

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**March 9** Northwest Turners Luncheon, Schiller Park. See Page 4.

**March 14** Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**March 19** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 8:00 pm.

**March 22** A Night at the Races, Maywood Park. See page 3.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**March 3** Chicagoland Petroleum and Advertising Show, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, 8 am, Admission \$5

**March 10** Daylight Saving Time begins. Set your clocks forward one hour.

**March 20** Spring Begins! Time to bring the V-8s out of hibernation.

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## \*\*Attention Members\*\*

The date for the Eggs & Eights Breakfast in Geneva has been revised. This event will be held on April 21 instead during March. See all the details on Page 4.

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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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**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT**

Hello V-8ers,

As we enter March, I look forward to those couple of nice days we usually have where we can pull the V-8s out of the garage, wash off four months' worth of dust, and even get out on the roads for a spin or two. Hopefully we'll have some good weather.



Folks braved the cold and snow to make February another good month. Ten couples enjoyed "The Art of Murder" at the Pheasant Run Resort for our annual Ladies Night Out event. We once again thank Joe Novak for hosting this fun event. Also, our monthly meeting was well attended. During the meeting, we were all riveted to our seats watching John Scheve's Tech Talk slide show on how he restored his '37 Ford. If you've never seen a '37 Ford standing up on its nose against a tree, you'll have to see his pictures!!! Also, Ken Bounds handed out rosters and sold the new 2013 NIRG car photo calendars. If you missed getting either of these, please contact Ken.

Looking forward to this month's activities, we have a pretty busy calendar. In addition to our normal monthly meeting, Ron Dopke and Charlie Kaiser are once again hosting the annual Chicago Turners Pioneers Luncheon on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Ron Blum is hosting Night at the Races at the Maywood Race Track on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you plan on participating in either of these events, please be sure to let Tour Chairman Ron Steck or one of the hosts know.

On a last note, for those of you looking to show your vehicle in this year's Barrington Concours d'Elegance on July 12-14, vehicle nominations are now being accepted. Please go to [www.barringtonconcours.org](http://www.barringtonconcours.org) to apply and for more information on the event.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our meeting and events this month. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or thoughts.

Scott Gilday, NIRG President

**From The Editors**

We are pleased to report that the *Road Chatter* was awarded Fifth Place in the 2012 V-8 Club Newsletter Competition. Congratulations go out to our friends Bruce & Carol Gable; their *Hoosier Views* of Indiana RG #56 won first place! Congrats also to the editors of Mission Trail #32 *Deuce News*, Ohio #141 *Distributor*, and Northern Virginia #96 *Valve Clatter* who finished 2nd through 4th, respectively.

Thank you to newsletter judge David Kelley for your hard work and to all the editors who participated in the competition. We really enjoy your newsletters.

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### A Night at the Races – Friday Evening, March 22



Ron Blum has once again arranged a super deal for one of our most popular events. This year we will experience the thrill of harness racing at Maywood Park, 8600 W. North Avenue in Melrose Park. Even valet parking is included. The fun begins with the gourmet buffet at 6:30 pm – first race at 7:10.

#### Grand Gourmet Buffet

*Buffet served from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm*

- ◆ Chef's Choice Carving Station
- ◆ Chef's Pasta Station with Pasta Made to Order
- ◆ All-You-Can Eat Shrimp
- ◆ Chicken Entrée
- ◆ Salad Bar with Chilled Salads and Garden Fresh Green Salad
- ◆ Hot Soup
- ◆ Chef's Choice of Potato and Vegetable
- ◆ Rolls and Butter
- ◆ Dessert Table
- ◆ Beverages extra

Our special NIRG package includes: free valet parking, fabulous buffet, racetrack admission, race program, NIRG race dedication, photo in winners circle, tax, and gratuity. And three or four lucky people even get a chance to ride in the Starter Car. Several V-8ers signed up at the February meeting. Join them!

**All of the above is only \$20.00 per person. Make your checks payable to Ronald Blum and send them to him at 3 Belaire Ct., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Please contact Ron as soon as possible at 847-650-7059 and let him know if you plan to attend.**



## MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Pioneer Turners Luncheon - Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 pm

Ron Dopke and Charles Kaiser are hosting a luncheon featuring giant corned-beef sandwiches and chips Saturday, March 9, at 1:00 pm at the Northwest Pioneer Turners in Schiller Park. The lunch is only \$10, drinks extra. If you went last year, you know that beverages are a bargain! Several members signed up at the February meeting; if you plan to attend and have not signed up, **please call Ron right away at 815-344-1335** so they can have adequate supplies for us.



If you are not familiar with the American Turners Society, they have a long history in the US, going back to pre-Civil War days and are organized to promote health and physical education, cultural education and rational thinking in order to advance the happiness and progress of mankind. You can learn much more about the local group at <http://atnwc.org/>.

Turner Hall is located at 3825 Willow Road in Schiller Park, one block west of Des Plaines River Road and less than 1/2 mile south of Irving Park. From Irving Park Road, go south on Bobby Lane, which becomes Willow Road. Come and join your fellow members for some V-8 camaraderie; we hope to see you there. With 50° weather predicted, who knows? Maybe we will see a few V-8s!

### Mark Your Calendars: Pizza Meeting - Tuesday, April 16



The annual Pizza Meeting will be held at a new location this year, Roundhead's of Lombard.

The Pizza meeting is open to everyone - bring your spouse. For only \$11 we will have all-you-can-eat pizza and soft drinks. You will receive a separate check for any alcoholic beverages.

Roundhead's is located on Roosevelt Road just one mile east of I-355. Roundhead's is on the south side of Roosevelt, immediately east of Heritage Cadillac. There is plenty of parking for cars - if the weather is nice, consider bringing your Early V-8.

### Save the Date: Eggs & Eights - Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 am

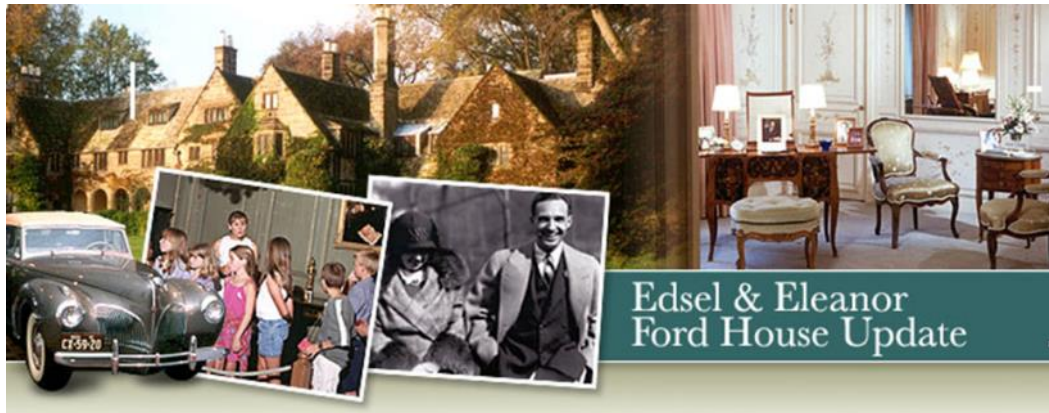
Tom Buscaglia is hosting a Sunday breakfast get-together Sunday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m. at Egg Harbor Café, 477 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in historic Geneva. This is just an informal, relaxed way to join your fellow NIRG V-8ers for breakfast. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tom at 630-584-8573 by April 16, or let him know at the Pizza Meeting.



**Please note the new date! If you signed up at the February meeting, the date shown was March 22. We have moved the date to give us a chance at better weather; if the weather is nice, bring your V-8, but modern iron is certainly welcome!**

Egg Harbor Café is located in downtown Geneva just three blocks west of the Fox River, five blocks south of State Street (IL Route 38, or Roosevelt Rd). After breakfast there is plenty of opportunity for shopping in over 100 specialty shops nestled in historic storefronts and charming Victorian style homes.

## MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



**3rd Annual  
Joint Tour**

### JOINT TOUR TO DEARBORN MICHIGAN - AUGUST 22-25

The Northern Ohio Early Ford V-8 Club is hosting a "Ford Weekend" summer cruise along with the Northern Illinois Early Ford V-8 Club and the Nifty Fifties Ford Club of Northern Ohio. The date for this event is August 22, 23, 24, returning on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> 2013.

Our first stop of the tour will be Friday morning with a guided tour of the beautiful Estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford in Grosse Pointe. The home is one of the largest estates in the Grosse Pointe area. This home is very modern for its time and reflects on Edsel's keen eye for design. Along with the tour of the home we will also tour the garage area with some of Edsel's favorite cars and design sketches. After touring the home there is much to see on the manicured grounds with ponds, flower gardens and a ¾ scale play house for their daughter with working utilities. Upon leaving the Estate there will be an area for photos to be taken with our cars. After a lunch break we will tour a very interesting air museum in the area. Friday will wind down with dinner at the famous Victorian restaurant The Kiernan Steak House. We will be dining in our own private room outfitted in the true Victorian atmosphere.

Saturday will be a true day with Henry Ford. At your pleasure you will be able to tour the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, the IMAX Theater and the rouge plant.

Saturday evening we will be having dinner at The DoubleTree Hotel with a full dinner buffet and all the trimmings.

Reservations can be made now at the host hotel, the [DoubleTree](#) in Dearborn, MI, 313-336-3340. The hotel has all the amenities, pool, two hot tubs, restaurant, lounge and a wonderful lobby to socialize in. Our rate is \$89.00 per night with a full breakfast buffet (not a continental breakfast).

*Northern Illinois*



More information will be coming as other details firm up.

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## Summary of the Early Ford V-8 Club Board of Directors Meeting February 12-13, 2012 - Rohnert Park, CA Prepared by National President Ken Bounds

The Early Ford V-8 Club Board of Directors held their annual “face-to-face” meeting in Rohnert Park, California. Before the meeting, Vice President Steve Lemmons and I held a half-day orientation session for our three new board members.

At the meeting, retiring Mid-Atlantic Director Dave Collette swore in the new officers and board members. Shown in the photo are (l-r) Dave, Mid-Atlantic Director Jon Anderson, California/SW Director Phillip Hall, Sr., 2013 National President Ken Bounds, South Central Director Joyce Parsons, and 2013 Vice President Steve Lemmons. Not present was Secretary Tom Gormley.

We also honored outgoing directors Bob York (our 2011 National President), Dave Collette, and Brian Derickson.



### Technical Books

We have exciting news about the '52-'53 Ford book, authored by Craig Gorris and Ray Beebe. The two-volume set been sent to the printer and should be available for purchase within the next couple of months! Progress is being made on the '40 Ford book, the '49-'51 Mercury book, and the Flathead Engine book. The Board is nearing a decision about reprinting the '40-'41 Ford pickup reference book written by Howard Towne in the late '70s.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Early Ford V-8 Club

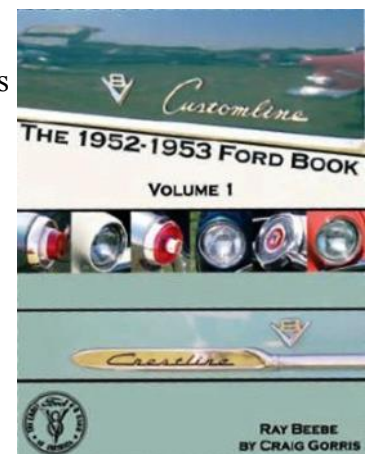
Henry Dominguez reports that he is making great progress on the collectible book celebrating the 50 years of our Club. This limited edition, hardbound volume will be a must-have for any V-8 Club member. It will chronicle the Club from its founding in 1963 right through the Golden Jubilee Grand National Meet. It should be available in the fall.

Former National President Arel Brown still has anniversary clothing available – see the ad in the V-8 Times. A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary license tab is also in the works.

### National Meets

Plans are continuing for the 2013 Golden Jubilee Grand National Meet in Lake Tahoe June 16-20. The host group, Golden Gate RG#1, reports that nearly 600 members have registered. This is on course to be the largest national meet ever held by the V-8 Club. Hotel rooms are still available, but you need to register soon. We have been briefed on plans for the Ladies Luncheon, which, for a change, will not be held on concourse day. This will prove to be one of the most exciting such events ever held.

Progress is continuing on the 2014 Eastern National Meet, hosted by National Capital RG #36 in Gettysburg, PA, in June 2014. Information and pre-registration is now available on the V-8 Club website, [www.earlyfordv8.org](http://www.earlyfordv8.org).



### National Tour Program

The inaugural National Tour last year was a big success. Planning is almost complete for the cross-country tour along the Lincoln Highway to and from the Grand National Meet. At our meeting, the Board approved a request from Tumbleweed RG#79 in New Mexico to hold a National Tour in October this year, following the Balloon Festival.

### Judging Standards Committee

The Board confirmed the appointment of California's Dan Krehbiel as the new Chairman of the Judging Standards Committee. Dan served on the Board of Directors from 1978 to 1980 and was the Club's Vice President in 1979. Thank you to Dan for stepping up and best of luck in your new position.

### 75th Anniversary Program

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program continues this year. Each member showing a 1938 Ford at a National Meet or driving one on a National Tour will receive a certificate and a commemorative license tab, right, celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1938 Ford. Additional tabs may be available for sale after the Grand National Meet.



### Membership

V-8 Club membership dipped slightly last year to just over 9,200 members. A membership committee of board members will be presenting ideas for increasing membership. One incentive approved was to provide a certificate for a free one-year membership, for new members only, to each registrant at the Grand National.

### Roster

Your 2013 Roster will accompany the March-April edition of the V-8 Times, expected to be mailed in early April. Remember that your membership card and your coupon for a free V-8 Times classified ad are included with this issue; don't throw them away. You will need your membership number on the card when signing up for various events, such as National Meets.

### V-8 Club Accessories and Historical Archive

After the meeting, Carolyn and I were fortunate to be able to drive over to nearby Napa and visit the facility used by Dave & Carol Rasmussen to store the Club's books and accessories and by Wayne Taylor, V-8 Club Historian, to store Club artifacts. There are a lot of members who do extraordinary work to support our Club and these three are among the best. Until you see the volume of books and accessories they have, it is hard to imagine the amount of work required to take and process orders, to maintain and inventory the merchandise, and to package and ship your requests. Next time you place an order for Club merchandise, be sure to thank Dave and Carol for all they do.

We want to thank California/Southwest Director Tom Johnston for making all the arrangements for a very successful meeting. Thanks also to Pam Johnston for setting up a terrific day of activities for the ladies and to President Mike Buegeleisen and all the members of Redwood Empire Regional Group #27 for making us feel welcome.

*Ken*

**FEBRUARY 19 MEETING MINUTES****Submitted by Ron Blum**

[Editor's note: Secretary Stan Stack was escaping the snow on a little vacation travel, so Ron Blum graciously offered to record the minutes.]



President Scott Gilday gaveled the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that Club membership now stands at 81. Ken advised that 2013 rosters were available and to pick yours up if you didn't receive it before the meeting. Extras are available at \$2 each. Ken introduced Paul Levine who had joined the NIRG last summer. Ken also advised that 2013 calendars featuring NIRG members' cars were available for only \$5.00.

Treasurer Joe Serritella was wintering in Arizona, so Tom O'Donnell handled his report, showing an ending balance of \$4,277.52.

Tom also presented Joe's Health & Welfare report:

- Jack Nikolich has been improving
- Gene Heintz is doing well
- Ron Dopke is recuperating at home after being hospitalized twice this winter
- Bob Paladino's new knee is coming along
- Joe Serritella will be wearing a brace until April after Achilles tendon surgery
- Joe's daughter Cathey is doing better
- Don Braun is still having difficulties and has been hospitalized
- Corinne Beller has had a respiratory infection
- Charlie Kaiser is scheduled for more tests this week
- Arlene Blum is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

National President Ken Bounds gave a brief report on the recent National Board meeting. See his report on Page 6. He also told about the board's visit to the fabulous collection of V-8 Club charter member Steve Castelli.

Tour Chairman Ron Steck led a discussion of recent and upcoming events:

- Joe Novak reported that the Ladies Night Out dinner and play at Pheasant Run in St. Charles was a success with 20 people in attendance.
- Ron talked about and passed around a signup sheet for the Northwest Turners luncheon March 9 in Schiller Park, hosted by Charlie Kaiser and Ron Dopke. More information will be in the Road Chatter.
- Ron Blum talked about the Night at the Races March 22 at Maywood Park in Melrose Park. It is the same arrangement we have had for prior years. Ron had a signup sheet as well as tickets for anyone who wanted to attend.
- Ron Steck passed around a signup sheet for the Eggs & Eights breakfast to be hosted by Tom Buscaglia March 24. [Editor's note: this event has been rescheduled for April 21 - see page 4.]



## FEBRUARY 19 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

- Ron advised that the Pizza Meeting will be held in April at Roundheads in Lombard.
- Ron said that we are planning an overnigher to the Chanute Air Museum in Rantoul with a visit to the Manteno Veterans Home on the way back. Watch the Road Chatter for the date and more details.
- Tom O'Donnell discussed the joint "Ford Weekend Tour" with the Northern Ohio group Aug 22-25, staying at the DoubleTree hotel for \$89.00 a night.
- Tom also advised that the Early Ford V-8 Foundation is holding Motorfest V Aug 28-31 at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio. There will be driving tours, visits to the museums in Auburn, and a picnic at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum.

After a coffee break, John Scheve, right, made a very interesting presentation about his restoration of his 1937 Ford Standard 60-hp Tudor. He described the work on the body, chassis, engine, and interior, accompanied by a slide show of many pictures taken during the many years of the restoration. The car came from Wisconsin; he started the restoration in 1984 and completed it in 2008. Since then, the car has won several awards, including multiple Dearborn awards.

Ron Blum won \$25.00 in the 50-50 raffle. President Scott Gilday adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.



Attendance: Rich Anderson, Ben Ashley, Tom Barosso & Betty Klafta, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Lloyd Duzell, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Earl Heintz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, George Kubik, Paul Levine, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, John Scheve, Ron Steck, Len Vinyard, and George Zulas.

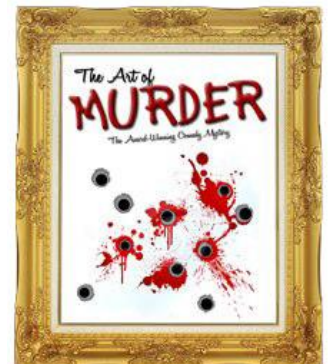
## Ladies Night Out – February 10 *The Art of Murder* – Pheasant Run Resort

On a rather warm Sunday, February 10, Joe Novak hosted a pre-Valentines Day event – dinner and a play at Pheasant Run resort in St. Charles. Illness and travel kept the attendance down and we unfortunately don't have any pictures.

After meeting for cocktails the group was entertained by the murder mystery play, *The Art of Murder*. Everyone seemed to enjoy the thrills and humor.

When the play ended, there was time for visiting and conversation before everyone enjoyed a three-course gourmet dinner. We send thanks to Joe Novak for arranging and hosting the event.

Those participating included our host Joe Novak & Millie Olds, Judy & Tom Buscaglia, Irene & Len Vinyard and Barb & John Slobodnik along with their guests Judy & Dan Dimarzio, Peggy & Mike Syslo, Darlene & George Kudrna, Marilene & Tom Dellon, and Judy & Marty Kapolczynski.





## TECH CORNER



**2013 is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1938 Ford. We hope you like the following interesting technical information and historical facts about this model and contemporary world events.**

### Firsts

- Deluxe and Standard are now separate body styles
- First year for the iconic “teardrop” taillight
- Stainless beltline trim replaced pin striping
- Taillights mounted flush into the fenders
- Headlight dimmer switch mounted on floor
- Convertible Coupe and Convertible Club Coupe replaced the Cabriolet designation
- 24-stud 221 V-8 replaced the 21-stud early in the model year

### Lasts

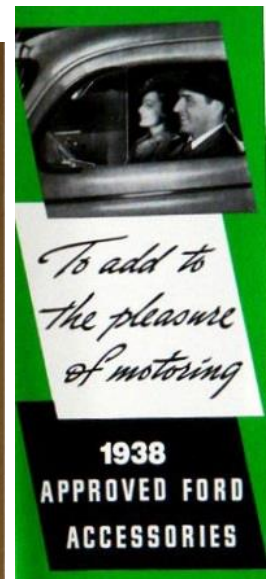
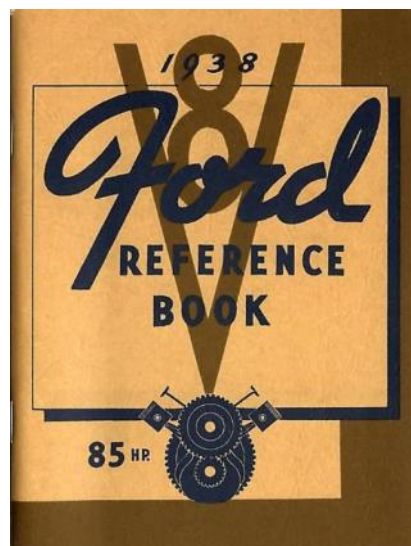
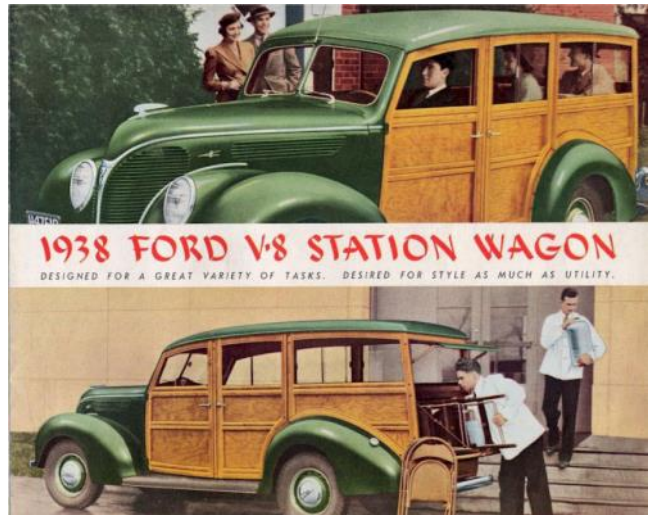
- Last year for mechanical brakes
- Last year for the Phaeton body style
- Last year for the Club Coupe body style

### Technical Specifications

- Price – from \$595 for the Standard 60 hp Five Window Coupe to \$900 for the Convertible Sedan
- Most expensive accessory – Radio at \$45 installed
- Weight – ranged from 2,354 lbs for the Standard 60 hp Five Window Coupe to 2,981 lbs for the Station Wagon
- Engines – 221 cubic inch Flathead V-8 rated at 85 horsepower and 136 ci V-8 60
- Production totals – 410,048; Fewest-4-dr Phaeton, 1,169; Most-Standard Tudor Sedan, 106,117
- Serial numbers – 85 hp: Beginning – 18-4,186,447      End – 18-4,661,400  
                                 60 hp: Beginning – 54-358,335      End – 54-506,500

### Notable

- Introduced – November 1937
- Ford’s sales of only 410,000 vehicles was less than half of the 990,000 sold in 1937
- Ford produced its five-millionth V-8 in May
- The 26-millionth Ford rolled off the line in November
- On January 3 The March of Dimes was established by Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- On July 18 Wrong Way Corrigan takes off from New York, ostensibly heading for California. He lands in Ireland instead.
- On July 3 the steam locomotive Mallard sets the world speed record for steam by reaching 125.88 mph.





### 10 Years Ago This Month – March 2003

At the March 18 monthly meeting, President Ken Bounds displayed the outcome of his recent altercation with a snow thrower. Plans were being made to attend the Grand National Meet in Dearborn in July. A large group attended the “Day at the Races” event March 23 at Hawthorne RaceCourse in Cicero, hosted by Ron Blum. The March Road Chatter included a list from Ron Dopke of the 19 members who had attended the first Grand National Meet in Dearborn in 1973.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – March 1993

At the March 16 monthly meeting, guest speaker Carla Thorton from the March of Dimes discussed our Club’s sponsorship of the lunch stop at the WalkAmerica event in April. Final plans were being discussed for our annual swap meet at Nives Rizza Ford in Orland Park. Membership Chairman Neil McManus reported we have 82 members.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – March 1983

The March Road Chatter included a certificate showing that the Road Chatter had won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the newsletter competition. At the well-attended March 8 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Howie Bishchoff reported we have 71 members. On March 20 Chuck & Diane Wrobel hosted a Sunday dinner/theatre tour to Andre’s Steakhouse in Richmond. Nine V-8 couples braved a “first day of spring” snowstorm to enjoy a great meal and the Neil Simon play *Come Blow Your Horn*.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – March 1973

The March newsletter included an article borrowed from the Big Valley *V-8 Rumble* about preparing your Early V-8 for touring. The March 12 meeting was held again at Jack Loftis Ford on Route 83 in Willowbrook. An April 7 car show at the dealership was being planned to show the Club’s appreciation for the use of their meeting room. Eighteen members indicated they were planning to attend the Grand National Meet in Dearborn in August.

### Flathead Flashback

**V-8ers diagnose a problem before leaving on a spring tour to Rockford 25 years ago. Photo from Marty Duling collection.**



# V-8 Gals

This burst of late February snow has me in the doldrums. I can't wait for spring, well at least most of spring. With spring comes the spring cleaning ritual. Maybe it's my mood, but I can't see myself getting too jazzed about it this year. I came across this list that seems to summarize my philosophy this year. Can anyone relate?

## Philosophy of House Cleaning

1. I don't do windows because ... I love birds and don't want one to run into a clean window and get hurt.
2. I don't wax floors because ... I am terrified a guest will slip, hurt themselves, I'll feel terrible, and they may sue me.
3. I don't mind the dust bunnies because ... they are very good company. I have named some of them and they agree with everything I say.
4. I don't disturb cobwebs because ... I want every creature to have a home of their own and my family loves spiders.
5. I don't Spring Clean because ... I love all the seasons and don't want the others to get jealous.
6. I don't plant a garden because... I don't want to get in God's way, He is an excellent designer.
7. I don't put things away because ... my family will never be able to find them again.
8. I don't do gourmet meals when I entertain because ... I don't want my guests to stress out over what to make when they invite me over to dinner.
9. I don't iron because ... I choose to believe them when they say "permanent press."
10. I don't stress much on anything because ... "A-Type Personalities" die young and I want to stick around and become a wrinkled up crusty old woman!



## Did you know?



### 6 Surprisingly Dirty Places in Your Home

- Kitchen Sink
- Toothbrush
- Salt & Pepper Shaker
- TV Remote control
- Computer keyboard
- Bathtub

<http://women.webmd.com/home-health-and-safety-9/places-germs-hide>

**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>January</b> 10 Board Meeting 12 Installation Dinner Casey's Restaurant 15 Member Meeting	<b>February</b> 10 Ladies Night Out, Pheasant Run 12 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	<b>March</b> 9 Turner's Luncheon 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 22 Night at the Races Maywood Park	<b>April</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Pizza Meeting 21 Eggs & Eights, Geneva
<b>May</b> 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 24-27 Spring Fling, Lees Summit, MO	<b>June</b> 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 17-21 Grand National Meet, Lake Tahoe	<b>July</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	<b>August</b> 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 22-25 Joint tour with NORG to Dearborn
<b>September</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 27-29 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	<b>November</b> 9 Veterans Day Lunch 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	<b>December</b> No Meetings TBD Christmas Brunch

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**PETE MCMANUS (3/4), HARRIET LAWRENCE (3/14),**  
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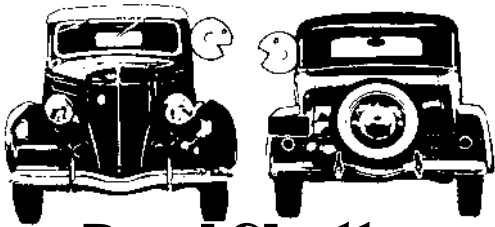
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