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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**September 8** Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**September 11** Roscoe Tour - see details on page 3.

**September 20** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.

**September 23 - 25** Fourth Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - see page 4.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**Sept 4** 28th Annual Skip's Graffiti Gold show/swap, Lake County Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm. \$7.50

**Sept 10 & 11** 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 23 - 25** 34th Annual Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI, Admission \$7, Parking \$3.

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## Never Forget

Remember to fly your flag proudly on September 11, the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on America. Please observe a moment of silence at 7:46 am to honor the nearly 3,000 victims on the planes, in New York, at the Pentagon, and at Shanksville, PA.



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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 PRESIDENT**

Hello to all,

Every year around this time I walk around muttering the same thing to myself and that is: Where the heck did summer go? The kids are back in school and the days are getting shorter. We wait all winter for spring and then hope we're going to have a nice summer for tours and meets.

Then poof it's all over and we're back to looking at winter. Come on, I'm just now getting used to this nice weather. I know I must sound like one of the kids but let's face facts, it's just not fair; it's just not fair!



We had our annual picnic on the 14th of August. I would have liked to have seen a few more V-8ers at the picnic, I'm not sure if it was the weather or the economy. The weather did look a little threatening early in the morning but the day turned out to be one of those picture-perfect summer days. I do believe everyone who attended had a good time; I know Diane and I did. I would like to thank all the members that helped to put the picnic together and make it a success. It was very much appreciated.

Our August meeting was well attended. It was nice to see a full house for a change not to mention seeing some members that haven't been around for a while. The big talk at the meeting was about the up-coming meet in Auburn, IN. It looks like it is going to be a great get together - last count we had 18 cars going. I think that's just wonderful for one club to get that many members and cars together to go to a meet. By the time you read this everyone will be back home and hopefully looking for a place to hang their new awards. So to all who brought one home, congratulations. Till we meet next, drive safely and be well.

President, Daniel Pudelek

**From the Editors**

Those of you who have worked in the grocery business know the old adage: you can't put 10 lbs. of potatoes into a 5 lb. bag. Well, with all the reports of events during a very busy month, that is exactly what we were faced with for the September Road Chatter. We just couldn't fit everything into 16 pages. In fact, even with expansion to 20 pages, something still had to give. In order to give coverage to all our club events, the Tech Corner and the Ladies Page had to take the month off. We hope you understand. We also spent a couple of extra days getting the Road Chatter out so we could bring you a full report on the Central National Meet, hot off the press.



*Ken & Carolyn*

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Driving Tour to Roscoe Historic Auto Attractions Museum and Car Show for the Cure

Stan Stack has arranged a driving tour to the [Historic Auto Attractions Museum](#) in Roscoe. The group will meet at the Town and Country Mall at the corner of Arlington Heights and Palatine Roads, leaving promptly at 8 am. We will tour 65 miles over U.S. Route 14 and back roads, arriving by 10 am. Stan will pass out maps at the mall.

Car show registration is \$10 per car; admission to the museum is a special price of \$5 per person. There will be food and drinks on the grounds, tractor pulls, hay rides, swap meets, raffles, crafts, antique tractors, and more.

If you haven't already signed up, please contact Stan right away at 847-382-4223 and let him know if you plan to participate. If you want to meet the group in Roscoe or link up along Route 14 please let Stan know in advance, or call him on his cell at 847-436-8476 before the group leaves the mall.



**100% of Proceeds to Benefit American Cancer Society-Relay For Life**

# **Car Show For The Cure**

## **Sunday September 11th**



**LENSING**  
**Autumn Classic**  
**CAR & BIKE SHOW**  
**10TH ANNUAL**



**RELAY FOR LIFE**

- **"CASH AWARDS"**
- **"TOP 40" Awards**
- **BEST Motorcycle**
- **BEST Street Rod**
- **BEST Of Show**
- **BEST Mopar**
- **BEST Ford**
- **BEST GM**

**Must Be Pre-Registered To Qualify for Cash Prizes**

**Kids Jumping Inflatables • Swap Meet • Tractor Pulls • Hay Rides • Kids Activities • Great Food & Drinks**  
**Museum Special Admission • Raffles • Crafts • Silent Auction • 50/50 Drawings • Antique Tractors**

**Registration \$10** Includes Admission For Two  
**Sun. 9am to 4pm Awards at 3pm**

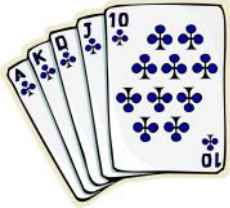
**GENERAL ADMISSION \$5**  
**Under 12 & Military W/ID FREE**  
**MUSEUM ADMISSION \$5**  
**SPECIAL CAR SHOW ADMISSION!**

**Car Corral and Vendors spots \$10**



## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS - CONTINUED

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - September 23 - 25



The time is almost here for our first event of the fall! We will be touring to the Lake Geneva area and conducting our fourth annual poker rally Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25. 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 we had planned our Saturday driving tour to a collection in Lake Mills, but unfortunate circumstances have likely changed our plans. Our backup plan is to tour to New Glarus for lunch, then on to The [Toy Train Barn](#) in Argyle. On Sunday after our traditional breakfast at [Millie's](#) in Delavan, we might try playing some car games, weather permitting.

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. We ask that all participants also consider giving generously to a collection with proceeds going to the Corinne Kreissl Memorial Foundation in honor of the 30 years V-8ers George and Jan Kreissl ran the [Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally](#).



We will gather at the Town and Country Mall at the corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Roads Friday morning September 23, 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.

### Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

**November 11** - Our Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon will be held on Veteran's Day this year, Friday November 11 at Sam's of Arlington in Arlington Heights. Details in the November Road Chatter.

**December 4** - Este Scheve has arranged our Annual Christmas Luncheon for Sunday, December 4 at [Suparossa Ristorante](#), 6310 S Route 53, Woodridge. This location is convenient from I-355, I-88 and I-55. We will have a private room, with an "all you can eat" menu and a bar in the room. Pricing and more details will be in the November and December Road Chatters.

## Tour to La Porte County Historical Society Museum

By Tom O'Donnell

Roger Hunz set up the tour for July 31 and then had personal reasons that prevented him from enjoying the tour and asked me to lead the tour for him.



Three of the NIRG Cars



Saturday July 31 promised to be a very hot day and my 40 Mercury had not been tested after the latest repair, so Madeleine and I suffered the humility of riding in an air conditioned car. We met Dan Pudelek, 53 Crestline Victoria, Joe Serritella, 41 Coupe, John and Este Scheve with their 37 60 hp standard in the trailer and Stan and Joanne Stack in their 53 Tudor at the Lincoln Oasis and started out on I-94 to Rt-49 where we moved onto local roads for the last half of the tour.

We arrived at the [museum](#) and Stan Stack and John Scheve registered for the show, while the others just put their cars on display. John had a prime spot right in front of the museum. We looked around the show field to see the local cars. There was an original 1942 Mercury Fordor, an unrestored 1917 Model T Touring car, a 1936 Ford 3 window coupe with the pines front trim as well as many cars from the 60's and 70's. After looking over the show field, we went into the museum where they had a special display of historic quilts from 1812 to 1920, artifacts that were germane to the history of La Porte County, a very large collection of weapons and over 30 cars.

There was also a replica of a log cabin, a large N-gauge train layout and an early 20th century dentist office. Looking at the drill made my teeth hurt from remembering the treatments when I was a youngster.

The weapons collection had over 800 items on display. Some of the firearms are over 200 years old and a couple of them were over 6 feet long.

One of the cars is a replica of the 1929 Auburn Cabin Speedster designed by Gordon Buehrig. The original was destroyed in a fire. This car has ostrich skin leather trim on the dash and door panels and T-Tops. Another unusual car was the 1948 Playboy. There was an interesting video of the life history of the Kessling family and how Dr. Kessling amassed his collection. The 41 Buick 4 door convertible was their main vacation car for many years.

After touring the museum, some of us went to lunch at a local restaurant and then traveled home. John and Este stayed for the trophy awards.



## Annual NIRG Picnic Timmerman's Ranch, Island Lake, IL By Ken Bounds

A near-perfect summer day and a great setting provided ideal conditions for our annual picnic. Once again this year, Don & Elaine Braun worked with their good friends Art & Carol Timmerman who were great hosts for our picnic at Timmerman's Ranch in Island Lake. Many of us arrived around 9:00 am to begin setting up the club tent and the tables and chairs arranged by Stan Stack. As our Early V-8s began lining up on the grounds, we were greeted by our superb hosts. It was nice to see and visit with Don as Art drove him on a golf car. We were thrilled that Diane Pudelek was well enough to join us; she looked great.



It was great to see Don, here with Art & Carol Timmerman

We again had our volunteer cooks, Bob Sochacki and his friend Mike Sturm, doing a fantastic job preparing the brats, sauerkraut, and hot dogs. Our thanks to them! As the morning went on and the crowd rolled in, we were provided with a special treat by Art & Carol; they had two different horse troupes perform for us in the adjacent corral. The performances, set to music, were exciting and the riders were quite professional. Everyone present, young and old alike, seemed to really enjoy the presentation.

As throngs of guests arrived and lunch preparations continued, our master 50-50 raffle salesmen, Joe Kozmic and John Slobodnik, kept the \$\$\$ rolling in to help support the picnic. The club provided the entrée, beverages, plates, and utensils but the real abundance came from V-8ers who brought countless side dishes and desserts to share – no chance that anyone could go away hungry. Many of the riders joined us for lunch and there was plenty for everyone.



The riders provided lively entertainment that thrilled the crowd



With so much activity and so many guests present, it is hard to make note of who was in attendance. With apologies to those I missed, we saw at least the following: Ron Blum (40 Fordor), Ken & Carolyn Bounds (50 Convertible), Don & Elaine Braun (56 Pickup), Norm Collins (41 Mercury) with grand-daughters, Ron Dopke (40 Tudor), Lloyd & Gladys Duzell (35 Tudor), John & Robin Emmering (51 Fordor), Stan Gaynor with Art Russell, Scott & Nicole Gilday (69 Mustang), John Judge (51 Victoria), Charles Kaiser, Joe & Nell Kozmic (53 Mercury) with guests Bob & Cathy Sochacki with son Dan & girlfriend & Mike Sturm, Roger & Betty Meness (51 Tudor), Jack & Jean Nikolich, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell (40 Mercury) with son & daughter-in-law Steve & Ronnie with daughter McKenna, Dan & Diane Pudelek (53 Victoria) with daughter & son-in-law Catherine & John Pauly and their two children Jack and Isabella, John & Este Scheve, John & Barbara Slobodnik, Stan & JoAnne Stack (53 Tudor), John & Este Scheve, Joe Serritella, Bill & Marty Valters (40 Coupe), and Len & Irene Vinyard (39 Convertible).

There was plenty of time during the day to enjoy great conversation, to go out and kick a few tires checking out the beautiful Early V-8s, and to enjoy a nice equestrian presentation. A few of the children even got a chance to ride the horses. Before everything wrapped up, we had our 50-50 drawing. Seemed like the fix was in; Barbara Slobodnik pocketed \$191 in a blockbuster raffle while the club took the rest. Congratulations! Before making their way home in their beautiful V-8s everyone pitched in to take down the tent, load up the tables and chairs, and clean up the property. It was a wonderful day of V-8 camaraderie. Our thanks go out to our gracious hosts, Art & Carol Timmerman and to Don & Elaine Braun for making the arrangements.



Above and below, some of the classics on display



There was lots of food for everyone



Barb Slobodnik had the winning ticket

## Our Tour to the 2011 Central National Meet

### By Ken Bounds

After a year of anticipation and months of planning, it was time to make final preparations for our tour to Auburn, IN, to attend the 2011 Central National Meet. The fun started Saturday evening, August 20, with 29 V-8ers attending our traditional “Drivers Meeting” at Roundheads of Lombard. It was a special treat to have Sue Dopke in attendance; she had not been able to attend a V-8 event in years. Following a plentiful buffet meal, we had a meeting detailing our plans to tour to Auburn and some of the activities we could anticipate while there. Those attending received a packet of pertinent information, including participants’ cell phone numbers, along with quite a few car-related door prizes. There was even a birthday cake surprise and a round of “Happy Birthday” for Carolyn, whose birthday was the following day.



Part of the group at the drivers meeting

Bright and early Wednesday morning, August 24, Mother Nature decided to even things out after an unseasonably chilly tour to the same destination two years ago – she turned on the heat. Sixteen meet participants with 8 Early V-8s and two modern vehicles began our journey at the Lincoln Oasis at 9:00 am. Sam & Judy Barone trailering their '41 Pickup, Carolyn Bounds – '50 Crestliner, Ken Bounds – '36 Roadster, Joe & Marie Dispensa with passenger Barbara Slobodnik (John would join us Friday) – modern, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell – '35 Tudor, Joe Kozmic – '53 Mercury, Tom Madeleine O'Donnell – '40 Mercury, Stan & JoAnne Stack – '53 Tudor, and Len & Irene Vinyard – '39 Convertible. With the five-year construction project on I-94 at I-65 nearly completed, we safely and quickly negotiated the first 30 miles on the expressway before turning to secondary roads for the rest of our trip. With some lively banter on the CB radios, we had a leisurely, *mostly* uneventful drive across Indiana farmland on Route 6. The only excitement occurred when a very overloaded dump truck right in front of me blew a tire. Leading the caravan in the open Roadster, the bang of the blowout was rather jarring. After a brief pit stop in Nappanee, we pulled into Auburn around 1:30 EDT.



At the Lincoln Oasis, ready to go

On a planning trip to Auburn several days earlier, Carolyn and I had discovered a hidden treasure called the [Auburn Deli](#). It is difficult to notice in the back of the Zesto's ice cream shop on Touring Drive. We had arranged with the deli to pre-order sandwiches that were ready with everyone's name on them when we arrived. Owner Rex Carroll and his staff went out of their way to provide us great service that we took advantage of several times while in Auburn. We were joined for lunch by John & Este Scheve who had trailered their beautiful '37 Standard Tudor over on Tuesday. Este also had done us the great service



of reserving tables at the awards banquet for our large group of around 30. After lunch we all went over to the nearby Comfort Suites to complete our meet registration. Here is where the real fun begins: renewing friendships with fellow V-8ers from all over the country. Carolyn will tell you that once I get to talking with everyone she has to pry me away for our next activity.

After registration we went to our various hotels to check in. Many of us were at the Hampton where we saw more of our V-8 friends. With the afternoon waning, we cruised over back streets down to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum to get our cars through the operational check and to drop off people's choice baskets and gift items we had brought. There we saw many more folks that we could gab with and even had time to buy a few raffle tickets and people's choice tickets. We took a shot at making it back to the swap meet, but when we got there most vendors had shut down for the day, partly because of a looming storm. At some point we ran into Tom Barosso and Betty Klasta who had taken a leisurely drive over on their own in their '39 Standard Fordor, Lin Stacey who had trailered his '42 Sedan Coupe, and Ron Dopke who had arrived in modern iron.

We had just enough time to return to our hotels to freshen up for dinner. We met at the Hampton at 6:30 for the short 8-mile cruise to the [St. James Restaurant](#) in Avilla for dinner. Tom O'Donnell had recommended this restaurant, the oldest in the State of Indiana, and we were not disappointed. Our group of 21 had a great time and a delicious meal before returning to the hotels for the night. Well, there may have been a few nightcaps consumed in the parking lot and the hotel lobbies before retiring. Some may have been awakened by the strong overnight storm, but fortunately there was only wind and rain; no hail and all was clear by morning.

On Thursday most of us were up bright and early to clean up the cars and begin the detailing process for the Friday concourse. We were greeted by Alan Wall's '32 Tudor, conveniently parked on its trailer under the Hampton Inn canopy. While working on the cars we ran into Garry & Joan Kelly who had driven over in modern. After cleanup and the rather nice Hampton Inn breakfast, a group of us was off to the swap meet. It was a terrific meet with lots of vendors and tons of great Flathead parts. We spent a boatload of money on parts we needed, parts we didn't need, and some super memorabilia. Hopefully everyone found something they were looking for. After a quick lunch at the Auburn Deli, we were off to the National Military History Center adjacent to the Foundation Museum for a series of meetings. Here we encountered Joe & Delice Serritella who had driven over in their '41 Coupe, Scott & Nicole Gilday who had trailered their just-completed '41 Convertible, and Mike & Stephanie Kubarth from Wisconsin. Our group had a large contingent of first-time attendees at a National Meet; we hope they found the President's Meeting and the Owners/Judges Meeting interesting and informative.

We hated to miss the Foundation Meeting, but time was tight. We had just enough time to return to the



Our group dinner at St. James Restaurant



hotel to shower and dress for the welcome party, right back at the same location were the meetings had been held. Before the buffet, meet co-chair Jerry Vincentini introduced a large number of current and former V-8 Club Presidents and Directors who were in attendance, along with National Judges, Foundation Trustees, and others. As Midwest Director, I had the pleasure of presenting a certificate to Chuck Stanley, President of Central Iowa RG#145, to commemorate the group's 15th Anniversary. After dinner we were treated to a brief bagpipe concert by Foundation Trustee George Walker from Arizona, followed by a fund-raising auction for the Foundation. Everyone had a great time.

Friday morning: Concourse Day! After a little time for final detailing on the cars, Carolyn and I were off to the Judges Breakfast where we were joined by Alan who was a member of a judging team. For the past two years Carolyn and I have been using the system she designed for tabulating the votes in the Touring categories. While others in our large group were getting their cars ready and driven down to the concourse, many of the ladies in the group were getting ready for the Ladies Brunch & Bonnets event at the Bridgewater Country Club. I don't have many details, but understand that Marie Dispensa, Gladys Duzell, Madeleine O'Donnell, Delice Serritella, Barbara Slobodnik, JoAnne Stack, and Irene Vinyard had a great time.

All of our NIRG members had their Early V-8s on the concourse by 10:00 am (all 15 of them!) including John Judge who had trailered his '50 Convertible in that morning. The day was just a blur as everyone enjoyed viewing around 200 beautiful V-8s, voted for their favorites in the Touring classes, and enjoyed V-8 camaraderie. For first-timers Scott & Nicole Gilday, Joe Serritella, Tom Barosso & Betty Klufta, and John Judge, having their babies judged must have been nerve wracking. Those of us with Emeritus cars and walk-arounds could relax. For Carolyn and me the day was hectic. After preparing our cars for showing, our first order of business was setting up shop in the tabulation room in the Museum. Then it was on to verification of all the Touring cars on the concourse and correcting any errors found. This takes a lot of time, especially when it is more fun to stop and talk with people. As Carolyn began the process of making final updates to the database and inputting ballots, I attempted to photograph every car on the concourse.



**Ken presents certificate to Chuck Stanley**



**Scott Gilday's convertible gets a visit from the judges**



**Incredible 1936 Jensen-bodied Ford, President's Choice**



The rather hot day continued on as I made way too many trips to the tab room to carry ballots to Carolyn; that was a hike. As our group wandered the concourse, we were able to spend several hours enjoying the cars and each other's company. At some point we encountered Paul Linzer and Jordon & Corinne Beller viewing the cars. The judges came and went, the ladies arrived from their event, and finally the concourse was released around 3:00. Soon after, Carolyn had input the last of the ballots and provided the Touring results to the meet organizers. Her system continues to be a hit.

Friday evening we drove our cars to the Town Square for a Show & Shine display. How neat to see so many Flathead Fords occupying both sides of the street on three sides of the square. On the east side there was a special display of all '36 Fords. To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the '36, each owner was presented with a certificate and a special license tab by President Bob York. It was a great way to wrap up a wonderful day.



**Ken receives his license tab and certificate**

On Saturday there were four driving tours for the meet participants to select. Our group split off to different tours; a number of us went on "Tour D" to various attractions near Auburn. Carolyn and I were fortunate to be selected to have the tour guide ride with us in our Crestliner. Our 75+ mile tour took us to an incredible restored Shell station, the Mid-America Windmill museum, Orchard Hill Farm apple orchard, lunch at St. James Restaurant, Maple Acres maple syrup farm, the Old Jail Museum in Albion, and the Black Pine animal park. We don't have space to adequately describe all the neat things we saw, but I think the apple processing system was the big hit. We had a few breakdowns on the tour and Alan Wall had continuing problems with his '32. Carolyn and I stopped to help Henry and Jeff Horrocks change a coil and get their '36 Phaeton back on the road while most of our group returned to Auburn.

There was just enough time to get back and ready for the awards banquet. Our large group sat at the four tables Este had reserved earlier. The banquet was a celebration for everyone who had worked so hard to prepare their cars for the concourse. Each of our members who brought a car won a trophy and a photo



**John is awarded his Rouge plaque**



**Tom & Betty get their Rouge award**

opportunity with V-8 Club President Bob York. It was rewarding to see the joy of so many of our friends from all over the country as they were recognized by their peers for their accomplishments. The speeches were brief, the awards presentations went smoothly, and we congratulate everyone involved for putting on a terrific National Meet. And what a meet it was, with nearly 200 cars and 300+ registrations from 39 states, two Canadian provinces, and even New Zealand! As we always note, these events end all too abruptly. With the evening's events winding to a close, everyone was saying quick good-byes, knowing most of us would be hitting the road early in the morning.

Most of us who had caravanned over on Wednesday met at 9:00 am for the trip back. The drive was scenic, unhurried, and uneventful; everyone arrived safely home around noontime. Our Flatheads had performed flawlessly!

We thank all the NIRG participants for the wonderful turnout for this meet, congratulate the trophy winners, and especially applaud all the first time attendees; we think you will be hooked. [The Eastern National Meet in beautiful Hiawassee, GA](#), is only 41 weeks away. We suggest you register now!

### Concourse Results

Sam Barone	'41 Pickup	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Touring A
Tom Barosso & Betty Klawfta	'39 Fordor	Rouge
Carolyn Bounds	'50 Crestliner	Dearborn Emeritus
Ken Bounds	'36 Roadster	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Touring
Lloyd Duzell	'35 Tudor	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Touring A
Scott Gilday	'41 Convertible	Dearborn
John Judge	'50 Convertible	Rouge
Joe Kozmic	'53 Mercury	Dearborn Medallion
Tom O'Donnell	'40 Mercury	Dearborn Emeritus
John Scheve	'37 Tudor	Dearborn Medallion
Joe Serritella	'41 Coupe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Concourse
Lin Stacey	'42 Sedan Coupe	Dearborn Emeritus
Stan Stack	'53 Tudor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Touring
Len Vinyard	'39 Convertible	Dearborn Emeritus
Alan Wall	'32 Coupe	Rouge Medallion

## Waukegan Yacht Club Classic Car and Antique Boat Show

The Waukegan Yacht Club held their annual Classic Car and Antique Boat Show Saturday, August 6. Bill and Marty Valters encouraged all NIRG members to show their Early V-8s and invited members over for coffee and sweets and a tour of their gorgeous boat. The day started out rainy in much of the area, but at Waukegan harbor the weather was sunny and hot – a great day for a car show.

Bill said that the rain threat cut attendance this year nearly in half. Of the 77 autos on display, NIRG members brought 10 of them. Attending were Tom Barosso & Betty Klawfta, 1939 Standard Tudor; Ron Blum, 1940 Fordor; Tom Buscaglia, 1951 Tudor; Jack Nikolich, 1939 Convertible; Tom O'Donnell, 1940 Mercury; Dan Pudelek, 1953 Victoria; Joe Serritella, 1941 Coupe; Stan Stack, 1953 Tudor; Bill & Marty Valters, 1940 Coupe; and Len & Irene Vinyard, 1939 Convertible. Our thanks to Bill & Marty for their hospitality!



Part of our group at the harbor



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual LaSalle Street Auto Row Show

### By Ken Bounds

On August 21 member Joe Dispensa's group *Friends of LaSalle Street* held their third annual car show to promote revitalization of this historic area of downtown Aurora, IL. The sunny weather brought a perfect day for showing antique cars and supporting this worthwhile cause.



The long line of vehicles lining both sides of the street included six NIRG members showing classics. Members showing their cars included Ken Bounds, 1936 Roadster; John Emmering, 1949 Fordor; John Judge, 1950 Convertible; Joe Kozmic, 1963 Corvette; Frank Madrigali, 1951 F-1 Pickup; and Dan Pudelek, 1953 Victoria. Other members attending the show without a classic car included Joe & Marie Dispensa, 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 has been our tradition, we enjoyed our lunch with a cold beverage at the local Elks club which was open to the public for the day.

Around 2:30 group President Joe Dispensa awarded a baker's dozen trophies. Ken Bounds' Roadster won best car of the Thirties while Joe Kozmic's Corvette took best of the Sixties.

We thank the members who came out to support a very good cause for a fellow club member. We thank Joe Dispensa for putting on a nice show and for his work toward revitalizing an important part of Aurora's history.



John Emmering's '49 Fordor was looking good



Joe Dispensa presents trophies to Ken (30's) and Joe (60's)

## AUGUST 16 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

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

Treasurer Joe Serritella gave his report showing an ending balance of approximately \$2500. Costs for our annual picnic were about \$400.

Health and Welfare Chairman Neil McManus gave his update on our members and their spouses. See Neil's article following the minutes.



Membership Chairman Ken Bounds said that we now have 85 members with the addition of Joe Kozmic's son, Eric, from South Carolina. Ken presented Tom Barosso with his prize from the recent "high-tech" puzzle, a copy of the Early Ford Club's V-8 Album. Joe Dispensa introduced his guest Joe Kiebles. Ken also introduced Rich Anderson's daughter Caryn Haack and guest Tim Stegenga from Cary who is restoring a fire truck.

Tour Chairman Tom O'Donnell gave a summary of recent tours and events.

The July 30<sup>th</sup> driving tour to the LaPorte County Historical Society Museum showed participants a great museum with 35 of Dr. Kesling's antique cars, quilts from 1840's, the authentic rooms from the past, a very large gun collection, and assorted old appliances.

Our Annual NIRG Picnic at Timmerman's Ranch in Island Lake August 14, sponsored by Don & Elaine Braun had a nice turnout. We had 15 Early V-8's, a 1967 Ford convertible, and a U.S. deuce-and-a-half in desert tan in perfect condition. We were entertained by two horse troops, had great volunteer cooks, and very good pass-around dishes. All in all we had over a hundred people we fed and interfaced with. Barbara Slobodnik won a big 50/50; her share was \$190. We started setting up at 9 am; members starting arriving at 10:30 am. We had everything cleaned up and we all left by 4:00 pm.

Stan Stack spoke about the upcoming tour to Roscoe and the Historic Auto Attractions Museum on Sunday, September 11. The group will be leaving The Town and Country Mall at Arlington Heights Rd and Palatine Rd at 8 am.

We will have a Drivers Meeting on August 20 at 7 pm at Roundheads of Lombard for all members attending the Central National Meet in Auburn. The caravan will leave the Lincoln Oasis at 9 am sharp on Wednesday August 24 for the tour to Auburn.

Joe Dispensa spoke about his LaSalle Street Auto Row Car Show August 21 in Aurora. The car line-up starts at 9 am and the show runs from 11 am to 3 pm.

Ken Bounds spoke about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Geneva Poker Run September 23-25. All members are encouraged to participate.

Tom O'Donnell is looking for a member to sponsor a Fall Colors Tour in early October. Other ideas for get-togethers are another "Eggs & Eights" breakfast or a "Duals Night."



## AUGUST 16 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Joe Serritella gave a slide presentation on the 100th anniversary Indy 500 Celebration of Automobiles held May 13-14 at the Speedway. Many of the cars were one of a kind and Joe really knew the cars in the slide show. Great job of photography and comments in the presentation.

Scott Gilday won \$40 in the 50/50 raffle.

Dan thanked Delice Serritella for providing delicious cookies for the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Attendance: Rich Anderson with his daughter Caryn, Tom Barosso & Betty Klawns, Ken Bounds, Ron Blum, Ron Dopke, Joe Dispensa with his guest Joe Kiebles, Don Drews, Lloyd Duzell, Scott Gilday, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, Mike Kubarth, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Neil McManus, Jack Nikolich, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, Collin Sprau, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Tim Stegenga (guest), Bill Valters, Len Vinyard and Alan Wall.

## CHEERS

BY NEIL MCMANUS

Greetings Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying the late summer weather; it's beginning to feel like a touch of autumn is in the air. Let's get out and enjoy it while we can.

Gene Heintz continues to improve at home; she is progressing satisfactorily after her stay in the hospital.

Judy Buscaglia is recovering after having a Pacemaker installed. Tom reports that the installation of an electronic ignition has worked well.

Nell Kozmic continues to do much better; she has completed physical therapy and is back on the go.

Joe Serritella's daughter Cathey continues to battle cancer.

Diane Pudelek is undergoing radiation treatments and is progressing according to schedule.

I'm sure card or note from their V-8 friends would be appreciated by everyone who is under the weather.



## Welcome New NIRG Members

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to our newest "long-distance" members, Eric & Cheryl Kozmic of Simpsonville, SC. Eric doesn't own an antique vehicle at this time, but is looking. Let's help him choose the proper brand! Eric is Joe Kozmic's son and rode shotgun with "Pops" in his '53 Mercury on the Joint Tour to Michigan with the Northern Ohio group. He had a great time and we hope to see him at future events. Welcome!



This issue should contain a sticker showing the contact information for Eric & Cheryl that you can attach to your 2011 roster. Those receiving the Road Chatter electronically will receive this information in the e-mail.



### 10 Years Ago This Month – September 2001

The mood was somber at the September 18 monthly meeting as President Ken Bounds talked about the tragic events of September 11. There was a discussion about raising the dues \$5 to cover increasing costs. George Cech said "Why not raise the dues \$10 to \$35?" and made a motion which was seconded and passed. (Now you know – editor.) Twenty couples participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally tour September 28-30 with the group donating \$720 to the Corinne Kreissl fund.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – September 1991

Thirteen members toured to the Chicago Car Exchange in Lake Bluff September 15. Tour Chairman Dick Alfini, who had organized the tour, was disappointed that only 6 members continued on to the Lynfred Winery and none continued to the Lone Tree Restaurant. At least four members and spouses participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally September 28-29. Sadly no report was written for the Road Chatter.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – September 1981

The September Road Chatter contained a flyer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally September 27; we don't know if anyone participated. At the September 8 meeting Charles Kaiser showed films he had taken of the '75 & '76 picnics. A large group of NIRG members participated in a tour to the Woodside Dude Ranch September 25-27 in Mauston, WI, organized by Bob & Ginger Tessarola. Ginger's humorous review of the event for the Road Chatter was a real hoot.

### 35 Years Ago This Month – September 1976

At the September meeting it was decided that the "Christmas Party" would be changed to an Installation Dinner held in January because of hectic schedules in December. Len Vinyard was planning the first one for January 22. On September 25 & 26, 28 V-8ers and family participated in the infamous "joint tour" with the Peoria Group at Starved Rock State Park. Infamous because the Peoria Group did not show up.

### Flathead Flashback

V-8ers George & Jan Kreissl (holding son Kurt) announce the results of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally. Check out the Playboy Bunny in the background. Source: Jan/Feb 1982 V-8 Times





## NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>September</b> 8 Board Meeting 11 Tour to Roscoe 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Run	<b>October</b> 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations	<b>November</b> 10 Board Meeting 11 Veteran's Day Lunch 15 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	<b>December</b> 4 Christmas Luncheon, Woodridge No Meetings
<b>January</b> 12 Board Meeting TBA Installation Dinner 17 Member Meeting	<b>February</b> 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	<b>March</b> 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting	<b>April</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Pizza Meeting



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**ARLENE BLUM (9/5), JERRY GUNDERSEN (9/5), LLOYD DUZELL (9/8),  
CLIFF DIXON (9/14), JUDY SHOULDERS (9/15), SCOTT GILDAY (9/17),  
RON HAYDEN (9/18), GLADYS DUZELL (9/21), LOIS WALL (9/21),  
DOUG LEICHT (9/25), ALEXANDRIA GUNDERSEN (9/28)  
& NEIL MCMANUS (9/28)**

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**JORDON & CORINNE BELLER (9/2), LLOYD & GLADYS DUZELL (9/11),  
RON & ARLENE BLUM (9/12), & DAN & DIANE PUDELEK (9/30)**



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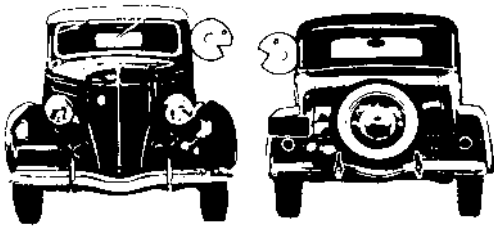
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