

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**May 10** Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**May 15** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.

**May 19-20** Joint tour with Rockford Group to Pontiac, IL - see Page 3.

**June 1-3** Joint tour with Northern Ohio Group to Kokomo, IN - see Page 3.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**May 19 - 20** 47th Annual Little Hershey Swap Meet, Belvidere, IL, Boone County Fairgrounds, Admission \$5

**May 26 - 27** 47th Annual AACAA Car Show, Volo Auto Museum, see right.

**May 27** 41st Annual Auto Show Swap Meet & Craft Show, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm, \$5 admission

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## Event Notice

After 46 years at Grayslake, the [AACAA Spring Car Corral and Show](#) has moved to the Volo Auto Museum. The 47th annual event will be held over two days, May 26-27. Admission to the show Sunday is \$10 and includes full admission to all exhibits for the driver and one passenger.

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**MEETINGS**

8:00 pm on the third  
Tuesday of the month at  
the Wheeling Township  
Service Center, 1616 N.  
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**NEWSLETTER**

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**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT**

Hello to my V-8 Friends,

If you missed the April meeting, you missed some very interesting stories about the memorabilia brought in by the members. The displays of maps, toys, Ford grille, cameras, racing memorabilia and V-8 club historical items were all very interesting. It shows that there are some rare and unusual items being collected by our members.



I enjoyed the Night at the Races. Ron has done a great job of hosting these and they are a very nice way to get together and have fun. I didn't hear anyone shouting that they picked a superquadlifolicfecta or even the Daily Double, but everyone seemed to enjoy the food, company and the entertainment of the races.

Our regional group has agreed to be co-hosts with the Twin Cities Regional Group of the first V-8 Club National Tour. It will take in the sights and attractions along the Mississippi River in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. We are going to try to keep the daily driving down to 150 miles. There will be rest stops on the longer segments. Look for an announcement later this year.

The Wheeling Township people asked us to be careful with our drinks at the meetings and if we do spill something, let them know as soon as possible so the carpet can be spot cleaned. So if you spill something, please let me know, so I can let them know. We have been here about 30 years and it is a nice facility with a very reasonable rent, so please help keep good relations with our landlord.

John Scheve is going to show a video on restoration techniques at the May meeting. Be sure to come and see this very informative video. I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and on the May 19-20 tour to Pontiac, IL.

Tom O'Donnell  
NIRG President

**Monthly Meeting Notice**

Be sure to attend the May 15 meeting. Tech Talk Chairman John Scheve will be showing a 30-minute video, all about the art of floor replacement. (In your antique car, not your kitchen!) This segment will cover floor pan removal.

Also, mark your calendars for the June 19 meeting - we will have a tech talk on carburetors.

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Joint Pontiac-Oakland Museum Driving Tour Sat – Sun May 19 & 20, 2012

The Northern Illinois Regional Group will join the Greater Rockford Group Saturday May 19 - Sunday May 20 for a driving tour to Pontiac, IL. John Emmering is hosting the tour for the NIRG.

We will meet Saturday at 8:30 am at the White Fence Farm in Romeoville, then proceed about 70 miles down historic Route 66 to Pontiac, where we will visit the new [Pontiac-Oakland Auto Museum](#), the [Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum](#), and more. Saturday those remaining overnight will be joining the Rockford group for dinner at Bernardi's Restaurant in Pontiac. The meal will be a combination of fried chicken and pasta. **The cost is \$14.30 per person payable in advance;**

**money will be collected at the May 15 meeting or mail a check to John Emmering before May 15.**

An optional tour of a large private vintage Ford automobile collection will be offered Sunday May 20 before departing for home for those who stay over in Pontiac.

Pontiac has many attractions and things to do - visit their website at [www.visitpontiac.org](http://www.visitpontiac.org). Drive your Early V-8 if you can, but remember that modern iron is always welcome!

You may just spend the day or stay overnight Saturday, May 19, at the Comfort Inn, Pontiac, IL, 815-842-2777. The deadline for the special rate of \$76.49 per night was April 19, but rooms may still be available. If you have not already signed up, please contact John Emmering at 331-425-1187 to let him know if you plan to join the tour.



### Joint Driving Tour to Kokomo Area June 1-3, 2012

The Early Ford V-8 Club of America's Northern Illinois and Northern Ohio Regional Groups will once again join in a tour, this year to Kokomo, Indiana, Friday June 1 - Sunday June 3. Len & Irene Vinyard are hosting the tour for the NIRG.



This issue should include a flyer containing all the details about the weekend events, along with a tear-off sheet to return to the Vinyards. If you haven't already signed up, please contact Len or Irene right away to let them know you will be participating. **The cost of the Friday evening event is \$35 per person and must be paid in advance.** The deadline for signing up is May 10, as is the deadline to get the \$89 rate at the Hampton Inn. See flyer for contact information.

### Barrington Concours d'Elegance

This year's Concours will be held Sunday, July 15th at the Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington. Although the March 31st deadline to nominate vehicles for the show field has passed, you may still be able to show your car in the "Car Club Court." Participating clubs will have their own "Corral" with reserved spots for club members' cars. Club members displaying their cars will receive one general admission ticket to the Concours (worth \$20). If you're interested in participating in the Corral with your fellow NIRG members, please contact Scott Gilday at [srgilday@msn.com](mailto:srgilday@msn.com) or 847-277-0695.





## A Night at the Races

By Ken Bounds

A crowd of 49 V-8 members and family turned out for the ever-popular Night at the Races event, hosted by Ron & Arlene Blum April 20 at Maywood Park Racetrack. Our group began arriving shortly after 6:00 pm, in time for the super buffet meal that began serving at 6:30. We had to quickly enjoy our food and analyze the race program to get our first wagers in because the featured Northern Illinois Regional Group race was the second on the card. But minutes before post time of the first race, a power failure knocked out the entire facility. Racing began about 20 minutes later after all power was restored. Fortunately, it was still light, so we weren't in darkness.

Before the second race, several of us went down to the winner's circle to prepare for a group photo with the winner, John Roberts driving Picasso's Boy – see the photo of the month. Picasso's Boy went off with odds of 19-1, so anyone placing a \$2 bet on him won \$40.40 – not bad! Also, three lucky members had the unique opportunity to ride in the starter car: Ben Ashley, Joe Dispensa, and John Slobodnik. This is an incredible experience where you can feel the power of the horses just inches away.

Our super-host Ron set us up with fantastic seats right behind the windows at the finish line. As the evening went on, our group wore out the carpet making trips to the betting windows to place bets



John & Dennis study the race program



Tom, Jeff, Ron, & Norm are ready to eat



Part of our large group



Delice and Dottie take this seriously

and to pick up winnings. Actually, there were probably more trips to place bets. Some went home a little richer, some lost more than they won, but everyone had a great time. The lucky winners of dinner for two at the racetrack were Delice Serritella and Joe Kozmic. Although there were 14 races on the card, not many of us made it past the 8<sup>th</sup> race. We have enjoyed the trotters for the past three years, but Ron is already talking about going back to the thoroughbreds next time. What do you think?

Our thanks to all the members and family who made this a memorable evening and especially to our outstanding hosts, Ron & Arlene. Attending were Dottie Alfini and daughter Sue, Ben & Ginny Ashley, Ron & Arlene Blum with 6 guests, Dennis Bohannon and son, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Joe & Marie Dispensa, Ron Dopke with Norm Lang, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Tom O'Donnell with 6 guests, Dan & Diane Pudelek, Joe & Delice Serritella, John & Barb Slobodnik and son, Len Vinyard and son Jeff, Alan & Lois Wall, and George & Dawn Zulas with 3 guests.



Our hosts, Ron & Arlene



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EmbroidMe, 905 E Rand Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
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## FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

We are pleased to report to you that the editors of *Old Cars Weekly* have recognized the *Road Chatter* with a [Golden Quill award](#) for the 5th consecutive year, this time in the Regional Full Size category. Other regional groups receiving a Golden Quill for 2011 include Hi Country RG's *The Distributor*, Indiana RG's *Hoosier Views*, and Northern Virginia's *Valve Clatter*. *Puget Sounds* received an honorable mention.



Nationally, the *V-8 Times* and the *Foundation News* also received awards.



Per the editors of *Old Cars Weekly*, "The purpose of the competition is to encourage a balanced, well-done publication that meets the needs of its car club while advancing general knowledge of collector cars and their history." We congratulate our fellow editors for receiving this well-deserved recognition and encourage all regional group newsletter editors to consider joining the competition.

Ken & Carolyn



## Bonnie & Clyde's last V-8 Ride 78 years ago on May 23<sup>rd</sup>

### By John Emmering

My interest in Model "A"s and Ford V-8s began when I saw the movie Bonnie & Clyde in 1967. I then got interested in the true stories of various gangsters and did a lot of reading on them. I put together the following article about Bonnie & Clyde and their relationship with Ford V-8s.

The fatal last ride of depression era outlaws Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker took place 78 years ago this month. They met their deaths on May 23, 1934, while driving a 1934 Ford Deluxe Fordor. Whether we like it or not part of the mystique of the early Ford V-8 is that it was Clyde Barrow's vehicle of choice during the Barrow gang's crime spree of 1932-34.



The state of the art 85 hp Ford V-8 engine was more than a match for the older four and six cylinder vehicles used by most law enforcement officers at that time. The Ford V-8's quick acceleration made the bandits difficult to catch, and its durable steel body offered protection from lawmen's bullets. A 1932 Ford B-400 convertible sedan was the backdrop for several popular photos of Bonnie and Clyde. That vehicle was stolen from R.F. Rosborough of Marshall, Texas, in March 1933. While traveling in a 1933 Ford coupe Bonnie and Clyde evaded an ambush set up by Sheriff Smoot Schmidt on November 22, 1933, near Sowers, Texas. The pair were en route to a meeting with family members when Clyde sensed danger and stomped on the accelerator moments before the car received machine gun fire from the waiting Sheriff's deputies.

The final vehicle used by Bonnie & Clyde, a Cordoba Grey 1934 Ford Model 730 Deluxe Sedan, is probably the best known Ford V-8 in America. It was stolen April 29, 1934, from Jesse and Ruth Warren of Topeka, Kansas. The vehicle was purchased for \$785.90 a month earlier by the couple. Mrs. Warren unfortunately left the keys in the ignition when she parked it in her driveway. The Ford V-8 was easy pickings for Clyde who was on the prowl for a new car after being alerted that police in Kansas knew of his presence.

Bonnie and Clyde's criminal careers ended on that fateful 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1934, at 9:15 a.m., on State Highway 154 near Gibsland, Bienville Parish, Louisiana. They were trapped and killed in an ambush set up by retired Texas Ranger Frank Hamer and four other lawmen with the help of Ivan Methvin, father of one of their gang. The 1934 Ford from Topeka received an estimated 160 bullet holes during the ambush.

Bienville Parish Sheriff Henderson Jordan initially denied the request of the Warrens for the return of the car and Ruth Warren filed suit for the car's return and won. Ruth Warren leased the car to various carnival shows until she sold it for \$3,500.00 in 1952. The car sat in storage for many years until the popularity of the 1967 movie "Bonnie & Clyde" reignited interest. The car was purchased by a casino in 1988 for \$250,000. The "Bonnie & Clyde Death Car" is now owned by Terribles Casinos and is generally displayed in their Primm, Nevada, Casino, a visual reminder of the old adage "Crime doesn't pay".



## MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Northern Illinois Regional Group 45th Anniversary Cruise July 29, 2012

July 29 will mark our Northern Illinois Regional V-8 Club's 45th Anniversary! The plan is to make this celebration not only the most attended event by our members but also one that everyone will enjoy. We will celebrate the event with a cruise on beautiful Lake Michigan. We are all looking forward to everyone enjoying the day of wonderful sights and events. What a great chance to visit and see our city!

This trip is designed for the whole family to enjoy. Our boat, the Mystic Blue, has 4 decks and we will have access to all decks during the cruise. Our own deck is called the Escapade Deck where we will have our brunch, entertainment and spectacular view of the lake. All decks are air conditioned except for the top open deck. Our brunch will include omelets, sirloin beef, chicken and a variety of salads. This boat is large and all cruises are in complete comfort. The Mystic Blue is one of the nicest boats in the Chicago harbor.



Our deck has seating for all of us in one area. There will be tables for 8 to 10 chairs. The people that run the boat and cruise company know of our club and are looking forward to meeting us. Because seating on our deck will be limited we need everyone signed up as soon as possible. Boarding will begin at 12:30 pm; the cruise will take us from Navy Pier around to Oak St. Beach. The views of our city from this vantage point are wonderful. Bring your camera.

We will then cruise around the inner harbor to the Museum campus. Here we will see Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum and Buckingham Fountain. The sights are breathtaking. Most importantly all of our club members will be there to honor our anniversary.

If you have not been down to Navy Pier or the lakefront in a couple of years, now is the best time to explore. For those not wishing to drive, the club is arranging for a bus, departing from the Wheeling Township Center. This will make it much easier for everyone to attend the event. The bus will arrive at Navy Pier at cruise time and depart immediately after our cruise.

The deadline for signing up is the June meeting. The cost is only \$55 a person and includes the buffet brunch as well as all soft drinks and coffee; there will be a cash bar on our deck. Please make your checks out to the NIRG and send them to Tom O'Donnell, 651 E. Meadow Lane, Palatine, IL 60074. Over 40 people have already signed up; please sign up right away to ensure there is space for you on the bus.



### 2012 Central National Meet Branson, MO - August 20-23

Plans are well underway for a terrific meet this summer in Branson. Come and join your fellow NIRG members for a leisurely two-day drive to the meet. Online registration for the meet is available now from a link on our website. Go to [www.nirgv8.org](http://www.nirgv8.org) and click on National Meets. From there you can also download forms if you don't want to register online. Don't use a computer? Contact Ken Bounds for the forms. We plan to have a "driver's meeting" before the meet to go over driving plans. Stay tuned!

**APRIL 17 MEETING MINUTES****Submitted by Ron Blum**

[Editor's note: Secretary Stan Stack was under the weather, so Ron Blum graciously offered to record the minutes. Before the meeting members got a chance to see the Shoebox Convention in the parking lot with four '50 Fords, a '53 and a '41 present.]

President Tom O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 8:18 pm. He stated that after our meeting we would have presentations by each member who brought memorabilia to the meeting.



Treasurer Joe Serritella gave his report showing a beginning balance of \$4,358.00 and ending balance of \$6,071.00. Most of the increase was due to payments for the anniversary cruise. He said that last month's 50-50 raffle of \$58 to the winner was the highest ever for a regular meeting.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds advised that we currently have 83 members with a potential new member, Tony Morales from Calumet City who has a '37 Deluxe Ford. Ken congratulated John Scheve whose '37 Standard is featured on the cover of the 2012 national roster.

Health & Welfare Chairman Joe Serritella reported that our Secretary, Stan Stack, had surgery on his lip and then got the shingles – get well soon, Stan. VP Frank Madigali recently had hernia and gall bladder surgery.

Tour Chairman Scott Gilday led the discussion on recent and upcoming tours:

- The Eggs & Eights Breakfast hosted by Tom & Judy Buscaglia was a success with about 35 in attendance and several V-8s in the parking lot.
- Ron Blum said that everything is all set for the Night at the Races at Maywood Park April 20 with 56 participants expected.
- John Emmering was not able to attend the meeting, so Scott discussed and handed out flyers for the May 19th joint tour with the Rockford Group to the Pontiac-Oakland Museum in Pontiac. This can either be a day trip or you can stay overnight.
- The joint tour with the Northern Ohio group to Kokomo is the weekend of June 1-3. We will visit an air museum, the Haynes auto museum, Seiberling mansion, and other attractions. The hotel rate is \$89.00 per night; deadline for reservations is May 19. Contact Len Vinyard for details.
- The Barrington Concours is July 15; three of our cars will be on the show field: Scott Gilday, Ron Blum, and John Scheve.
- Ken Bounds talked about upcoming National Meets. The Eastern National Meet is June 19-22. Ken offered for sale raffle tickets for a rebuilt engine to be awarded at the meet. The Central National Meet in Branson is August 20-23. We need volunteers to assist at registration and the people's choice raffle room. The 2014 Eastern National Meet will be in Aberdeen, MD. We discussed donations from NIRG to the 2012 meets and voted to make a donation of \$50 cash each to the Eastern and Central meets.
- Ken and Tom discussed the V-8 Club National Tour to be held in mid-September along the Mississippi, co-hosted by the NIRG and Twin Cities groups. More details will be forthcoming.
- Tom discussed the Club's 45th Anniversary cruise July 29th - 44 people have signed up as of today.

After a break, each member who had brought in memorabilia gave a short presentation about the items they had on display. The members and their memorabilia were:



**APRIL 17 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**

- Lloyd Duzell – antique steel toy truck and steam shovel junior models by Buddy El from 1920's which he has restored, shown on the right, top.
- Len Vinyard – a Ford barbecue grill from 1938 and a hotel sign from Harrod's that mounts on car.
- Bob Paladino – an ash tray from Ford open house 1950.
- Dan Pudelek – collection of antique cameras from 3 decades and catalog of over 600 camera makers, shown right, center.
- John Scheve – Richard Petty signed print 1984, trophy from Geneva Concours (solid brass) heavy.
- Ken Bounds – V-8 Club memorabilia including V-8 plaques from various eras, gear shift knobs and advertising material from National meets, and the national V-8 gavel and pocket watch as Ken is President.
- Tom O'Donnell – MP3 player hooked into 1940 radio, body parts list 36-48, accessory catalogs, 1940 plugs for printing ads as advertising in newspaper, car banks for Mercury 1940 economy run.
- Sam Van Bruggen – A unique book containing individual road maps of the United States from the '30s, right, bottom, a 1930's service manual, and a service index where you pull the card for servicing data.

Tonight's 50-50 winner was Dan Pudelek, taking home \$34.00. Thank you to Delice Serritella for baking cookies for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned 9:40 pm.

Attendance: Rich Anderson, Tom Barosso, Ron Blum, Dennis Bohannon, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, Lloyd Duzell, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Garry Kelly, Betty Klasta, Joe Kozmic, George Kubik, Frank Madrigali, Joe Novak, Roger Obecny, Tom O'Donnell, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Joe Serritella, John Slobodnik, Ron Steck, Sam Van Bruggen, Len Vinyard, and Alan Wall. No guests were present.





## TECH CORNER



### Illinois Legislative Update - Expanded Use Antique Vehicle Plates

One year ago we told you about a pending bill in the Illinois legislature to provide for expanded use Antique Vehicle license plates that would allow full use of the vehicle from April 1 through October 31, rather than the extremely limited use requirements currently imposed on vehicles with antique plates. The bill made it through the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Quinn with an effective date of January 1, 2012. Good news - the new plates are finally available for antique cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

From the Secretary of State's website: *Expanded-Use Antique License Plates have a staggered expiration and are annual plates. To qualify for Expanded-Use Antique Plates, motor vehicles, including motorcycles, must be more than 25 years old. Firefighting vehicles must be at least 20 years old.*



Expanded use antique plate

*Vehicles displaying these plates during the months of January-March and November-December may only be driven to and from an antique auto show or exhibition, service station or demonstration.*

*Vehicles displaying these plates during the months of April-October may be driven on the highways without being subject to the restrictions of a standard antique vehicle plate.*

*The mechanical and physical condition of the vehicle, including brakes, lights, glass and appearance, must be the same or as safe as originally equipped.*

The advantage of the new plate is that during the touring season you can drive your antique vehicle without restriction, unlike with the existing plates that have serious restrictions. Again, per the website: *Vehicles displaying (antique) plates may only be driven to and from an antique auto show or exhibition, service station or demonstration.*



Antique plate

The cost of the new plate is significantly higher than that of the regular antique plate, but is much lower than a normal vehicle plate. The fee varies depending on whether you accept a randomly assigned plate (\$51 annually), a personalized plate, (\$58 annually plus \$47 issuance fee), or a vanity plate (\$64 annually plus \$94 issuance fee). See box below for a description of personalized or vanity plates.

As with the current Antique plates, Historical License Plates, representing the model year (commonly known as YOM, or Year of Manufacture plates), may be displayed on an antique vehicle licensed as



"Year of Manufacture" plate

#### Personalized Antique Plate

Numbers 1-999 plus 1, 2, or 3 letters

Numbers 1-99 plus 4 letters

Numbers 1-9 plus five letters

Space between numbers and letters

Example: 32 Ford

#### Vanity Antique Plate

Numbers 1-999

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 letters

(No space with 7 letters)

Example: MY FORD

an Expanded Use Antique Vehicle; however, current Antique Vehicle/Motorcycle plates and registration ID card must be kept in the vehicle at all times.

For exact fees and complete details about Expanded Use Antique Vehicle plates or Antique Vehicle plates, please visit your local Secretary of State license facility, or research the website <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com> and enjoy the extra miles you are allowed to drive your V-8!



### 10 Years Ago This Month – May 2002

The May Road Chatter included an article from Tom O'Donnell entitled *Why I Like My 1940 Mercury*. Tom also announced that the Club would have a website by the end of the month. On May 19 Ron Vaughan hosted a spring tour to Northern Illinois Classic Auto Brokers in Wauconda. Members in nine Early V-8s made the trip from Arlington Heights and were joined by others there, including Bud Guzzo who had been battling cancer. Lunch was at nearby Dukes Bar and Grill. Coming out of sick bay for the May 21 meeting were Ron Dopke (hip replacement), Terry Herzog (knee replacement), and Earl Heintz (arthroscopic knee surgery).

### 20 Years Ago This Month – May 1992

Lloyd & Gladys Duzell hosted an "old-fashioned garage tour" May 17. A mob of 63 participants in 18 Early V-8s and various other vehicles enjoyed the day starting with breakfast at the Duzells and ending with a late lunch featuring Gladys' bar-b-que beef back where we started. In between we visited the Duling, Bischoff, Adam, Vinyard, and Balough garages and homes. President Ken Bounds had to be ferried around due to being on crutches resulting from a torn muscle.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – May 1982

The 48 members and 4 guests who attended the May 11 monthly meeting enjoyed a presentation by John & Carol from Ogden Top & Trim. The meeting was delayed about 40 minutes because the Bensenville Village office had double-booked the room. (Time for a new meeting place???) A group of 22 plus family braved wet weather and a couple of breakdowns to attend a Galena weekend event May 21-23 hosted by Len & Irene Vinyard and Earl & Gene Heintz.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – May 1972

The group had a significant presence at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Grayslake show and swap meet May 7. At least 8 members brought out Early V-8s and several members brought parts to sell. A lot of planning had gone into our Club's first participation in this show.

### Flathead Flashback

From the May 1972 Road Chatter, the Lawrences and Brauns on the Galena tour. Photo by Alan Wall.



**A Happy & Hungry Crowd ! ! ! !**



# V-8 Gals

Spring is here! Flowers are blooming, the grass is growing and allergens are everywhere. For those allergy sufferers this is not their favorite time of year. I found the following article on the Angie's List web site (<http://www.angieslist.com/articles/tips-reduce-seasonal-allergy-symptoms.htm>). Hopefully this will help someone who is suffering this time of year.

## 9 tips to help reduce allergy symptoms

1. Wash bedding at least once a week - Use allergen-proof casings for pillows, mattresses and box springs and wash bed linens in hot water – at least 130 degrees – every week.

2. Shower and change before bed or after extended time outdoors - Pollen can easily be trapped in hair and clothing. To reduce its presence indoors, shower and change after spending extended time outside or before going to bed.

3. Keep pets in check - If possible, keep pets outdoors. For indoor pets, make sure to wipe down their coats and paws with a damp cloth to prevent pollen from entering the home. To reduce exposure to animal dander, a leading cause of indoor allergies, bathe pets regularly and keep them off furniture and bedding.

4. Eliminate pests - The presence of pests such as cockroaches and mice can create allergy symptoms. Call a highly rated pest control company to prevent pests from calling your house home.

5. Keep your air cleaner and drier - Check your HVAC system's air filters at least once a month and replace or clean them if dirty. Use dehumidifiers or adjust your HVAC system settings to keep humidity at or below 50 percent to minimize dust mites and mold.

6. Block out pollen - On high pollen count days, shut and seal windows and use the air conditioner.

7. Avoid upholstered furniture - Fabric-upholstered furniture can trap pollen, animal dander and dust mites. When replacing furniture with new items, consider purchasing products with metal, leather or wood.

8. Hire a pro for yard work - Cutting the grass, pruning bushes and raking leaves can stir up pollen and mold spores. Hiring a professional landscaper to handle your yard work duties can help you avoid allergy irritation.



9. Find a new floor - Some research suggests that carpet can become a trap for pet dander, dust mites and pollen. Replace carpet with a solid surface floor such as hardwood, tile, vinyl or linoleum. If carpet is a must, choosing a low-pile product may trap less allergens.



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>May</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 19-20 Joint Tour to Pontiac, IL	<b>June</b> 1-3 Joint Tour to Kokomo, IN 14 Board Meeting 16 Duals Night 19 Member Meeting 19-22 Eastern National Meet Hiawasse, GA	<b>July</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 23 NIRG 45th Anniversary 29 NIRG 45th Anniversary Cruise, Lake Michigan	<b>August</b> 5 Annual Picnic 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 20-23 Central National Meet, Branson, MO
<b>September</b> 8 Duals Night 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 28-30 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations	<b>November</b> 8 Board Meeting 10 Veteran's Day Lunch 20 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	<b>December</b> No Meetings TBD Christmas Brunch



**Happy Mothers Day to  
all our V-8 Moms!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**STAN STACK (5/2), KATHLEEN HEATHERLY (5/4), PHYLLIS MADRIGALI (5/4),  
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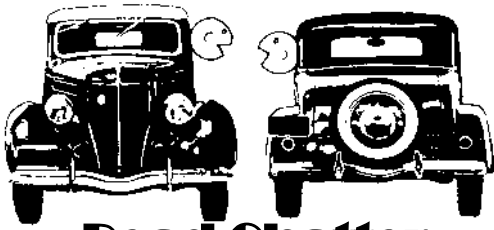
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