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September 2012

UPCOMING NIRG Events

September 8 Duals Night, Home Run Inn, see page 3.

September 13 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.

September 18-22 Early Ford V-8 Club National Tour, see page 11.

September 28-30 Fifth Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - see page 3.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Sept 2 28th Annual Skip's Graffiti Gold show/swap, Lake County Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm. \$8.00

Sept 8 & 9 AACA Fall Car Corral & Expo, Volo, IL 10 am - 4 pm. Car corral Saturday. Car show Sunday, admission, \$11.95.

Sept 28 - 30 35th Annual Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI, Admission \$7, Parking \$3.

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SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that the September monthly meeting has been moved from our regular date of Tuesday, September 18 to Thursday, September 13. This is because many of our members will be participating in the Early Ford V-8 Club National Tour on the regular meeting date.

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ROAD CHATTER

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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

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello to my V-8 Friends,

Our September meeting date has been changed to Thursday, September 13. A vote was taken at the August meeting to change the date as the original meeting date was in conflict with the Great River Tour.

I want to thank Ron Blum and Stan Stack for doing the



Tech Talk at the August meeting and Frank Madrigali for filling in for me on such short notice. I could not make the meeting due to illness and these three did a great job of filling in with just a few minutes' notice.

Planning for the Great River Tour is complete; the registrations came in as projected and the Tour Book is being published. This will be one of the highlights of this year for our Regional Group and the National Club. I appreciate all of the support the members of NIRG have shown for this event. As this is being written, there are 29 registrations with 8 of them from NIRG.

October will bring the annual nominations for Club Officers and Board members. Please think seriously about volunteering to serve as an Officer or Board member. A turnover in the people that run the Club is good for the club. New people will bring in new ideas and help make the meetings tours and other events more interesting. Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Frank Madrigali, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, Stan Stack, and I have all been serving in some capacity for many years. Scott Gilday, John Scheve and John Slobodnik all stepped up last year and have been great assets to help run the club. Their fresh ideas have helped to make the meetings more interesting and the events more varied than in the past. Consider bringing your ideas for events and joining them and other candidates for these jobs.

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Tom O'Donnell NIRG President

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

November 10 - Our Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 10, at Sam's of Arlington in Arlington Heights. Details in the November Road Chatter.

December 9 - Este Scheve has arranged our Annual Christmas Luncheon for Sunday, December 9, at Bohemian Crystal, 639 N Blackhawk Drive, 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. Pricing and more details will be in the November and December Road Chatters.

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UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

5th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - September 28 - 30

The time is almost here for our first event of the fall! We will be touring to the Lake Geneva area and conducting our fifth annual poker rally Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30. 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 22.

We have planned a fun, relaxing weekend with some leisurely drives over scenic back roads, some visits to nice restaurants, plenty of time for shopping or just relaxing, and even car games. This year we have planned a Saturday driving tour of under 100 miles round trip to a couple of nice museums and other treats. On Sunday we will have our traditional breakfast at Millie's in Delavan.

Valuable prizes will be awarded for the best poker hand, the worst hand, and even a few <u>very special</u> 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 10:00 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.

Duals Night - Home Run Inn

- When: Saturday, September 8, 6:00 pm
- Where: Home Run Inn Pizza
 - 1480 W Lake Street, Addison, IL
- What: An excuse to get the V-8s out of the garage and meet your fellow V-8ers for dinner.

Home Run Inn is located on the north side of Lake Street just ½ mile east of I-355. Turn north at the traffic light at Marcus Drive (first light east of 53) and proceed to the east behind the buildings. Weather permitting, drive your V-8. Modern iron, of course, is welcome too. Please contact John Slobodnik at 630-521-0158 right away if you plan to participate.





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Annual Picnic – Timmermann's Ranch By Ken Bounds

On August 5 we held our annual picnic, once again at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake. Our hosts

Don and Elaine Braun and their friend Art Timmermann treated us to a great day of fun, food, beautiful Early V-8s, and plenty of V-8 camaraderie. After an oppressively hot summer the weather could not have been more pleasant with the temperature reaching only into the low 80s on a sunny day.

As we started arriving around 10:00 am, several of us participated in our Keystone Kops routine of setting up the large Club tent. It stayed up all day, so we consider the effort a success. As the gorgeous V-8s began pulling onto the grounds, members set up groups of chairs to enjoy each other's company. Again this year, Joe Kozmic's friends Bob Sochacki and Mike Sturm did a terrific job cooking brats and hot dogs. While the food preparation was in process, Joe and Len Vinyard worked the crowd selling 50-50 raffle tickets.

Lunch was served about 12:30 – what a spread! With the abundance of brats and hot dogs supplied by the club and the endless number of side dishes provided by members, no one went home hungry. Those who left room were treated to two beautiful cakes commemorating our group's 45th Anniversary.

After eating, everyone proceeded to kick tires, tell a few stories, or even take a horse ride. As the afternoon drew to a close, the 50-50 raffle provided \$115 to one of Art Timmermann's staff and \$115 to the



Up goes the tent—we hope



Our cooks—Bob & Mike





Just a few of the many Early V-8s on display

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club. The tables and chairs were stacked, the tent came down and was packed, and everyone began to make their way home after a wonderful day. Our sincere thanks to our hosts Don & Elaine Braun and Art Timmermann.

Along with several guests and family members, attendance included: Our hosts Don & Elaine Braun '36 Coupe and '56 Pickup, President Tom O'Donnell – '40 Mercury, Ben & Ginny Ashley – '53 Pickup, Ron Blum – '40 Fordor, Ken & Carolyn Bounds - '50 Convertible, Tom & Judy Buscaglia -'51 Tudor, Norm Collins with son & granddaughter, Joe & Marie Dispensa – '50 Tudor, Ron Dopke, John Emmering - '49 Fordor with guests Bob and Rhonda Miller - '36 Coupe, Scott Gilday - '41 Convertible, Earl & Gene Heintz - '51 Mercury, Roger Hunz - '51 Tudor, Joe & Nell Kozmic - '53 Mercury, Tony Mireles, Roger Obecny, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan & Diane Pudelek with daughter Cathy and grandchildren Jack & Isabella, John & Este Scheve, Joe & Delice Serritella, John & Barb Slobodnik - '54 Fordor, Stan & Jo Anne Stack - '53 Tudor, Ron & Colleen Steck, Bill & Marty Valters - '40 Coupe, Ron Vaughan, and Len & Irene Vinyard - '39 Convertible.







Ron Dopke, left, visits with Don and Art



V-8ers having a good time

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Our Tour to the 2012 Central National Meet By Ken Bounds

After months of anticipation, the fun got underway August 11 with our traditional "Drivers Meeting" at Home Run Inn Pizza in Addison. Ten V-8ers who were planning to make the trip to Branson, MO, at-

tended, along with a couple who were not going. We even had five Early V-8s in the parking lot. After some tire kicking followed by delicious pizza, we had a short meeting to go over plans for traveling to Branson and ways we could assist while at the meet.

Because we had agreed to arrive early to help the meet organizers, Joe & Nell Kozmic – '53 Mercury, Dan & Diane Pudelek – '53 Victoria, and Ken & Carolyn Bounds – '50 Convertible left bright and early Saturday, August 18. This was the inaugural run for Joe's recently rebuilt engine. Our Flatheads seemed to enjoy the remarkably cool weather and we



A great night for a drivers meeting

arrived at the meet hotel in Branson in the late afternoon after a fairly uneventful 550-mile cruise. Although we made the same trip in 2001, the hills between Springfield and Branson had mysteriously become much steeper in the past 11 years!

As soon as we pulled into the Radisson parking lot we started running into fellow V-8 Club members. Some of the first were our long-distance NIRG members Rick & Marissa Claybaugh with daughter Kim. They had come early to help set up; with school starting they traveled back to Tulsa Sunday, but Rick soon returned with his '34 Fordor and his brother Earl. Other NIRG members arriving in the next couple of days included John & Este Scheve trailering their '37 Tudor, Scott & Nicole Gilday trailering their '41 Convertible, John Judge driving his '51 Victoria, and Ron Steck driving his Porsche.

Before early registration opened late Sunday afternoon, we spent time in the registration room helping to fill meet bags and going over the registration process. Here we met Mark and Jen Wheeler from Cornerstone Registration. Cornerstone had handled the registration process for the meet; Mark and Jen would be the first people that participants would meet at registration as they started the check-in process. Carolyn prepared several signs to direct arriving members to the registration room and to the downstairs raffle room.

During the meet, Diane assisted participants through the registration process. Meanwhile the NIRG ran a 50-50 raffle throughout the meet; we thank our super salespeople, especially Nell, Ron, Diane, Dan, Este, and Carolyn for their efforts which contributed over \$500 to the meet. Early registration on Sunday was a big success as about 40% of the participants checked in.

On Monday the meet really began. The guys took some time for car cleanup, getting the cars through the operational check, and checking out the small, but high quality, swap meet. Meanwhile the ladies kept working – supporting registration and selling



Part of our hard-working 50-50 sales team

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tickets. The Your Choice raffle room, run by Bob York and first-time attendee Brenda Clyden, had some super items available. Rick and Earl put up the "Snap-On Tent" adjacent to the V-8 parking lot; this proved to be a very popular venue all week. A real treat was to see Don & Martha Robbins there; Martha

has been battling cancer – this is the first meet she has attended since 2005. Monday night brought the welcome party. Although there was a snafu with the starting time, everything worked out and there was plenty of food for everyone.

Tuesday was a busy day. The meet continued and the NIRG folks continued their support role. The afternoon was filled with meetings: the Foundation Meeting, the President's Meeting, and the Owners/ Judges Meeting. I survived my second President's Meeting and had a lot of fun doing so. The crowd was very receptive and had several good questions. After dinner, we got into our V-8s and headed over to the nearby Dick Clark's American Bandstand theatre where we saw *Legends in Concert*. Everyone enjoyed the performances, but the Elvis impersonator seemed to be the fan favorite. There was still plenty of time for evening relaxing and war stories under the Snap-On tent.

Wednesday was Concourse Day – the reason we spent all that time getting our Early V-8s ready. After the Judges' Breakfast, we drove about 4 miles to the concourse location, the Tri-Lakes Center. The vehicles were arranged on a scenic hillside; they looked super from the roadside, but the hill made walking a little difficult for some. The '37s were arranged in front of the concourse to honor their 75th year. The meet organizers had thoughtfully arranged the ladies event at the same location as the concourse. After their luncheon and quilting presentation was complete, the ladies had the option to go out to the concourse to enjoy the cars.

Both Joe and Dan served as judges at this meet – Joe was on the '49 -'53 Mercury team while Dan served as Deputy Judge for the '52 - '53 Fords. Meanwhile, Carolyn spent most of the day in the tabulation room recording the Touring and Touring A ballots. Again, her system worked great and quickly produced the voting results. Yours truly had one of the more difficult, but certainly most fun, jobs – selecting the President's Choice. At 1:00 we presented 75th Anniversary certificates and commemorative license medallions to each owner showing a '37 Ford.



Don, Martha, and others relaxing at the Snap-On tent



Dan's judging team in action



John Scheve receives his '37 medallion

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After the concourse wrapped up, we cruised back to the hotel to prepare for our evening event. We had a scenic drive of about 7 miles over Table Rock Dam to the sternwheeler Branson Belle. There we were treated to a delicious meal and a terrific show. The quality of the acts was outstanding. Comedian/ magician Christopher James kept the audience in stiches and even pulled V-8 Club member Cathy Tobako up on stage. Carolyn was put on the spot as well when musical group The Showmen added her to their act. We were all wowed by unique aerial violinist Janice Martin, a Racine, WI, native. Prior to the show we had a chance to walk the ship's decks some of us even paid a visit to the wheelhouse.

Thursday was finally a day to sleep in. We had a relaxing day of visiting; there were over 150 members registered from 29 states – it was great to see them all. Raffle ticket sales had dwindled down to a few and there was time for lucky winners to pick up their Your Choice Raffle prizes. Joe won one of the most coveted – a stained glass V-8. As usual, the Snap-On tent was popular. In the afternoon Carolyn and I helped get the trophies organized for the evening's presentation. Meanwhile the V-8 Club was welcoming its newest member, Earl Claybaugh - he finally took the plunge.

At 5:00 we all began gathering for cocktail hour and



Carolyn was the "star of the show"



John & Judy McBurney, Mary Hyberg & Bruce Nelson, and Brenda Clyberg & Bob York at the Branson Belle

the awards banquet. This was very relaxing after the hectic pace of the week. It was my honor to introduce dignitaries in the audience and to present several plaques to co-hosts John McBurney and Bruce Nelson, to key committee heads, and for the hard luck and long distance awards. Carolyn received a plaque for printing and graphic design – she designed the meet logo!



Ken presents plaques from the National Club to Co-Hosts John McBurney and Bruce Nelson



Long distance - Milly Scheidt drove her '37 all the way from Rochester, NY

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As the concourse awards were announced, I had the pleasure of presenting the awards to the happy recipients. All NIRG members who showed vehicles received awards – see box. The evening began wrapping up with Chef Buddy, who kept us fed all week, drawing the winning 50-50 ticket. A lucky Larry Menard of Wisconsin took home \$535 – congratulations to him. And a big "Thank You" to all the NIRG members who sold over \$1,000 worth of tickets.

At the end of the presentation I had the honor of presenting my President's Choice to Bill & Mary Ann Whites for their gorgeous Dalmation Green 1937 Ford Coupe. Bill's is a great story. He purchased the '37 in 1993 and first had it judged at the 1996 St. Louis meet. When the judges took off 300 points, instead of being upset, Bill worked hard to make the car better. He showed it at two more National Meets, each time getting closer to the Dearborn level. Finally, persistence paid off and at the 2001 Brainerd Meet Bill was awarded his first Dearborn. Congratulations!

As we said our good-byes, we looked forward to seeing our friends again. Maybe on the National Tour, at next year's Spring Fling, perhaps at the Grand National in Lake Tahoe.

Concourse Results - NIRG Vehicles				
Ken Bounds	50 Convertible	1 st Place Touring		
Rick Claybaugh	'34 Fordor	1 st Place Touring		
Scott Gilday	'41 Convertible	Dearborn Medallion		
John Judge	'51 Victoria	2 nd Place Touring		
Joe Kozmic	'53 Mercury	Dearborn Emeritus		
Dan Pudelek	53 Victoria	1 st Place Touring A		
John Scheve	'37 Tudor	Dearborn Emeritus		



Mary Ann & Bill Whites accepting the President's Choice Award for their '37 Coupe

Friday morning we packed up for the drive home. We were out of the hotel by 7:00 am and on the road. We didn't encounter any problems, except that Dan's car was really guzzling the gas. No doubt he has already addressed the problem. Joe's rebuilt V-8 ran great – this had to be a relief after struggling with it last year. We happily arrived home around 6:30 with fond memories of a nice meet and the desire to do it again.



Larry Menard won the 50-50 raffle



Bill Whites receives his '37 Medallion

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Waukegan Yacht Club Classic Car and Antique Boat Show

The Waukegan Yacht Club held their annual Classic Car and Antique Boat Show Saturday, August 11. Bill and Marty Valters invited members who showed their Early V-8s for coffee and donuts and a tour of their boat Karma. Attending from NIRG were Ben Ashley, 1953 Pickup; Tom Barosso & Betty Klafta, 1941 Coupe; Tom O'Donnell, 1940 Mercury; Stan Stack, 1953 Tudor; and Bill & Marty Valters, 1940 Coupe. Thanks to Bill & Marty for their hospitality!



4th Annual LaSalle Street Auto Row Show

The Friends of LaSalle Street and their President, Joe Dispensa, held their annual show Sunday, August 19. NIRG turnout was low this year with several "regulars" attending the Central National Meet, but the following were able to make the show: Tom Buscaglia - '51 Tudor, Joe Dispensa - '50 Tudor, John Judge - '51 Victoria (right), Frank Madrigali -'51 Pickup, and John Slobodnik - '54 Fordor. Good thing John did not leave for Branson until Monday he took home a 1st Place trophy! Thanks to Joe Dispensa for your hard work on this show and for keeping the LaSalle Street heritage alive.



Geneva Concours d'Elegance By Scott Gilday

On Sunday, August 26, Scott Gilday (with dad) - '41 Convertible, John & Este Scheve - '37 Tudor, and Joe Serritella - '41 Coupe, participated in the Geneva Concours d'Elegance. Joe and Scott each won

"Benz" awards for their cars. These bronze and wood statues were very nice and almost felt like "Oscars". John & Este were not eligible for awards in their class, as they won last year. Joe was not only displaying his car, but he was also a judge as well. We saw Tom Buscaglia there, but without his car.

The show was very nice; despite the lingering rain we had, there were a lot of really nice cars and hundreds of spectators. The featured car was the Packard, and I've never seen so many fine examples of all eras of Packards – there had to be 20 or 30 of them there. In general, it was a great day, but by the time we were done, the rain had taken its toll and I'm sure we were all ready to dry off and relax.



Joe's '41 took a Carl Benz Award

Last Chance to Register!

The Great River Road Tour

Inaugural National Tour of the Early Ford V-8 Club September 18 – 22, 2012

Note: A few hotel rooms are being held only through September 5, so you should register by that date!

The tour will be along the Mississippi River in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa. There will be photo opportunities overlooking the great views of the Mississippi River, stops at



Fine historical sites and museums as well as plenty of time to tire kick, meet new friends and enjoy the company of old friends.

The tour starts in Moline, IL, with a Welcome Party. We stop at motels in Galena, IL, La Crosse, WI, Decorah, IA, then back to Moline, IL, for a Farewell Party. We will be driving approximately 100 to 150 miles each day on secondary highways and stopping for lunch in small, scenic towns. The total mileage on the tour will be about 540 miles. More information will be available in the Registration Package.

FreeMake sure that your car is in goodIntrunning condition, that you have spareparts, and current insurance.

There is a registration fee \$20 to cover the expenses of the tour.

E-Mail 2012nationaltour@nirgv8.org or contact Ken Bounds, 1N410 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 for information and a registration form.

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AUGUST 21 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack



President Tom O'Donnell was ill and could not attend. Vice President Frank Madrigali opened the Meeting at 8:10 pm. Several NIRG officers and members were attending the Central National Meet in Branson, so they could not be present.

Treasurer Joe Serritella was on vacation, so he emailed his report: starting balance \$2,972.00, ending balance \$2,663.00.

Frank advised that we currently have 86 members.

Frank also gave the Health & Welfare Report:

- Tom O'Donnell is home with a bad sinus infection.
- Charlie Kaiser is fighting a serious disease. Please send him a card.
- Alan Wall spent a night in the hospital and may need hip surgery.

Frank reviewed past and upcoming events:

- On August 5, Don & Elaine Braun hosted our Annual Picnic at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake. We had 45 people attend. Everyone had plenty of food and soft drinks. Thank you Art and Carol Timmermann for the great day at your ranch.
- On August 11 four of our members drove to the Waukegan Yacht Club to join many classic cars at the car show there. Showing vehicles were Ben Ashley, Tom Barosso & Betty Klafta, Tom O'Donnell, and Stan Stack. Our hosts, Bill and Marty Valters had coffee and donuts for our early arrival club members and a tour of their 43-foot yacht. Bill explained the various instruments, operating controls and engines. Thank you Bill & Marty for the hospitality.
- On August 11 Ken Bounds hosted a drivers meeting at Home Run Inn in Addison for those attending the Central National Meet in Branson, MO.
- On August 19, Joe Dispensa hosted the 4th Annual LaSalle Street Auto Row Show in Aurora. Joe said the event went well and featured a variety of classic cars, prizes, and great food with the stores along LaSalle Street hosting food and products. John Judge won a First Place trophy and John Slobodnik won \$150.00 in the 50-50 raffle.
- August 18 to 23 the Central National Meet was attended by several of our members. See article about the meet beginning on Page 6 in this issue.

September will be busy with several events planned:

- On September 8 John Slobodnik will host a Duals Night at Home-Run Inn Pizza, 1480 Lake Street, Addison, beginning at 6 pm in the parking lot. Come join us.
- At least nine members are going on the Inaugural Early Ford V-8 Club National Tour The Great River Road Tour starting in Moline, IL, September 18. The tour will visit Galena, IL, La Crosse, WI, Decorah IA, and back to Moline for a farewell dinner. As of now, 30 V-8ers from all over the country have registered for this tour.
- September 28-30 Ken & Carolyn Bounds will be hosing the 5th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally with headquarters hotel in Delavan. Rooms are still available.

AUGUST 21 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

The Installation Dinner is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 12. Frank Madrigali is looking for a restaurant that can accommodate 60 people in at a central location for the membership. The Wellington is now permanently closed. Any members with suggestions please call Frank.

Because many officers and members will be on the National Tour, we voted at this meeting to move the Member Meeting to Thursday, September 13. There will be no meeting on September 18. This is a one-time change. Please talk to your fellow members about the change.

After a coffee break, Ron Blum showed a DVD, provided by Tom O'Donnell, of Ford Motor Company presenting the 1939 and 1940 Mercury Car that was added to the line. The film presented new features of the Mercury line with marketing presentations on how this car compares with upscale cars being offered for a reasonable price of \$996.00.

Tom Barosso won a whopping \$10 in the 50-50 raffle.

Thank you Frank Madrigali for the coffee and donuts.

Vice President Frank Madrigali adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

Attendance: Tom Barosso & Betty Klafta, Ron Blum, Joe Dispensa, Paul Jensen, Mike Kubarth, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, and George Zulas with son George.

From the Editors

It just keeps happening. We have so many Club events to cover that we can't fit it all into 16 pages. For the fifth time this year we have to expand to 20 pages to get it all in. We hope you enjoy the expanded coverage.

We have been so busy this month that we had to pick and choose which events to attend. What a nice time we had at the picnic August 5 - it was great that Don Braun was able to attend. We were also glad to see some of our newer members there, including Tony Mireles, all the way from Shorewood, and Gary & Dawn Osborne from St. Charles.

If you read our coverage of the Central National Meet, you know we had a great time. We just wanted to say thanks again to the NIRG members who helped out at the meet with 50-50 raffle sales, with the registration process, judging, and more. You contributed to the success of the meet.

Because we are attending the Western National Meet in Redmond this month, we won't be at the monthly meeting to promote our 5th Annual Poker Rally. Please read about it on Page 3 and let us know if you will be participating. This is always a fun event and is for a very good cause.

Unfortunately, we need to inform you about a few of our members who have had some health issues. In addition to Charlie Kaiser as Stan mentioned in the Minutes, Jack Nikolich has been under the weather this year and is recovering at home after a recent hospital stay. Also, Gladys Duzell is rehabbing at home after knee replacement surgery. Please keep these members in mind; a call or

a card would be nice.

Finally, by now everyone should have received their ballots to vote for Directors in the National election. Don't just toss them aside - your vote is important; last year we had a very close election. Please carefully read each candidate's resume, make your selection, and mail it in. This is your club and your opportunity to help determine our future course.



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TECH CORNER



2012 is the 70th anniversary of the 1942 Ford. We thought that we would bring you some interesting technical information and historical facts about this very limited production model.

New

- \rightarrow Fully concealed running boards
- \rightarrow Parking lights mounted in the fenders
- \rightarrow More stability achieved by mounting the body 1" lower
- \rightarrow Ignition coil mounted remote from the distributor

Technical Specifications

- \rightarrow Price starting at \$780 for the Special "Six" to \$1,125 for the V-8 Station Wagon
- \rightarrow Weight ranged from 2,910 lbs for the Special "Six" to 3,468 lbs for the Super Deluxe V-8 Wagon
- \rightarrow Engines 221 ci Flathead V-8 rated at 90 horsepower and 226 ci 90 hp Flathead Six
- \rightarrow Wheelbase = 114 in., overall length = 194.4 in., height = 68.15 in.
- \rightarrow Production totals: 160,211 Fewest Deluxe Station wagon, 567; Most - Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan, 37,199

Notable

- \rightarrow The 1942 Fords were introduced on September 12, 1941
- \rightarrow The final 1942 model Fords were produced on February 10, 1942
- \rightarrow The Special model was available only in black and only with the 6-cylinder engine
- \rightarrow Despite advertising brochures showing whitewalls, all cars shipped to dealers were equipped with blackwall tires

World Events

- \rightarrow The 1942 Rose Bowl was played in North Carolina due to concerns over Japanese attack
- \rightarrow The movie *Holidav Inn* premiered in August. featuring Bing Crosby's White Christmas
- \rightarrow The movie *Casablanca* premiered November 26
- \rightarrow Gas rationing began December 1 in the US
- \rightarrow First sustained nuclear reaction under University of Chicago stadium December 2

Member Lin Stacey's Sedan Coupe is an outstanding example of a 1942 Ford

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10 Years Ago This Month - September 2002

At the September 17 monthly meeting, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali were congratulated on their recent marriage. George & Betty Cech celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary September 27. Long-time member Bud Guzzo passed away September 27; ten Club cars participated in his funeral procession. A large group of members and family drove 15 cars to the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally September 27-29 – our group donated about \$700 to the Cancer Society at the event.

20 Years Ago This Month - September 1992

At the September 15 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Neil McManus reported that we have 95 members and that it is time to think about paying dues for 1993. Ed Fontana gave a report on Club clothing and jackets he had arranged to purchase from a new vendor. Rich & Judy Doligale, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Joe & Nancy Novak, and Ken Bounds participated in the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally September 26-27. Nancy Novak had a winning hand of four tens.

<u>30 Years Ago This Month – September 1982</u>

New member Terry Freihage was welcomed at the September 14 monthly meeting as was guest Joe Novak. The O'Connors and Lawrences hosted a garage tour September 19. Over 30 V-8ers stopped at seven homes with the final stop including a huge buffet, popcorn, and beer at the Lawrence home where Chester also gave several demonstrations. A large group of members displayed 19 Early V-8s at a show inside Stratford Square Mall, arranged by Earl Heintz, resulting in a \$500 profit to our treasury.

35 Years Ago This Month - September 1977

Forty-two people with 17 vehicles, including a dozen Early V-8s (one of which was the Heintz's newlyacquired '51 Mercury), participated in an overnighter to various Wisconsin venues, including Hales

Corners Aircraft Museum, the Milwaukee Zoo, and the Brooks Stevens Museum. Torrential rain at the start didn't dampen the fun. At the September meeting a slate of officer candidates was selected for election in October. There were also plans to establish a Board of Directors.

Flathead Flashback

Shooting the breeze at <u>Harold's Leilani Motel</u> in Brookfield, WI, September 1977. Recognize anyone? Photo from Marty Duling collection.



September 2012

ROAD CHATTER



We're saying good-bye to summer and hello to fall. The change of seasons makes me stop and think about what I can be doing better, especially for myself. As I was perusing the Internet for this month's V-8 Gals, I came across this article on the Woman's Day website. I thought it was interesting and thought I would share. Get those sweaters ready, fall is coming.

5 Foods for Optimal Health

- Protect your skin with a cup of strawberries. Just one cup provides 160 percent of the RDA (recommended daily allowance) for vitamin C - a necessary element to make collagen, which gives your skin its firmness and elasticity. Vitamin C also prevents premature aging by decreasing free radicals and lessening the effects of sun, stress and the elements. Eat a cup per day to keep skin looking younger for longer.
- 2. **Reduce muscle pain with cherries (or pure cherry juice).** Ellagic acid, a substance found in cherries, works as a very powerful anti-inflammatory for those suffering from muscle soreness. Just one cup of cherries or pure cherry juice is usually enough to get relief.



3. **Improve vision with spinach.** Although most people immediately think of carrots for healthy vision, a cup of spinach actually has a higher amount of beta-carotene. This compound converts into cornea-protecting vitamin A once in your body. Aim for three to four servings per week for optimal eye health.

- 4. Get blood pumping with oats. High in a circulation-boosting amino acid called arginine, a bowl of oatmeal helps increase blood flow to all parts of the body. Better blood flow can result in lower cholesterol as well as an increased libido. Try to eat a cup of oats for breakfast a few times every week.
- 5. **Banish bad breath with cinnamon.** This spice—along with other herbs and spices such as basil, wasabi and cilantro kills bacteria that grow on your tongue and in the back of your mouth, contributing to unpleasant odors. Sprinkle cinnamon onto your yogurt or cereal daily.

source: <u>http://www.womansday.com/health-fitness/nutrition/5-foods-for-optimal-health-105433?</u> <u>click=ht</u>

Strawberry Spinach Salad

- 2 bunches spinach—rinsed and torn
- 4 cups sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds
- 1. In a large bowl, toss together the spinach and strawberries.
- 2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, sugar, paprika, sesame seeds, and poppy seeds. Pour over the spinach and strawberries, and toss to coat.

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NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR				
 September 8 Duals Night 13 Member Meeting Note Special Date 18-22 National Tour 28-30 Lake Geneva Poker Rally 	October 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting - Officer Nominations	November 8 Board Meeting 10 Veteran's Day Lunch 20 Member Meeting - Officer Elections	December No Meetings 9 Christmas Luncheon	
January 10 Board Meeting 12 Installation Dinner (tentative) 15 Member Meeting	February 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	March 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	April 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	



Welcome Fall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

ARLENE BLUM (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), & 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)

> AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.

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For Sale

1946 Ford Super Deluxe Coupe - Former member Jimmy Guido is selling his '46 and is makeing it available to Club members first. Stock rims and whitewalls come with car; radiator done 2010, new clutch and battery recently. Price just reduced to \$20,000 obo. Contact Jimmy at 708-341-0485 (cell) or 630-406-1799 (home) for info and more photos.



1948 Ford Fordor (left) for sale by Doug Novak of Glen Ellyn, IL, 630-337-3031. Flathead 6 ran when parked 3 years ago. The body has no

rust through and solid floors. Extra parts included. Garaged in Tomahawk, WI; will deliver to Glen Ellyn. Price \$2,400. Submitted by Joe Dispensa.

1950 Ford Convertible (right) offered by Marshal Adams of the Peoria Group - call 309-453-5164. Asking price - \$25,000.

New one-ton foldable shop crane (cherry picker) \$100. **New engine leveler** - \$50. Call Joe Novak 708-289-2092.

Turn signal parts for a 1949-1950 Ford. Original turn signal. Call Joe Dispensa 630-975-2838.

1937, 90 hp motor, total rebuild, runs perfect, 50 lbs oil pressure. \$1,250. Call Paul Jensen 847-678-0123.

Rebuilt Stromberg Carburetors - models: 91-99, 59, 8BA, EAB (2). '41 Ford parts, miscellaneous Early Ford V-8 parts. Call for prices and more info - Bob Paladino, 630-918-7804.

Usanted - 1940 Ford Bumper, prefer original. Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.





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Photo of the Month Our Group at the Central National Meet Awards Banquet