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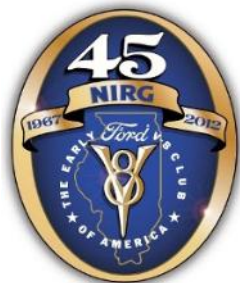
November 2012

## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

**November 10** Veterans Day Luncheon - See page 3 for details.

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



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**November 4** Daylight Saving Time Ends - Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

**November 6** Election Day!

**November 10 - 11** Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot-Machine & Jukebox Show, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Admission \$7.

**November 22** Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

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Elections will be held at the November meeting. There will be another round of nominations to ensure that we have a full slate of officers for 2013. We need you to come to the meeting and cast your vote for our club's future. We will also have our traditional November turkey drawing for two \$25 gift certificates! Plan to attend.

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Scott Gilday

**Newsletter**

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**Board of Directors**

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John Scheve

John Slobodnik

**MEETINGS**

8:00 pm on the third  
Tuesday of the month at  
the Wheeling Township  
Service Center, 1616 N.  
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Arlington Heights, IL

**NEWSLETTER**

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**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT**

Hello to my V-8 Friends,

We have our annual Veterans Day luncheon this month; the annual Christmas Luncheon will be held next month. Try to attend both events as there will be good food and companionship of your fellow Club members. If the weather holds out, bring your Club car before storing it for the winter.



Touring season is over now. We had a full schedule this year with an event held each month as well as the overnights to Pontiac, Kalamazoo, Eastern National Meet, Central National Meet, The Great River Road National Tour, and the annual Poker Run. The Pontiac Tour, the Kalamazoo Tour and the Great River Road National Tour were also attended by other Regional Groups. Madeleine and I made many new friends on these tours and we both hope that next year there will be more joint tours. We had a lot of fun this year and are looking forward to start touring next year.

There will be another National Tour next year. It will be following the Lincoln Highway to Lake Tahoe, NV, and end in time for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Early Ford V-8 Club. It will be going through Indiana and Illinois, so if you can't get away for the complete tour, you can join in for part of the way.

While you are getting your car ready for winter, think of some of the things you did to get ready for the touring season and some of the things that you are doing to store your car. Can any of these items be turned into a Tech Talk or Tech Corner article? If you think that item should be shared with other Club members, give John Scheve a call.

I wish all of you luck in our annual Turkey Raffle and hope that you have a happy Thanksgiving.

Tom O'Donnell  
NIRG President

**Annual Installation Dinner – Saturday, January 12**

The annual installation dinner will be held at Casey's Restaurant on North Ave in Lombard, hosted by Frank & Phyllis Madrigali. More details will be provided in the December Road Chatter. The cost of only \$35 per person includes hors d'oeuvre, dinner, and one hour of open bar. There will be door prizes and awards presented for service to the club. Plan now to attend!

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



### V-8's and Veterans

**A LUNCHEON TO HONOR OUR MEMBERS WHO  
HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES**

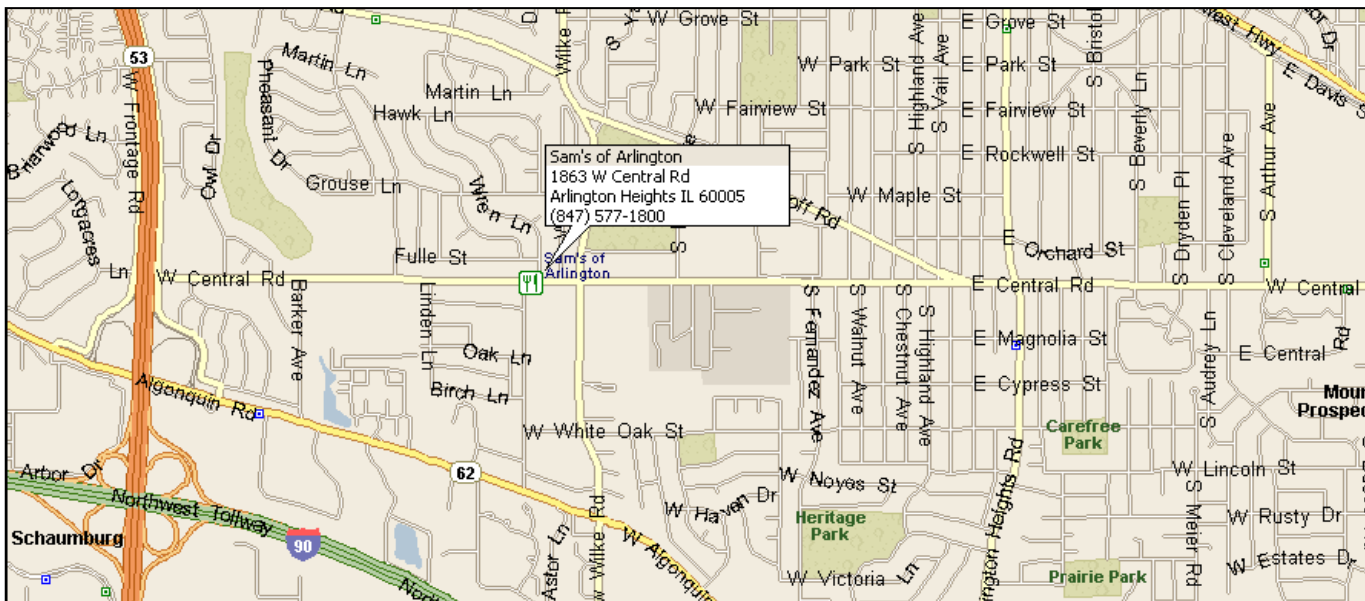
**November 10, 2012 – 12:00 noon**

**Sam's of Arlington**

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Everyone is invited to get together for lunch for Veterans Day on Saturday November 10 at 12:00 noon. Hosted by Earl & Gene Heintz and Ken & Carolyn Bounds. Please call Earl or Ken by November 5 if you plan to attend so we can provide a count to the restaurant. Modern iron is welcome, but if the weather is nice, why not bring out that V-8 one more time! Just an informal lunch to say "Thank You" to our Veterans.



### Annual Christmas Luncheon – Sunday, December 9

**What:** Annual Christmas Luncheon

**When:** Sunday, December 9, 12:00 noon

**Where:** Bohemian Crystal, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive, Westmont

Este Scheve has arranged our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Bohemian Crystal in Westmont. The restaurant is located on Blackhawk Drive, one block north of Ogden Avenue, 3/4 mile west of Route 83 or two stoplights east of Cass Avenue. Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details. We will also have the ladies grab bag; maximum cost for gifts \$25. You can sign up at the November meeting, or contact Este at 630-420-0029 to let her know you are coming. You need to get your payment in to Este by December 3!





## The Great River Road Tour

By Tom O'Donnell

These people went and had fun



**John & Barb Slobodnik**



**Tom & Judy Buscaglia**



**Joe & Marie Dispensa**



**Ron Steck**



**Betty Klafta & Tom Barosso**



**Madeleine & Tom O'Donnell**



**Ken Bounds**



**Bill & Marty Valters**



## The Great River Road Tour

This is what they did, what they saw, and who they met



Dinner on the Celebration Belle



View of the Mississippi



Meet people from Minnesota



Meet people from WI and IN



See John Deere Pavilion



Mississippi Palisades Park



See eagles hunting for fish



Park in the shade



Drive through the park



Visit Galena



Do some morning tire kicking



Fix a truck



## The Great River Road Tour

### More photos of the Tour



Lunch with a view  
of the Mississippi



Visit the Dahl Auto  
Museum in La Crosse



Dahl Museum in La Crosse



Eat at Rudy's Drive In



Served on skates



Visit Lanesboro, MN



Eat in a 1920's diner



Visit a junkyard in Spillville, IA



Visit toy museum in  
Dyersville, IA



Confessional in  
St. Francis Xavier Church



Visit National Motorcycle Museum,  
Anamosa, IA



Farewell Dinner in  
East Moline, IL

## **The Great River Road Tour**

**By Tom O'Donnell**

### **Summary of the Tour**

Madeleine and I had a great time on the Tour. We enjoyed the company of many new friends as well as renewing some old friendships. The weather cooperated very well; we had some cloudy days and some rain, but they came at times when they would not interfere with the joy of sight seeing. The temperatures were perfect for driving an old car, high 60's to low 70's.

The Celebration Belle Dinner Cruise on the Mississippi was great. The weather was very nice, the food was terrific and the entertainment was songs of the 40's and 50's. We were invited to visit all of the decks on the boat and the control room. They had a very nice dance floor and the boat was stable enough to do all of the dancing that you wanted to.

At the John Deere Pavilion they were having a history presentation for school children. A second grade class was visiting at the same time we were. The kids were having a lot of fun climbing up on the tractors and watching the blacksmith make stuff. We had a nice ride up to the Mississippi Palisades State Park where we had a picnic lunch and drove through the park. There were several places where the views were outstanding. A brother and sister joined us at the Comfort Inn for the drive to the park. They were driving a very nice 1941 Lincoln Continental. We were also joined by a couple from California in their 41 Pickup. They were visiting family in the Savanna area, so they toured from the park to La Crosse with us.

Bill and Marty Valters joined us in Galena and toured to La Crosse with us. In La Crosse we visited the Dahl Auto Museum and had dinner at a drive in where we were served our dinner by car hops on skates. That brought back some memories. Several people left the tour at La Crosse. The Minnesota Group had made the tour from Lanesboro to Moline on their way down on Tuesday.

Friday we drove to Lanesboro, MN, through some of the prettiest country I have seen. The road runs though the bluffs of southern Minnesota; it is very hilly with many curves. Lanesboro is a very small town that is situated in a semi circle valley with the bluffs surrounding it in 3 sides. When the people saw our cars in town, they went home and brought out their collector cars. From Lanesboro, MN, we drove to Spillville, IA, and visited the Bily Clock Museum, a junk yard full of Fords and St. Wenceslaus Church. The clock museum contains the work of the Bily brothers. They hand carved huge clocks with scenes from history and the bible. The junk yard was discovered by Bruce Nelson when he pre-drove the route.

Saturday we drove to Dyersville and visited the Farm Toy Museum, an antique mall, the Dyer-Botsford house, St. Francis Xavier Church, and the Field of Dreams movie site. Some of the people went on to Anamosa, IA, to visit the National Motorcycle Museum. We finished the Tour at Happy Joe's Pizza and Ice Cream with a farewell dinner.

Thanks to Ken Bounds and Bruce Nelson for driving the tour and checking the directions. The tour would not have happened without the help of Ken. Thanks to everyone that came on the tour. People make the tour. Everyone had a great attitude and the complaints were minor like "pick wider spots for your U turns". Some people had car trouble, but they did not let it spoil their fun. My car ran great throughout the tour, but I had a flat tire on the way home. The valve core decided to leak just before we got to the DeKalb Oasis. John Slobodnik and his son, John, helped me change the tire and reload my trunk. It is great to have such good friends.

## OCTOBER 16 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

President Tom O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm. Tom asked if any guests were present; John Slobodnik introduced his son John.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds stated that we had 86 members and 37 have sent in their renewal forms and payments. Ken urged all to pay their dues by the end of the year.

Treasurer Joe Serritella was on vacation, so Tom O'Donnell relayed his report showing an ending balance of \$2,491.71.



Tom also gave the Health & Welfare Report: Jack Nikolich has been in Hines Veterans' Hospital undergoing treatment for heart problems for over a month; Jean is staying in guest housing. Charlie Kaiser has been undergoing chemo treatment and is doing well. Frank Nagode has had pace maker adjustments. Gladys Duzell is doing well with her knee replacement and has finished physical therapy. Please call or send a card to our members who are ill.

Tour Chairman Scott Gilday led a discussion of recent and upcoming events:

- Tom O'Donnell discussed the National Tour held September 18-22. We had 35 registrants, mostly in Early Ford V-8s. We started in Moline with a welcome party on the river boat Celebration Belle. The first day we toured the John Deere Pavilion in Moline, had a box lunch at Mississippi Palisades State Park, toured to Galena, saw Grants Home, visited shops, and had dinner in small groups. The next day we had lunch in Ferryville, WI, then toured on to La Crosse with a visit to the Dahl Auto Museum and dinner at Rudy's Drive-In with food delivered by car-hops in poodle skirts on roller skates. Day three took us to picturesque Lanesboro, MN, then on to Spillville, IA, and a tour of the Bily Clock Museum and a Ford graveyard. On the final day we toured to Dyersville, IA, for a tour of several attractions before heading back for Moline. Some members toured the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA. The tour ended with dinner at Happy Joe's Pizza and Ice Cream Restaurant.
- Ken Bounds talked about the Western National Meet. There were over 350 members registered and well over 200 cars were shown. The "High Desert" temperature changes meant you dressed with coats in the morning and had temperatures in the 80s in the afternoon.
- Ken passed around a signup sheet for the Veterans Day lunch November 10 at Sam's of Arlington.
- Tom O'Donnell discussed the Eggs & Eights breakfast October 27 at 10 am at Billy's Pancake house in Palatine.
- John Scheve announced that the Christmas Luncheon will be held December 9th at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont. The cost is \$20 per person.
- The Installation Dinner will be January 12 at Casey's Restaurant on North Avenue in Lombard; more details will be in the Road Chatter.

Nominations for 2013 NIRG Officers: Tom O'Donnell asked for nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Board Members; voting will be at the November 20 Member Meeting. Nominees: for President, Scott Gilday; for Secretary, Stan Stack; for Treasurer Joe Serritella; for Board of Directors Ron Steck, John Scheve, Ron Blum, and Alan Wall.

There will be another round of nominations at the November meeting before the vote.



**OCTOBER 16 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**

Thank you to Tom O'Donnell who gave a 20 minute photo presentation of the National Tour.

Paul Linzer won \$24 in the 50/50 raffle.

Tom thanked Carolyn Bounds for the great cookies.

President Tom O'Donnell adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Attendance: Tom Barosso & Betty Klafta, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, Lloyd Duzell, Scott Gilday, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, John Slobodink & son John, Collin Sprau, Ron Steck, Stan Stack, Len Vinyard, and Alan Wall.

**From the Editors**

We hope you will forgive us for being a couple of days late with this issue. We are trying to wind down from an incredibly busy year of regional, multi-regional, and National V-8 Club events. Ken is just back from a National Board meeting in Dallas shortly after a whirlwind trip to the Iacobucci pig roast near Cleveland and a week in Hershey.

As we mentioned on Page 1, our Tech Corner was given the month off. Coincidentally, we need to report sad news about a name closely associated with Tech Tips over the years. Sadly, Dick Flynn of Seattle passed away September 16. His tech articles appeared often in the V-8 Times. Our condolences to his family. More information will be in the Nov-Dec *V-8 Times*.



*Ken & Carolyn*

**Dues are Due!**

It is time once again to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Members should have received a renewal form in last month's issue. Please review the form and make any changes, correct any errors, or add any missing information. You can return the form with your \$35 dues to the membership chairman at the address shown on the form or bring them to the next meeting. Your dues need to be in by December 31 to ensure your information is in the roster!

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## Bacon and Eights - Billy's Pancake House

By Tom O'Donnell

Saturday, October 27, was a sunny day and the fall colors had not completely disappeared. The temperatures were brisk and perfect for driving an old car. Ron and Arlene Blum (40 Fordor), Ron Dopke (40 Tudor), Lloyd and Gladys Duzell (35 Tudor), John Judge and guest Yolanda (51 Victoria) joined Madeleine and me (40 Mercury) in driving our Club cars to Billy's Pancake House in Palatine.

Dotty Alfini and her daughter Sue, Scott Gilday, Gene and Earl Heintz, Paul and Joanne Linzer, Phyllis and Frank Madrigali, Barbara and John Slobodnik, Jo Anne and Stan Stack, and Len Vinyard joined us in modern iron for our breakfast.







### 10 Years Ago This Month – November 2002

George & Betty Cech hosted a bowling event November 9 at Des Plaines Bowl. Everyone had a fun time and enjoyed the food and prizes. Although nine couples participated, several more who signed up didn't show up, leaving us \$114 short in what we owed the bowling alley. Earl Heintz, Jack Nikolich, and Ron Blum were the lucky winners in our annual "turkey raffle" at the November 19 monthly meeting.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – November 1992

At the November 17 monthly meeting, Ed Fontana showed samples of two new club sweatshirts being offered. Nominations were held for NIRG officers for 1993 with two members throwing their hats in the ring for Secretary and eight for the Board. Harry Sron, Marty Duling, and Jim Barnacle were the winners of the gift certificates for a Thanksgiving turkey.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – November 1982

Joe Novak again attended the November 9 meeting as a guest (will this guy ever join?). Len & Irene Vinyard hosted a ladies night out event November 20 at Drury Lane South in Evergreen Park. Thirteen couples enjoyed dinner and a Las Vegas type review *A Toast to Broadway*. The November Road Chatter included Chester Lawrence's detailed recommendation of tools and spare parts to carry when touring.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – November 1972

The November newsletter included details about the planned caravan to the Grand National Meet in Dearborn the following year. The newsletter also included a questionnaire to gauge interest in the Christmas Party after it had been skipped in 1971. The November meeting was held Monday, November 13, at Jack Loftus Ford in Willowbrook.

### Flathead Flashback

Chester's extensive list of items to carry while touring (see 30 years ago) prompted this cartoon from resident NIRG cartoonist "Blackie" Blackmore, published in the December 1982 Road Chatter.



## V-8 Gals

Welcome to fall. Fall seems to be the beginning of the cold and flu season. We in the Bounds household are having a hard time. Both Ken and I have had back-to-back colds and it is no fun. We are doing our part keeping the Kleenex people fully employed. I found this list of superfoods on prevention.com that should give us a fighting chance the rest of the season. I've also included a recipe that uses one of these superfoods. Here's hoping everyone stays healthy this month!

### 9 Power Foods That Boost Immunity

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Yogurt          | 6. Tea            |
| 2. Oats and Barley | 7. Beef           |
| 3. Garlic          | 8. Sweet Potatoes |
| 4. Fish            | 9. Mushrooms      |
| 5. Chicken Soup    |                   |



<http://www.prevention.com/food/food-remedies/9-power-foods-boost-immunity/1-yogurt>

### Yummy Sweet Potato Casserole

- |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4 cups sweet potato, cubed     | 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract   |
| 1/2 cup white sugar            | 1/2 cup packed brown sugar     |
| 2 eggs, beaten                 | 1/3 cup all-purpose flour      |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt              | 3 tablespoons butter, softened |
| 4 tablespoons butter, softened | 1/2 cup chopped pecans         |
| 1/2 cup milk                   |                                |

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Put sweet potatoes in a medium saucepan with water to cover. Cook over medium high heat until tender; drain and mash.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the sweet potatoes, white sugar, eggs, salt, butter, milk and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth. Transfer to a 9x13 inch baking dish.
3. In medium bowl, mix the brown sugar and flour. Cut in the butter until the mixture is coarse. Stir in the pecans. Sprinkle the mixture over the sweet potato mixture.
4. Bake in the preheated oven 30 minutes, or until the topping is lightly brown.



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>September</b> 8 Duals Night 13 Member Meeting Note Special Date 18-22 National Tour 28-30 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations 27 Eggs & Eights Breakfast	<b>November</b> 8 Board Meeting 10 Veterans Day Lunch 20 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	<b>December</b> No Meetings 9 Christmas Luncheon
<b>January</b> 10 Board Meeting 12 Installation Dinner Casey's Restaurant 15 Member Meeting	<b>February</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	<b>March</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	<b>April</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting



Happy Thanksgiving



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**MICHELLE BOHANNON (11/1), BEN ASHLEY (11/2), JOE BAUGHN (11/7),**  
**TOM O'DONNELL (11/7), ESTE SCHEVE (11/7), JERRY WEBB (11/7),**  
**MIKE HEATHERLY (11/12), ROGER HUNZ (11/14),**  
**BARBARA SLOBODNIK (11/14), TERRY FREIHAGE (11/17),**  
**BOB MAGNUSSON (11/17), SUE DOPKE (11/25), & TIM CARLIG (11/27)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**JOHN & BARBARA SLOBODNIK (11/15), EARL & GENE HEINTZ (11/24)**  
**& CLIFF & JOAN DIXON (11/26)**

**AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND**  
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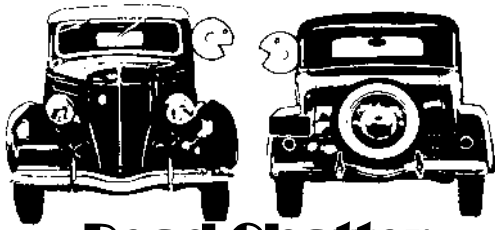
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**Photo of the Month**  
**They're Still Out There**  
**Gently Used Early V-8 Fords Seen on the National Tour**