Volume 45 Issue 1

Early Ford V-8 Club - Northern Illinois Regional Group #8 P.O. Box 0803 Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0803

January 2011

UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

January 15 Installation Dinner - See page 3.

January 18 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

January 16 34th Annual Illinois Region AACA Auto Parts Swap Meet, Don McCue Chevrolet, St. Charles, IL, 8am-1pm, \$5 donation

January 23 38th Annual Swap Meet, Great Lakes Vintage Chevy Club, Bill Jacobs Chevrolet, Joliet, IL, 8am-1pm, \$4 donation

In this Issue

Page 2 – President Dan Pudelek looks forward to upcoming events in 2011 and makes a special plea for a big turnout at the Central National Meet coming up in Auburn this August.

Page 3 – Details provided for the January 15 installation dinner. Contact Frank Madrigali today if you have not made your reservation!

Page 4 – Treat your special Valentine to dinner and a play February 13 at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. Please make your reservation right away.

Page 5 – We had a very nice Christmas luncheon to wrap up 2010. Read all about it here.

Page 6 – A year in review; we take a look back at an action packed year.

Page 8 – Updated information about the Central National Meet.

Page 9 – Cheers! from our Health & Welfare Chairman Neil McManus; also, a slightly-belated welcome to two new members.

Page 10 – To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the '36 Ford, our Tech Corner this month presents some interesting facts and figures.

Page 11 – Rearview Mirror – information about club events over the past 40 years, plus a Flathead Flashback.

Page 12 – Our V-8 Gals page this month makes a New Year wish and relates some interesting New Year's superstitions.



Back Cover – Our Photo of the Month: A group photo of the guys & gals attending the Christmas Luncheon.

Barrett-Jackson Auction

The 2011 Barrett-Jackson auction will be held from January 17 - 23 in Scottsdale, AZ. <u>SPEED Channel</u> will be covering the event again this year. Coverage starts on Tuesday, January 18. Check your TV listings for exact times.

JANUARY 2011

ROAD CHATTER

2011 OFFICERS

President Dan Pudelek

Vice President Frank Madrigali

> **Secretary** Stan Stack

Treasurer Joe Serritella

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds

> Health & Welfare Neil McManus

Tour Chairman Your Name Here

Newsletter Ken and Carolyn Bounds Board of Directors

> Ron Blum Ed Fontana Neil McManus Tom O'Donnell Len Vinyard

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.

The Road Chatter is published monthly by NIRG. Other Early Ford V-8 Regional newsletters are welcome to use material from the Road Chatter provided the Road Chatter is credited as the source.

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello to all,

Now that the holiday season is behind us for another year, it's time to start thinking about what we're going to do for the 2011 touring and driving season. Every year the board and officers try very hard to come up with new and exciting things to do for the club and every year I'm proud to say they don't let us down. This year how about giving the



board a helping hand and jump in and come up with a tour or get-together of your own. I know there are members in the club that have some very good ideas for tours and different things to do. If you do have an idea and need a little help all you have to do is ask and help will be there. I would like to encourage every member to step up and be and active part of the club - it's so much more fun when you do.

I now have a Very Big favor to ask of all the members. This year the Central National Meet is being held once again in Auburn, IN, from August 24th to the 27th. Here's where the favor comes in: I would like to have our group be the club with the biggest turnout of cars and people. I know we can do this; back in 2007 we put 17 cars together and went to Winona, MN, and had a wonderful time. I also know that if we start planning now we can do better than we did in '07. Let's set aside this date. Wouldn't it be great to have 20 to 25 cars from our club make the trip? Auburn is mere 150 mile trip and an easy drive; a piece of cake, as they say. I'm asking all the members to put some serious thought into going, especially the new members. This would be a great time to get your car out on the road and show the world your ride. I think it would be great fun not to mention the honor of having the biggest group of members and cars from any one club at a National Meet. We can do this ladies and gentlemen. I feel very confident that if you support me in this venture our club your club will look good from coast to coast. We have plenty of time till August so let's start planning now.

I hope to see you at the installation dinner; if not our first meeting of the year is January 18th.

President, Daniel Pudelek

From the Editors

We hope you enjoy our retrospective of 2010, appearing on Page 5. One thing not mentioned was a thank you to members for stories about their cars during the year. We had Ed Fontana's '47, Lloyd Duzell's '35, progress on



Joe Dispensa's pickup, and Pete McManus' Allard. We love these stories; if you have not already done so, please send in a story about your car!

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

2011 Installation Dinner

January 15, 2011



- Place: Wellington of Arlington 2121 South Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights, IL 847-439-6610
- Time: 6:30 7:30 PM Open Bar 7:30 - 8:30 PM Dinner & Cash Bar 8:30 - ????? Program, Awards
- Cost: \$38.00 per person includes dinner, 1 hour open bar and gratuity.

Come and spend a fun evening with your V-8 Club friends.

- Introduction of NIRG Officers for 2011!
- Presentation of Service Awards!
- Many Valuable Door Prizes! Note: additional door prize donations welcome.

RSVP date was January 1st, but if you want to attend and did not make your reservation, call Frank Madrigali at 708-344-8063 <u>today</u> to see if he can get you in.



JANUARY 2011

ROAD CHATTER

Ladies Night Out



Sunday, February 13 Treat your Valentine to Dinner and a Play! Hosted by Ken and Carolyn Bounds



Leaving lowa

Middle-aged writer Don Browning is searching for the perfect spot to scatter his father's ashes. As he travels the paths his family took on their annual vacations, images of his father and the shared family tortures surround his memories. This homegrown comedy will have you revisiting your fond (and not-sofond) memories of your youth.

"...Hilarious and touching!" - Chicago Sun-Times

Place: Pheasant Run Resort 4051 E Main St (IL-64) St. Charles, IL

- Time: 1:00 PM Cocktails, cash bar 2:00 PM Play: Leaving Iowa 4:30 PM Dinner
- Cost: \$55.00 per person includes theatrical play, dinner, and gratuity. Cash bar.

Three-course dinner includes: Salad, your choice of entrée and dessert, coffee, tea or milk. Indicate your choices on the enclosed flyer and return it with your payment to our host, Ken Bounds. Checks should be made payable to **Ken Bounds**. Don't delay - do it today!

RSVP Deadline is January 27

JANUARY 2011

Christmas Luncheon By Ken Bounds

On December 5 Joey Novak hosted a Christmas Luncheon at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano in Deer Park. On a chilly pre-winter day, 35 V-8ers and friends gathered at noon for a great afternoon of delicious food, excellent service, and V-8 camaraderie. It was great to have Barb Pope join us for this event. We were pleased to welcome first-timers John & Este Scheve, who joined the club this past June.

After a little time to enjoy each other's company and perhaps a delicious beverage, our meal was served. After the meal several of the ladies participated in our ladies grab bag, brought back after an absence of several years. As we enjoyed plenty of lively conversation, some of those attending seemed to be making extra trips to the restroom. Upon investigation, the reason was apparent; the Bears game was on in the bar. Everyone was relieved when the Bears squeaked out a victory over the Lions, a team they were predicted to beat handily. After a relaxing afternoon, everyone made their way home, or perhaps did a little Christmas shopping.

Our thanks go out to Joe for setting up this nice luncheon. Those present included our host Joe Novak, President and First Lady Dan & Diane Pudelek, Dick & Dotty Alfini, Bernard & Ginny Ashley, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Elaine Braun, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, Joe & Marie Dispensa, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell, Stan Gaynor & guest Pam Sipp, Earl & Gene Heintz, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Barbara Pope, John & Este Scheve, Joe & Delice Serritella, John & Barbara Slobodnik, Stan & JoAnne Stack, Len & Irene Vinyard, and Larry & Jerry Webb.



This being the final V-8 Club event of the year, we send out our sincere thanks to the officers, directors, and members for another fine year of V-8ing fun!



One for the Books! A Review of NIRG Activities in 2010

Anyone who reads or watches the news knows the flurry of activity in Congress as 2010 neared the end. The Northern Illinois Regional Group may have been as busy as Congress – but our activities were spread out a little better during the year.

Your Officers and Board of Directors worked hard to provide plenty of activities for members to participate in during the year. When you get a chance, take a moment to thank your officers and board for the work they do to provide activities for the whole club. And while you're at it, why not offer to organize an event or tech talk for 2011?

The year got off to a rousing start with our annual Installation Dinner, held January 9 at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. A crowd of over 50 enjoyed dinner and the awards program, culminating in a special award for our President, Dan Pudelek, for his many years of service.

On February14 we had a great turnout of nearly 30 V-8ers for our Valentine's Day event at Pheasant Run, the play *Over the Tavern*, followed by a terrific dinner. During the month we learned that the Road Chatter had won 2nd Place in the newsletter competition.

Not to be outdone, Ron Blum organized one of our best "A Night at the Races" events yet. Over 40 V-8 families and friends had an incredible view of the finish line while watching harness racing at Maywood Park in Melrose Park March 19th. The buffet was great and a highlight was when several members had the unique opportunity to ride along in the pace vehicle during two races. What a thrill!

April got off to a great start when Tom & Judy Buscaglia hosted 22 V-8ers for an Eggs & Eights breakfast on a beautiful April 11 Sunday morning. At least five Early V-8s were in the parking lot. Bob Paladino once again hosted our traditional



President Dan Pudelek receives a special award



Pizza Meeting at John's Pizza in Addison April 20. The forty-seven folks in attendance enjoyed great pizza and even better V-8 camaraderie. Collin Sprau took home \$50 in a super 50-50 raffle.

On May 1 we held a tire kick and dinner at Home Run Inn Pizza in Addison. About 30 V-8ers drove 9 V-8s and other classics, braving a brief shower. We had a fantastic turnout of members driving 15 V-8s and other classics on a memorable tour to the Manteno Veterans Home on May 23. It was a pleasure to

JANUARY 2011

show our cars for so many who had provided so much for our country. The day was perfect! On the way home we had a terrific lunch at the White Fence Farm in Romeoville. During the month we learned

that the Road Chatter had received its third consecutive Golden Quill Award from *Old Cars Weekly*.

On June 15 members feasted on pizza and homemade goodies as Ed and Roni Fontana hosted the monthly meeting in their garage. We had a great time and were treated to tours of the well-decorated garage and basement. Later in the month several members made the trek to the Eastern National Meet in Charlotte. All of our cars received awards, with a highlight being Joe Kozmic receiving his first Dearborn Award.

On July 15 Stan & JoAnne Stack opened up their lovely home to the group as they hosted a terrific cookout prior to a cruise over to the Barrington cruise night. A large crowd of 30-40 V-8 families and friends enjoyed some great hospitality. Joe Serritella hosted a weekend tour to South Bend July 17-18. The group enjoyed tours of the Studebaker Museum, the Studebaker and Oliver mansions, and other local attractions.

We had a super turnout and at least 21 Early V-8s at a wonderful picnic at Timmerman's Ranch hosted August 1 by Don & Elaine Braun. The food was great, the weather was beautiful, and the accommodations were super. There was even horseback riding for those who wanted to give it a try. Thirteen members displayed their Early V-8s

and other classics at member Joe Dispensa's 2nd Annual LaSalle Street Auto Row show in Aurora August 8. Although the turnout was disappointing, we had a great time as our group hosted Early Ford Day August 14 at the Volo Auto Museum. Eighteen members drove and displayed their V-8s while many others showed up in modern iron to help run the event.

On a beautiful late September weekend, 28 V-8ers driving 11 Early



Ed Fontana presents a patriotic pin to a veteran



Stan Stack at Barrington "All Ford" Cruise Night



A visit to the Studebaker Museum

JANUARY 2011

ROAD CHATTER

V-8s as well as modern vehicles participated in our 3rd Annual Lake Geneva Poker Run. We enjoyed

driving our V-8s over some interesting back roads as we toured to the Lake Geneva area and also to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford. Of course, there was eating and the fun of playing the poker hands for various prizes.

In October, yours truly was honored to be elected as Midwest Director. Beginning January 1, I will be representing 14 regional groups at the National level.

We had a nice turnout for our annual Veterans' Day Luncheon held on November 13, once again at Sam's of Arlington in Arlington Heights. Over 30 V-8ers enjoyed camaraderie along with great food and drinks and outstanding service as a way to say



V-8s at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum

"Thank You" to our members who have served our country in the armed forces.

We wrapped up a very busy year with a classy luncheon at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano in Deer Park. Thirty-five V-8 members, family, and friends enjoyed a great lunch, the ladies grab bag, and delightful conversation. What a great way to end the year on a high note!



CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET 2011 August 24 – 27, 2011 Auburn, Indiana Home of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum

We are planning an exciting tour to the Central National Meet in Auburn, only 145 miles from the Lincoln Oasis. As President Dan Pudelek says on Page 2, he would like to see a big turnout from the Northern Illinois Regional Group. We plan to take a leisurely drive over mainly secondary roads to Auburn. You will want to register and take your Early V-8, but modern iron is more than welcome in our caravan. The meet will include some exciting driving tours; a tour to the Studebaker Museum is planned, but never fear. If you went on our Studebaker tour this past year, an alternative driving tour is also planned.

Registration Chairman Pat Fenner recently told us that he has already received nearly 150 early registrations - more than those received for the 2009 meet at this time. <u>Registration forms</u> are available on the National Club website, on our Regional website, or will be available at all monthly meetings. If you have already pre-registered, your registration packet will be in the mail shortly after the first of the year. Many have already made their reservations at the Hampton Inn, but other hotel options are available at the excellent rate of only \$70 per night. Contact Ken Bounds for details.

JANUARY 2011

CHEERS

Membersh

Greetings Everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone; may 2011 be a year of happiness and success for everyone.

Ed Fontana has started Chemo and Radiation treatments; they will last for about a month. Ed is looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting as well as the installation dinner. We are sure that Ed would welcome cards and notes; however he has requested that we hold off on the calls at this time as the treatments are very tiring.

If anyone has anything they would like to share with other members or knows of anyone feeling a little under the weather drop me a note or give me a call.

Welcome New NIRG Members

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Joe & Sandi Clutterbuck of Sugar Grove. Joe & Sandi own a '54 Chevy Bel Air, but are looking for a Flathead Ford. Joe joined at the October meeting while we were out of town at the Western National Meet and we missed publishing a welcome until now – better late than never! Welcome; we hope to see you at upcoming club events. Good luck in your Ford hunting.

We are also pleased to welcome Howard Simons of Skokie to the NIRG. Howard, who has a '47 Ford Coupe, attended the October and November meetings and decided to join us; he has also joined the National club. Welcome to our group; we hope to see you and your car at more meetings and club events soon.

Contact information for Joe & Sandi and Howard will be included in the 2011 roster, available soon.

Don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter 2011 Dues are past due!

If your dues have not been received by the end of January, this will be your last issue of the Road Chatter and your name will be omitted from the 2011 Roster.



If you are unsure whether or not you have paid your dues, please contact Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474.







BY NEIL MCMANUS

JANUARY 2011

ROAD CHATTER

TECH CORNER

2011 is the 75th anniversary of the 1936 Ford. We hope you like the following interesting technical information and historical facts about this classic model.

Firsts

- \rightarrow Pressed-steel "wide-five" wheels; gone were wire wheels
- \rightarrow Concealed horns hidden behind grills
- → Club Cabriolet brought all passengers inside and spelled eventual doom for the rumble seat.
- \rightarrow First year for accessory banjo steering wheel

Lasts

- \rightarrow Last year for fabric top insert
- \rightarrow Last year for battery mounted under floor pan
- \rightarrow Last year for outside-mounted spare tire
- \rightarrow Last year for externally-mounted headlights
- \rightarrow Last year for the three-window coupe
- \rightarrow Last year for removable windshields on Roadsters and Phaetons
- → Last year for babbitted main bearings (engine with replaceable bearings introduced October 1935 and produced alongside the "babbit" engine for the rest of year)

Technical Specifications

- \rightarrow Price starting at \$510 for the Five window coupe to \$780 for the Convertible Sedan.
- \rightarrow Most expensive accessory Radio at an outlandish \$44.50, installed. Payment plan available!
- → Weight ranged from 2,561 lbs for the Roadster to 3,020 lbs for the Station Wagon
- → Engine reliable 221 cubic inch Flathead V-8 rated at 85 horsepower
- \rightarrow Introduced October 1935
- → Serial numbers Beginning 18-2,207,111 End – 18-3,331,856
- → Production totals 791,812; Fewest-Deluxe Roadster, 3,862; Most-Standard Tudor Sedan, 174,470

Accomplishments

- \rightarrow Ford produced its 3 millionth V-8 engine in May 1936
- → A Ford V-8 Special was the overall winner of the 1936 Monte Carlo Rally

Engineering

- → Largest number of body styles of the V-8 era, 15 counting the Station Wagon
- → With the help of Allegheny Ludlum, Ford produced six Tudor Sedans with bodies made of stainless steel. Four of them are known to exist today.



THE NEW 1936 FORD RADIO

Features Invisible Ear-Line Speaker



10 Years Ago This Month - January 2001

Dan & Diane Pudelek hosted the annual Installation Dinner January 13 at the Terrace in Lombard. A festive evening of dinner and dancing was enjoyed by all. Thirty-one members and one guest attended the first meeting of 2001 January 16. Sixty-three members had renewed.

20 Years Ago This Month – January 1991

New President John Witthoeft presided over his first meeting January 15. "Lucky Joe" Kozmic took home \$16 in the 50/50 raffle. John Witthoeft also hosted the annual Installation Dinner/Dance at the Wellington of Arlington January 26. Sixty-one V-8ers, family, and friends attended. After the presentation of service awards and door prizes, the group danced until midnight.

30 Years Ago This Month - January 1981

At the January 13 monthly meeting, Editor DianeWrobel was handed a letter announcing that the Road Chatter had placed 3rd in the newsletter competition. In a discussion about chrome plating, the first business recommended was Courtesy Metal Polishing in Addison (they still advertise in the Road Chatter to this day). Sixty V-8ers and friends enjoyed a terrific Installation Dinner January 17 at the Mug Pub in Itasca. Service awards and door prizes were awarded and the gang danced into the night to the music of Phase II.

<u>40 Years Ago This Month – January 1971</u> The January newsletter reflected back on the activities of 1970 and started planning for 1971. The club wanted to plan at least three events in addition to the picnic. Member Lou Frattini advertised 6 NOS tan door handles and escutcheons for Deluxe '40 models for \$3.75 total, postage paid!

Flathead Flashback

This beautiful early '47 Station Wagon, then owned by Neil McManus, was featured in the January/February 1981 V-8 Times. Neil, then living in New York, wrote an accompanying article detailing some of the differences among the 46-47-48 models.





JANUARY 2011

ROAD CHATTER

Happy New Year Wish

My Happy New Year wish for you Is for your best year yet, A year where life is peaceful, And what you want, you get.

A year in which you cherish The past year's memories, And live your life each new day, Full of bright expectancies.

I wish for you a holiday With happiness galore; And when it's done, I wish you Happy New Year, and many more.

By Joanna Fuchs

New Year's Day Superstitions

Happy 2011! Many believe that what you do and don't do on the first day of the new year will impact the rest of the year. Hear are some interesting New Year's Day superstitions.

Wear New Clothes

People believe that one should wear new clothes on a New Year's Day. This would mean receiving more new garments during the year. Red clothing is preferred for New Year's Day since red is considered a happy color and is sure to attract for the wearer a brighter future.

Avoid Crying

It is said that one should avoid breaking things or crying and wailing on the first day of the year, if you don't want to continue the pattern for the entire year.

Don't Let Money Leave the House

In several countries, people do not let money, jewelry, precious items or other invaluable things leave home on New Year Day. Hence it is said that one should not pay loans and bills or lend things to anybody. People go to the extent of not taking out garbage or even not dusting their carpets on this day to ensure that nothing goes out of home during the year. If you have to deliver presents on New Year morning, it is advised to leave them in the car since New Year Eve on December 31st. In case you must take something out from the home, let someone come with the present inside the home first.

Letting the Old Year Out

At midnight, all the doors of a house must be opened to let the old year escape unimpeded.

Do not Wash Dishes

In several societies washing dishes and doing laundry on New Year's day is said to lead to a death in the family during the year. Many people do not even wash hair on New Year day.

Do Token Amount of Work

It is said that one must do token amount of work on the New Year's Day. This is said to ensure advancement in career. But starting out a serious work project is unlucky on New Year Day.

Source: http://www.newyearfestival.com/new-year-superstitions.html

JANUARY 2011

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR			
January	February	March	April
13 Board Meeting	10 Board Meeting	10 Board Meeting	14 Board Meeting
15 Installation Dinner	13 Ladies Night Out,	15 Member Meeting	19 Pizza Meeting
18 Member Meeting	Pheasant Run		
	15 Member Meeting		
May	June	July	August
12 Board Meeting	9 Board Meeting	11 - 14 Eastern National	11 Board Meeting
17 Member Meeting	21 Member Meeting	Meet, Saratoga Springs, NY	16 Member Meeting
		14 Board Meeting	24 - 27 Central
		19 Member Meeting	National Meet, Auburn, IN
September	October	November	December
8 Board Meeting	13 Board Meeting	10 Board Meeting	No Meetings
20 Member Meeting	18 Member Meeting -	12 Veteran's Day Lunch	
23 - 25 Lake Geneva Poker Run	Officer Nominations	15 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DON DREWS (1/1), GENE HEINTZ (1/3), JACK FRANK (1/4), JOANNE MCMANUS (1/4), JOE NOVAK (1/11), GEORGE ZULAS (1/13), RON DOPKE (1/14), GORDON COLDITZ (1/21), RON BLUM (1/23), JO ANNE STACK (1/23), EARL HEINTZ (1/28) & LARRY WEBB (1/31)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO RON & ARLENE HAYDEN (1/9) & JOE & MARIE DISPENSA (1/27)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.





For Sale

1966 Glenn Pray 810 Cord, right, #15 of 92 made by Auburn Cord Duesenberg Co. Only one made with 180 hp & turbo + automatic transmission. \$32,000 OBO, contact Jack Nikolich, 847-537-6069.

59L factory-relieved motor rebuilt .060 over with Mercury crank, polished Offenhauser heads, Harmon-Collins cam, water pumps mounted, clutch mounted, also comes with new 3-deuce Weiand intake. \$4,200. Contact Joe Novak at 708-923-9953.

1947 Ford radiator, core is good, bottom tank outlets need help. \$150 OBO, **1939 Ford Deluxe steering wheel**, horn button and column \$175 OBO, can e-mail pictures, contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.

1936 Ford Fordor Sedan, \$9,900. This ad was submitted by Floyd Wright of Boyne City, MI. Floyd plans to advertise the car in Hemmings, but wanted to share it with local V-8 clubs first. Floyd rates the exterior as "good to better", mechanicals "good" and the original interior "poor." Contact Floyd at 231-675-5070 or floyd@northernwrights.com. More pictures available.



Radio for my 1948 Ford - can be for '46 - '48 Ford or Mercury. Contact Lloyd Duzell at 847-537-2989.

When listing items for sale please provide your first and last name so club members can contact you.





JANUARY 2011





1N410 Forest Ave Glen Ellyn, IL 60137



Photo of the Month V-8ers at the Christmas Luncheon