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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**September 9** Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**September 21** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.

**September 24 - 26** Third Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - see page 3.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Sept 5** 26th Annual Skip's Graffiti Gold show/swap, Lake County Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm. \$7.50

**Sept 11 & 12** Fall Car Corral & Expo, Volo, IL 10 am - 5 pm. Car show Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. Admission \$12 both days. Car show only, \$10.

**Sept 24 - 26** 33rd Annual Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI, Admission \$7, Parking \$3.

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## Important Notice - National Director Election

There were serious problems with the ballots that were mailed with the V-8 Times. One resume was left out (Southeast) and the International representative from Canada was misidentified. New ballots of a different color are in the mail to all members. All votes on the original ballots will be discarded - only the re-issued ballots will be counted.

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**MEETINGS**

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Tuesday of the month at  
the Wheeling Township  
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Hello to all,

I said August was going to be a busy month and it was. On the 1st we had our picnic at the Timmermann's horse ranch in Island Lake. For those that didn't attend you missed a great day; the weather was just perfect for a picnic and we had good shade all day from the hundred-year-old trees that lined the property. We had a good turnout of cars and club members. The Timmermanns were just the best hosts you could ask for; thanks to Don & Elaine Braun for making the arrangements.



On August 8th Joe Dispensa and the Friends of LaSalle Street had their car show in Aurora. We had a little rain at the start but that didn't stop the V-8ers from coming out in big numbers and helping make the day a success. At day's end I counted 14 members with 12 cars and out of those 12 cars 4 went home with trophies. The club also received a trophy for having the largest number of cars from one club to attend the event; it was a good day all around.

I was hoping to start this out by saying that our car show in Volo was a big success. Unfortunately it was NOT; in fact it was one of the poorest attended car shows I've been to all summer. I can't put into words how upset, disappointed, and embarrassed I was with the low club turnout. This was going to be the club's big show, our time to shine, our money maker for the year. Well ladies & gentlemen that didn't happen. We had a lot of club members that went out of their way and worked very long and hard and put in a lot of overtime to make this day at Volo special for our club. I'm sure some of our members had good reasons not to participate in this meet, I understand. To the other members that couldn't come out to support their club, I feel sorry for them because they're the ones missing out on some of the best, fun times that one could have with their family, friends, and fellow V-8ers. To the members that stepped up once again I thank you for all your help, hard work, and loyalty to the club.

I can't tell you how excited I am about our next club get-together in Lake Geneva, WI, for our annual poker run. If you haven't done any other tour or club function this year you better put this weekend on your agenda - you will not be sorry. Rain or shine we always have a fun-filled weekend, so reserve your rooms now so you didn't miss out on any of the fun, games, and surprises.

President, Daniel Pudelek

**From the Editors**

As Dan says above August was an action-packed month. We had so many activities to report that we just could not fit them into our normal 16 pages. We hope you enjoy this expanded 20-page issue.



## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Lake Geneva Poker Run - September 24 - 26



The time is almost here for our first event of the fall! We will be touring to the Lake Geneva area and conducting our third annual poker rally Friday, September 24 through Sunday, September 26. We are staying at the [Delavan Comfort Suites](#) (262-740-1000). If you would like to attend the tour and have not already made your room reservations, there are rooms still available in the NIRG block. Please ask the hotel to honor the Early Ford V-8 Club rate of \$89.99 + tax per night. The deadline is September 15.

We have planned a fun, relaxing weekend with some leisurely drives over scenic back roads, some visits to nice restaurants and plenty of time for shopping or just relaxing. This year our Saturday driving tour will take us through the Kettle Moraine Forest to Hartford where we will tour the Wisconsin Automotive Museum. On Sunday, after our traditional breakfast at Millie's in Delavan, we will travel to the [Apple Barn Orchard and Winery](#) near Elkhorn to enjoy Applefest. Valuable prizes will be awarded for the best poker hand, the worst hand, and even a few surprises along the way. Each participant will play one hand for a small fee with any excess proceeds going to the Corinne Kreissl Memorial Foundation.



We will gather at the Town and Country Mall at the corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Roads Friday morning September 24, leaving at 9:30 for the tour to the Lake Geneva area. Please contact Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474 to let him know if you plan to participate in this event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting so we can get a good count for reservations at various restaurants.

### Save the Date – December 5

- What:** Annual Christmas Luncheon  
**When:** Sunday, December 5, 12:00 noon  
**Where:** [Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano](#), 20560 N Rand Rd, Deer Park  
**Cost:** \$27.00 per person



Joe Novak has made reservations for a luncheon for 50 at Biaggi's in Deer Park. We need to get an accurate count and commitment by November 21, 2010. Payment must be made in advance to Joe Novak no later than November 21. Make checks payable to Joe. This year the ladies grab bag is back!

Signup sheets will be available at monthly meetings, or you can call Joe at 708-923-9953.



## Northern Illinois Regional Group Annual Picnic By Ken Bounds

For a number of years Art & Carol Timmermann, close friends of Don & Elaine Braun, had offered their property, Timmermann's Ranch & Saddle Shop in Island Lake as a site for our picnic. This year we finally took them up on the offer and NIRG members could not be happier with the result. A large crowd of V-8 families and friends attended the picnic August 1 at the ranch. We send out a special Thank You to Art and Carol for being such generous hosts and to Don and Elaine for making the arrangements. We couldn't have asked for a nicer day for a picnic with bright sunshine, temperature in the low 80's, and plenty of shade.

The Timmermanns made a large grass riding area on their 17½ acre ranch available for us to set up our tent and park our classic cars. When we arrived Art was spraying the area for mosquitos and the Braun's son had already put up the tent. Ed Fontana arranged for the club to borrow tables and chairs and Joe Serritella brought them to the ranch. As participants arrived, long rows of at least 21 Early V-8s and many other classic cars parked in the grassy area. John Bauer even trucked in two of his tractors with V-8 and 6-cylinder conversions. Before lunch there was ample time for renewing friendships, kicking tires, and admiring the car show. Meanwhile, super salesmen Joe Kozmic, Joe Novak, and Len Vinyard were selling 50-50 raffle tickets like their lunch depended on it.

Joe & Nell Kozmic's neighbor, Bob Sochacki and his friend Mike Sturm offered to do the cooking for us. They did a terrific job with the brats and hot dogs; Bob even furnished the grills. The club provided the entrée, beverages, plates, and utensils while V-8ers brought dozens of dishes and desserts to share – no chance that anyone could go away hungry.



Many V-8's on display



Our salesmen with a happy customer



Plenty of food for everyone

After lunch everyone spent more time just hanging out and enjoying great conversation and a super car show. The Timmermanns graciously offered free horse rides for anyone willing to try. A few adults and many of the small children had a great time riding.

This year we decided to forego the traditional auction as interest has been dwindling; however, we more than made up for it with a great 50-50 raffle. Our salesmen took in \$350 with the winning ticket for half the pot going to none other than Catherine Pauly, our President's daughter. Congratulations! Before making their way home in their beautiful V-8s everyone pitched in to load up the tables and chairs, take down the tent, and clean up the property for our terrific hosts. It was a wonderful day of V-8 camaraderie.

I know we are missing the names of some of the guests at the picnic, so our apologies. Here are those we do know and the vehicles they brought:

Ben & Ginny Ashley (53 Pickup) with Ginny's brother, John Bauer (51 8N tractor with V-8 conversion, 50 8N tractor with OHV-6 conversion), Ron Blum (40 Fordor), Ken & Carolyn Bounds (36 Roadster & 50 Crestliner) with guests Chad & Libby Hill ('55 Chevy 210 Wagon) with their daughter and Chad's parents, Don & Elaine Braun (36 Coupe, 56 Pickup) with sons Tim with daughter Abby, and Tom, daughter & son-in-law Sharon & Gary Deeter and their three children Emily, Sara, & Mike, Tom Buscaglia (51 Tudor), George & Betty Cech (63 Olds Convertible), with son Tom & daughter Cheryl, Norm Collins (41 Mercury) & son David, Ron Dopke (40 Tudor) with friend Norm Lang, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell (35 Tudor), Ed & Roni Fontana, Stan Gaynor with guest Art Russell, Scott Gilday (69 Mustang), Earl & Gene Heintz (51 Mercury), Roger Hunz (51 Tudor) & son Bill, Joe Kozmic (53 Mercury) with guests Bob Sochacki & Mike Sturm, Roger & Betty Meness (51 Tudor), Jack & Jean Nikolich (39 Convertible), Joey Novak (40 Pickup), Steve O'Neill (41 Tudor), Barb Pope, Dan & Diane Pudelek (53 Victoria) with daughter & son-in-law Catherine & John Pauly and their two children Jack and Isabella, John & Barbara Slobodnik & son, Stan Stack (53 Tudor), John & Este Scheve, Joe & Delice Serritella, and Len & Irene Vinyard (39 Convertible).



**Your lights work, Jack, now try your horn**



**The kids had a great time riding the horses**



## Early Ford Day 2010 – Volo Auto Museum By Ken Bounds

A day that started out with rain or the threat of rain in parts of the Chicago area turned into an absolutely stunning mid-summer day in Volo for the Northern Illinois Regional Group's Early Ford Day. This was actually the 2nd annual Early Ford Day at the museum, but the inaugural event for our regional group. Last year the Rockford group hosted the event on August 1, a date that was abnormally rainy and chilly with a high temperature of only about 70 degrees. When the Rockford group asked us if we would like to take over the event after a very disappointing turnout, we moved it to August 14 to avoid a conflict with another event and were also blessed with perfect weather. Unfortunately, although the steady stream of spectators was encouraging, the turnout of show cars was marginal and promised swap vendors never arrived.

Someone, somewhere, may be able to explain the dismal turnout; however, it was not a lack of planning, publicity, or enthusiasm of the many volunteers that came out to support the show. Planning began with a meeting with the Volo President back in the chilly days of March. Since then, club members distributed hundreds of flyers at area car shows and events. Volo did a great job of advertising the show in car-related publications and even radio spots. But on the day of the show, fewer than 40 cars rolled through the gates. Was it the threat of rain? Was it the Air & Water show 50 miles away on the Chicago lakefront?

Still, there are plenty of good things to talk about: a dedicated group of members spent a lot of time and effort to support the show, both in planning and preparation and in execution the day of the show; those who took the time to come out and participate had a great time on a great day and got to see some quality cars; and our club picked up three new members. Could we ask for more?



Some of the Early V-8s on Display



Volunteers at information tent and raffle sales



Our staff at the ready to assist with parking

We need to thank many members who went above and beyond the call to support our Early Ford Day. Ron Blum was able to secure some very valuable raffle items at no cost to our club, along with posters to advertise them at the show. Ron also brought a significant amount of cash so we would have plenty of change for the registrations and raffle sales. Ed Fontana brought out a terrific tent that served as our headquarters on the day of the show. This tent was intended as a support area for show participants, but also served as a gathering area for all our volunteers to shield us from the 90-degree sunshine and was a central point for raffle ticket sales and display of our raffle items. Ed also brought two Ford-logo bar stools for raffle items. With the weak take at the gate, the enthusiastic sales of tickets for all the raffle items and the 50-50 tickets prevented the day from being a fiscal disaster.

We thank Neil McManus, Ron Blum, Tom Buscaglia, Ron Dopke, Ed Fontana, Joe Kozmic, John Judge, Joe Serritella, and John Slobodnik who handled the initial registration of participants as they arrived. Helping participants at the information tent were Gladys Duzell, Gene Heintz, Carolyn Bounds and Ginny Ashley. Raffle sales at the tent were handled by Carolyn Bounds, Cliff Dixon, and Marie Dispensa. Helping park cars were Frank Madrigali, Joe Dispensa, Dan Pudelek, Ken Bounds, Ben Ashley, Earl Heintz, and Roger Meness. Our roving 50-50 raffle ticket salesmen were Joey Novak and Len Vinyard. Dan also manned the microphone all day making announcements and encouraging raffle ticket sales. I'm sure I have missed someone; if so, my apologies. Needless to say, we are grateful for the overwhelming support from all the volunteers.

We also want to make a special "shout out" to four members of the Badger State group who showed Early V-8s: the Deschlers, the Dutkiewicz and the Kobbervigs in addition to our own Doug Leicht.

There is so much to see and do at the Volo Auto Museum that our registration fee was truly a bargain. We charged \$12 for each car containing up to two people. This gave them complete access not only to the car show, but to the entire Volo grounds including 7½ miles of aisles in the four auto showrooms, the armed forces exhibit, the antique malls, and the hundreds of collector cars for sale. By contrast, just walking into the museum complex costs each visitor \$10.

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**Plenty of patina and character on Jack Oliver's '36**



**Super neat '37 open tour bus owned by Volo**



**Stan Stack wins the Arlington Park package**



## Early Ford Day - Continued

Those of us who participated had a terrific time. Just visiting with the follow V-8ers and seeing the Fabulous Flatheads would have been enough. All of the museum attractions, including the '37 Ford tour bus and other special items that Volo management brought out for us made for a very busy, entertaining day.

As the afternoon went along, we tried to keep up the enthusiasm of those in attendance by awarding raffle prizes. The first was a Ford-logo barstool that was won by the cook at the Betty Boop outdoor grill. The second barstool was won by yours truly. As we got into more valuable prizes, the Arlington Park package for six was won by Stan Stack. The White Sox box seat package for four went to our President's son-in-law John Pauly. The big winner of \$175 in the 50-50 raffle was none other than one of our super salesmen, Joe Novak. Three trophies were awarded based on a popular vote by participants. Ron Blum took 3rd Place with his '40 Fordor; John Scheve won 2nd with his '37 Standard Tudor, and Jack Oliver took 1st for his neat, original, '36 Pickup.

Eighteen members drove and displayed Early V-8s: Ron Blum – '40 Fordor, Ken & Carolyn Bounds – '50 Crestliner, Tom Buscaglia – '51 Tudor, Cliff Dixon with grandson – '46 Coupe, Ron Dopke – '40 Tudor, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell – '35 Tudor, Earl & Gene Heintz – '51 Mercury, John Judge – '51 Victoria, Joe Kozmic – '53 Mercury, Doug Leicht – '39 Coupe, Frank Madrigali – '51 Pickup, Joey Novak – '40 Pickup, Tom O'Donnell – '40 Mercury, Dan Pudelek – '53 Victoria, Dennis Roberts – '50 Convertible, John & Este Scheve – '37 Tudor, Stan & JoAnne Stack – '53 Tudor, and Len Vinyard – '39 Convertible. Also, two new members who joined at the show displayed Early V-8s (see photos next page): Jerry Pilcher – '35 Coupe and Tom Shoulders – '50 Sedan. Two members brought other vintage cars: George Cech – '48 Plymouth and Steve O'Neill – '66 Volkswagen. The following volunteers were also present, arriving in modern iron: Ben & Ginny Ashley, Joe & Marie Dispensa, Ed Fontana, Neil McManus, Roger Meness, and Joe Serritella.



Dan Pudelek presents 3rd Place Trophy to Ron Blum



Dan presents 2nd Place to John Scheve



Jack Oliver & son Robert accept 1st Place trophy



## WELCOME NEW NIRG MEMBERS

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to the following new members who joined the club during August:

- Jerry Pilcher of Gurnee who drove his beautiful '35 Ford Coupe to the Volo show (see photo below).
- Tom Shoulders of Lake Villa who drove his '50 Ford Tudor Sedan to the Volo show (see photo below). It's for sale guys!
- Peter Stephan of Glenview who also joined at the Volo show. Peter has a '40 Ford Pickup.
- Tom Barosso of Highland Park and Betty Klafta of Chicago (right) who drove their '39 Ford Fordor to the August meeting and joined on the spot.
- Bill and Martha Valters of Lake Forest (right) who have a '40 Ford Coupe. Bill also joined at the August meeting. We must not have scared Bill off as he and Martha have signed up for the Poker Rally.
- Last but not least, Mike & Stephanie Kubarth of Union Grove, WI. Mike is a long-time member of the Early Ford V-8 Club and is a true authority on restoration of '39 & '40 Fords. He has a '40 Coupe and a '40 Convertible. Mike is currently authoring the revised '40 Ford restoration book for the Early Ford V-8 Club.

We hope to see all of you (and your cars) at upcoming club meetings, tours, and other events. Welcome!

This issue should contain stickers showing the contact information for these new members that you can attach to your 2010 roster.



**Tom & Betty**



**Bill & Martha with "Elvis"**



**Jerry Pilcher's 1935 Coupe at Early Ford Day**



**Tom Shoulders' 1950 Sedan at Early Ford Day**

## 2nd Annual LaSalle Street Auto Row Show

### By Ken Bounds

On August 8 member Joe Dispensa's group [\*Friends of LaSalle Street\*](#) held their second annual car show to promote revitalization of this historic area of downtown Aurora, IL. Despite periodic sprinkles, the long block between Downer Place and Benton Street was filled with 75 classic cars and trucks of all varieties, including by a large turnout of Early V-8s.

NIRG members participating included Joe & Marie Dispensa, who showed the mostly-completed chassis from Joe's '51 Ford Pickup project in his show headquarters building; Ken Bounds – '36 Roadster; Tom Buscaglia – '51 Tudor; John Judge – '50 Convertible; Joe Kozmic – '53 Mercury and '63 Corvette driven by Bob Murphy; Frank Madrigali – '51 F-1 Pickup; Joey Novak – '40 Pickup; Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell – '40 Mercury; Dan Pudelek – '53 Victoria; Stan Stack with Ron Dopke – '53 Tudor; Len & Irene Vinyard – '39 Convertible; and Alan Wall – '62 Pontiac. Other members attending the show without a classic car included John Slobodnik who assisted Joe with the show as a volunteer and John Scheve.

Participants spent the day enjoying the car show, touring some of the historic buildings on the block, and hanging out with old friends. There were the usual options for lunch and many of us took advantage of the delicious freshly-barbequed brisket or pulled pork. As we did at the inaugural show, we enjoyed our lunch with a cold beverage at the local Elks club which was open to the public for the day. A highlight occurred when Len Vinyard apparently bumped his head or suffered from temporary dementia; he pried open his wallet and carelessly bought a few rounds of drinks.

#### Our club received the following "Thank You" from Joe:

*"Thank you very much to all of the members that came out for the car show. I really appreciate 12 of you bringing your vehicles, which added a lot of class to the car show. You definitely pushed the show over the top to a new level."*

Joe Dispensa

At the end of the day a number of trophies were awarded; our members certainly did not go home empty-handed. President Dan Pudelek accepted a trophy on behalf of the NIRG for the car club showing the most cars. Ken Bounds' Roadster won best car of the Thirties while Joe Kozmic's Corvette took best of the Sixties. John Judge's Convertible won 3rd Place and Joe Kozmic's Mercury took the impressive Best of Show trophy.

We thank all the members for coming out and supporting a very good cause for a fellow club member. We thank Joe Dispensa for putting on a classy show and for his work toward revitalizing an important part of Aurora's history.

(See additional pictures on following page)



Ken, Joe, John and Dan displaying trophies



**CHEERS**

BY NEIL MCMANUS

We start this month's column on an optimistic note, wishing everyone another safe and successful year as they start back to school.

We recently learned that former club member Barrett McGregor passed away August 4. Barrett was a member of our regional group from March 1975 until he relocated to Arizona in the late 80's. While he was a member we enjoyed his various Fords including the Sportsmans, Woodies, and others.



While we were at Volo Steve O'Neill announced that he was in the process relocating to Massachusetts to live closer to family. Steve joined the NIRG at the January 2007 meeting and participated in many tours and club events. Steve had a "fleet" of three '41 Ford Tudor sedans and was the only member we know of who sold his car while on a tour to Volo and needed a ride home! We wish Steve well and thank him for his contributions to our regional group. Steve's new address is:

4 Old Bay Road  
Bolton, MA 01740

If anyone has any upcoming events, such as weddings, etc., that they would like to share please let me know and I will pass them on.



Steve O'Neill with one of his '41 Fords

Cheers

**More photos from the 2nd Annual LaSalle Street Auto Row Show**

Lenny contributes to the local economy



Some of the cars on display; balloon arch in background

## AUGUST 17 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

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



Dan was extremely disappointed at the turnout for the Earl Ford Day at Volo Auto Museum. Our group had only 20 cars while Dan was hoping for 40 member cars. Volo Museum sent out 20,000 emails; the event was well advertised, and our club members went out to several car events and passed out hundreds of flyers. We had many volunteers to work the event. The weather was at first doubtful, but cleared up by 10:00 am. Ron Blum donated Arlington Park Race Track tickets for six and White Sox box seats for four for the raffles. Ed Fontana supplied and put up a great tent and chairs. Volo supplied a tent at the entrance and another large tent with picnic tables. The area was well prepared, clean and sprayed by the Volo people. Overall the total cars attending were fewer than forty. We charged \$12 per car with two people. The next day the Model A Club had 50 cars at a charge of \$35 per car.

Treasurer's Report by Joe Serritella: July's ending balance was \$2,210.63; August ending balance was \$1,899.15. The Volo show took in \$520.00 and our cost was just a few dollars less.

Health and Welfare from Neil McManus: Barrett McGregor, a former member, passed away. Hank Harper passed at 92. Hank had an old fire house in Cary, IL, where he displayed his old cars. Steve O'Neill informed our members that his cancer has returned and that he will be moving immediately to Boston to be close to his family. We all pray for Steve and thank him for his participation in the club.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds was pleased to announce that we now have 90 members. Ken introduced our newest members, who joined tonight. They are Bill Valters from Lake Forest, who has a '40 Ford Coupe and Tom Barosso of Highland Park and Betty Klasta of Chicago who drove their '39 Fordor to the meeting. Joining at the Volo meet were Jerry Pilcher of Gurnee, who showed a '35 Coupe, Tom Shoulders of Lake Villa, who showed a '50 Ford, and Peter Stephan from Glenview, who has a '40 Pickup. Ken noted that John Bauer drove his '49 Pickup tonight and thanked John for bringing two tractors to the picnic.



Tom and Betty's Nice '39 Standard Tudor

Ken spoke of the Lake Geneva Tour scheduled for the last weekend in September. Please see information on Page 3. Members can participate in all or part of this tour and rally. Ken has information on rooms in Delavan, WI, at \$89.99 per night plus taxes.

Ken provided registration forms for upcoming National Meets: the 2010 Western Meet in St George, UT, the 2011 Eastern Meet in Saratoga Springs, NY, and the 2011 Central National Meet in Auburn, IN.

Ed Fontana is still accepting orders for bar stools. Ed has two versions that can be ordered. Ford Logo on blue vinyl and NIRG stool with a back in white vinyl. See further information on following page.



## AUGUST 17 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Ken Bounds showed slide presentations on three recent club events: the picnic at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake, the Stack Cookout and Barrington Cruise Night, and Early Ford Day at Volo. Ken promised future slide presentations for the 2010 Eastern National Meet and the South Bend Tour as time permits.

Twenty six members were present: Rich Anderson, Tom Barosso, John Bauer, Ron Blum, Tom Buscaglia, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, Lloyd Duzell, John Emmering, Ed Fontana, Scott Gilday, Earl Heintz, Roger Hunz, John Judge, Betty Klawfta, Joe Kozmic, Frank Madrigali, John McCarthy, Neil McManus, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Bill Valters, Len Vinyard, and Alan Wall.



John Bauer's '49 F-1 Pickup

Alan Wall won \$26 in the 50/50 raffle. Dan adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

### Club Logo or Ford Logo Barstools

Ed Fontana has arranged for a special purchase of barstools for club members, directly from the manufacturer right here in our area. These chairs are very nice quality and would make a great addition to your garage! The barstools can be ordered with either the Ford Logo on blue vinyl, as raffled off at our Early Ford Day, or our NIRG club logo on white vinyl. Also, they can be ordered with or without a back - see examples below. The cost is only \$65 without the back or \$95 with the back.

If you are interested in placing an order, please contact Ed at 847-671-1687.



Ford V-8 Club 401 Stool



Ford V-8 Club 401B Stool

## TECH CORNER

We didn't want its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary to get away without giving you some technical information and historical facts about the car Ford advertised as "50 Ways New...50 Ways Finer the '50 Ford!"

### New

- Push-button door locks
- Concealed gas tank filler
- Magic-Air Heater System
- The Ford "Crest" logo appeared for the first time
- First use of "Custom Deluxe" model specification, in addition to "Custom"
- Introduction of the Crestliner model



### Technical Specifications

- Price – starting at \$1,333 for the Business Coupe "Six" to \$2,107 for the V-8 Station Wagon
- Weight – ranged from 2,933 lbs for the Business Coupe "Six" to 3,531 lbs for the V-8 Wagon
- Engines –239 ci Flathead V-8 rated at 100 horsepower and 226 ci 95 hp Flathead Six
- Engine production – V-8, 897,463; 6-cylinder, 289,659
- Production totals: 1,187,120 – Fewest-Crestliner, 17,601; Most-Custom Deluxe Tudor Sedan, 396,060
- Introduced – Mid-November 1949

### Accomplishments

- Named "Fashion Car of the Year" by New York's famed Fashion Academy
- Sales outpaced the 17-month production run of the 1949 Ford
- A special 1950 Mercury Convertible paced the 1950 Indy 500 (OK, not actually a Ford)

### World Events

- North Korean troops burst across the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel to invade South Korea
- Americans were buying 100,000 TV sets per week. On TV they were shocked to watch a parade of top crime bosses invoking the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment at the Kefauver Hearings
- The 1950 Chicago Auto Show, the nation's first auto show after World War II, was held at the International Amphitheatre
- Elizabeth Taylor married for the first time – to Conrad "Nicky" Hilton Jr.
- 13 courageous women founded of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA)
- *All About Eve* won six Oscars, including Best Picture, while James Stewart was nominated for Best Actor as Elwood P. Dowd in *Harvey*







### 10 Years Ago This Month – September 2000

The Cechs and McBreens hosted a Labor Day Pontoon Boat/Chicken Roast party September 4. Twenty-five V-8 families enjoyed a great day with enough food and drink for an army and at least 14 Early V-8s were present. On September 17 members drove 13 Early V-8s on a last-minute tour to the Wings & Wheels Museum in Poplar Grove. Ken Bounds hosted the tour to the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally September 22-24; participants brought out about 12 Early V-8s.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – September 1990

At the September 18 monthly meeting members voted to change the method of electing officers. Eight members would be elected to the Board of Directors. The Directors would then elect officers from their ranks. Marty Duling played all of the club's hands at the September 29-30 Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally as he was the only member who showed up. Our club won a bottle of Canadian Club.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – September 1980

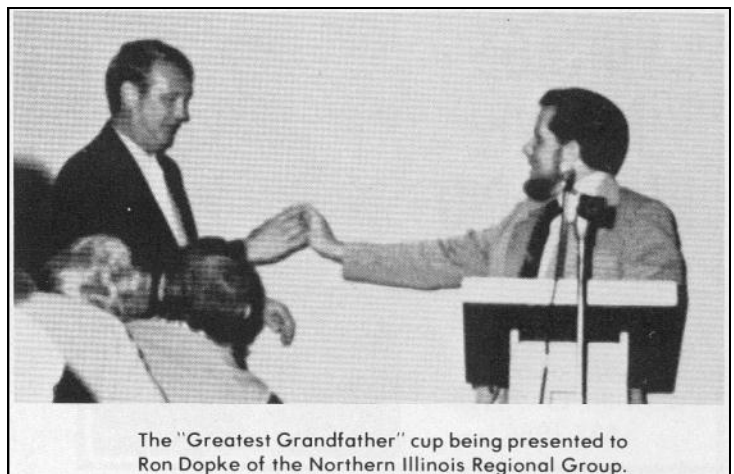
Guests at the well-attended September 9 meeting included Joe Novak. Len & Irene Vinyard hosted a very successful weekend trip to Wisconsin September 19-21. Thirty members, family, and friends drove up to Pewaukee on a warm summery day. Fifteen more joined the group on a rainy, gloomy Saturday morning. The group enjoyed an expedition through Old World Wisconsin before dinner at the Waukesha American Legion. On Sunday the group toured to the Mitchell Park Conservatory in Milwaukee before driving to a buffet at Rustic Manor in Gurnee on the way home.

### 35 Years Ago This Month – September 1975

At the September 9 monthly meeting President Bob Hanselman announced that Barrett McGregor's '47 Sportsman placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Eastern National Meet in Charlotte. Members brought out 12 Early V-8s to the NIRG car show held September 20 at Bementowne Mall in Tinley Park.

### Flathead Flashback

**National President Dick Hanson, right, presents our own Ron Dopke with the "Greatest Grandfather" cup at the 1975 Central National Meet in Peoria.**



The "Greatest Grandfather" cup being presented to Ron Dopke of the Northern Illinois Regional Group.

Source: Sept/Oct 1975 V-8 Times, p 27.

# V-8 Gals

Every now and then you see something that puts things into perspective. I saw this on-line and in the August 2010 Wassup! Magazine. I'm happy to say that I like the year 2010.

## The year is 1910

One hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:

- \* The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- \* Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.
- \* Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.
- \* There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- \* The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- \* The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- \* The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour. The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- \* A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- \* More than 95% of all births took place at HOME.
- \* 90% of all Doctors had no college education! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and the government as 'substandard.'
- \* Sugar cost 4 cents a pound. Eggs were 14 cents a dozen. Coffee was 15 cents a pound.
- \* Most women only washed their hair once a month and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- \* Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.
- \* The five leading causes of death were: pneumonia and influenza, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease and stroke.
- \* The American flag had 45 stars.
- \* The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was only 30!
- \* Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.
- \* Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- \* Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.
- \* 18% of households had a least one full-time servant or domestic help.
- \* There were about 230 reported murders in the entire USA!



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**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 24-26 Lake Geneva Poker Run	14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations 18-20 Western Meet	11 Board Meeting 13 Veteran's Day Lunch 16 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	No Meetings 5 Christmas Brunch, Biaggi's, Deer Park
<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
13 Board Meeting TBA Installation Dinner 18 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	14 Board Meeting 19 Pizza Meeting

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**ARLENE BLUM (9/5), JERRY GUNDERSEN (9/5), LLOYD DUZELL (9/8),  
GEORGE CECH (9/13), CLIFF DIXON (9/14), SCOTT GILDAY (9/17),  
RON HAYDEN (9/18), MIKE MCKENNA (9/18), GLADYS DUZELL (9/21),  
LOIS WALL (9/21), BILL BALOGH (9/22), DOUG LEICHT (9/25),  
ALEXANDRIA GUNDERSEN (9/28) & NEIL MCMANUS (9/28)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

**JORDON & CORINNE BELLER (9/2), BILL & JANE BALOGH (9/3),  
LLOYD & GLADYS DUZELL (9/11), RON & ARLENE BLUM (9/12),  
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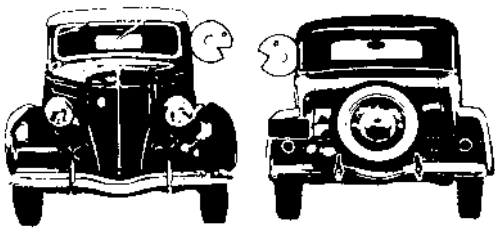
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**John Bauer's Tractors at the Picnic**