigali (51 Pickup), Ernie Herzog (53 Coupe), Colin Sprau (Custom 47 Ford), Bob Paladino (69 Cougar), and Joe Serritella (50 Olds). Paul & Joanne Linzer, Joe Novak, Charlie Kaiser, Neil McManus, and Don Drews also participated, driving modern cars. We had a couple of former members as guests who brought interesting cars as well: Mark Dombeck drove his 61 Catalina, and Dave Kuffel put the top down on his 47 Ford Sportsman.



Charlie Kaiser with Jim Manz



**JUNE 17 MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by Secretary Mike Heatherly

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

Treasurer George Zulas provided the status of the club's finances, showing an ending balance of \$2,248.11.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds related there are still 79 paid up members.

Health and Welfare Chairman Stan Stack reported that Sue Dopke continues to have serious ongoing medical issues and that Don Braun is doing better.

Dan thanked Lloyd Duzell for the Garage Tour he ran on Sunday June 1.

**Upcoming Events:**

- The Grand National Meet will be held in Dearborn, Michigan, July 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Registrations are filling fast. Club members are planning on a caravan leaving Monday July 14. The Monthly Club meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 10 since so many club members will be attending the Grand National Meet on the normal meeting date.
- The Club Picnic will be held Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> at Lloyd Duzell's house. Help will be needed to set up the Saturday afternoon before.

Roger Hunz arranged a Tech talk by Rich Kelly and Jim Heidel from Marvel Mystery Oil. They graciously donated several boxes of 4-oz. sample bottles for use by club members and four Marvel Mystery Oil caps which were auctioned off. Marvel Mystery Oil is now owned by Turtle Wax, as is CD2 Lead Substitute. The web link for information and historical background is [www.marvelmysteryoil.com](http://www.marvelmysteryoil.com).

Dan Pudelek shared a letter he had received from a Badger State member who had his vintage Ford seriously damaged when being used to film the Dillinger movie "Public Enemies". It was an original car extensively damaged when used. Club members should be aware of the possibility for serious damage to your antique car when used by movie companies.

Jerry Gunderson won \$26.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

**In Attendance:**

Rich Anderson, Dave Benck, Ken Bounds, George Cech, Don Drews, Lloyd Duzell, Jerry Gunderson, Mike Heatherly, Earl Heintz, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Charles R. Kaiser, Frank Koeder, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Neil McManus, Jack Nikolich, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, Collin Sprau, Stan Stack, Alan Wall, Tom Young and George Zulas.

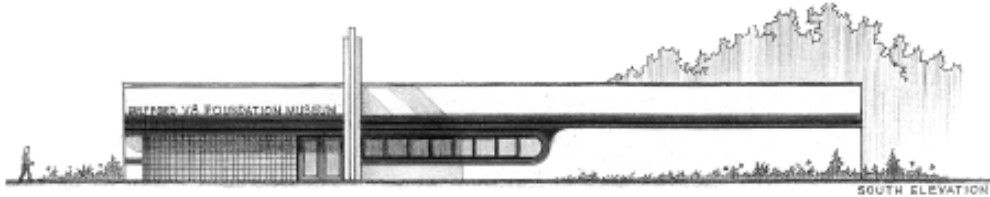


Jim Heidel provided a lively presentation about Marvel Mystery Oil

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## “As The Wheel Turns”

(the continuing soap opera of one man’s search for a flathead Ford)

by Don Drews

Episode 1

This is a story. This story has a beginning, but at the moment, no ending. It is the story of my search to find an early Ford V-8 to call my own. Our beloved Road Chatter has had many articles about members’ cars, how they came to own them, and the adventures they’ve had with them. Those stories all started with the search. The hunt. The quest. That twisting, unpredictable, exciting, sometimes long, occasionally disappointing but always ultimately enjoyable pursuit of a dream car.

I can tell you other stories of other searches—stories with happy endings. There’s the one about the ’65 Mustang fastback (The seller said, “This car is really too nice to drive.” I said, “That’s the one I want.” And then I drove it.). There’s another one about the ’55 Chevy, or the one about the red ’72 Cutlass convertible (the way I tell that one, I bought it for my wife.). But this will be the story of my current search, and the fun I have while I’m looking, and the help—and the grief—I get from friends in the club along the way. I have no doubt that one day this story will have a happy ending, too.

So here’s where we’re headed; this is the goal: a 1940 Deluxe coupe, in either Lyon Blue or Mandarin Maroon, or a 1936 5-window coupe in either Washington Blue or Lightfast Maroon. 12-volt conversions and juice brakes are OK. Rumble seat or trunk? Doesn’t matter. No chopped tops, no tweed interiors, no tilt columns, no cruise control! I’ll be honest: I’m a sucker for nice cosmetics. Keep an eye out for me, and if you see the car in this photo, call me immediately at 708.528.0925! I appreciate the help.



Tune in next month for the next installment of “As The Wheel Turns” . . . .





## TECH CORNER



From the Editors: We apparently opened a can of worms with our March Tech Corner. You may recall that article in which Ron Vaughan related the story of how his brother, Tom, had hopped up the engine in his '51 Ford. Ron showed the cost of the build and the resulting E.T. at Great Lakes Dragaway. Because of that article, the editors have received the challenge detailed below from Tom Buscaglia. Is this toungue-in-cheek, or the real thing? You be the judge!

Ron Vaughan:

In regards to your Tech Corner of March '08, enclosed please note my ET v/s my m.p.h. This has to be resolved one way or another! Have your brother Tom meet me at Skip's Drive-in on North Ave (Melrose Park) @ 9:00pm Friday night. BRING SOME MONEY! \$1.00 a gear, \$5.00 to the winner. 2 out of 3. We will travel to Russell's on Thatcher Road and use that road to settle this. It seems to me that your Bro spent an awful lot of money needlessly. Allow me to explain.

You may have already have read about me (Scags) purchasing my father's '51 from my Bro for \$80.00 a few issues ago. What you do not know is how I turned it into THE BEAST! Feared by all! The car cried for some attention after it came into my possession; it was very restless cruising the ol neighborhood, racing on Spaulding Av. Beating "Round The Block Phil's" '53 ford and "Don the hillbilly's" '54 Plymouth.

I was enrolled in Lane Tech's Smith Hughes auto shop and received permission from Mr. Kane to bring the car in for some work. (He was building a concrete boat in his back yard, claimed he going to travel the world in it. Man, we KNEW he was squirrely). My friend Jack Howard was to assist me in the necessary engine work (Wondering how I can remember all these names? I had to go to the bowels of the archives and retrieve my H.S. stuff.) He knew a lot about warheads and convinced me to install a 51 Merc crank, Lincoln valve springs, and put on Merc heads. It would work real well with the 4.11 rear end I already had. Basically I was putting a Merc engine back into my car.

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I did not have a lot in the way of funds, working in the bakery for \$1.50 an hour. But he had me to go with him to the Neva junk yard (Grand and Harlem). His uncle worked for them and we were able to score the parts for next to nothing as long as we took them out! Found a Merc with a cracked block and proceeded to disassemble the engine. (The valve springs I bought.)

Well, make a long story short I remember putting it all together and the next thing I knew I was racking up tickets left and right. Enclosed I found amongst my treasures a list of either things I wanted to get or things I had already bought. Too far back to remember. I do not believe I put more than a hundred dollars doing it. We even re-used the old crank bearings! So that's the story on the BEAST. SEE YOU FRIDAY NIGHT.

Tom



## Gas Prices by the End of Summer?







### 10 Years Ago This Month – July 1998

Several NIRG members toured to the Grand National Meet in Dearborn at the first of the month. Sadly there was no report in the Road Chatter so many details are not available, but we do know that at least 6 members brought home trophies, including two Dearborn medallions. Tom O'Donnell hosted a tour to the Union League Boys and Girls Club picnic in Wisconsin July 26. Only a few members made the trip as several who had signed up could not make it.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – July 1988

On July 16 & 17, Joey & Nancy Novak hosted the House on the Rock tour to Wisconsin, attended by 13 NIRG families, 7 V-8's, 4 "other" vintage cars, and two modern cars. Despite some early rain on the way to New Glarus, the weekend turned out great and all had a good time. NIRG members drove a dozen V-8's to a joint meet with the Model As and Model T's at the Union Railway Museum on July 31.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – July 1978

The July 11 meeting was the final one held at Hewlett-Packard in Rolling Meadows. Eleven NIRG families attended the second Grand National Meet in sultry Tulsa July 15-21. Of the four V-8's driven, two came back with National awards: Chuck & Diane Wrobel for their '46 Fordor Sedan and Barrett McGregor for his '47 Sportsman. President Chuck thanked everyone who helped him with his four flat tires! On July 30 the Wrobels held their 4<sup>th</sup> annual July tour. At least a dozen antique cars and many club members attended the visit to Lee Hartung's museum and lunch at the Noodle Works.

### 35 Years Ago This Month – July 1973

The big topic in July was anticipation and planning for the first ever Grand National Meet in Dearborn. Plans were made to meet at the Hinsdale Oasis bright and early on August 8 with gas and lunch stops planned along US-12 in Michigan. The July meeting was the last one held at Jack Loftis Ford.



*Here's an original owner! Robert Tomczak of Illinois bought his 1937 Ford Tudor NEW in 1937!*

**Source: V-8 Times, September/October 1998. This car, shown at the 1998 Grand National Meet, was restored by former NIRG member Ralph Morey.**



## July is National Ice Cream Month!



In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday of the month as National Ice Cream Day. In 2008, July 20th is National Ice Cream Day! In the proclamation, President Reagan called for all people of the United States to observe these events with "appropriate ceremonies and activities." I wonder what he meant by that?

Americans consume the most ice cream in the world per capita.

On average we enjoy 48 pints of ice cream per person per year. The U.S. produces more than 800 million gallons of ice cream per year. California leads U.S. production. Illinois ranks 4th!

Vanilla is the most popular ice cream flavor followed by chocolate, butter pecan, strawberry and neapolitan. The most popular ice cream topping is chocolate syrup. Oh yum!

I'm not sure yet on what my "appropriate" ceremony and ice cream activity will be but I know it will be delicious. Perhaps I'll celebrate National Ice Cream Day by making the recipe below.

**V-8 Gals**

### Mud Slide Ice-Cream Cake

- 1 box Betty Crocker® SuperMoist® chocolate fudge cake mix
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- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons coffee-flavored liqueur or strong coffee
- 4 cups vanilla ice cream
- 1 container (12 oz) Betty Crocker® Whipped chocolate frosting
- 2 tablespoons coffee-flavored liqueur, if desired



1. Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or nonstick pan). Grease bottom only of 13x9-inch pan with shortening or cooking spray. In large bowl, beat cake mix, butter and eggs until well blended. Spread batter in pan.
2. Bake 19 to 24 minutes or until center is set (top will appear dry and cracked). Cool completely, about 1 hour.
3. Brush 2 tablespoons liqueur over cake. Let ice cream stand about 15 minutes at room temperature to soften. Spread ice cream over cake. Freeze 3 hours or until firm.
4. In medium bowl, mix frosting and 2 tablespoons liqueur; spread over ice cream. Freeze at least 1 hour.

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**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
3 Ladies Night Out 8 Board Meeting 10 Oak Park Show 18 Spring Driving Tour 20 Member Meeting 23 - 26 Spring Fling	1 Garage Tour - Hosted by Lloyd Duzell 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	<b>10 Member Meeting</b> 12 Dearborn Drivers Meeting 14 - 19 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI  <b>Note change in date of            member meeting to            Thursday, July 10.</b>	10 Annual Picnic - Hosted by the Duzells 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 23 - 26 Auburn Mo- torfest IV
<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 20 Tour to collection in Downers Grove 26 - 28 Lake Geneva Poker Run	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations	8 Veteran's Day Lunch 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	No Meetings TDB - Christmas Brunch



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**RICK CLAYBAUGH (7/2), JOANNE LINZER (7/2), JOAN KELLY (7/4),**  
**SHIRLEY BASTUNES (7/13), JORDON BELLER (7/13), TOM YOUNG (7/14),**  
**NORM COLLINS (7/17), PAUL LINZER (7/19), MATT OTTAVIANO (7/19)**  
**& DIANNE HUNZ (7/20)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**JIM & BARB POPE (7/22), LARRY & JERRY WEBB (7/24) &**  
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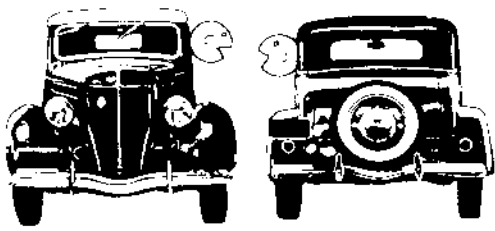
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